



# Church for the Highlands/ Highland Center Ministries

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## Member Spotlight: David Gordy

### What does this church mean to you:

I am very blessed to have found this church. I like the fact that you can worship and be who you are. I have not met anyone at our church that has tried to change me. From what I see we welcome everyone from the homeless to the very wealthy. I think that is very important in a church. God made us all diverse and the church should be as diverse as he has made us.

**How have you become involved as a member?** Something I have learned since attending Church for the Highlands is to let go and let God. Since becoming a member God has led me to be involved with youth group, transportation, and mission trips to Lake Providence. The recent van ministry has been quite a success as we have taken the youth on trips and picked up several people each week for church on Sunday. As for Lake Providence, Kyle Kelley has truly inspired me to get involved with the mission work we are doing there. Our mission house there is older and there are always projects that need to be completed. I have made at least six trips there. Every time I go there I learn something new so it is always a blessing.

### What is a favorite pastime of yours?

There are so many! I enjoy live theater. I love to sing in church and otherwise. I still get nervous singing in church as I think I am held to a higher standard. I like to bowl but no one else seems to. I enjoy helping others. One of my favorite sayings is "God has no hands to serve, he must use ours".

### What are you currently listening to?

John Anderson — Seminole Wind

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

## A look back at March 2013



David Westerfield photography

### Rev. John and Jenny Henson

Church for the Highlands remains dedicated and focused on "blessing the Highland neighborhood with the love of Jesus through volunteers of America and community partnerships." This is recreation.

Grateful for Your New Life Investments,

John

What do a baptism service, dedications (new van, trailer, and child), youth in Lake Providence and other activities have in common? New life. They are all about new birth, new life, and new opportunities. And what better way to end a month full of new life than by celebrating Easter! As you'll see in this month's newsletter, what we're about here at Church for the Highlands bringing new life into the homes, families, circumstances of people who live in the Highland neighborhood. Whether it's picking up someone in the new church van or tutoring someone passed the leap test or sorting through a bag of men's socks for men's gear,

## Making a difference in our church and our neighborhood:

Youth Basketball, Maddie's Baptism, and Easter



### Missional Opportunities:

Youth trip to Lake Providence, March 24-26

Youth are regularly given the opportunity to help with CBF-LA's Together For Hope program in Lake Providence. During this week they helped make needed repairs to the Mission House. Learn more at [www.cbfla.org](http://www.cbfla.org).



### Follow us at:

twitter: @forthehighlands, , blog: <http://churchforthehighlands.wordpress.com/>, and Facebook

### Worship with us each Sunday:

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

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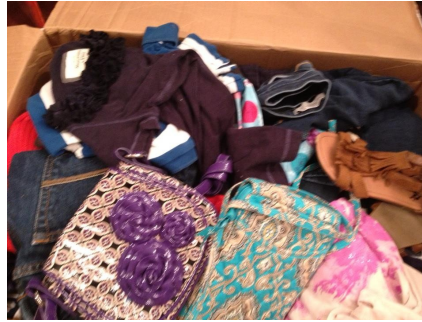


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### We Want to Say Thanks

You can't walk into the Highland Center without noticing the piles of clothing being dropped off at our welcome desk. Whether it is men's suits or children's socks rarely does a day go by when we are not given a gracious donation. Every piece finds a good home within our children's and men's clothing closets. Items are sorted, hung or folded with care and organized so that someone can easily come in and find exactly what they are looking for. This happens because of our awesome volunteers and donors. Volunteers spend time weekly either helping sort through donations or helping a client chose an outfit. Closets are open to the public every Thursday from 3-6pm and by appointments during the rest of the week. Donors drop off gently used clothing or new clothing, accessories, and shoes at the Highland Center anytime between 8-5pm, Monday- Friday. To learn more about how you can become a volunteer please contact [larry@churchforthehighlands.org](mailto:larry@churchforthehighlands.org). or visit our website at [www.highlandcenter.org](http://www.highlandcenter.org).

## 2,354 Adults and 1,185 Children Served

### A Look at Numbers

As we are coming up on our year anniversary of the Highland Blessing Dinner, we take a look back at how our numbers have grown. In April of 2012, we started off feeding just 79 people during the month. A year later, we have more than quadrupled that number feeding on average of 320 people each month. On April 11th, we will celebrate our one year anniversary and will feed the community a picnic style BBQ to celebrate. We will have speakers from the churches who serve as well as the wonderful men, women, and children who bless us with their presence each week to eat. If you want to see just how sitting down to dinner with a neighbor can impact a community come out at 6pm this evening and join us.

