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Our Mission: We exist to bless the Highland neighborhood with the love of Jesus through Volunteers of America and community partnerships.

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Member Spotlight: Evelyn Adams

What does this church mean to you:
The Church for the Highlands means that I have a church family with whom to share my faith, my belief, and my love. I am pleased to be a member of a congregation who sees God manifested in diversity. God's love for us and the love we have for one another is the essence of the Christian spirit within the church. This is the spirit we are called upon to extend outward to the community as we serve our neighbors in the Highland area and beyond.

How have you become involved as a member?

I believe that both actions and words serve as a witness for God's goodness. Soon after my retirement from teaching, the Church for the Highlands opened a door for me to continue working with children by tutoring the Lighthouse Kids. I also enjoy the contact with our neighbors at the Highland Blessing where I have met many wonderful people from the community and from other churches.

What is a favorite pastime of yours?

A favorite past time of mine is taking care of a friend's twins. I read and keep abreast of their developmental stages, and it is such a delight to see them played out in their precious lives. I also take great delight in visiting with my two granddaughters.

Share a little bit about yourself:

I am no longer young in age, but hopefully I will remain young in heart. As long as I live I pray that God will use my life and "make me a blessing to someone today."



David Westerfield photography

February is the hardest month of the year to spell. Even if you get the spelling right, it is hard to say unless you skip the r. I sometimes say it with the r pronounced just to protest the waste of an extra letter. Beyond an annual spelling challenge, February provides us with some great things—romantic love, abundant chocolates, awareness of Black history, groundhog watching, and Presidential birthdays.

Rev. John and Jenny Henson

As I look back on our February here at Church for the Highlands, I see some other great things that are memorable and worthy of celebration: putting together a float and riding in the Highland Mardi Gras Parade, celebrating birthdays with veterans at the Volunteers of America's Veterans Transitional Facility, receiving a cross of ashes at our Ash Wednesday service, cheering our youth in Spirit League basketball, seeing Pelican State Credit Union move into the Highland Center, beginning this year's free IRS VITA tax preparation, and launching Men's Gear and Maggie Lee's Closet, purchasing a church van for children and neighborhood.

Church for the Highlands is able to have months like this because of people like you who support our mission of blessing the Highland neighborhood with the love of Jesus through Volunteers of America and other community partnerships.

Thank you!
John

Making a difference in our church and our neighborhood:

Happy times at the Krewe of Highland Mardi Gras parade

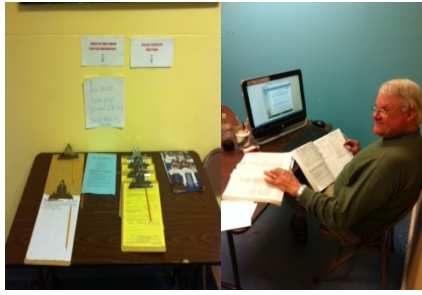


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Worship with us each Sunday:

9:30am– Sunday school and 11am– Worship service



Highland Ministries Offers Free Tax Prep February 2-April 13

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

Volunteers work weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:30-1pm and 5:30-8pm.



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BRIEF'S CALENDAR
New Highland Center ministries open today
 Highland Center Ministries' Maggie Lee's Closet and Men's Gear program will hold openings from 4 to 7 p.m. today at 520 Olive St.

Men's Gear will provide interview attire for men as well as shoes and coats among other items. It will operate from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Maggie Lee's Closet will offer school uniforms and outfits to children. It is named in honor of the late Maggie Lee Heron, one of two young people who died after a bus taking them from First Baptist Church Shreveport to a summer camp crashed in 2009. She was 12. People helped stock the closet on Oct. 20. Maggie Lee for Good Day, an annual event that honors her memory.

Maggie Lee's Closet will operate from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursdays and by appointment on Saturdays. Call (318) 990-1642 or (318) 673-8440 for more information.

Group sets troop-packing for Saturday
 Operations support Our Troops on Saturday will pack goods to ship to troops serving overseas.

The event, to pack and seal boxes to arrive in time for Easter, will begin at 9:30 a.m. at American Climate Controlled Storage, 6721 Pines Road.

Due to the need to send candy and other seasonal goods to servicemen and women...



Grand Opening of Maggie Lee's Closet and Men's Gear

On Tuesday, February 19th the world became warmer and more fashionable when Highland Center Ministries' **Maggie Lee's Closet** and **Men's Gear** had their grand openings at 520 Olive Street. Many locales showed up to celebrate and watch a fashion show put on by children in the VOA Lighthouse program.

Men's Gear will clothe those needing a nice pair of pants for a job interview or just have no shoes or coats to protect them from the weather. The closet will be open Mondays from 3-5 and Thursdays from 4-6.

Maggie Lee's Closet is a stylish free boutique with stage and wall-to-ceiling mirror where children select school uniforms and an outfit. Maggie Lee's closet is free and all that is required for children to visit is for parents or guardians to fill out a short form. It will be open Thursdays from 3-6pm and Saturdays by appointment.

Both of these closets exist to serve those who are need of not only clothing but the joy and dignity of a new outfit, something they otherwise would not have.



Highland Transportation Ministry



Need a ride to church or to the Thursday night dinner? Because of a contribution from Third Baptist in Houston, TX we are now able to provide our neighbors with this service. With the contribution we purchased a 12 passenger van that will be able to assist those who lack transportation in our area. The van will also be used to escort our youth to camp and our members to various outreach activities. During a recent Sunday we took time to lay hands on and pray for the safety and service of this ministry along with officially dedicating our block party trailer to the memory of Jay Greenleaf, a true inspiration for our outreach ministry as well as a founding member of Church for the Highlands .

