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Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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SUNDAY, JULY 31

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM Observance of the Lord's Supper in the morning worship service Worship Service 10:00-11:00 AM Deacon Ordination at 5:00 PM

for Brandon Davidson and Josh Hopkins

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AT HBC Adult Choir Christmas Music Preview 5:15—7:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 Marriage Night 6:00-9:00 PM at HBC

**AUGUST 10** Wednesday Night Activities Resume If you can help with Wednesday Night Supperserving and/or cleanup, please let us know.

Youth Back to School Bash **AUGUST 13** 

Youth Parent Meeting after morning worship **AUGUST 14** 

#### FROM OUR MINISTER TO STUDENTS...

My wife got me one of the most unique gifts I've ever received a couple months ago when I graduated with my master's degree. I've received good gifts and bad ones. I've received gifts I knew I wanted and gifts I didn't even know existed, but she surpassed them all. I remember for my 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, all I wanted was a four-wheeler. I asked for one for months. I kept reminding my parents every couple of days how many days away my birthday was. When we got within a month, I reminded them every day how many days away it was and exactly what I wanted. I told them how much horsepower I thought I needed and what all I would be able to do with it. I even went into great detail on how safe I would be. Without them even having to ask, I told them I would always wear a helmet and always drive carefully. I wanted one more than anything. My birthday came that year and I opened all my gifts and found no four-wheeler. After eating dinner as a family, my dad told me I had one more gift out in the garage. He told me it was green and had a bow on it. I sprinted out of the door into the garage. Admittedly, I could not see my own face, but I can only imagine my look of disappointment when I came back into the living room just a couple seconds later. My dad was almost in tears laughing. My dad thought it was time I took a little more responsibility around the house, so I had been gifted my very own brand-new push mower.

All that to say, I've been excited and disappointed over gifts in my past, but Susanna got me one of my favorite all time gifts. She found a website that would make a personalized bobble-head figurine. I am the proud owner of a Clint Jackson bobble-head figurine! I was a little disappointed with the amount of gray hair on the head and in the beard but, other than that, it is awesome!! It currently is sitting on my desk if any of you ever want to come by and see it.

You might be wondering why I'm talking about lawn mowers and bobble-head figurines. I'm talking about gifts. We all have experienced giving and receiving them. We've all had to fake the smile of someone who cannot believe we just received something we never in a million years would have wanted. We've all had to do some last second shopping because we forgot to buy a gift. And we all, if you are a child of God, have received the single greatest gift that any of us have ever been offered. The gift of a life of hope, a life of purpose, and a life that will never end is the gift we receive through the gift of Christ. There is a song that has been running through my head recently and the bridge says, "Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full, by the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled. Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me. Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed." The gift of freedom is what we receive in Christ. My prayer for each of you as you read this is that you never forget how sweet that gift is. I pray you never lose sight of how much we don't deserve it and yet it is freely offered. Finally, I pray you always look for opportunities to tell others of this gift.

# "AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH..."

**BY LETTER:** 

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodall (Heather) 8090 Pine Springs Road (39305) 601.955.0359/601.917.8910

Deacon: Jeremiah Mikell



One position is still needed for the new church year: 3-4th Grade Boys Teacher on Wednesday Nights Please call the church office if you can help.

## A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

...the Fleming Family - Elliott, Fran and John

## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CAROL BROWN BY: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayer

### ON-TO-COLLEGE 2022

Please contact the church office by August 8 if you have a college student!

AUGUST 5, 6:00-9:00 PM, Highland Baptist Church Buy your tickets online by July 31!



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT JULY 24. 2022

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