

THE TIE

June 2018

VBS GAME ON! JUNE 11-15



From The Pastor:

Generosity is the echo of grace. Luke, in his gospel, tells the story of a widow Jesus caught in the act of extreme generosity. If you remember the story, Jesus was in the area of the temple where worshippers gave their gifts. He could clearly see rich people walking by treasury boxes and loudly throwing in large sums of money. None of them caught His eye like the poor widow who approached the treasury and quietly dropped in a very small offering of two small copper coins. Jesus knew that offering was all she had to live on and that her gift was a great sacrifice.

As I read that passage recently, I was struck by some things. **First, her act of generosity was simply part of her worship.** She didn't come to the temple that day to become the center of attention. In fact, I suspect she was doing all she could to not be noticed. The rich people were doing all they could to be noticed, not because they were rich and not because their gifts were big, but because they had made worship all about them. The widow stands out in stark, jarring, contrast because it was never about her or the size of her gift. Her offering was exactly what all of our gifts should be, an act of worship to the God who provides and sustains. Our giving, just like every other act of public or private worship, should always be the echo of grace, our response to what Christ Jesus has done in our lives. We give as we have received.

The second thing that struck me was the size of her gift. It was enormous because things are measured differently in the economy of God. The size of her gift was not measured by how it compared to the gifts of other people, but by how big it was to her. The gifts of other people that day wouldn't even be missed.

Her gift was deeply and profoundly precious to her. It mattered. Giving it would make a difference in how she lived in the days ahead. Even more than that, it was not only precious to her. It was precious to the Savior too. Sometimes we measure our gifts the wrong way. We think that what we have to give is nothing. But if what we give matters to us and to Him, it is a big gift.

Finally, I noticed she was willing to let Jesus use her and her gift. Giving it was not about her. She was not looking for recognition or applause. But Jesus used her gift to teach others. He can do that with us, too. I have learned to preach from preachers. What little I know about doing things around my home, I have learned from watching those who knew how. We become disciples because someone "disciples" us. So, it makes sense that we learn to give from givers. Here's what I know. Disciples think like givers about everything in their lives. They put everything down at the feet of Jesus and if He chooses to use them to teach others how to give, they let Him. If He has a better plan and chooses not to, they keep right on giving because generosity is the echo of grace.

Ask God to make you a giver. Ask Him to help you think like a giver about everything you have, about every relationship you are in, and about every opportunity to serve. Ask Him to let the echo of His grace be heard from you so that He gets great glory.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bro. John'.

Bro. John

Summer is a great time to

JOIN THE CHOIR

**NEW REHEARSAL TIME
WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM**

TEXT MUSIC TO 256-600-9469 OR
SIGN UP AT HIGHLANDBAPTIST.COM

A circular logo for the Ministry of Praise at Highland Baptist Church. The text 'Ministry of Praise' is written in a stylized font, with 'HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH' in smaller text below it.

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MISSIONS



Monday, July 9—Friday, July 13

High school & college students from several states will be in Florence ready to repair homes and share the gospel.

Here are three ways you can be involved:

1. **PRAY.** For the construction crews and the homeowners. Pray that physical needs will be met and that people will believe the Gospel.
2. **Participate.** There are two ways that we can be involved. First, sign up as a small group to help serve snacks or lunches to the repair crew assigned to our HBC church family. Second, call the CLBA office at 256-383-7021 to join a repair crew.
3. **Provide.** Contribute financially in your small group this month to help with the cost of providing snacks, water and lunches.

SENIOR ADULTS



Four Days of THANKS:
Honoring Those Who Serve in
Churches, Community & Country
October 22-25, 2018
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

Musical Artists

- Gaither Vocal Band
- Veritas
- Charles Billingsley
- Selah

Speakers

- David Jeremiah
- Phil Waldrep
- Chonda Pierce

A Special Tribute to Veterans with President George W. Bush

Total Cost (Including Program, Deluxe Lodging, Transportation & Deposit):

- 4 per Room: \$259 per person.
 - 3 per Room: \$289 per person.
 - 2 per Room: \$359 per person.
 - 1 per Room: \$529 per person.
- \$30 Deposit is due by July 25

PRESCHOOL and CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Game On! Vacation Bible School, June 11-15: Who Will You Invite?

Vacation Bible School is our best opportunity to reach our local mission field. You can help bring children and families to Christ by inviting them to VBS!

- Family—Do you have unchurched or lost family members? Invite them to VBS!
- Friends—What could be more natural than inviting your children's friends or your friends' children to VBS??
- Neighbors—Look at your neighborhood with the eyes of Christ. You have neighbors who need the gospel!
- Co-workers—Chances are that not all of your co-workers attend church. Inviting their children to VBS is a great way to work your way to inviting them to church.

If it would be helpful to parents, offer to provide transportation to VBS, or at least to meet them on the first morning to help them find their way around our campus. If you are able, we still need volunteers in VBS and could place you to serve in a group with the friend you invited. Contact the church office at 256-764-1392 for more information.

Impact Impact will not meet during the months of June and July. We will return strong in August! We are currently adding to our teams of volunteers that serve on a rotating basis during the school year. Please contact Stephanie Gilliam if you would like to serve on a team.

Wednesday Nights Beginning on June 20, we will have Summer Swim Nights at the homes of host families. For a full schedule, please contact Stephanie Gilliam.

CHURCH BUS

The Church Bus is available for Sunday School and Worship Service. If you need a ride in June, call Dewayne Webb at 256-627-3870.

To volunteer for this ministry, call Dewayne Webb at: 256-627-3870.

RECREATION



HBC Golf Tournament for Missions

June 23rd @ Joe Wheeler State Park
Come play 18 holes of golf as we "tee off" to support our upcoming mission trip to New Orleans in July! This tournament will be a 4 person scramble with prizes for winning team, longest drive and closet to pin. The cost is \$65 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, a bucket of balls to warm up with, and lunch. You can call Sammy Hale, 256-349-0086, to schedule your tee time!

So if you love golf and love missions, don't wait!! Call today and schedule your tee time and help us raise money for missions!!

Wednesday Night Meal—There will be **NO** Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals the months of June and July! Watch for an August "start back" date!

CONNECTING UTH

Uth Summer Service with The Well Church

Join us for a special summer series with The Well Church worship band and Allen Tate. He will be preaching through the book of James.

Six Week Summer Series Dates:

- June 6, 13, & 20
- July 11, 18, & 25

5:45 PM—Hang Time in the CLC Coffee Shop
6:15 PM—Worship & the Word in the CLC Gym

MIDWEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays

**Seven Points Campus
Bible Study/Prayer**
CLC 6:00-7:00 pm

Connecting Uth
CLC Gym 5:45-7:15 pm

Thursdays

**Broadway Campus
Celebrate Recovery**
6:00-7:00 pm

BROADWAY FELLOWSHIP



Family Summer Blast—A new twist on VBS! Sunday, June 24th thru Wednesday, June 27th, Broadway Fellowship will host VBS for **ALL** ages: preschool, children, youth, and adults! Dinner will be at 4:45 PM and VBS will start at 5:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. Join us as we "Gear Up, Get Ready, Game On!!"



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Worship is giving God the best that He has given you. God will never let you hold onto a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to Him that He may make it a blessing to others.

~Oswald Chambers

MONTH AT A GLANCE

BUDGET



April 1-30, 2018

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| Monthly Requirements..... | \$195,000 |
| Budget Receipts..... | \$204,857 |
| Designated Gifts..... | \$31,519 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS..... | \$236,370 |
| Weeks Completed..... | 31 |
| YTD Requirements..... | \$1,209,000 |
| YTD Receipts..... | \$1,180,265 |

*It is a burnt offering to the Lord:
it is a sweet savor, an offering
made by fire unto the Lord.
Exodus 29:18*