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HIGHLAND NEWS

Highland Baptist Church Newsletter

SEE TO IT Colossians 2:8

Today as you sit and read this article, Carla and I want to encourage and challenge us to remember the call laid before us from Colossians 2:8. "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition."

I don't know about you, but as Carla and I see the current temperature of our culture, it sometimes feels like a pressure cooker about to either explode or implode on itself. Demands to jettison truth and to redefine biblical definitions of good and evil are pressing inward on the family and on our kids. The desire to take captive the thoughts of people has never felt more present in our generation than it does now.

As Christians, families, and married couples, we have a clear challenge from God's Word to both stand for and teach truth. Psalm 78:4 calls us to "tell the coming generation" of the "glorious deeds of the Lord." However, teaching the coming generation in the midst of a world waging a battle for the soul can at times can bring anger and frustration out of us.

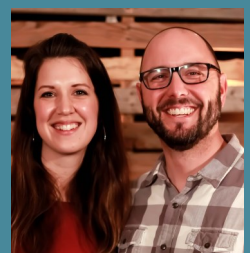
Do not forget - we are not alone. Many believers throughout history have been surrounded by cultures directly opposed to faith in Jesus and to his ways. Our Lord has been and will be faithful to his people in every circumstance (1 Thess. 5:23-24). As we trust him to lead us in these times, we can receive daily guidance over our interactions and conversations through Colossians 4:2-6. "Continue steadfastly in prayer...walk in wisdom toward outsiders... let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt."

Church, we must be careful not to be taken captive, but to stand firmly on God's Word and defend our children and the coming generation from the empty and destructive philosophy of this present age. We must do this by remembering the vital nature of personal time in God's Word. We must also let our words be governed by prayer and graciousness, so that as we train our kids and the next generation to stand firm and live well, we are not speaking or leading in anger, pride, or frustration, but in truth and love.

We do all this "by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Christ Jesus" (1 Peter 4:11).

We love you all and feel so blessed to be running the race alongside each of you!

Nathan & Carla



UPCOMING HIGHLAND EVENTS



CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

There will be a Congregational Budget Meeting on Wednesday, October 27th, from 6:30-8pm, in place of the adult Thrive study to discuss the budget. Please join us!

HARVEST FUN FAIR

Wednesday, October 27th, from 6:30-8pm, we will be having a Harvest Fun Fair for our kids during the budget meeting. If you are able to help out with providing candy, please drop it off in the lobby basket or the office. Thank you!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date, Friday, November 26th, we will be having a family movie night. More info to come.

FALL THRIVE

Join us Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. Bible studies for all ages.

Adults · *Hebrews*

Youth · *Jesus' invitations in the Gospels & Revelation*

Kids · *Old Testament*

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Sign ups for the Christmas Choir will begin soon. Choir will sing at all 3 services on Sunday, December 19th. More details to come.

Congratulations!



Ryan & Jenny Haylett
October 1



Nate & Joy DiLorenzo
September 20



Rory & Angela Marshall
October 7

Welcome New Members



Jonathan DePue



Ana Fe Samonte



Rory Marshall



Andrew & Ashley Hoffman



Jim & Erin Barnes
Garrett, Wyatt, Wade



Noemi Mangum



Elizabeth Bucher
September 19

NEW BABIES!



Theo Berend
September 17



Brendan Bollinger



FINDING HOPE CAFE

SHANNON HAMLETT

Through Central Missionary Clearing House at Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX, Shannon hosts international students at Finding Hope Café. Meals, coffee, bible study, friendship, counseling, driving lessons and more are offered.



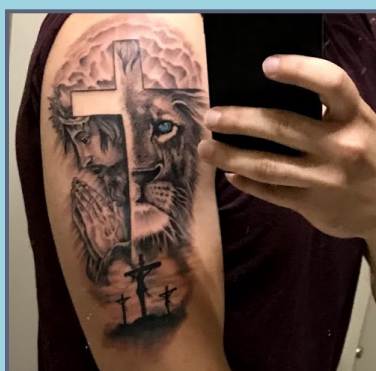
With her adopted daughters from Columbia: Katherine ~Maryeli ~ Sarah



Students who attended our Bible studies that we have helped get their driver's licenses.

With great praise, I want to share that 5 professed faith in our Lord recently at the cafe! 2 young ladies from India, 1 young lady from Nigeria and 2 young men from Nepal! Pray for them now as we disciple them and get them plugged into a church!

This dear Iranian man became a Christian on July 16th at the cafe!! Disillusioned with Islam since the age of 12. He won the lottery green card 6 yrs ago and came to the U.S. with \$500 in his pocket and knew no one! In May, he walked into the cafe and by the end of the



night he said he had finally found a family in the US. He started to help us give international students driving lessons because he said when he came to U.S. he had no help. After becoming a Christian, he started assisting in 5th grade Sunday School at a local church. Baptized last month, he is a servant and on

fire!! The tattoo he got will undoubtedly prevent him from returning to his home country to see his parents and 5 siblings. When I asked if he was sure about the tattoo, he said yes, because he had fallen in love with the Lord. All glory to you Jesus, the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world and the soon coming Lion of Judah!!

