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Matthew 18:15-35
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Matthew 22:1-22
Matthew 22:23-46
Matthew 25:1-13
Matthew 25:14-30

**AT 10:00 A.M. OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
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SEPTEMBER 13, SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:00 - 10:45 AM

SEPTEMBER 16, WEDNESDAY

- No meal
- Prayer meeting will be in the sanctuary (6:00 - 6:45 PM)
- Youth worship (6:00 - 7:00 PM)
- Kid's WOW (6:00 - 6:45 PM)
Kidz Praise will resume at a later date.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 6:45 PM

*****REMEMBER WE WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ARE ENCOURAGING OUR CONGREGATION TO WEAR A MASK*****



FROM OUR CHIEF OF STAFF:

Write Your Own Headlines

DISCLAIMER: I do not watch Andy Stanley, Ed Young Jr., Joel O’Steen or any other preacher on tv or streaming (except those preaching at Highland Baptist Church or having the last name of Snowden). The same applies for following them on Facebook or Twitter. To be totally transparent, I have been in the building Rev. O’Steen uses for his services and witnessed a full-grown elephant walk in and out of the building (more details upon request). However, I do listen to Fran, and she showed me a Facebook post from Andy Stanley that I think worthy of note.

“Sometimes I just want to stop. Talk of COVID, looting, brutality. I lose my way. I become convinced that this ‘new normal’ is real life. Then I meet an 87-year-old man who talks of living through polio, diphtheria, Vietnam protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must be especially challenging to him. ‘No’, he said slowly looking me straight in the eyes. ‘I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines; I see the world through the people who surround me ... Therefore, I choose to write my own headlines...’ – Andy Stanley

This really convicted me, and I confess that I have often fallen into the trap described by Rev. Stanley in the first part of his comments. I also decided to do some research, and to begin “writing my own headlines”.

IS THIS THE WORSE PANDEMIC EVER?

There is no question about it, COVID19 is not good. During the period from March 2020 to September 2020 848,000 people have died world-wide, 186,348 have died in the United States and 2,493 have died in Mississippi. I do not think these are small numbers, and one death (especially of someone without the LORD) is too many, however the Spanish Flu was much, much worse.

The Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 killed approximately 40 million people world-wide, and 675,000 in the United States. During the period from September 1918 through December 1918 6,219 Mississippians died. This is sobering.

I am going to take the advice of an 87-year-old man I have never met and begin writing my own headlines based on the people who surround me.

- **RICK SNOWDEN HAS A WIFE HE DOES NOT DESERVE**
- **HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH REMAINED A FUNCTIONING, VIBRANT CHURCH WHILE “SHUTDOWN”**
- **HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH CONTINUES ADDING ACTIVITIES DEFERRED DURING THE SHUTDOWN**
- **HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH HAS KEPT ITS FOCUS ON JESUS**

I feel better already.

Fighting Fair in Marriage
Judges 1:1-20

The key word is **faithfulness**.

1. Fight the **enemy** and not **each other**.
2. Fight **together** and not **alone**.
3. Fight for the **Lord** and not **yourself**.

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Type **HBC** in the message.

Contact Rick Snowden (rick@highlandbaptist.net, 601.917.6335).

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Mrs. Harriet Joblin in the death of her brother.

...the family of Miss Linda Martin.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF MRS. BARBARA WHITE:

By Mr. and Mrs. Tony McDaniel

IN MEMORY OF WARD CALHOUN, JR.:

IN MEMORY OF BILLY STUBBS:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LORRAINE IRBY:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JERRY HEBLON:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. SHIRLEY SOLLIE:

IN MEMORY OF ALLAN GOLDMAN:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CLARICE DAVIS:

Designated to the Nursery by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Townsend

IN MEMORY OF MISS LINDA MARTIN BY:

Highland Baptist Church

PLEASE NOTE!!!

Christmas in the Highlands for 2020 is being postponed/cancelled. We will investigate having one in the Spring or Summer in addition to the one in November 2021. We will keep you posted. We didn’t want to cancel, but felt it was the safest thing to do this year.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 30/SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Budget	11,635.04/17,899.75	CDC Req. to date	837,297.72
Child Development Center	119,525.50/ .00	(36@23,258.27)	
Designated	.00/ 7,143.31	CDC Receipts to date	700,636.50
Total	131,160.54/	SS ATTENDANCE	170/165
Budget Req. to date (36@22,740.93)	818,673.48	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (30)219/63	
Budget Receipts to date	739,355.88	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (6) 196/64	