



# NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2019

## The Envoy

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### Dear NHBC Family

I found out a long time ago that being a leader, in any capacity, requires an element of cheerleading. While I have never dressed in flashy costumes, like the DuRocher girls, or attempted to build a pyramid during a time out at a basketball game, I have always known that a part of my job is leading the pep rally – within the church.

Sometimes there isn't much to get excited about and you have to drum up something to cheer for, like when the cheerleaders are chanting "DEFENSE" when their team is trailing by 20 points. Right now, in the life of our church, I think there is much to be excited about and I wanted to share some of that with you.

During our beginning of the year planning meeting, the staff decided to bring back some things that were meaningful from the past. I am thrilled to let you know that the first half of the year will have a Women's Sunday (February 10), Youth Sunday (February 17), Men's Sunday (March 24) and a Children's Sunday on Mother's Day – May 12. These special Sunday's were fun and memorable for our family – Joshua shared his testimony on a Children's Sunday when he was 7 and Jennifer preached on a Youth Sunday when she was a teen – to name a few. I am confident that these services will be very blessed so make sure you can be with us for these special times of worship.

We also decided that it was time to have a spring revival. I have asked some members how long it has been since the church had a revival and the consensus has been that the last revival occurred when the church was still East Highland over 20 years ago! That changes this year! Our revival will begin the Sunday after Easter, April 28, with a combined Sunday morning worship at 11. We are planning a potluck for that night at 5:30 and the second service will be at 6:30. We will then have worship at 6:30 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We are planning to spread out our music and allow Highland Praise and the choir to provide leadership while incorporating special music and solos as well. This is meant to be a rally, both for the church and for the community. It will only be successful if all of us get behind it, spread the word and plan to be a part of it ourselves.

I have also planned a return mission trip to Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat. We had a good group go in the fall and we are back on the schedule April 3-6. We will leave on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Wednesday, and return on Saturday afternoon. There is so much work to be done there and spring is a very important time for the ministry as they prepare to welcome youth all summer long – including our youth/young adults the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost is minimal. Last time, we ate out and had to cover two meals and we took up money to cover the cost of gas for the bus. It doesn't get any more affordable than that! MBCR provides the rest of the meals and our lodging, which isn't fancy but still pleasant. If you want to be a part of this trip, please let me know.

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Lastly, I am looking to develop a new vision for NHBC. There was a plan that finished its run before I was called here. There is a need to dream again and make a plan for the future. The saying that you can only hit what you aim for is very true, and if you are aiming at nothing, that is what you will get. I am planning to recruit people serving on the standing committees of the church and others who have demonstrated a talent for being a visionary. Pray for us as we launch what I am calling "2020 Vision."

So, are you excited? I hope so!

It is an honor to serve as your pastor and I want to be there for you whenever needed.

Blessings,

### February Worship

#### **Sunday, February 3 Communion**

Contemporary Worship at 8:30am  
Sunday School at 9:45am  
Traditional Worship at 11:00am

#### **Sunday, February 10 Women's Sunday**

Contemporary Worship at 8:30am  
Sunday School at 9:45am  
Traditional Worship at 11:00am

#### **Sunday, February 17 Youth Sunday**

Sunday School at 9:45am  
**Combined Worship** at 11:00am

#### **Sunday, February 24**

Contemporary Worship at 8:30am  
Sunday School at 9:45am  
Traditional Worship at 11:00am

### New Directories

New paper directories will be ready no later than the end of February. Have you moved? Have you ditched your landline or changed phone numbers? Please contact Kristi in the office ASAP to provide up-to-date information.

### Deacons on Call—February

David McGhee  
Eric Bivens

804-382-6570  
804-986-0867

## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

### **Hindrances in Prayer**

#### **Devotional Thoughts from Charles Stanley & Rick Astle**

##### **Begin by reading James 1:6-8**

If we have an inaccurate perspective of God, it could cause us to think that He isn't interested in our needs and concerns. On the contrary, the Lord invites us to pray, because He delights in providing for us—and He stands ready to do so. However, different types of hindrances can block the effectiveness of our prayers.

**Ignorance of God's will** for our life and the specific circumstances we are facing is one such obstacle. His affirmative answers come when our petitions are in agreement with His purposes for us (1 John 5:14-15). Even if Scripture does not specifically address our situation, we can always ask the Lord to fill us with "the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Col. 1:9).

**Selfish motives** are another hindrance to answered prayer (James 4:3). Sometimes we're more concerned about getting the Lord to do what we want than we are about submitting to His will in the situation.

**Doubts** about God and His faithfulness also keep us from experiencing answered prayer. Low expectations and uncertainty are like intruders in our conversations with Him because they short-circuit faith. Doubts may originate from listening to the wrong voices, embracing false beliefs, or focusing on the difficulty instead of the power, wisdom, and faithfulness of the Lord.

**Effective prayer begins** with trust in God and an awareness of His ways. Otherwise, skepticism may sneak into our thinking if He delays His answer or responds in an unexpected way. But when our prayers are aligned with His will and motivated by a desire to glorify Him, doubts will vanish.

**The praying of Christians** must be real, sincere, and thoughtful. Christian hearts and minds must be involved in what they are saying. Their prayers should never be a meaningless repetition of words, nor should they be a means to their own gain; prayer should be a true union and sincere communion with our Heavenly Father. The praying of Christians should have, as its priority concern, God's Name (*Our Father*), Kingdom, and Will. See Jesus' model in John 8:29, "...I always do those things that please Him". This realization will prompt you to make God's concern, God's agenda, your priority. So, pray each day with a strong focus on God.

### Note From the Meals Team

"The faithful serving God by feeding those in need." Isaiah 58:10 says, And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday. The goal of the meals team is to bring healthy and nutritious food to those grieving, with illness, in recovery or experiencing hard times. Contact Earl Phillips at 804-920-0181, Kelley Harding at 804-661-0368 or the church office if you know someone in need.

## CentriKid Camp

Attention all children grades 3-5, CentriKid camp sign-ups are here! This year, we will be returning to CentriKid camp at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA - June 24-28! Pass the word! Tell your friends! The theme is "All Access!" based on John 17:3. Contact Jennifer Mullins if you want to sign up! Deadline is Feb 3 to sign up! Total cost is \$355. Sign-ups require a \$50 non-refundable deposit. The balance will be due in the spring. Fundraisers and other support will be made available over the year. We are still looking for chaperones to help lead this group. Let the office know if you are interested.

## Youth/Young Adult Summer Mission Trip

Attention all youth grades 6-12 plus young adults: The NHYM/Beyond mission camp sign-ups are here as well! We will be returning to the Myrtle Beach Christian retreat center for a week of missions and worship and Bible study and community! **July 1-5! This is a change!** Final cost - TBD and sign-up deadline is by Feb 17 (DNOW weekend) with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Theme is "Live Out Loud" based on Romans 1:16. Pass the word! It will be a special time!

## Friday Night LIVE!

New Highland Kids Friday Night LIVE! will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 pm on Friday, February 22. This event is for kids ages 4 - 5th grade. The theme is "Love One Another."

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Carol Steiner and family in the death of her mother, Barbara Wyatt

Marvin Mills and family in the death of his father, Les Mills

## Prayer Concerns

\*Hospitalized at time of printing

Claude Aylor	Anita Long
Sam Davis	Page Murriner
Carol Didlake	Dot Martin
Sandra Edwards	David McGhee
Charlie Elliott	Joyce McLaughlan
Buddy/Mary Golding	Tommy Searles
Jean Harding	Margaret Toney
Rose Harper	Sharon Turner
Sherwood Haskins	Ernest Valenti
George Linville	Robert Whitfield
Shirley Linville	

### **Submit Your Prayer requests via:**

- 1) Guest Card in Sanctuary Chair Pouch—Place in Offering Plate or give to a Deacon or Usher; 2) Main & CLC Foyer Prayer Boxes; 3) Contact Prayer Team Members (550-1562); 4) Contact Church Office Administrative Personnel or Contact Staff - Ministerial Personnel (550-9601).

## News from Jennifer

### N-HYM & Beyond

New Highland Youth Ministry (N-HYM)  
6th-12th grades  
Beyond Young Adult Ministry  
Post high school ages 18-30



Sundays:

8:30am-Worship  
9:45am-Sunday School/Bible studies by age  
11:00am-Worship  
5:30-7:30pm-Connect N-HYM  
(5:30-6:15pm-Speak Life project including Beyond)

Wednesdays:

6:00pm-Dinner (by reservation)  
6:30pm-Bible studies  
Mission Friends & music for **CHILDREN**  
Bible study & projects for **N-HYM/Beyond**

Beyond will meet one special evening per month as announced. It won't always be a Sunday night, but we will meet once a month.

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Friday - Sunday, February 15-17 **DNow Weekend**  
6:30pm Friday to Noon on Sunday. The theme is **PRODIGAL** and our worship band is Unbroken Light. Cost is \$35 and is due by Feb. 10, which is also the deadline to sign up.

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Sunday, February 17 - **N-HYM/Youth Sunday**  
Combined worship service at 11 am led by the youth

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Sunday, February 24 - **Vacation Bible School Informational Meeting** (Churchwide)  
4:00pm - "Miraculous Mission" - an outer space theme

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### Revival Music

NHBC is holding a Spring Revival April 28 - May 1. We are looking for individuals who would like to be involved with the music for our Spring Revival. Singers and musicians, please let Tracy Pendleton or Page Murriner know if you are interested.

### Women's Sunday

The women of our church will lead us in worship at both services on Sunday, February 10. We will practice on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm for the music at the 11 am service. All women are encouraged to participate.

### Panama Mission Trip

New Highland Baptist Church has been invited to bring a mission team to serve with the Panama Oeste Baptist Association in August of this year! On Sunday, February 10 at 6:00pm, we will have an informational meeting outlining the mission work, the travel, the requirements, the cost, the funding, the preparation expectations and the application process. All questions will be answered. The applications will be due by Feb. 24. The team will be set by early March and then the team prep schedule will begin.  
This mission team is open to those in 11th grade through adulthood. Any youth between age 14 and 11th grade may apply, but it is required that a parent/guardian apply and also be on the team.  
Please pray for this mission opportunity; for those with whom we will serve and for God's will to be done!

### Women's Mini-Retreat

The Dover WMU is sponsoring a women's mini-retreat on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00am until 12:00pm at the Dover Baptist Association Conference Center on Lakeridge Parkway.  
Special guest will be Susan Gaske.  
The program is "Refugees - Forced to Flee" with an actual simulation.  
Cost is free, but please bring canned foods for the local food pantries.  
This will be a time for spiritual enrichment, study, mission, fellowship and fun.  
Please come prepared to share a mission idea from your church.  
Breakfast will be served and snacks will be provided.  
Contact Michelle Brown at 804-928-2927 to make a reservation by Friday, March 1st.

## 9th Annual Souper Bowl Competition

The men and women are facing off once again! It's a tight race to see who can win the prize of the SOUPer Bowl. Soups are due by 8 am Sunday, February 3, when the winners will be recognized during the worship services on Souper Bowl Sunday.

The results of the last eight years have the women leading the men five to three, with the women winning last year. Look for the announcement of who won in next month's Envoy.

This project benefits Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF), whose clients are the real winners!



## Pregnancy Resource Center

PRC Volunteer "Equipped to Serve Training" will be held Thursdays, February 14 - March 28. Morning and evening classes are available. Cost is \$38 and registration deadline is 1/28/19. Training is held twice a year and is required for volunteering. For more info, contact Julie Hagen at 804-673-2020 or [jha-gen@prcrichmond.org](mailto:jha-gen@prcrichmond.org).

## Inclement Weather Announcements



When inclement weather is in the area, we will post a voice mail on our phone line (550-9601) by 5:30 am (when possible) on Sunday mornings to advise you of our schedule. TV Channels 6, 8 and 12 will have our closing information on their list of closings. If Hanover County schools are closed on a Wednesday, we will not have MWE activities.

## Zeal Leadership Intensive

Attention All Leaders and Interested Persons: You are invited to our second offering of the "Zeal" Leadership Intensive!

For those who could not attend the Leadership event in January, we are offering it a second time on Saturday, March 2 from 10:00am-3:00pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up and give Jennifer Mullins your email address so that she can send you information. Cost is only \$5. We will cover leadership and personality styles; church trends; brainstorming and more. If some who attended the first intensive would like to come for the second half (1:00-3:00pm) and be a part of brainstorming and other discussions, you are welcome to return at no cost.

## Pick-up Football Game

Sunday, February 3, weather permitting, the youth and young adults invite the adults of NHBC to a pick-up football game at 2:00pm. Spectators, supportive family and friends, are welcome to bring blankets and chairs to sit and enjoy the game and a great time of fellowship. So grab lunch after church, change clothes and see you on the NHBC field.

## Mid-Week Encounter 2019

Our current session continues on Wednesday evenings.

There are activities for children, youth, young adults and adults, and dinner is served beginning at 6:00 pm in the CLC.

The cost for dinner is \$5 per adult/youth and \$3 per child, with a maximum of \$16 per immediate family. Reservations can be made each week by turning in a card from the bookcase in front of the office, by phone, by email, or by logging into Realm.

Class offerings for this session include:

- A study on Acts - led by Pastor Rusty
- Soul Keeping by John Ortberg - (through Feb. 13) led by Ron Rhodes
- God Is Closer Than You Think by John Ortberg - (beginning Feb. 20) led by Ron Rhodes
- The ladies class will continue to work through the materials they started during the last session.

## "Less Fret, More Faith" Books

We are in a four week sermon series based off a Max Lucado book called "Anxious for Nothing," which will conclude on Sunday, February 24. In the US, anxiety disorders are the number one mental health problem among women and second for men, and our country is the most anxious in the world. As a supplement to this sermon series, I have ordered some small books that have 11 weeks of lessons to continue the teaching. "Less Fret, More Faith" is now available. If you would like to reimburse the church for the cost of the book, they were roughly \$2. They can be found on the table near the children's ministry office. You can drop your money in the black lock box by the church office door. I hope your new year is off to a great start, and I am enjoying tackling anxiety with you. Blessings,  
Rusty

## Realm Software

NHBC members and regular attenders are invited to join REALM, our software database system that integrates with our new eGiving options. You may access REALM by responding to our recent email invitation, or by contacting the church office at [admins@newhighlandbaptist.org](mailto:admins@newhighlandbaptist.org). We encourage everyone to join REALM, which contains a host of other tools, including: access to your giving history, an online church directory, event sign-up, communication tools, and more.

## Note Burning Ceremony

Come join us on Sunday, March 31st as we celebrate a monumental moment in our church's history!

The note burning ceremony will be part of our Unity Sunday, with Sunday school at 9:45 am, combined worship at 11 am, followed by a potluck lunch and our business meeting.

You won't want to miss it. Stay tuned for more information!

**February 3**  
**\*8:30 & 11am**  
**WELCOME CENTER**  
\*Shirley Hawks  
Theresa Whitley

**NURSERY**  
\*Staci Smith  
\*Shirley Hawks  
Linda Peay  
OPEN

**USHERS**  
**\*Kevin Harnden**  
**OPEN**  
Gordon Martin  
David Dixon  
Jon Cliborne  
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**  
\*Jon Cliborne  
\*Youth  
Carolynn Globig  
Madison Whitley

**February 17**  
**11am**  
**WELCOME CENTER**  
Glenda Currie

**NURSERY**  
OPEN  
Tim Smith

**USHERS**  
**Harold Elliotte**  
Bill Martin  
Tommy Searles  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**  
Ryan Smith  
Youth

**February 10**  
**\*8:30 & 11am**  
**WELCOME CENTER**  
\*Jennifer Diehl  
Laura Beck

**NURSERY**  
\*OPEN  
\*Carol Evers  
Pam Smith  
Barbara Valenti  
Tonya Vasser

**USHERS**  
**Wesley Thompson**  
Mark Brown  
Will Smith  
Dylan Smith  
Quinn Thompson

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**  
\*Linda Searles  
\*Taylor Dawson  
KIC Worship-Preschool  
- 5th Grade

**February 24**  
**\*8:30 & 11am**  
**WELCOME CENTER**  
\*Robin Parrett  
Cheryl McGhee

**NURSERY**  
\*Shannon Chenault  
\*Cheryl McGhee  
Theresa Whitley  
Susan Sandridge  
Jenny Garthright

**USHERS**  
**\*Tracy Pendleton**  
Wayne Harrell  
**Jennings Dawson**  
Tucker Dawson  
Tim Smith  
Ryan Smith  
Mike Sandridge  
David Barnes

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**  
\*Laura Beck  
\*Youth  
Rachel Barnes  
Nick Rishcoff

### February Birthdays

1	Barbara Aylor	20	Kevin Smolen
2	Tonya Vasser		Pamela Smith
3	Yvonne Smallwood	21	Dave Evers
	Eric McAleese	22	William Currie
9	Becca Mullins	23	Lauren Eby
10	Bill Didlake		Trevor Eby
11	Eric Bivens	24	Earl Phillips
	Ethan Barnes		
12	Adam Bivens		
16	Mason Mirzaie		
17	Tommy Searles		
19	Barbara Valenti		
	Jeff Simpson		
	Cassidy Chenault		

### February Anniversaries

1	Bill & Dot Martin
12	Mark & Michelle Brown

### Giving Options

There are many ways at NHBC to support God's work in His kingdom:

- During the offertory collection in our worship services
- Online at <https://onrealm.org/NHBC/Give>
- By texting "GiveNHBC \$XX" to 73256, where XX is the \$ amount you want to give. (Standard text message rates apply. Donation is added to your phone bill.)
- Or scan this QR code using your phone's camera:



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**Staff Ministry Team**

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 Position is open

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Office Hours:  
 Monday—Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
 Don't forget to call before dropping by  
 in case we've had to go out.  
 Phone: 804-550-9601

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**Compassion International**



February  
 Sponsorship of Mohamed  
 (Tanzania)

**Ann Kennedy**

**Sponsors Needed!!**

**GriefShare**

It hurts to lose someone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in Room 103. Each meeting is self-contained, so you can start anytime. Contact David or Cheryl McGhee for more information. We'd love you to join us!

**Men's Breakfast**

Our men meet for breakfast on the second Tuesday of each month at Cold Harbor Restaurant on Mechanicsville Turnpike at 7:15 am.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sunday Night Encounter**

Adult Bible study will be held on Sunday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We will study "Goliath Must Fall" by Louie Giglio. This study is led by Pastor Rusty. Note that we will not meet on 2/3 and 2/10.

**Kitchen Notes**

All the kitchen knives have been professionally sharpened and are very sharp. Use extreme care when using them.

There is a checklist on the supply closet door in the kitchen that should be followed every time a group or individual uses the kitchen, to ensure it is left clean and that appliances are turned off. Thanks!

**Sponsor Mohamed**

Our adopted child from Tanzania through Compassion International is Mohamed, who is 15 years old. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. Contact Kristi in the office.

**January Benevolence Offering**  
 No Collection Taken

**MCEF Donations for February**  
 Canned Meats

**Church Council Meeting**  
 February 11 @ 6:30 pm

**ACTS II:**

**Attendance**

	<u>Dec 30, 2018</u>	<u>Jan 6, 2019</u>	<u>Jan 13, 2019</u>	<u>Jan 20, 2019</u>
Early Worship	43	60		45
Sunday School	86	108		101
Late Worship	120	116		125 (est.)

Snow Canceled

**Budget**

Weekly Need	9,982.20	6,153.85	6,153.85	6,153.85
Weekly Receipts	21,044.62	7,602.29	235.00	7,273.75
YTD Goal	519,074.40	6,153.85	12,307.70	18,461.55
YTD Receipts	409,348.32	7,602.29	7,837.29	15,111.04

**Designated Gifts**

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