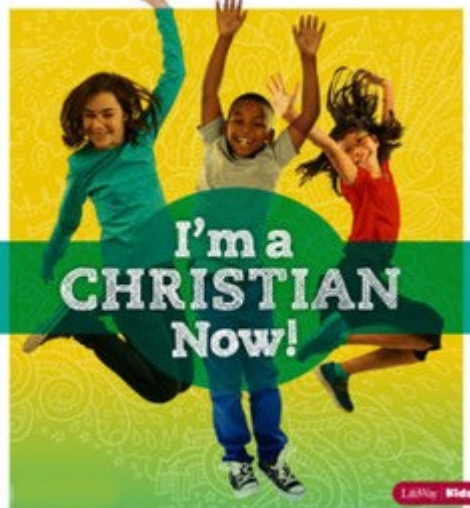




Spaghetti Lunch



MISSIONS FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY!



Starting September 1st, all children who have made a profession of faith are invited to join Mrs. Dana for an 8 week Bible Study on what it really means to follow Jesus and form a relationship with HIM! We will meet Sundays at 5:00 pm in the Children's Department. Contact Mrs. Dana for more information.



August 25 Leviticus 16:1-19
 August 26 Leviticus 16:20-34
 August 27 Numbers 14:1-25
 August 28 2 Samuel 9:1-13
 August 29 2 Samuel 11:1-27
 August 30 2 Samuel 12:1-25
 August 31 Psalm 51

STAFF MEMBER ON CALL
 August 23-25
 Clint Jackson 601.765.3758

Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World



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COMING UP THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2019

Prelude

Worship Song Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

Welcome Clint Jackson

Worship Song Faith and Trust Medley
 Never Once
 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Offertory

Choral Worship You Raise Me Up
 Soloist—Frank Coleman

Message Rev. David Hopkins

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JONAH" Jonah 1:17; 2:10

Song of Commitment Breathe on Me

Benediction Chorus Never Once

5:00 p.m. Gospel-Centered Small Group Study
 Led by Rev. David Hopkins

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION August 25, 2019
 Debbie McDaniel, Jamie Smith (Babies)
 Jason and Danielle Clayton
 (Crawlers/Toddlers/Preschool 2)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Katie Odom, Alisha Singley

STATISTICAL REPORT AUGUST 18, 2019

BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY		STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Main Connection Group		Receipts:	
Enrollment	530	Budget	8,405.50
Attendance		Child Dev Center	.00
Adult	140	Designated	4,430.00
Youth	27	Total	12,835.50
Children	34	Budget Req. to date	646,069.71
Preschool	16	(33@19,577.87)	
Worship Team	10	Budget Receipts to date	748,452.67
Visitors	2	CDC Req. to date	749,645.82
Main School Att.	229	(33@22,716.54)	
Nursing Home	17	CDC Receipts to date	693,072.00
Total SS Attendance	246		
Worship Att. AM	300		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 25
 9:00 A.M. Library Open
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Security-Tyler Harper
 10:30 A.M. Library Open
 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
 Security—Willie Greer, Barry Hucks
 12:00 NOON Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser
 5:00 P.M. Gospel-Centered Small Group Study
 Youth/Children/Nursery
 Security—Harry Mayer, Britt McCarty

Monday, August 26
 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise
 9:30 A.M. CDC Music with Abby
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 27
 4:00 P.M. Ladies' Quilting

Wednesday, August 28
 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise
 9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study
 5:00 P.M. Family Night Supper MENU: Barbecue
 Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Rolls, Salad, Dessert
 CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets, Hot Dogs
 5:45 P.M. Angel/Cherub Choir (3 & 4 years)
 Kidz Praise (Kindergarten-Grade 5)
 6:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting/Called Business Meeting
*There will be a Called Business Meeting
 To present the Nominating Committee &
 Committee on Committees Report*
 Youth Bible Study
 6:15 P.M. W.O.W. Small Groups
 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 29
 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 5:30 P.M. Senior Adults meet at Long's Fish Camp

Friday, August 30
 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise

Saturday, August 31
 6:00 P.M. Marriage Night in the Fellowship Hall

FROM OUR MINISTER TO STUDENTS...

Susanna and I will be celebrating two and a half years living in Meridian and serving with you all here at Highland on September 1. It doesn't seem like it's been anywhere near that long. It feels like just yesterday we were coming to meet with the Personnel Committee, Bro. Carl was showing us around the campus, and we were feeling very confident that this was where God was calling us. Throughout the whole process of relocating, there were some easy and hard moments. Highland made the actual move easier than any other move I've ever made by providing a moving company. It was hard saying goodbye to friends we had made at our previous church. You all were so welcoming that it was easy to get acclimated to our new community and church family. Someone made my life personally hard for a few days over a prank.

Many of you know this story but I'm going to give you a recap of it. I love a good prank. I enjoy pulling them on others and don't even mind having them done to me. This is one of the better ones. As we were moving, someone posted an ad online claiming that I had a spider monkey I needed to get rid of. The ad claimed that I was moving, and my new home was not accommodating to the monkey. Because of this, I was giving away the monkey FOR FREE. You put anything online for free and people are going to want it. You put something like a monkey online for free, when it normally costs approximately \$5,000, and people are going to go nuts over it. The first phone call came around 7:00 AM the morning I was meeting the moving truck at our new home here in Meridian. Two weeks later, I had received hundreds of phone calls, voice mails, text messages, and emails for the original prankster posted all my personal contact information on the ad. Eventually the people stopped reaching out to me. Many were disappointed and some were very angry that there was no monkey.


The reason I share this story with you is because, while the specifics of the story are unique to me, the overall premise is something we've all been through. We've all been convinced of something being true and been devastated to find out it was false.

CONTINUED... These people who reached out to me just knew they were getting a free monkey to take home, and some were crushed when that truth turned out to be false. In many areas of our life, truth is subjective. My truth might not be your truth. For some, a truth might be that dogs are the greatest pet you can get while others might believe that dogs are a horrible pet and you should get a fish. While truth might be fluid and changing in many areas of life, there is one where the truth is absolute. There is one area where we know that this truth is everlasting and never changing. Jesus is that truth. No matter what opinions or feelings we might have, Jesus is always going to be the Lord and Savior we read about in the Bible. No matter what other people might tell us. God will always be the creator of all things. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Christ Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever." We never have to worry about that truth changing because His eternal glory will never fail. His love for us will never fail. Jesus will never fail.

**2ND ANNUAL HBC RUMMAGE SALE
 (A BENEFIT FOR MISSIONS)
 SEPTEMBER 7 7:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. IN THE FLC**
 Please bring your donations to the church by August 30.
 Call the church office if you need to schedule a pickup time
 for your donations.

A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:
 ...Karen Rhodes, Debbie and Bill Grissett, and Mark Rhodes.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A
 BRIDAL TEA SHOWER
 HONORING MISS KATIE WARE
 BRIDE-ELECT OF ZACH COREY
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1:30-2:30 P.M.
 THE TEA ROOM HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

1 1:30 p.m. Katie Ware/Zach Corey Tea Shower 5:00 p.m. GOSPEL CENTERED SMALL GROUP STUDY	2 LABOR DAY OFFICES CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting	9 5:30 p.m. CDC Comm. Mtg.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 No Adult Choir	19 6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting	20	21
22 6:00 p.m. See You At the Pole Rally at Northpark  CASUAL SUNDAY.	23	24	25 SEE YOU AT THE POLE	26	27	28
29 Observance of the Lord's Supper CDC Appreciation Sunday 5:00 p.m. Churchwide Game Night	30					SEPTEMBER 2019