



# NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

January 2019

## The Envoy

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### Dear NHBC Family

Jennifer has a movie/literary character she has loved for years – Anne Shirley of “Anne of Green Gables” fame. One of the quotes that stands out in my mind from that character is, “Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?”

I suppose that idea works for years as well. We are about to embark on the last year of the 2010’s and it is sitting out there with no mistakes in it. While it can be intimidating to stand in front of an uncertain future, I am still excited to see what God has in store for New Highland in 2019.

I know some things for sure. There will be transition, but then again there is always transition. Life never just stops and things continue static for any period of time. Things change, and that is not a bad thing. Actually, it is the expected thing. The important part of transition is how we react to it – will we do it in a healthy manner or in an unhealthy way.

In order to deal with any kind of transition positively, there must be an element of faith. We do not know how things will turn out, but we need to have faith that God is still in control. It is my true prayer, as we stand on the edge of 2019, that we boldly step in to the new year in faith.

If you don’t step into the new year with faith, then it will be difficult for it to be a positive experience. Not trusting and having faith leads to doubt and worry – two things that never lead to blessings. There is a whole chapter in Hebrews celebrating heroes of the faith, people who trusted God and He delivered. There is no pat on the back in scripture for those who face an uncertain future with worry and dread. Even in the book of Lamentations, in which the prophet Jeremiah laments over being a prophet, he pauses in chapter three to talk about the goodness of God.

How will you begin the new year? Excited to see what God has in store for your life, the life of your family/friends/church? Or, will we begin this new chapter in God’s story, doubting and worrying about things that you have no control over. It is my prayer that you will join with me and say, like Joshua, as for me and my house/family/church, I plan to serve (and trust) the Lord!

I love you and want to be there to help in any possible way.

In His Service,

### Church Office Closings

We will close at 1 pm on Monday, December 31st and will be closed for New Year’s on Tuesday, January 1st.

**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

The office will be closed Monday, January 21 for MLK Day.

### January Worship

#### **Sunday, January 6 Communion**

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

#### **Sunday, January 13**

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

#### **Sunday, January 20**

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

#### **Sunday, January 27**

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

### New Directories

New paper directories will be published soon. Have you moved? Have you ditched your land-line or changed phone numbers? Please contact Kristi in the office by January 31st to provide up-to-date information.

### DNow

Youth and parents - save the date! Put DNow on your calendar now. This special weekend is scheduled for Friday, February 15 - Sunday, February 17. Host homes and transportation will be needed. See Jennifer Mullins to volunteer.

Online  
Gi♥ing

is coming  
soon!

“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you.”  
Deuteronomy 16:17



Soon, you’ll be able to give your tithes and offerings online. More information will be provided to you in the coming weeks.



### Deacons on Call—January

Tim Smith 804-337-2865  
Jennings Dawson 804-239-3088

## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

### **Prayer Challenge: ENDEAVOR TO PRAY IN 2019**

Encountering Jesus at the beginning of each new day in 2019 will enhance your relationship with your Lord and Savior. Resolve to meet Jesus through prayer and time in reading the Bible each day.

Find a quiet moment in your life and meditate and study the following 'Jesus Calling' devotional, as if Jesus is really talking to you personally.

*SIT QUIETLY WITH ME, letting all your fears and worries bubble up to the surface of your consciousness. There, in the Light of My Presence, the bubbles pop and disappear. However, some fears surface over and over again, especially fear of the future. You tend to project yourself mentally into the next day, week, month, year, decade; and you visualize yourself coping badly in those times. What you are seeing is a false image because it doesn't include Me. Those gloomy times that you imagine will not come to pass since My Presence will be with you at all times.*

*When a future-oriented worry assails you, capture it and disarm it by suffusing the Light of My Presence into that mental image. Say to yourself, "Jesus will be with me then and there. With His help, I can cope!" Then, come home to the present moment, where you can enjoy Peace in My Presence.*

*Ponder the following supporting scripture passages:*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"*  
—Luke 12:22-25

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*  
—Deuteronomy 31:6

*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*  
—2 Corinthians 10:5

**A correlating challenge:** Using your favorite Bible translation execute reading the entire Bible during 2019. If you need a guide to do so, contact Ron Rhodes.

## 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! June 24-28! 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, January 18. This event is for kids ages 4 - 5th grade.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Cheryl Stanley and family in the death of her father, Shahin "Butch" Shahinian

John Kennedy, II and family in the death of his father, John Kennedy, Sr.

## Prayer Concerns

*\*Hospitalized at time of printing*

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

## **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: resumes 1/9

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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(ages 4- 5th grade)

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Attention All Leaders and Interested Persons:  
You are invited to the  
**January "Zeal" Leadership Intensive!**

For Who? > All leaders and interested persons. Deacons, deaconesses, Sunday school teachers; Family Ministry leaders; Staff; Bible study or circle leaders; anyone who is interested in learning more about their own leadership potential; anyone interested in stepping up more to serve Christ in our church.

What is it? > A seminar/ mini retreat on team-building; relational discipleship and biblical intentional leadership. Through personality assessments, you will learn more about yourself and others with whom you serve. We will discuss relational leadership, biblical conflict management and take proactive steps to become a more effective and unified body of leaders for God's Kingdom. We will look at needed leadership pieces relevant to current cultural needs. The day will serve to encourage each other as well as strengthen the core of our church so that we can move forward in His name. It will also be quite a fun time together!

When? > Saturday, January 26. 9:00am-3:00pm  
Snacks provided and lunch provided.

Where? > New Highland Baptist Church Christian Life Center

How to sign up? >

1. Call church office; sign up on the Facebook group that will be created; and/or contact Jennifer Mullins. Will need your email address when you sign up.
2. Cost: \$5- to help cover supply costs- due upon arrival on that day.

3. Deadline to sign up is by or before Sunday, January 6! Those who sign up will be sent an email of information and some instructions.

(If any class or group would like to contribute/serve the lunch for that day- let Jennifer know also. )

This is going to be a very important day in the life of our church as we begin 2019! I urge all leaders and interested folks to mark that calendar day, pray over it and plan to join us.

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Dear New Highland Family,  
2019 is here and I am so excited about all God has in store this new year!  
Regular activities will begin the first week of January with our delicious Wednesday night family meals and discipleship groups for all ages plus our steady Sunday opportunities for worship, Bible study and community! For the children, 2019 will hold monthly Friday Night LIVE events; a special mini-retreat for older kids; our KIC Club and monthly New Highland Kids Worship plus special holiday events, a New Highland Kids Sunday, Centri-Kid camp and Vacation Bible School!  
For the New Highland Youth Ministry (NHYM), 2019 will buzz with excitement from a creative worship project called "Speak Life"; our annual DNOW retreat;

(News from Jennifer - continued on next page)

## 9th Annual Souper Bowl Competition

The men and women are facing off once again! During the month of January, bring in cans of soup to see who can win the prize of the SOUPer Bowl. Actually, the winners are those who will have a meal because of your generosity. Once the containers are placed in the foyer, "get in the game" by placing your cans in either the Men's or Women's containers by Saturday, February 2nd. The winners will be recognized during the worship services on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019.

The results of the last eight years have the women leading the men five to three, with the women winning last year. Who will win this year?

This project benefits Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF).



## Christmas Post Office

Don't forget to pick up your cards no later than Sunday, January 6.



## Virginia Baptist Foundation Scholarships

To assist families with the escalating cost of tuition, the VBF and its donors are committed to providing scholarships to Virginia Baptist students. The VBF offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying students. Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited institution, members of a cooperating BGAV church and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Online applications for the 2019/2020 academic year are available at [www.vbfinc.org](http://www.vbfinc.org) and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2019.

## Mid-Week Encounter 2019

A new session of our Mid-Week Encounter will begin on Wednesday, January 9.

There will be activities for children, youth, young adults and adults, and dinner will be 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 or by email.

Class offerings for this session include:

A study on Acts - led by Pastor Rusty

Soul Keeping by John Ortberg - led by Ron Rhodes

The ladies class will continue to work through the materials they started during the last session.

## News from Jennifer - Continued

NHYM Sunday; holiday and special get-togethers; a spring Amazing Race; missions camp and more! Our young adults will also have a great year ahead with a focus on outreach; the "Speak Life" project; a spring & fall retreat as well as meeting regularly on Sunday mornings and one evening a month.

Additionally, as we come through a transitional time and start a whole new year- we will reboot our Family Ministry Teams- with some fresh energy - plus we will have a big Leadership Training Intensive in January for all church and lay leaders. We will come together for assessments, training, and team-building. We will also get clarity on specific leadership and team pieces so that we are unified and aligned and clear on how we move forward into 2019 organizationally, relationally and ministerially. It will help us, in 2019, be more effective in evangelism, outreach, prayer, discipleship, community, worship and mission! And I am so very excited about what the Lord has in store!

God calls us over and over in His Word to seek His face; to seek His will; to keep our eyes on Him and follow Him. And He promises that He will be found! His love, His plan, His direction and His purposes will be found! So let us continue to seek the Lord in prayer, worship and His Word! Let us "lift our eyes to the hills from where our help comes from. Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of Heaven and earth!" Let us "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith". And as we do seek after God's heart in all areas, then there is no doubt that 2019 will be full of growth, provision, blessing and joy!

I love you all and am honored to serve Jesus alongside you in such a loving church family!

Happy New Year!

Jennifer

(Rev. Jennifer C. Mullins, Associate Pastor/Youth Pastor)

## Pregnancy Resource Center

The PRC of Metro Richmond will have a Winter Gathering on Thursday, January 17 from 7 - 8:30 pm at their location on Willow Lawn Dr. Everyone is invited to attend this informational gathering where you will tour the PRC, learn more about their ministry, history and volunteer opportunities. RSVP to Julie Hagen at 804-673-2020 or [jhagen@prcrichmond.org](mailto:jhagen@prcrichmond.org).

PRC Volunteer 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.

## 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.

**January 6**

**\*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  
OPEN  
Madison Whitley

**January 20**

**\*8:30 & 11am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Julia Harrell  
Glenda Currie

**NURSERY**

\*Penny Layne  
\*Joan Purdy  
OPEN  
Tim Smith

**USHERS**

\*BJ Chenault  
\*Tessa Chenault  
\*Cassidy Chenault  
\*Cory Peay

**Harold Elliotte**

Bill Martin  
Tommy Searles  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

\*Sara Blöse  
\*Youth  
Ryan Smith  
Youth

**January 13**

**\*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 for Pre-school - 5th Grade

**January 27**

**\*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

**January Birthdays**

1	Barbara Elliotte	14	Natalie Falls
	Glenda Currie	16	Brady Uzel
3	Rusty Mullins	18	Kim Tschantre
5	Stacy Dixon	19	Jordan Brown
6	Lisa Rossi	23	Andrew Super
	Brian Howell	24	Mike Barmer
7	Joyce McLauchlan		Tim Smith
8	Angela Eby	25	Jenny Garthright
	David Barnes		Priscilla Tucker
9	Junior Chenault		Carol Didlake
10	Tucker Dawson	26	Kelley Harding
	Scott Schricker	28	Rachel Barnes
11	Michelle Brown		Keturah Flood
12	Janice Finnegan	31	George Linville
	Carol Thompson		
	Leslie Crytser		

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**January Anniversaries**

12	Artie & Joyce McLauchlan
19	John & Kim Tschantre
23	Bruce & Brenda McAleese
29	Cullen & Pamela Lumpkin

### Staff Ministry Team

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 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



January  
 Sponsorship of Mohamed  
 (Tanzania)

**The Garstangs**  
**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! A new session begins on Thursday, January 10th.



### Church Office Closings

We will close at 1 pm on Monday, December 31st and will be closed Tuesday, January 1st. The office will be closed Monday, January 21 for MLK Day.

### 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.

### Sunday Night Encounter

Adult Bible study will be held on Sunday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm beginning January 6 . We will study "Goliath Must Fall" by Louie Giglio. This study is led by Pastor Rusty.

### 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

**December Benevolence Offering**  
 \$572.00

**MCEF Donations for January**  
 Canned Soups - Souper Bowl

**Church Council Meeting**  
 January 14 @ 6:30 pm

<b><u>ACTS II:</u></b>	<b><u>Nov 25, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Dec 2, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Dec 9, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Dec 16, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Dec 23, 2018</u></b>
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>					
Early Worship	63	56		34	53
Sunday School	96	99		116	94
Late Worship	102	101		171	137
<b><u>Budget</u></b>					
Weekly Need	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20
Weekly Receipts	5,934.00	9,930.00	175.00	10,545.00	8,032.00
YTD Goal	469,163.40	479,145.60	489,127.80	499,110.00	509,092.20
YTD Receipts	352,668.68	362,598.68	362,773.68	373,318.68	381,350.68
<b><u>Designated Gifts</u></b>	611.00	743.00	0.00	3,336.05	209.00

Snow Canceled