

Beloved Church Family,

There are two Greek words used in the New Testament for communicating God's truth through teaching: euangelizomai and kerysso. The former has as its focus the subject of the message, the good news. The latter, its focus on the urgency with which the good news must be preached.

We as the saints of God, as His church, must have a dual focus when it comes to getting the Word out. We must ensure that our doctrine is sound, but also that the message is conveyed with passion and urgency.

A real problem comes when teachers focus on one without the other. It is possible to become so passionate about reaching people, that the message gets lost. And it is possible to become so focused on the message (sound doctrine, rightly dividing the word of truth) that the passion wanes. In other words, it is possible to preach the truth and yet be ineffective and unproductive because our communication is frightfully boring. Can you imagine a boring Bible teacher?

I have been reading John Piper's recent book, "Expository Exultation." In it he says this, "The preacher must be animated not by boring or uninteresting news, but by good news." Throughout the New Testament, the gospel is preached by those excited to preach it! "I bring you good news of great joy!" (Luke 2:10) "How beautiful are the feet of him who brings good news!" (Romans 10:15) We have all experienced the myriad preachers who are sure good at making the good news sound boring! This makes no sense to me.

May I humbly request that we approach the Word of God with this same attitude? I promise not be bored, and I promise not to be boring! We serve a God who is not only our Creator, but also our Sustainer! His Word is filled with demon possessions and exorcisms. His Son performed miraculous healings! Boredom? The Word won't allow it.



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An outreach to elementary age children that meets once a week in local neighborhoods, May-September, to share the truth & love of Jesus!

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HIGHLAND KIDS MINISTRY

As we enter into the 2023-24 school year, we faithfully commit all that's to come in God's hands. Our Sunday morning program continues to work through the Generations of Grace curriculum. We will finish with Exodus mid-November and then switch to the New Testament. Starting September 10th, we will launch a worship assembly for our PreK-3rd graders. At the beginning of the service they will get to worship together and work on memory verses before going to class. Our teachers do a phenomenal job of showing our kids how to worship God with all their minds through the study of His word! With adding this worship time, we hope that it further encourages our kids to worship with all that they have!

We launched Awana this summer and our attendance had a high of 67. For the Fall we have 89 kids signed up. Praise God for our incredible team of volunteers who graciously took on the task of launching a new program with many moving pieces. It is a joy to see so many children memorizing the word of God. Awana has been a great addition to our ministry but we've encountered questions on attendance. Please know visitors & friends are always welcome - they'll jump in to a time of lessons, crafts, & games regardless of being registered or not.

At the end of summer we rejoiced as we saw Hallie Cobb baptized & Jubilee Andrews dedicated to the Lord. God is at work in our youngest Highlanders! We can't wait to see what He continues to do as we faithfully commit to continue training up the next generation in intentional ways.

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Thrive September 13th-December 13th
(Thrive Break November 22nd & 29th)
- Costume Parade - October 25th

Blessings!

Claudia Bucher &
Lauren Lilly
Kids Min Directors



UPCOMING HIGHLAND EVENTS

FALL THRIVE

Begins September 13th, with a time of worship. Join us 6:30-8pm. Kids ministry will continue with Awana, Youth: "Father of Faith"- A study of Abraham, Adults: "How to study the Bible".

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Join us September 22nd-23rd. We will be refreshed in our biblical understanding of marriage and encouraged towards having vibrant, healthy marriages. Pastor Chris Johnson and his wife, Christin will lead us. Sign up on Church Center. Contact Pastor Sam for questions.

DISCIPLESHIP BOOK STUDIES

Men's & Women's 10 week discipleship book studies begin in September. Men will meet on Tuesday mornings beginning September 12th and women will meet on Friday mornings beginning September 15th (both from 6:30-7:30am). More information and signups on Church Center.

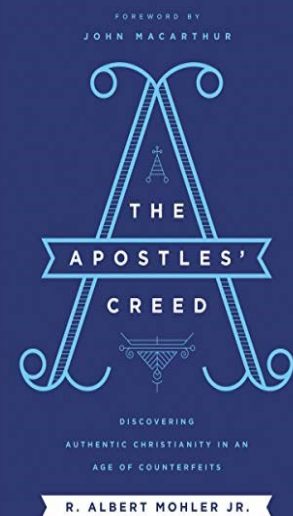
CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Highland's choir will begin practice on Sunday, October 29th, at 12:30pm to prepare for the Christmas performances. The choir will perform on Sunday, December 17th at all 3 services. Students and up may join. For questions, see Carla Anderson. Sign up on Church Center.

RESOURCE SUGGESTION

"The Apostle's Creed: Discovering Authentic Christianity in an Age of Counterfeits" By Albert Mohler

Renowned theologian and pastor R. Albert Mohler Jr. works line-by-line and phrase-by-phrase through each section of the Creed, explaining in clear terms what it means and how it equips Christians to live faithfully in a post-Christian culture.



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John 5:24

TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES HIM WHO SENT ME HAS ETERNAL LIFE. HE DOES NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT, BUT HAS PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

"The Sky
Not the Grave"



JULIANNE MARIE
OLARTE
JULY 12, 2023