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Acts 12:1-25  
John 13:1-20  
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# ((COMING UP))

## JANUARY 31, SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 AM

- Observance of the Lord's Supper and Benevolent Offering

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 (LIMITED SEATING)

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Oven Fried Chicken, Hash Brown Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Roll, 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)

## FEBRUARY 7, SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 AM

- There will be a Called Business Session immediately following the morning worship service. Items of business include: Recommendation for approval to proceed with Sanctuary Renovations and approval to sell Estate Property given to HBC.

## SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS UPDATE

### Sanctuary Renovation Project?

You may or may not have heard about a planned renovations project for the sanctuary. Well, there is one; and your Property Committee, Finance Committee, Color Selection Committee and Church Staff took another step Sunday afternoon in moving this forward. These groups unanimously agreed to submit a request to proceed with construction to the congregation for approval at a called business meeting on February 7, 2021 immediately after the morning worship service.

So, just what is involved in this project?

This project is intended to address maintenance issues, original design issues and issues that must be addressed to better accommodate and support our corporate worship style. Each is described in some detail below.

#### 1. Maintenance Issues

a. The carpet in the sanctuary is very worn, unsafe and in need of replacement for some time. The existing carpet will be removed and replaced with carpet tiles in the aisles and areas in the front and back. Simulated wood flooring under the pews. This not only corrects the aesthetic and safety issue; it will also 'brighten' the sound for congregational singing.

b. While not in as bad a shape as the carpet, the pews are in need of being reupholstered as well as selected areas of repair on some of the pews.

#### 2. Original Design Issues

a. Unless you have sung in the choir or spent a large amount of time on the podium, you probably are not aware of how hot this area is on a Sunday morning. We will be adding supplemental heating and cooling to the stage area to address the deficiencies in the heating and cooling.

b. It is very difficult to see the pulpit area from the balcony, and the proposed renovations would make this even worse if corrections to the balcony rail are not made. The wood portion of balcony rail will be lowered with safety glass added to the top to enhance viewing and safety from the balcony.

#### 3. Worship Style

a. We have had an orchestra for some time now, and its location has been a difficult balance between safety and musical balance.

b. We also have expanded the use of the sanctuary to include concerts like the Hakuna Matata children's choir and CDC presentations that have been recorded and streamed.

c. Expanding the stage area will greatly enhance these and other activities as well as making the sermon presentations more intimate by making them closer to the congregation.

d. ADA capability at the stage will also be improved by means of a hydraulic lift for wheel chairs, etc.

#### 4. Finishes

There will be additional painting, possible replacement of lighting fixtures and replacement of window glass in the sanctuary. Aesthetic work including paint and sections of carpet will be done in the foyer.

And just how do we pay for this?

Due to the level of uncertainty concerning financial health the original requests submitted by the Property Committee, Finance Committee and Church Staff included the provision that the project be designed and submitted in phases. Due to hard work by those involved as well as faithfulness of giving from HBC members, we are able to request that the project be done in a single phase using cash on hand (i.e. no debt). Funds will remain available to address existing and future capital needs that may present themselves.

If approved by the congregation, we would plan to relocate to the FLC on Sunday, April 11, 2021 and begin construction on April 12, 2021. You may review drawings and cost estimates at <https://www.highlandbaptist.net/resources/media-documents-download>.

# ONLINE Giving

If you own an Android phone, [CLICK HERE](#) to download the app. If you have an iPhone, [CLICK HERE](#) to download the app.

Open the app and select **Highland Baptist Church**.

If you have the Shelby Membership App, you may provide your cell number and enter a code provided by the app to obtain your giving data.

If you already have an online giving account, you may sign-in and give online. If you do not have an online giving account, the app provides the option to create one.

**TEXT GIVING.** The number for text giving is 601-340-9409.

*Their lives have been blessed by their love for each other and by their faith in the Lord*

*Claire Parker Russell*

*and*

*Justin Charles Nowell*

*invite you to witness the vows that will join them as one*

*Saturday, the sixth of February*

*Two thousand and twenty-one*

*at six o'clock in the evening*

*Highland Baptist Church*

### HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF PHIL DAVIS BY: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Townsend  
Designated to the Music Ministry by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Strickland  
Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkerson

### CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Mrs. Fran Fleming in the death of her sister-in-law.

...the family of Tony Clark.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT JANUARY 24, 2021

Budget	15,832.05	CDC Req. to date (4@ 23,342.08)	93,368.32
Child Development Center	96,867.50	CDC Receipts to date	96,867.50
Designated	2,578.30	LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS	
Total	115,277.85	OFFERING GIVEN TO DATE	46,384.50
Budget Req. to date (4@ 23,309.06)	93,236.24	SUNDAY SCHOOL	169
Budget Receipts to date	64,943.84	MORNING WORSHIP	188