



Elders' Corner

Stronger than Before

On Sunday, March 22 we cancelled our in-person Bible classes and worship assemblies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We had no idea what was in-store for the future. At that time, we began praying that the Highland congregation would come out of this pandemic stronger than we were when it began.

Let's take a look today, nearly five months later and see how we have fared so far...

In some ways we can see that we are stronger than before. Through this time we saw large numbers faithfully participating in worship online. We hear of many families having home Bible studies. We have had record numbers of participants in our men's conference calls. Our ladies have begun and continue weekly/bi-weekly Bible studies. Our youth have been meeting for Bible study and fellowship.

Our attendance for worship and Bible classes is around 60% of March 2020 levels. We know that some of our members are still considered at-risk for contacting the pandemic and we are still not encouraging anyone that believes they are at-risk to attend services yet. But there are others that perhaps have just gotten out of the habit of attending services and maybe are growing weaker spiritually.

We want to encourage everyone to look-around and continue to call and encourage those that we aren't seeing. Some may be staying-in as a health precaution but we may find those that just need a little nudge to get back on the right track. We aren't so concerned about the attendance numbers, but we are concerned about the spiritual condition of the Highland family.

The impact of the pandemic may not be over yet. As we have for the past five months, let's continue to pray and do everything we can to come out of this stronger than before!

Michael, Eddy, Pat



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- 8/19 Summer Series - Jeremie Beller
- 8/23 L2L Practice
- 8/25 Election
- 8/26 Summer Series - Brett McKnight
- 8/30 5th Sunday Contribution
- 8/31 Meals for Homebound

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Tecumseh, OK

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- Robby Kinsey
- Jay Madden
- Keith Patterson
- Jeremy Pearman
- Gary Stapp

Welcome to the Family, Maci!

We are thrilled to welcome Maci Flowers to the church family! What a wonderful experience it was for us to watch Maci make this important decision in her life. We could hardly fight back the tears as her grandfather plunged her into the watery grave of baptism, only to arise as a new creation in the Lord (Rom 6:4; 2 Cor 5:17). We praise God for your decision to make Jesus the Lord of your life. We are proud of your efforts and the efforts of your friends in studying God's word! Welcome, sister!



This fantastic event should cause us to reflect on the moment when we too dedicated ourselves to the Lord. How are you doing with that commitment? Paul challenged the Corinthian church to "examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith" (2 Cor 13:5). This world has a lot to offer that can tear us away from our commitment to God. A previous life of living in sin may still seem enticing, but the current life that we have in Christ is the only one that has value.

Do not forget where you came from, brothers and sisters. Outside of Christ, we had:

- God's wrath, fury, and vengeance (Rom 2:8; Eph 2:3; 2 Thess 1:8)
- Tribulation and distress (Rom 2:9)
- Eternal destruction (2 Thess 1:9)
- No hope (Eph 2:12)

Inside of Christ, we have:

- No condemnation (Rom 8:1)
- Peace with God (Rom 5:1)
- Eternal life (Rom 6:23)
- An Inheritance/Reward (Eph 1:11; Heb 10:35)
- His Spirit (Eph 1:13)

Now, this isn't an exhaustive list on either side; much more could be added. For me, I like to focus on what we have in Christ Jesus. I focus on this list because we are promised these things upon our faithful obedience to the gospel in baptism. It's a list that should bring peace and assurance to every child of God. Praise God for His mercy and grace in providing a way for us to be brought back together with Him through Christ.

Austin

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Attendance Last Week:

Bible Class: 104

Daily Bible Readers: 32

Sun Worship: 164

Sun PM: 78

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

We can make our online contributions 2 ways now

GivePlus+ Mobile

Available in app stores

or a link is on HCOCT.com

**WE
OUR
TEACHERS!**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BLESSINGS!**

**—STAYING—
CONNECTED**

All services (Sunday & Wednesday) have resumed in the building. Please pick up your **communion sets** as you come in the door on Sunday mornings. A **collection plate** is also available at the back of the auditorium. If you are in the “high risk” category or prefer to social distance, please take advantage of our live-streamed services on YouTube.

Men’s Conference Calls are every Thursday from 9-9:30p. The number for the call is (605) 313-5096. The code will be texted.

Ladies Video Bible Study on Zoom is on Thursday nights at 7:30p. Please contact Erin Wolke so she can send you the meeting ID and password.

Giving may be mailed to PO Box 129 or given online thru link at top right of www.hcoct.com. Or, go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church”.

Online directory is located at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/hcoct/login> (call office or reply to email for password).

If you need anything or have prayer requests, please call or text the elders at elders@hcoct.com. If you have announcements for our bulletin, please call the office (598-3514) or your BK leaders. Stay safe and please check up on each other.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Privileged to Serve the Church Assembly

Preacher:.....*Austin McCrickard*

Song Leader:.....*Michael Kelsey*

Opening Prayer Leader:.....*Luke Swafford*

Closing Prayer Leader:.....*Dan Schinnerer*

Greeters:.....*Gary Perry, Torrey Hatler, Terry Banta, Adam Cole Sack, Gene Wilcox*

Announcements:.....*Eddy Parker*

Serving at the Lord’s Table:.....*Rob Kinsey*

Scripture Reader:.....*Jacob Madden*

Sound Booth:.....*Jarod Smith & Frank Burlon*

Men, if you are scheduled to be on the table, please be here by 10:15; otherwise, I will have to find a replacement. Thank you! Stacy



Health (Members): Glen Woodard; Robert (radiation) & Donna (fall) Britton; Wilma Hickman; Wilma Hixson; Kay Jones; Kurt Shirey; Jim Hayes; James Moudy; Lone Arnold; Angie Sack; Janice Carr; Don & Judy Rousey; Dee Banta; Twila Carr; Tami Lawson.

Health (Others): Wendy Smith Mullen’s (Louie Hatler’s friend’s) granddaughter’s baby, Hope, born premature and daughter-in-law, Abagaill Mullen, heart testing; Carla Dame (Wilma Hixson’s niece); Connie Hogan (Darrell & Dottie’s daughter) back pain; Roy West (Jo Ellen Payton’s brother) blood clot in lungs; Tommy & Leona Walker; Nolan Perry (Gary’s cousin) cancer; Selene Williams (Bob McKnight’s granddaughter) breast cancer; Bob & Mary (Dick & Peg Walton’s daughter & family); Jack (Flossie Jorgenson’s oldest brother) ALS; Mandy Dodd (Lora Sprowls’ daughter); Pat Gee (Angie Sack’s dad) cancer; Jim Arnold’s sister, cancer; Debbie (Burlison) Sehon (Gina Fredman’s aunt) ALS; Sue Wright; Verlie’s sister-in-law; Venita Hoover (Smith family friend); Bill Blochowiak (Billy’s dad) heart cath; Tom (Jerry Griffin’s friend) cancer; Don & Sandra Stafford (Jimmie Young’s family); Debbie Seaton (Claudia’s friend); Kent Taylor (Kristy Swafford’s brother) cancer; Byron Holt’s SIL; Hugo Ortiz (Betty Limas’ uncle); Charles Elmore (Mica’s Dad); Mark Miener (Verlie’s friend); Jim Perry (Verlie’s friend); Xavier & Ray Grimmett Jr.

Our shut-ins: Retha Barnes; Mary Littleton; Connie Mack Stubbs; Rosie Brightwell; James & Sheila Moudy; Audrey Savory; Mildred Boone; Ellen Childers, Rosie Brightwell.

Other Prayers: Youth & teachers as they return to school; Covid-19 cure; ladies at Mabel Bassett, our military and country, especially our homegrown heroes: Emilee Grochow, Ryan Willis, Austin and Andrew Sack Joshua & Caleb Kelsey, Haden Burlison and Caleb Dahle.

Announcements

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume Tuesday morning, August 18th, at 9:30-10:30a. The topic will be “Our God-given identity in Christ.”



The men will meet Tuesday evening at 6p under the pavilion to construct outdoor activities for the congregation.

L2L Practice Schedule

August 23rd

- 2-2:50 Songs of Praise & Song Leading (C & R)
- 3-3:50 Speech, Bible Reading
- 4-4:50 Debate



*Maxleigh Rose Brown
arrived Thursday, August 13th!
7 1/2 pounds, 19 inches long*

“Every good and perfect gift comes from above.”

James 1:17

Austin will be periodically walking around with a camera filming and taking pictures of various church activities. This is an effort to boost our media presence on the internet. Be yourself, act natural and ignore him!

