

THE LOOK FORWARD...

Pastor's Corner

by Roger Schmidt

Why Worry?

For this month's issue, I intended to write about our progress in fundraising for Highland Restore (after all, we still have a considerable amount of money to raise to pay for our church renovations). I also wanted to make another appeal to all our church members to bring a special "Thank Offering" to our Thanksgiving Feast on November 11. As I began to organize my thoughts, however, I found myself going in another direction. You see, I realized that I was being motivated by something that was not of God—worry. Worry that I have not communicated our need clearly enough. Worry that we would not get good participation. Worry that we would fall behind financially. Worry, worry, worry.

I had to stop and admit that I was not following a Biblical principle that I know to be true. The principle is one that Jesus Himself taught, "Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (Mt. 6:25-33)." So, I decided to spend a few minutes on this instead.

As Jesus presented this reassuring principle, He acknowledged that we have needs. He said in verse 32, "Your Father knows you have need of all these things [food, clothing, shelter, etc.]" But He then goes on to say that we need not worry about these things.

Three Reasons Christians Need Not Worry:

1. **Worry is useless:** "Who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? (v. 27)."
2. **Life is a gift:** "Do not be worried about your life...Look at the birds of the air...your heavenly Father feeds them...Are you not worth much more than they (vv. 25,26,30)?"
3. **Worry is pagan (sin):** "Do not worry...For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things (vv. 31,32)."

Worry comes from a fundamental mistrust of God, the Creator and Sustainer. It comes from a misunderstanding of (or forgetting about) His love.

The Antidote to Worry:

1. **Live today:** "Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (v. 34)."

Let's remember that life is a gift. Let's not waste today being worried about tomorrow. When you start to feel worries creeping up on you, start praising God for today's blessings. We have so much to be thankful for. Praise God for His promises of abundance. It's impossible to praise and worry at the same time.

2. **Live in God's economy** "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (v. 33)."

Jesus teaches that, because of redemption, we live in a new economy of abundance. We have been adopted by a generous Father, "Who did not [even] spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? (Rom. 8:32)." Jesus does not want His followers to be burdened with worry. He wants us to be secure in our heavenly relationship—sons and daughters of the King.

With this renewed in my mind, I ask myself, I ask you, "Why worry?"

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m.	Adventurer Camporee Nov 2-4 Sunset: 5:49 p.m.	iWitness Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Church Budget Fellowship Dinner HA Mission Trip Lawn Concert, Dinner/Movie
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends		Moms in Progress 6:00 p.m.	Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.		Pathfinder Area Campout Nov 9-11 Adventurer FamilyBlessing 5:30 p.m. 40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Sunset 4:43 p.m.	Worship: John Watkins \$ Annual Sacrifice Global Mission Women's Ministry Prayer Event 2:00-7:00 p.m. Adventurers 4:00 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Banquet 4:00 p.m.		Community Services 9:30- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Church Board 7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.		40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Sunset 4:37 p.m.	Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Church Budget
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.	HES Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Community Services 9:30- 12:00 p.m. Moms in Progress 6:00 p.m.	Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Day	40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Sunset 4:33 p.m.	Worship: Roger Schmidt/John Watkins \$ KY-TN Advance
25	26	27	28	29	30	
CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m.	HES Scrip Order Due	Community Services 9:30- 12:00 p.m. Moms in Progress 6:00 p.m.	Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.		40 Days of Prayer 6:00 p.m. Sunset 4:31 p.m.	



Everyone's Favorite: Lunch Time!



This school year we have seen several wonderful improvements to our Hot Lunch program. The first was the hiring of Patti Glisson as our food service director. Patti comes with a wealth of experience in working with food service during her career with the public schools. We are blessed to have Patti minister to our students. Second was our new and improved lunch menu. The menu features six new menu items and a two week menu rotation. One of the new menu items is Mrs. Watkins' veggie-burgers. The favorite meal of the seventh and eighth graders is the veggie-chicken nuggets, green beans, roll, and "especially the mashed

potatoes!" Another improvement has been the replacement of the refrigerator and the freezer in the Family Life Center kitchen. The refrigerator stopped working so the Highland Church generously purchased a replacement. The freezer has for a number of years been having de-frosting issues so the Home and School Association purchased a brand new freezer which will be delivered this Friday. Finally during our annual State of Tennessee Health Department inspection we received a score of 99/100. Thank you Patti Glisson for keeping our tummies full of yummy food!



Fire Inspection Report

Every school year Highland Elementary School and the Family Life Center receive an annual inspection from the State of Tennessee Division of Fire Prevention. This school year we are proud to announce that our inspection report had zero deficiencies. The school was not required to file a plan of corrective action since there were no areas to improve upon. Fire Safety Specialist Robert Law stated, "Keep up the great work!"

What's Happening at Highland...



Psalm 107:8

"Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and His wonderful works to the children of men!"

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.

Women of Prayer

Sabbath, November 10 from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
Guest Speaker: Melissa Weisner
Dinner provided for attendees.

Be preparing for the

Sacrificial Thank Offering

to help retire the **Mission Restore 2020** debt to be collected on November 11 at the Thanksgiving Banquet.

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'" 2 Corinthians 9:7

Community Services

Our 2nd annual

Christmas Harvest Sabbath

to gather food for the needy in our community will be on December 8, 2018. In preparation for that event your empty **apple boxes** are needed. You may drop them off at the church or the Community Services building during operating hours.

Also needed are the names and addresses of families who could use a food basket. Please contact Elaine Cantrell at 615-519-8785 with names or for more information.



Happy Birthday

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3. John Herron, Curtis Tucker
4. Nicholas Preston
5. David Bacchus, Will Labrenz, Sarah Mills, Roman Wilson
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9. Stephanie Affron, Christen Case
10. Glen Riggs
11. Bryanna Cantrell, Emily Covrig, Heidi Gould
12. Jean Aldridge
13. Beth Henderson
14. Tad Drusky
15. David Cantrell, David Carlson, Tiffany Krause, Tyler Myers
16. Kaity Clements, Noah Glisson, Richard Young
17. Tony Ayers, Kevin McPherson
18. Doni Bordelon, John Edmondson, Wendy Huff
19. Albert Dittes, Ralph Ruckle, Shannon Westerbeck
20. Kelly McPherson, Charlotte Snider, Clayton Spady, Penny Jo Williams
21. Eric Larue
22. Heidi Dillard, Tasha Medlock
23. Kalum Stanley
24. Autumn Hutto
- 25.
26. Stacy Bagshaw, Nicolas Ludi, Jr
27. Jacob Martinez
28. Eric Graham
29. Susan Prater, Tyler Whary
30. Nikie Watkins

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