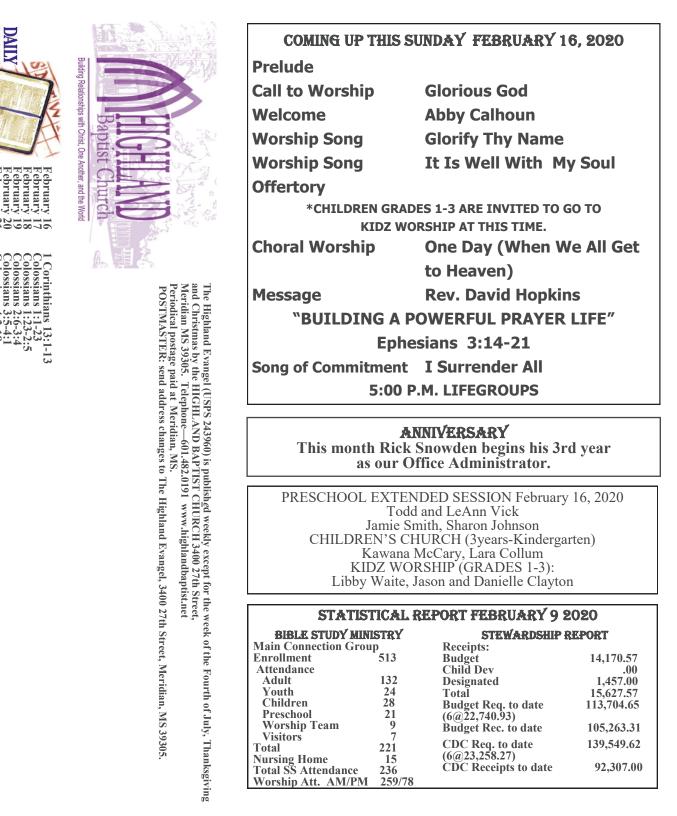




In Concert Wednesday, February 19 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary There is no charge for this concert. A CASH ONLY love offering will be taken.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 16 8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast Library Open 9:00 A.M. Sunday School Security-Paul Roberts 9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M. Library Open **10:45 A.M.** Morning Worship Security—Pete Roberts, Tracy Scott 12:00 P.M. Library Open 5:00 P.M. LifeGroups **Children's Bible Study** Nursery for Birth-2 years old Security- Randy Sharman, Matt Singley Monday, February 17 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise 6:30 P.M. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary **Tuesday, February 18** 4:00 P.M. Ladies' Quilting Mardi Gras Party at the Highland House 5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. TrailLife USA Wednesday, February 19 9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Family Night Supper **MENU: Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Dessert CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs** 6:00 P.M. Hakuna Matata Children's Choir Concert 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal **Thursday, February 20** 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 P.M. Neighborhood Watch Meeting Friday, February 21 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise 5:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal Saturday, February 22 8:00 A.M. Security Meeting at the LBA 6:30 P.M. **Brooke Mayer/Adam Kitchens Wedding**

The Lauderdale Baptist Association Is asking for donations of reading glasses for the upcoming ministry opportunity with the mobile dental clinic February 27-29. **Donations are needed before February 23.** FROM OUR MUSIC WORSHIP LEADER...

One of my favorite weeks of the year is finally here! Not only do I enjoy this week because I celebrate a birthday, but I have always loved celebrating everything about Valentine's Day. I enjoy the candy, the cards, reading Valentine books to Mac and going to dinner with Drew. For some of you, it's just another day, but for me, Valentine's is a highlight of my vear!

Aren't we so thankful that we know what love is because of God's love? In the Bible, it says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16

That's a lot of love. God loves us so much. The sins of this world have lead us to places we should not be going, doing things we should not be doing, and encouraging us to say things we should not be saying. But God's love is so great that no matter what the sin. He sent His son to die for us so that we can be forgiven and made whole. Someone had to pay the price; blood had to be given as a sacrifice. God sent Jesus, the only sinless one, to be the payment for our sins. He did this by giving His life as a ransom for our sins.

We have seen great fathers in this world. The story of the father who pushed, pulled, and carried his son through a triathlon is a great example. He swam 2.5 miles, cycled 125 miles through hot lava fields, and concluded by running 26.2 miles with his son. You see, his handicapped son's dream was to be in this triathlon. He loved his son so much and wanted to meet that need for and with his son. No, they were not in first place or even second place, but they did finish just under the deadline. The father ran the race with the son.

Our Heavenly Father is running the race with us. We are all in a race. If we have asked Jesus, God's Son, into our hearts and to forgive us our sins, then we are pressing on to win the prize.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:14

God's heart is so big for us. His love is so awesome. He wants only what is best for us. Our Father in heaven has a very big heart for us. He cares, wants us to be healed, cleansed from our sins, in a right relationship with Him and others around us, and on our way to heaven. He has a wonderful place for us to go.

I pray that you can feel His heart of love for you this week -- the heart of a true loving, gentle, and kind Father.

"AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH..." **BY LETTER:**

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS/HONORS **IN MEMORY OF BILLY STUBBS:** By Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowles **Designated to the Library by:** Sharon and Donald Pratt Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Medlin **Designated to Capital Improvements by:** Dr. and Mrs. Gary Boone Mrs. Rebecca Lashlev Mrs. Marsha Benneft Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayer Mr. Beth Seller **IN MEMORY OF MRS. BILLIE SUTHERLAND: Designated to Capital Improvements by:** Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bird, Jr. Mr. Milfred Jones & Sister Mr. and Mrs. Tony McDaniel Mr. and Mrs. David Holcomb Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkerson Mr. and Mrs. Zane Neal The Choir of First Baptist Church of Canton Bradley and Ellen Morgan IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. QUINN CARLISLE BY: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kitchens, **Annlee & Wilson Kitchens**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simon Mayer, junior request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Emily Brooke George Ädam Kitchens Saturday, the twenty -second of February Two thousand twenty at half past six o'clock in the evening Highland Baptist Church Meridian, Mississippi and afterwards at the reception Northwood Country Club