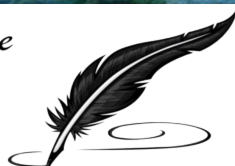




*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



Hello Highlanders!

On June 7, 2020, you approved me as your Interim Pastor. A little more than one year later, you further confirmed me as your full-time Senior Pastor. These five years have flown by. But look at all God has done in our midst and through His church called Highland!

My first sermon here was on "COVID Sunday," March 15, 2020. Little did any of us know what was to follow. Highland had just endured a split, and roughly seven weeks later everything shut down nationwide. You recorded Shelley's music and someone preaching, then posted that on Sunday mornings. I was told you were not sure Highland would survive.

Now five years later, Highland not only survived but is now thriving. So much has changed in our world since that time. Yet God's faithful people standing on the truth of God's Word and filled with the Holy Spirit chose to band together and trudge forward. And God has blessed!

We've made numerous organizational changes since then including updating the Bylaws, restructuring the committees to far fewer teams, and adding staff.

We are blessed to have Eric, Jordan, and Candace serving here. God richly blessed us financially, so we gave generously to many local and international ministries. We've started new Bible Study classes, watched the choir grow, and observed the Youth not only grow but lead the way in professions of faith and baptisms. More than fifty members died during this time, yet many younger families have joined us. God has raised up many new leaders during the last couple years, and several more are being mentored to take next steps. And we continue to have guests regularly worship with us.

Yes, God has richly blessed! Carmen and I have been greatly blessed to serve at Highland. As much as Highland needed someone with my experience and strengths, I needed a place where I could utilize them. Together God has brought about restoration and health for us all. As I prepare to retire and you call a new Senior Pastor, Highland is on solid ground. We're growing again. And you are ready to walk forward into God's preferred future for you.

Finally, as Samuel told Israel after Saul became king, "As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you." (1 Samuel 12:23 ESV)

With love & gratitude,

Frank

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GRADUATION/YOUTH SUNDAY 9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Worship Service 1	10 AM: Staff Meeting 10 AM: Kards Ministry 7 PM: Leadership Team Meeting 2	CEC Summer Camp 7 PM: Deacon Meeting 3	CEC Summer Camp 4	CEC Summer Camp 5	6	8:30 AM: YAH Breakfast 7
9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Frank's Retirement Service & Luncheon 8	10 AM: Staff Meeting 9	CEC Summer Camp 10	CEC Summer Camp 11	CEC Summer Camp 12	13	14
<i>Father's Day</i> 9 AM: Bible Study 10:30 AM: Worship Service <i>Frank's Last Day</i> 15	10 AM: Staff Meeting 16	12:30 PM: YAH Lunch @ Johnston Airport 17	18	7:30 PM: Missions Meeting 19	20	21
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From Eric's Desk
Minister to Youth

Our youth group continues to provide a welcoming space for young people to connect, grow in faith, and serve the community. We offer a range of activities and programs designed to foster spiritual, social, and personal development. There are amazing things happening in the youth department! On May 4th, we had 5 youth baptized during a very special Sunday night worship. Also, some exciting events coming up this summer; Graduation Sunday will be on June 1st, 17 youth will be going to Fuge Camp, and our week day bible studies are starting back. Be on the lookout for more detail of all of our summer activities. We encourage you to invite any kids, grades 6 -12, that may be looking for some activities this summer!

Best, Eric

Thank You
Pastor Frank for your faithful service to Highland over the last 5 years! You will be dearly missed!
So long, farewell, Auf Wiederseh'n, Sampai Jumpa, Goodbye



As we step into summer, the Highland Baptist Children's Ministry is buzzing with energy and anticipation! We celebrated a joyful and meaningful Easter season, where our children learned about the hope and love of Jesus through hands-on lessons and heartfelt worship. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make our Easter celebration such a memorable event!

Now, we're turning our focus to one of the BIGGEST events of the year—Vacation Bible School! VBS is always a highlight of the summer, and this year is no exception. Planning is already underway, and we're gearing up for a fun-filled week where kids will zoom in on God's Word through crafts, music, games, and Bible stories. If you want more information about how to get involved, please reach out to the church office or stop by the Children's Ministry table on Sunday.

Let's make this summer unforgettable for our kids as they grow in faith and community!



HAPPY
Father's
DAY



... tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalms 78:1, 14



As we move through spring into summer, music remains our constant practice here at Highland. Even though we are not moving toward a holiday performance, we rehearse every week for choir and praise teams, and the Choir continues to share a choral anthem in each 2nd and 4th Sunday service! Thank you to each and every one of our singers and musicians who not only keep going every week, but endeavor to grow and improve throughout the interim.

This conservation of routine has an eternal implication as well... My very first piano teacher, Becky Shedor, shared this futurecast with the audience at my piano recital in 1995-- "Music is one of the things we know we will have in heaven. When we play and sing, we are rehearsing for the ultimate communion yet to come, and experiencing a fraction of its celebration." This has always reminded me of the long arc of music and its value and influence on us. Charles Spurgeon (Baptist minister and abolitionist) said, "We must begin Heaven's song here below, or else we shall never sing it above." Thank you, everyone, for participating in worship and rehearsing heaven with us.

Peace - Shelley



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