

# THE LOOK FORWARD...

## Pastor's Corner

*by John Watkins*



Greetings, Church Family,

This time of year, is filled with thanksgiving and praise to our Creator for all of His blessings and mercy. We also celebrate the entrance of the incarnate Christ into our world over 2000 years ago. This Child through His birth, life, and death rewrote our history on the cross. Satan has always tried to counterfeit every act of redemption, and Christmas is no exception. We should ever be joyful for heaven's precious GIFT knowing that Jesus was born to redeem mankind from the curse of sin and eternal death.

Revelation 21:4 says that "...God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death..." Hallelujah! This season we celebrate our glorious future made possible by this Babe of Bethlehem. No more war, anger, hatred, sickness, strife, loneliness, and trials!

Let our joy pierce every cloud of darkness and despair! This Christ Child is coming again, soon! We have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! May this hope burn bright in our hearts, Highland family, during this Christmas season!

Maranatha!

Pastor John

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<b>1</b> Worship: Will Labrenz \$ Church Budget Fellowship Dinner Adventurers – 4:00 p.m.
<b>2</b>  CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.  Memorial for Lorraine Scroggs 3:00 p.m.	<b>3</b>  HES Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>  CS Thrift Store 9:30-12:00  Moms in Progress 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b>  Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m.  A Living Nativity 7:00 p.m. HA Drama Club  Sunset 4:30 p.m.	<b>8</b>  Worship: HA Christmas Concert/Christmas Harvest Sabbath \$ Adventist Community Services
<b>9</b>  Pathfinders 5:00 p.m.  CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> CS Thrift Store 9:30-12:00 Moms in Progress 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Church Board 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>  Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m.  Sunset 4:31 p.m.	<b>15</b>  Worship: Christmas Cantata \$ Church Budget Christmas Vespers and Movie 5:00 p.m.
<b>16</b>  CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> CS Thrift Store 9:30-12:00 p.m.  HES Christmas Around the World 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> HES All-You-Can- Eat Pancake Breakfast 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.  Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m.  Sunset 4:34 p.m.	<b>22</b>  Worship: John Watkins \$ KY-TN Advance
<b>23</b>  CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Christmas Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m.  Sunset 4:38 p.m.	<b>29</b>  Worship: John Watkins Communion \$ Touch the Future
<b>30</b>  CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>31</b>		Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.			



## Christmas Around the World

We're pleased to present to you *Christmas Around the World* a musical that will take you around the globe. Be sure to attend Highland Elementary School's Christmas pageant on **Tuesday, December 18 at 7pm** in the Leroy Parrish Family Life Center. Listen to holiday songs, carols, and customs from 12 different countries.

## All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast!

You are invited to our school-wide pancake breakfast! The meal includes your choice of orange juice, fruit juice, or hot chocolate, veggie links, and all you can eat pancakes with toppings of your choice. (whip cream, peanut butter, applesauce, strawberries, blueberries, chocolate chips, sprinkles, powdered sugar, butter, and syrup) This event is a 7th and 8th grade class fundraiser. The cost of the meal is just \$5 per person. The pancake breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, December 19 from 7:30 am-10:30 am** in the Leroy Parrish Family Life Center.

# What's Happening at Highland...



Isaiah 9:6

*"...And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

## Info on the Church web site

Be sure to check out the church website for updated calendar information. Sermons are there for you to view by clicking on **Livestream** on the home page.

You are invited to the Christmas drama

## *A Living Nativity*

On Friday evening, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Featured will be the Highland Academy Drama Club.

## CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Bake up a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies and join us at 4:00 p.m. December 15 in the Fellowship Hall for a special, Christmas vespers followed by a Christmas movie. Hot chocolate and spiced cider will be provided.

## *Christmas Harvest Sabbath*

A Special Day of Sharing with and Caring for Our Community!

### *Sabbath, December 8*

There are many families with needs in our community. This Christmas we, through our Community Services can reach out to a number of these families in a tangible way. We invite you to bring breads and cookies, fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, and canned/nonperishable food to help provide these families with a special holiday dinner. In addition, we would like to include in the food basket McDonald gift cards and/or gift cards from gas stations for the adults, and new warm hats, gloves, and socks for the children. Please bring your donations to church with you next Sabbath. Together we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to the Portland community.



## *Happy Birthday*

1. Chris Payne, Linda Riggs
2. Dylan Ayers, Michael Brito, Charles Patterson
3. Amber Prater
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6. Annie Smith
- 7.
8. Jannette Adkins
9. Victoria Summerville
- 10.
11. Brandy Heinrich, Evelyn Wade
12. Sophia Cirigliano, Madeilaine Palma
13. Bonnie Gannon
14. Carolyn Howden, Victor Martin
- 15.
16. Bryson Beckworth, Amber Brown, Kaity Huff, Katrina Larue
17. Keon Hall, Melody Pacer
18. Sarah Hillebert, Stan Pervis
19. Suzanne Fuller
20. Diana Drusky
21. Helen Callis, Kenneth Case, Kyle Galloway
22. Clarence Lane
23. Carson Watkins, Katelyn Welch
24. Christy Cantrell
25. Larry Ashcraft, Sydney Westerbeck
26. Linda Day, Ruby Schlenker
27. Jared Litchfield, Levi Lopez, April Stanley
28. Douglas Gannon, Naomi Johnson, Holly Pervis, Lelan Williams
29. Alicia Beckworth, Kristi Davis, Jonathan Ross
- 30.
31. Bridget Bagshaw

*Blessings on your  
Birthday and the new  
year to come!*