



## Elders' Corner

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Contribution Next Sunday

A few years ago, we began the practice of taking-up a special contribution in addition to our regular contribution on every fifth Sunday throughout the year. We have used these contributions for missions, benevolence or special needs. Because of the interruption of our weekly in-person worship by the COVID-19 pandemic, we haven't taken a special contribution since September of last year.

Next Sunday, August 30, we are planning to take a special contribution to be used for multiple purposes. Over the past few months, we have provided assistance for significant medical expenses for members of our congregation, housing and utility bill assistance for members who lost their jobs due to the pandemic, financial support for gospel preachers (who we know well and have spoken at Highland recently) that were affected by the pandemic, and we have funded a mission trip to Huron, South Dakota.

As Christians, we are to do good unto all people, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10). We are taking this opportunity to do good for our brothers and sisters in Christ and taking the Gospel to Huron, SD.

Michael, Eddy, Pat



| August 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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- 8/23 L2L Practice
- 8/23 Family Fellowship after pm svcs
- 8/25 Election
- 8/26 Summer Series - Brett McKnight
- 8/30 5th Sunday Contribution
- 8/31 Meals for Homebound

### BOOKS OF THE MONTH FOR

### AUGUST

### EPHESIANS

### 1ST THESSALONIANS & 2ND THESSALONIANS



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## Our Deacons

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

# Highland Church of Christ

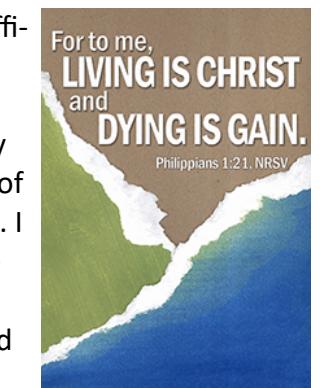
August 23, 2020

Tecumseh, OK

Hello and welcome to worship!

I want to send out a huge thanks to all the men who participated in the men's work night. You showed that work and fun can go hand and hand. You all modeled the proverb, to be true, that Christian men are not only funny to look at but funny to be with. That is not really a proverb. There were more laughs going on than the funniest comedy ever. You could just tell that these Christian men enjoyed spending time together. We felt like manly men grunting and sweating and working with wood and tools. We accomplished building three corn hole sets; they are a work of art. We, also, now have a horseshoe pit as well (feel free to use it any time-located down by the fire pit). There was a little adversity building it. The poles ended up being too short, but I want you to know that in the midst of adversity our men came together and came up with a solution. We may have the first horseshoe pit ever with cut off t-posts and yes they are beautiful! Thanks for your great attitudes and hard work. You guys are fun to be around.

Just hang in there church. I know life has been more difficult than usual lately. I know things might look bleak from the outside looking in. I know that 2020 has not been the year that you planned for or may have even wanted. I know you're ready for this pandemic to be over and done. I know that the morals of our country are getting further and further away from the Lord. I got a call from someone this week that is not from here and he was really down and out about the way our country is and is headed. He said that he had been really stressed and depressed about everything. He told me that a few nights before, he just broke down in tears. I think that there are a whole lot of people in his shoes. I asked him if he trusted the Lord. He said he did, and so I told him to trust in the Lord along with other advice. The darker it is church, the brighter we can shine. To live is Christ. We may be getting closer and closer to sharing in Christ's sufferings. Paul says in Philippians 3:10-11, "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead." Our theme this year is "To Live Is Christ." We still live for Christ in the face of adversity. We don't change who we are for the sake of adversity. We don't change our outlook on life because of it and we don't change our spirit because of it. To live is Christ, during the good times and the not so good. We have Christ in us, church. We have the power to overcome all adversity within us. Our living IS Christ. Let us show the world what it means that Christ is our "living."



Erick

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**Attendance Last Week:**

Bible Class: 106

Daily Bible Readers: 41

Sun Worship: 179

Sun PM: 95

**Schedule of Services****Sunday:**

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening 5:00 pm

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study 6:30 pm

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or a link is on HCOCT.com**

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:3, NIV

**—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.hcoc.com](http://www.hcoc.com). Or, go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church".

**Online directory** is located at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/hcoc/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@hcoc.com](mailto:elders@hcoc.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:**.....*Erick Henson*

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

**Opening Prayer Leader:**.....*Noah Henson*

**Closing Prayer Leader:**.....*Steve Flowers*

**Greeters:**.....*Gary Perry, Torrey Hatler, Terry Banta, Larry Smith, Jay Madden*

**Announcements:**.....*Eddy Parker*

**Serving at the Lord's Table:**.....*Phil Wolke*

**Scripture Reader:**.....*Noah Henson*

**Sound Booth:**.....*Allison Fredman & Kyle Stapp*

**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**

**Prayers**

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

**Health (Others):** Wendy Smith Mullen's (Louie Hatler's friend's) granddaughter's baby, Hope, and daughter-in-law, Abagaill Mullen; Carla Dame (Wilma Hixson's niece); Connie Hogan (Darrell & Dottie's daughter); Tommy & Leona Walker; Nolan Perry (Gary's cousin); Selene Williams (Bob McKnight's granddaughter) breast cancer; Bob & Mary (Dick & Peg Walton's daughter & family); Jack (Flossie Jorgenson's 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); Tom (Jerry Griffin's friend) cancer; Don & Sandra Stafford (Jimmie Young's family); Debbie Seaton (Claudia's friend); Kent Taylor (Kristy Swafford's brother); 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.

**Sympathy:** Extended to Rickey Keith and family in the loss of his aunt (Joann Minson, Jeannie's sister).

**Other Prayers:** Keith Patterson requests prayers. Youth, teachers and administrators 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.

Please let us know if names should be added or removed.

**Announcements**

**FAMILY NIGHT** Bring a sack lunch and join us for corn hole, horseshoes, frisbee golf and fun tonight following evening services under the pavilion.



The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class has resumed on Tuesday mornings at 9:30-10:30a. The focus will be on comparing 1 Cor. 3:16 with Acts 2:38 while studying our identity given by God.

**L2L Practice Schedule**

August 23rd

2-2:50 Songs of Praise &amp; Song Leading (C &amp; R)

3-3:50 Speech, Bible Reading

4-4:50 Debate

Austin will periodically walk 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.

