

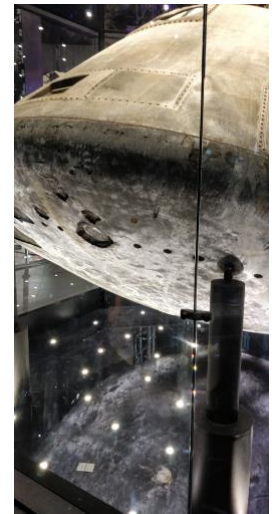
THE LOOK FORWARD...

Pastor's Corner

by Steve Severance

An Out of This World Experience

On July 16th my family went to the space center in Huntsville, AL to celebrate Kevin's birthday. It turned out that that day was the 50th anniversary of the launch of APOLLO 11, which landed the first humans on the moon. There was much excitement and many wonderful things to see. It was rumored that Buzz Aldrin, the 2nd man to step on the moon was there to speak at a special dinner that evening, open to only a select few invited VIPs. We tried our best to find him. I had a powerful desire to see and talk with someone who had actually been on another planetary body. But, alas, he was not making any public appearances until the dinner, to which we were not invited. As we saw rockets and other space memorabilia, I kept checking to see if this or that thing had *actually* been to space, only to find it was a replica or a training model. Something inside me wanted to actually see something that had been to space and back. It would be like catching a glimpse of another world, a different reality. Finally, at the back of a long exhibit hall, I saw it; a real moon landing capsule, which had transported a crew of three people to the moon and back! Not surprisingly, it was encapsulated in glass, so I could not touch it. I stared in awe at that small, battered up, cone shaped object. Here was a real piece of space, a personal connection with that mysterious, barren orb we call the moon, and I was just a few feet from it!




The apostle John had a similar, yet far more wonderful experience. 1 John 1:1 speaks of Jesus, the Word of Life, **“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—”** What an amazing experience, to have heard, seen, and touched, the God of Heaven, the King of kings; the One who was God throughout eternity past (John 1:1)! **“The life was made manifest** (clearly visible and obvious), **and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us (1 John 1:2).”** John actually got to see, hear, touch and even *camp* with an eternal Being who had never not existed! No matter how far back in time you ponder, Jesus was already there and *had* been, quite literally, forever! When John rested his head on Jesus' lap, he was resting on One to whom the vastness of outer space is a home of His own creation and Earth is but a foot stool. What a mind blowing thought, what a mind blowing experience!

But that experience isn't limited just to John and his fellow 1st century apostles. **“That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3).”** John offers us fellowship with God, through his experience. You may not have audibly heard eternal words from the very mouth of the Eternal One, but God does invite you to communicate with Him in prayer. You may not have seen God, in human flesh walking among humanity, but you can see His words and actions recorded for you in clear print in your Bible or Bible app. You may not have touched the divine person of Jesus, but you can hold in your hands, the eternal word of God, inspired by God himself. And most importantly, through doing so, you can have fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ! Now that's an experience!



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 CS Thrift Store – 1 - 4 p.m.	2	3 CS Thrift Store – 1 - 4 p.m. Mom's in Progress 6:00 p.m.	4 Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m.	5	6 HES Grandparent's Day Sunset: 7:09 p.m.	7 Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Church Budget Fellowship Dinner
8 CS Thrift Store – 1 - 4 p.m.	9	10 CS Thrift Store - 9:30-12:00 noon Ladies' Lunch Out 11:00 a.m. Finance Committee 6 p.m. Church Board 7 p.m.	11 Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m.	12	13 Sunset 6:58 p.m.	14 Worship: Steve Severance \$
15 CS Thrift Store – 1 - 4 p.m.	16 Nedley Program Orientation 6:30 p.m.	17 CS Thrift Store - 9:30-12:00 noon Moms in Progress 6 p.m. HES Board Metting 6:30 p.m.	18 Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m.	19	20 Sunset 6:48 p.m.	21 Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Church Budget
22 CS Thrift Store – 1 - 4 p.m.	23	24 CS Thrift Store - 9:30-12:00 noon Moms in Progress 6 p.m.	25 Prayer & Praise 6:30 p.m.	26	27 Sunset 6:37 p.m.	28 Worship: Steve Severance \$ KY-TN Advance Movie Night
29 Canoe Trip CS Thrift Store – 1 - 4 p.m.	30					



Decisions for Jesus

Congratulations to all of the Highland Elementary students that were baptized over the summer and at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Those baptized this summer were Ana Anderson, Maddie Armantrout, Malachi Armantrout, Logan Darrell, and Kaitlyn McKenzie. Those baptized at the camporee were Bryson Beckworth, Georgia Beckworth, Sophia Garcia, Hannah Rice, and Isaias Serrano. We feel so blessed to partner with the church, Pathfinders, and families in our students' spiritual development.

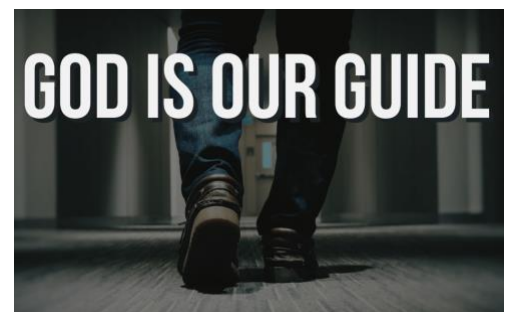


Exciting Enrollment Update

We are excited to be beginning our school year with 80 students! Praise the Lord!

You're Invited to Grandparents Day!

Theme: God is our Guide
Date: Friday, September 6
Time: Noon-2pm
What: We will be presenting a program, followed by refreshments, and then touring the classrooms.



What's Happening at Highland...



Revelation 3:20

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."

Info on the Church web site

Be sure to check the church website for the updated church calendar as occasionally things change. Archived sermons are also available to listen to by clicking the **Livestream** link

Job Opportunity

Highland Academy is looking for an afternoon facilitator for the Assist Program at Signature Health Care (Bridge). If you enjoy working with teenagers and are looking for part time employment contact Steve Wilson at 770-630-4970.

Highland Elementary School invites all grandparents to

God is Our Guide

Grandparents Day Celebration

Friday, September 6 from 12 – 2 p.m. at the LeRoy Parrish Family Life Center

GET YOUR LIFE BACK!

Find out if this program is right for you!

Nedley Depression and Anxiety Recovery Program

Free Orientation

**Monday, September 16
6:30 p.m.**

Fellowship Hall

To register call 615-325-3925 or send an email to highlandadventistchurch@gmail.com



Happy Birthday

1. Heather Drusky, Steven French, Carol Sherburne
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4. Karen Carney, Terrance Faith, Julie Jones, Lisa Parrish
5. Christina Graves
6. Chadwick Carney, Steven Williams
7. Ben Garza, Tom Huff, Jr.
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9. Dallas Bradley, Macy Hulin, Mary Whittemore
10. Alyssa Laake, Anna Littrell, Debra Mohon, Virginia Wood
11. Kimberly Anderson, Hailey McMurtry, Sienna Shoemaker
12. Ellis Green, Daniel Palma
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14. Paul Goodwin
15. Donald Wood
16. JoElla Harlan, Ed Lynn
17. Lauren Ecker, Norman French, Walter Schmidt
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19. Ronald Blair
20. Noah Wade
21. Pam Sheetz
22. Jenny Ryder
23. Stormy Autrey, Megan Carney
24. Stacy Darrell, John Juarez
25. Betty Mateo
26. Kylie Ayers, Daniel Bagshaw, Gwen Harder, Renee Sutton
- 27.
28. Haani Brock
- 29.
30. Rodney Davis, Porfirio Goana, Yvette Groft, Leah Strong

Best Wishes on Your Special Day!