

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
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AUGUST CALENDAR

- 14- Finance Meeting, 5p
- 15- Deacon's Meeting, 5p
- 18- Children's Service Project/Waterpark Trip
10a
- 19- Business Meeting, after PM Worship
- 22- Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes,
Grief Share starts, 6:30p

- 23- Ladies Lunch Bunch at The Egg & I,
11:30a



Choir Notes

We have room for you in choir!
Practice starts up August 19th,
Sundays at 4:30.

Mission Partner of the Month:

Adopt-A-School (Newton Rayzor)

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES
IN CUBA THIS WEEK!



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Highland Family,

Over the next few months I plan to highlight portions of scripture that deal specifically with the concept of worship. In our modern framework worship is synonymous with the musical portion of what we do when we get together as a congregation. Worship is a multi-faceted concept, which includes our individual lives and our time spent with fellow believers. Some stories surprised me when I came to seminary, particularly the story of Bezalel and Oholiab.

Having grown up in the church I thought for sure I had a good knowledge of the story of Exodus and the overarching theme of God's deliverance of his people out of Egypt. What surprised me about Exodus, as a seminary student is how much of Exodus is about worship specifically. When Moses first encountered God at the burning bush (Exodus 3:12) Moses is told that he will lead the people out of Egypt to worship at the mountain. When the people get to the desert they are given the Ten Commandments as well as specific instructions on how they will worship God as a people. Provisions are made for sacrifices, priests, the law, and dimensions for the tabernacle. In Exodus 31 God calls upon Bezalel and Ohaliab "to make artistic designs for work in gold silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts." (Exodus 31: 4-5)

We do not know much about these two men beyond what is presented in this brief section of Exodus. We do know that they were filled with the "Spirit of God" (Ex. 31:3) and that they were skilled artists. These men, along with their apprentices decorated the tabernacle, including the Ark of the Covenant and the holy of holies. God commands artistic expression in this instance, skilled laborers working to decorate the place in which the Hebrew people met to worship.

What can we learn from Bezalel and Ohaliab in the twenty-first century? I think what we learn from these craftsmen is that God has given us all gifts and talents that we must exercise in the process of worship. We all have skills and practiced talents that can be used for the glory of God.

-John Tapley

Note from the Pastor

I spent last week praying, studying, planning and preparing sermons for the next year at Highland. The time was blessed and I'm excited to see what God does in our church over the coming months. This week I'm on vacation with my family and look forward to being with you again on Sunday. Thank you for all your prayers!

Children

Thank you for praying for our kids and adults who went to camp. They had an amazing time learning how our faith Anchors us in God's word!

Our next big event is August 18th. The children will be participating in a service project. This project is filling backpacks with non-perishable food items for those children at Newton Rayzor who don't have food over the weekend. Once we finish our project, then we will enjoy a fun time at the water park. A sign-up sheet for the water park is on the welcome desk. Please sign up as soon as possible so I know how many tickets to purchase.

Also, a sheet will be going around the Sunday School classrooms and the children are asking for each class to bring the items listed under your classroom. You can bring your donated items to the church Monday – Thursday and leave them in my office.



Congratulations to some of our Highland family members, the Kidds, on their new business venture. Go check them out online.
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YOUTH + COLLEGE

The past couple years, serving along with the rest of the staff and everyone here at Highland has been a great experience. Everyone has truly made Anna and I feel at home and we are extremely thankful for that. That being said, August 15 will be my last day as Youth Minister here at Highland. We will still be around and serving in different areas, but after much prayer we feel like now is the right time to take this step. I hope to take the next few years to work on growing in different ways that will prepare me to be even more effective in ministry for the long haul, and to have some additional time for Anna and I to be able to visit our families.

As I mentioned earlier we still plan to be around and still plan to have our Wednesday night Bible Study for the college students. This will start around the beginning of September when school starts back and we are very excited to get back in touch with all of the students that attend. There will be more details around those evenings as we get closer, and if you are interested in attending feel free to reach out to Chris at anytime.

Thanks again for welcoming Anna and I to your family as the Youth Minister. Though the role is changing we still look forward being part of the family here and to seeing what God has in store for Highland.

