



March 2015

For God so loved the world...



High Places' Easter Celebration • Sunday, April 5

God gave His only Son as a promise of His goodness and love. On April 5 at 10:30 High Places will gather at the Grove to praise God for the greatest-of-all gifts. Pastor Allred's message, special music and our time together will be precious. A pot luck luncheon and traditional egg hunt for the children will follow. Bring the family to the Grove and invite a guest or two to join in the merry-making. We look forward to your presence.

God at Work for 25 Years This Sunday, High Places will celebrate twenty-five years of building bridges into this broken world. We strive to be radical in the likeness of Jesus and walk with God in faith every day. Though there have been bumps in the road, we have trusted God and continued to move forward. And he has blessed us so much! To our faith family past and present: thank you for being part of our vision! Please join us to celebrate the ride. It has been anything but ordinary.

High Places Community Church

25 years in the making

High Places Community Church
The Grove Theater
123 Randolph Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Highplaceschurch.org

You are invited to a celebration!

March 29, 2015 • 10:30 a.m.
at The Grove Theater

High Places Community Church will celebrate our very first 25 years as a family. Help us reminisce about the past, revel in the present, and focus on the future!





A Snowy Retreat *High Places leadership braved the winter weather to gather at Cumberland Falls State Park in February. Attendees shared their hopes and dreams and made plans for HP's future.*

Twenty-five years is an amazing accomplishment! It's a testimony to great Faith and amazing Grace. As we embark on the next twenty-five years together, let's begin seriously asking God right now where He'd like us to be by our 50th Anniversary. Does that sound crazy? I don't think so. God has wonderful days that He planned far in advance for High Places and for our community. Seeking Him daily (Matthew 6:33) is the only way forward.

It's hard to imagine this, but there is a generation of High Places people (25 and younger) who never lived in a world without High Places Community Church.

For them, we have always been here. They, and the generation that follows them, are why we're here. There is a tendency in churches for each generation to construct it's activities, worship, and fellowship time around that generation's own needs. I am thankful that High Places has focused on future generations and nurtured them. Beyond that, I am extremely thankful to have been a part of this church long enough to see the fruits of that nurturing come around full circle.

By our 50th Anniversary, I will be 70 years old (God willing!) and you will have a new pastor. By that time, only a few of us

will remain who can remember an Oak Ridge without High Places Community Church. This "new generation" will be in the driver's seat. Leadership transitions will be required. Change is going to happen. This happens most gracefully as we train and prepare the next generation.... that's investment!

We are leaving a legacy year by year, day by day. We are being woven into the fabric of this community. Let's continue to yield ourselves to God's loving hands and let's BE the church today, tomorrow, and forever. Let's raise up a next generation of faithful.

Love, David



Fine Dining

On March 7, High Places youth hosted a spaghetti dinner for the community, complete with table linens, candles, and personalized service. Hannah Oran provided the appropriate background music on her violin. Over \$900 was raised to fund youth group activities and scholar-

ships. High praise for the young people and their leaders who worked hard to bring forth a wonderful, elegant meal.

A similar fund-raising event is scheduled for Saturday April 18 at the Grove. The community is invited to attend a pancake breakfast at the Grove, prepared and served by our youth..



HP Carolers bring the Gift of Song



On December 10, forty youth and leaders went Christmas caroling at elder care facilities in Oak Ridge. All were blessed to see the residents smile and sing along..

HP Youth let loose at the 2014 “Winter Games”



The weekend before Christmas, High Places youth enjoyed a lively weekend of music, food, games and other activities. Our youth and leaders were excited to have fellowship time with friends both old and new.



