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**B. People Development:** Education was a common theme throughout the conference. Education directly links to communication. Education provides members a feeling of belonging because they feel like they are “in the know.” The negative impact of misperceptions are greatly reduced when people are educated. Education also allows the organization to demand and receive more from the people. Ideas from the conference that help develop people:

- 1) Classes: 101, 201, 301
- 2) Membership covenant
- 3) Membership questionnaire to obtain members’ strengths and weaknesses

4) Key questions for members: What would they like to have happen in the Church in the next 2 – 6 months? What do they enjoy doing? How would they like to serve people? What unique skills do they possess?

**C. Kingdom Focused (missional):** Kingdom Focused is really the “End” and everything else I have discussed is simply the “Means to an End.” HPC already does significant missional work and thus is arguably Kingdom Focused. Defining HPC’s purpose, improving communications, and developing the congregation will allow HPC to significantly improve our ability to be Kingdom Focused. This is based on simple math (clear purpose + enhanced communications + better educated people = more people who can and will impact Christ’s Kingdom for the good).

2. God is working in us and in HPC. It was a blessing for me to be part of an incredible group of HPC members and leaders who attended this conference. I suspect that we would all agree that there is no perfect Church or perfect Church member, thus we will never fully achieve a perfect Kingdom Focus – however that should not keep us from trying.

3. Striving to achieve God’s intent for our Church is a Marathon - not a sprint.

## YOUTH NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

**May 2nd:** Finish Dodgeball Tournament (Adults vs. Youth) & Speaker - Please join us this Sunday to hear Coach David McManus from Fayetteville Academy talk about his mission trip experiences from Costa Rica to Guatemala and more! He is sure to be both entertaining and informative and we are blessed to have him share his experiences with us. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear how God calls us and equips us to serve Him. Mr. McManus will speak at 6:30pm to all youth during dinner.

**May 9th:** Mother’s Day/No Regular Youth

**(We do need to get the main speakers and players in Youth Sunday together to run through the service and answer questions.)**

**May 16th:** Youth Sunday Run-Through (All youth needs to be there!)

**May 22nd:** Practice for Youth Sunday (This practice is on a Saturday!)

**May 23rd:** Youth Sunday (Morning)/Round-a-Golf (\$5 per youth in the evening)

**May 30th:** No Youth (Memorial Day)

**June 6th:** (Graduation Sunday)

\*Next week either before or after youth, let’s all sit down to plan the months of June, July, and August. A it will be summer, these months will be very light. Things to think about, however:

Lake Weekend...Operation Engage (serve homeless on a few Fridays)...

Movie or activity (on a few Fridays)...Beach Trip...Camping...Water Park/Amusement Park...

We have discussed all of the options listed above, so be thinking about them!

### Sunday, May 23rd

May 23rd we will be having only one (1) worship service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. This is an exciting and important day in the church calendar. May 23rd is:

**Confirmation Sunday**

**Youth Sunday**

**Election of Officers Sunday**

Please be here to support our confirmands and Youth as they provide the service and to make your voice heard by electing your next class of officers.

## Attention all Sunday School Classes!

### Sing-A-Sunday is back!

During the summer, Sunday School Classes are invited to sing the anthem at the 11:00 service. Members of the chancel choir will join you, and Cathy will come practice your song with you. Sign up early to get the date you want. All Sundays June 6 through August 8 are currently available. Sing your favorite hymn, an oldie but goodie, your choice. Contact Cathy Wilson today at [cathy@hpchurch.org](mailto:cathy@hpchurch.org).

## String Camp

String Camp is set for Tuesday, July 6th through Saturday, July 10th for ages 5-12. Pick up your brochure/sign-up sheet at the front desk. Beginners are welcome and rental violins will be made available. We hope to see you this summer!



## “Faith Hall Of Fame”

The Treble-makers are practicing diligently each week for their musical, “Faith Hall Of Fame” to be performed on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30pm.

The children have worked hard for months preparing for this evening of entertainment. We hope that you will join us for this fabulous musical. Why not come early to enjoy a tasty meal provided by our talented kitchen staff?

Come out to support the younger members of our church as they put on a show you’re sure to enjoy.

Treble-makers, don’t forget... We have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, May 5th, 6:00-7:30pm!



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### Mon., May, 3

9:30am PW Council Mtg - Leighton McKeithen

6:30pm AA Mtg - John M. Wilson Anteroom

7:00pm Highland Men’s Choir

### Tues., May, 4

1:00pm Bridge

2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photos

4:00pm Tutoring - Son Valley

6:00pm Rehearsal Haiti Concert - Sanctuary

### Weds., May, 5

2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photos

4:30pm Children’s Chimes

5:00pm Junior Bells

5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00pm Faith Weavers

6:30pm Chancel Choir

### Thur., May, 6

12:00pm Food Pantry

2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photos

6:30pm AA Mtg - John M. Wilson Anteroom

7:00pm Haiti Benefit Concert

### Fri., May, 7

2:00pm Pictorial Directory Photos

6:00pm Congregation/Session Retreat

### Sat., May, 8

8:30am Congregation/Session Retreat

9:00am Pictorial Directory Photos

### Sun., May, 9

8:45am Worship Service-Chapel

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary

5:00pm Prayer in the Parlor

## FLOWER MINISTRY



The flower ministry would happily take your donation of bud vases! Please bring your extra bud vases to the reception desk and we’ll make sure the flower ministry gets them to use for delivery to homebound.

Thank you!

## Stewardship Report

as of 04-25-10

### Analysis of Pledges Due

Total Pledges Due	313,814
Total Pledges Recvd	276,188
Shortage	37,626
% of Pledges Due That Have Been Recvd	88%

Give generously!

### Worship May 2

Greeters Jim Keener & Becky Ensley

Acolyte

Sound Louis Cox

### Worship May 8

Greeters Don Gaylord & Marcia Plyler

Acolyte

Sound Tim Parnell

## Highland Men’s Golf Tournament...

### There is Still Time to Sign-up!

*Where:* Cypress Lakes Golf Course

*When:* May 18th, 11:00 registration and lunch; 12:30 shotgun start

*Why:* For lots of fun and to help raise funds for Missions of the church.

*Who:* Anyone and everyone! Encourage your friends to join you.

Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship and some good-spirited competition. Don’t play golf? Not a problem, be a hole sponsor! Or you can come out on the 18th to cheer on your favorite players!

We know this is going to be a great day, don’t be left out - join us!

## Vacation Bible School



The theme for this year’s Bible School is Son Rock Camp. They will learn to be Rock Solid Followers as they are accepted by Jesus, protected by Jesus, saved by Jesus, forgiven by Jesus and to live for Jesus.

The cost for Bible School is 5 dollars per child.

Each family will receive a cd with the music from Son Rock Camp.

For more information contact Georgeanna English at 485-2147

We will have registration forms available at the front desk.

## Cape Fear Seniors Golf Meeting

The next Cape Fear Seniors Golf Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1st in the John M. Wilson anteroom at 8:00am!

## Graduation Sunday is June 6th!

All graduating seniors, please plan to attend church on this traditional day of recognition for those of you who are going on to your next chapter in life.

## Mother’s Day is next Sunday, May 9th!



Roy Day  
(Darlene Day’s Father)  
Mr. & Mrs. Tart  
(Rosita Owens Parents)

Ruby Campen  
Mae Smith  
Betty Ellsworth  
Donna Vann  
JR Melvin  
(Brother of Tina McLaurin)  
Sue Kimball

### Hospital

Otis Lambert  
Nancy Blackmon  
Della Mol



Michael Johnson - Afghanistan  
(and wife Amanda)

Riley Secrest - Afghanistan  
(Grandson of Bryan & Betty Sue Carr)

James W. Smith - Afghanistan  
(Son of Jane & Iverson Smith  
Grandson of Mary McMillan)

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Sunday broadcast can be seen on Ch. 60 - one week delay

A few lines my friends...

to say that the trip to the Purposeful/Missional Conference in Melbourne followed by the Congregational/Session Retreat this weekend will provide a beginning point of renewal for the Highland Family. These events also position us to define our purpose as a church so that we can bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. One thing we are discovering in this day and age is that we must be intentional with what we do in ministry. Rather than a bird-shot approach we must take more direct aim toward those things that are most important in our life together and in the Kingdom of God. The Missional Church is a growing church. The outward looking church that sees the community where it resides as the Mission Field is most true to the Great Commission given by Jesus Christ: "Go ye into all the world....." Matthew 28.

Rick Warren, in his book, sums up a lot well when he writes:

**Churches grow WARMER through fellowship**

**Churches grow DEEPER through discipleship**

**Churches grow STRONGER through worship**

**Churches grow BROADER through ministry**

**Churches grow LARGER through evangelism**

Let us covenant together to pray for Highland and our ministry together and let us all begin to think of the gifts we have been given by God which in turn will define how it is He would have us serve Him in His kingdom. God's Spirit moves when we get motivated and we get motivated when we know not only that we are loved but that we can serve by doing what we love to do. There are many parts of the body and every part is necessary (except maybe the spleen) for strength and health. The same is true for the church. Let us give thanks for what God is doing among us.


Your pastor and friend,



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Worship and news of  
our church family  
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May 2, 2010



### Purposeful and Missional Presbyterians Conference Melbourne Florida - 2010



Notes from April 21 – 23, 2010 *Purposeful and Missional Presbyterians Conference* - Melbourne, Florida.

Steve Mathias, Team Member - April 25, 2010

The conference was an incredible experience with more information and thought provoking discussion than can be processed in 2 days or in two pages. The following are the major points that I took from the conference.

1. For me the theme of the conference is best described in three steps.

A. Define and Communicate the Church's Purpose: This begins with developing, publishing, and implementing a Church Purpose Statement. This step includes how the Church leadership communicates to the congregation, how the congregation communicates back to the Church leadership, and how the Church can best be organized to fulfill the purpose. Significant success is rarely achieved without a clearly defined mission (purpose) and is arguably never achieved without effective communication. The following are areas that we as a Church may want to focus:

- 1) Define Highland Presbyterian Church's (HPC) purpose.
- 2) Communicate that purpose to the Church membership early

and often.

3) Design the Church Organization to support the Church Purpose. Someone has to be in charge and held accountable for all major programs. A purpose driven organization should make it easier for Church members to do one of three things; Lead, Follow, or get out of the way.

- 4) Make the HPC Leadership visible at all functions so that even a newcomer would know who they are (Elder and Staff nametags).
- 5) Develop a system that routinely updates the HPC website.
- 6) Develop a focused newcomer welcome system (from parking lot to departure).

7) Conduct a congregation questionnaire to determine HPC strengths and weaknesses and potential purpose supporting ideas/programs.

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### National Day of Prayer Benefit Concert for Haiti Earthquake Relief Thursday, May 6th - 7:00pm

Highland Presbyterian Church is hosting a Benefit Concert for Haiti Earthquake Relief. An offering will be received for "The Harvest of Haiti" which is an organization dedicated to providing aid for earthquake victims in Haiti.

Join us as members of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and local musicians perform works by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Barber and Franck.



### Mother's Day Meal

Instead of First Sunday Lunch for May, we will be having a Mother's Day Meal and we think you will be delighted with your choice of entrees!

**Honey Baked Ham, Roast Beef with Mushroom Gravy and Chicken Breast with Strawberry and Blueberry Chutney.**

All to be complemented with assorted salads and of course, dessert!

Children will also have the option of Chicken Tenders and Mac N Cheese.

Please make your reservations by Thursday, May 6th by calling 485-2147

or going online to [www.hpchurch.org](http://www.hpchurch.org).

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LET'S GO GREEN - weekly ideas to help  
keep our earth healthy

Use cloth napkins, wash cloths, dish cloths and rags.



### Wednesday Night Dinner

#### Wednesday, May 5th Dinner Menu

Sour Cream Chicken Casserole,  
Mac & Cheese, Peas, Salad Bar,  
Dessert

#### Children's Menu

Pizza

Please call the front desk at  
485-2147 by noon on Tuesday,  
May 4th to make your  
reservations. or [www.hpchurch.org](http://www.hpchurch.org).