

July 5, 2026
Independence Day

Welcome to **HBC**
Highland Baptist Church

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD
Psalm 33:12;

JUNE In the Year of Our Lord 2026

Sunday 10:30 - Worship Service
In Person and on Facebook Live
5:00 USA Outdoor / Indoor Cookout

Wednesday 6:30 - Prayer Meeting

VBS is only **1** week away, **July 13-17**, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm. Preschool through 6th grade.

Let us together do 3 things...

1. *Pray for this outreach into our community.*
2. *Pass the word to family and friends*
3. *Give us names and addresses and we will send a personal invitation.*

VBS T-Shirts are available on the glass table in the back of the church auditorium. Cost is \$5.00 each.

Train up a child in the way he should go:

Proverbs 22:4-6



Constitution and the Bible

The men who forged the United States were no strangers to Scripture. Deeply immersed in the King James Bible, they viewed it as a source of moral and practical guidance. James Madison, often called the "Father of the Constitution," exemplified this.

At the Constitutional Convention of 1787, James Madison proposed dividing the federal government into three branches: the executive (the "king"), the legislative (the "lawgiver"), and the judicial (the "judge"). Historical accounts attribute this insight directly to Isaiah 33:22, which Madison reportedly studied as a model from "the Perfect Governor." John Adams, too, drew from Isaiah's verse when advocating for this structure of Government.

Acts 10:42 identifies the LORD as being ordained by GOD as the Judge of the living and the dead. 2 Timothy 4:8 calls Him the righteous Judge. (Judicial)

Matthew 2:2 asks the question, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Executive)

James 4:12 declares that there is one Lawgiver who is able to save and to destroy. (Legislative)

With GOD there is no need for three separate branches. Jesus is, in fact, all three branches in one. Isaiah 33:22 says, "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us;"