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John 17:1-26
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Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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Upcoming EVENTS

JANUARY 24, SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:00 –11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 (LIMITED SEATING)

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, Dessert

CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs

\$5.00 for Adults (6th Grade and up) \$3.00 for Children

\$20.00 Family Maximum

- Prayer Meeting (6:00-7:00 PM)

- Youth Worship (6:00 -7:00 PM)

- Kidz Praise (6:00-6:30 PM)

- Kid's WOW (6:30 -7:00 PM)

- Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)

FROM OUR MINISTER TO STUDENTS...

I've mentioned in prior articles that my office, and in particular my desk, is full of completely random items. However, most items tend to have some type of sentimental meaning or funny story attached to them. For example, in 2010 I worked a camp and was a small group Bible study leader for a group of guys going into the 11th grade. We had an incredible week of getting to know each other and spending time in God's Word together. If you look on a shelf in my office right now, there is a bowling pin where each of them signed it and gave it to me. Why a bowling pin? I have no idea, but it is there. Another example is there is a William Carey College flag hanging upside down on my wall in the office. How I got the flag is a story in and of itself that I don't have time for but how it ended up upside down is pretty simple. About a year after I started working here at Highland, some of the older guys decided it'd be funny to sneak into my office and turn everything I own either upside down or backwards. Coffee pot was upside down. Pictures were upside down. Every single book on my bookshelf had the bindings on the inside. And the flag hanging on my wall was flipped. I left the flag as a talking point and as a reminder that I needed to get even.

One other thing you might notice is a lime green, Nike water bottle. I drink out of that bottle every day and try to refill it multiple times throughout the day. If you look at the bottle, however, you will notice there are very few places remaining that you can actually see the lime green. It is almost completely covered with stickers. Most of the stickers carry the purpose of reminding me of some camp, retreat, student give-away, or some other moment during my time as Student Pastor here at Highland. The rest are just random that I thought looked cool. Either way, when you look at the sticker-covered water bottle, you immediately notice how busy it appears. In fact unless you are me and actually use it for its intended purpose, you just glance at it and notice its "busyness".

I can't help but wonder how many of us can equate this water bottle to our walk with Christ. We do a really good job at looking busy. We do a great job of filling our calendar, filling our day-to-day with stuff. However, in our effort to be busy, we begin to neglect our true purpose. Unless you look closely at the sticker-covered bottle, you probably won't even notice that it is full of water. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being busy. In fact, most of us were raised believing that if we keep busy, it will keep us out of trouble. However, when we begin to prioritize the busyness of our life over the desire to see disciples made in our daily life, we lose sight of what should be our main priority. David says in Psalm 115:1, "**Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**" Don't allow the busyness of your daily life serve as a distraction of your calling to give all glory to Christ in everything you do.

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS
IN MEMORY OF MRS. KELLY RICHARDSON:
IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY HOPE CRAWFORD:
Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by:
Mrs. Russelyn Keyes

THE VERY NEWEST
Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Britt McCarty (Amy)
on the birth of their grandson, Victor Tullos McCarty.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:
...the family of Phil Davis.

THE CHURCH AT
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New Sermon Series

STEWARDSHIP REPORT JANUARY 17, 2021

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| Budget | 12,409.45 | CDC Req. to date (3@ 23,342.08) | 70,026.24 |
| Child Development Center | .00 | CDC Receipts to date | .00 |
| Designated | 3,070.91 | LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS | |
| Total | 15,480.36 | OFFERING GIVEN TO DATE | 45,184.50 |
| Budget Req. to date (3@ 23,309.06) | 69,927.18 | SUNDAY SCHOOL | 161 |
| Budget Receipts to date | 49,111.79 | MORNING WORSHIP | 193 |