



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

As a child, living in an area that truly experienced "winter," I found the first months of the year to be exciting. When will it snow? How much snow will we get? How many days of school will we miss?

As I get older, winter makes me feel somber. The trees that revive in the spring, thrive in the summer, and become nature's masterpieces in the autumn, look stark and dead in the colder months. Driving the backroads, something that can be invigorating most of the year, can be depressing when all you see is leafless trees blowing in the wind.

So, I look forward to March and it's finally here! Spring brings new life! Spring brings hope and warmth – legitimate warmth, not a temporary reprieve from the cold.

Spring also brings two of my favorite things – baseball and Easter! Okay, I realize that I care for those two things in different ways, but they do occur at the same time.

Baseball is my favorite sport. I can watch and analyze baseball all day – and I have done so often! The tradition, the smells, the colors and the game itself resonate with me on a deeper level. Being at the park is incredible, and I love going to games, but I can get lost in the sport by watching on TV or listening on the radio as well. Baseball is one of the things in this world that makes me happy.

Easter is the celebration of life. It is more than that – it is the celebration of eternal life through our Savior! Everything that we do in our faith walk ties back to this event – the tremendous sacrifice of God's only Son and His resurrection from the dead. He was both our sacrifice and risen Lord which gives us hope forever!

The flowers that sprout remind me of what Jesus did for us. The trees that bud and become vibrant demonstrate His life. The birds in the air, singing tunes that He taught them, reflect this eternity altering event. Jesus lives!

It's time, again, to prepare yourself for the celebration of life. . .Easter is on the way!

Blessings,

March Worship

Sunday, March 1 Women's Sunday

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

Sunday, March 8 Communion

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

Sunday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 29 Unity Sunday/Men's Sunday

Sunday School at 9:45am
Combined Worship at 11:00am
Potluck Lunch at 12:00pm
Business Meeting at ~12:45pm

Easter Flowers

We will soon be taking orders for Easter flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. The deadline for orders will be the end of March. As soon as the florist confirms details, we will place order forms on the bookcase located in front of the church office. Plants will not be ordered without prepayment, which can be put in the black lock box by the office door.



Daylight Savings Time

Begins Sunday, March 8 at 2:00am. Set your clocks AHEAD before going to bed on Saturday, March 7, or you'll be late for church.



New Members

Eli Bryant
Joined 2/2/20 by
Profession of Faith
Awaiting Baptism

Deacons on Call—March

Chris Whitley 804-789-1737
Monte Evans 804-690-0396

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

Improving Our Prayers

Scripture Focus Passage: Ephesians 3:14-16

Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Many people may not be able to answer yes to that question, because many people know that they fall short in this discipline. Even the most mature believers recognize their need for improvement, and one of the best methods for doing that is examining scriptural prayers and using them as model.

Several of Paul's prayers are recorded in his epistles, and they supply wonderful insights about different ways to pray. In the above scripture passage, notice two foundations for prayer.

A Humble Attitude. Paul's physical posture of bending his knees served as a reminder of his submissive position before the heavenly Father. He knew there was nothing in himself that would cause the Lord to hear and respond. He had access to the throne of God only through his relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul did not make himself the center of the conversation but focused on the Lord and the church for whom he was interceding.

A Focus on God. The foundation of Paul's prayer life was the Trinity. The apostle understood that God the Father adopts all believers worldwide into His family for eternity; that there are glorious riches found in God the Son; and that God the Holy Spirit has limitless power. The requests Paul made for the Ephesians were based on almighty God's matchless abilities, resources, and power.

Although people can confidently approach the Lord's throne of grace, they must always remember that they are but humble servants, and He is their exalted God.

When was the last time that you asked God to tell you about His plan for your life? Did you really listen and then follow His direction?

Start by Simply Talking to God

"O God, I am a sinner. I'm sorry for my sin. I want to turn from my sin. Please forgive me. I believe Jesus Christ is You Son; I believe He died on the cross for my sin and You raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord from this day forward, forevermore. Lord, I put my trust in You and surrender my life to You. Please come into my life and fill me with You Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Psalm 118:29 - Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His love endures forever.

"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Matthew 6:13

"Power" belongs to God. He is able to do anything that pleases Him. We have only to think of the incarnation or of the resurrection to be in total awe of His incredible power! But if "might" did not exist in perfect harmony with the "attributes" of God such as wisdom, grace, mercy, and holiness, then "power" would just be overwhelming and crushing. It is by God's power that we can even live on earth and can stand free from the clutch of Satan and his accomplices. God is the cause (either by

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His power or His permission) of all changes – physical, circumstantial, or otherwise. The end, the purpose of all His works and ways, is God's "glory." When we consider the glory of God, we must do so differently than when we consider the glory of man. Man seeks glory because he is selfish; God, on the other hand, is love – and His glory is the manifestation of Himself. Man seeks glory in order to make himself the center of attention; God, by contrast, actually is the only center of life and light. For His own glory, God will save, bless, and sanctify all who call upon His name. It is for the furtherance of God's glory that we make all these six petitions in the Model Prayer. Throughout the Bible, it is clear that all things are for the greater glory of God. When we say that He does all things for His glory, we mean that He does all things so that we may know His character and know Him as He is, "That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth" (see Jeremiah 9:24).

We pray this benediction from the desire for the world to be guided right and kept safe, for whatever is true and good to rule. In spite of all evil, there is Hope invincible! Because He is our Father, He will deliver us! He will found / define His universal kingdom and receive the glory due His name!

Rejoice as you pray, for your Father is still in control.

New Directories

New directories will be printed very soon. If any of your information has changed, please contact the church office ASAP.

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Audrey Atkinson	Karen Hastings
Claude Aylor	George/Shirley Linville
David Barnes	Dot Martin
Grace Barnes	Gordon Martin
Maddie Bonner/Family	David McGhee
Tom Coppedge	Joyce McLaughlan
Dick Cousins	Earl Phillips
Carol Didlake	Tommy Searles
Sandra Edwards	Dylan Smith
Charlie Elliott	Van Summers
Buddy/Mary Golding	Margaret Toney
Jean Harding	Barbara Valenti

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

New Highland Youth Ministry (NHYM)

6th-12th grades

Beyond Young Adult Ministry

Post high school ages 18-30

We will have LifeNights every Sunday night from 6:00-7:30pm. (see write up below)

We will have "Re-Create" every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30pm.

This fresh Wednesday time - for youth and young adults - divided by age group - will be a special time of recreation and creative activities with an encouraging devotion and prayer time. The point is to have a mid-week refueling and faith-energizing time for those who attend. There will be something for everyone.

Attention **New Highland Baptist Church Family!** **LIFENIGHTS** begin Sunday, March 1!!!!!! "What is LifeNight?", you ask?

LifeNight is the NEW Sunday night program - 6:00-7:30pm each week. Each LifeNight - our church family will share LIFE in Christ together through worship, friendship, Bible study, special classes and fun! It is designed for ALL ages --> something for the whole family! There are groups for children, youth and young adults! There will be a great Bible study for adults and additionally, we will also plan special classes to discuss the relevant and cultural issues facing parents and adults today. There will also be opportunity for adults to just share life together in fellowship, friendship, conversation and encouragement. We are also excited to announce that each LifeNight will begin with an awesome time of worship together led by our young adult worship team "Without Excuse".

"So, what will an average LifeNight look like?", you ask?

Everyone will arrive at 6:00pm and come on in to our NHBC sanctuary! We will jump right into worship! Just worship! No formalities. No announcements. We will lift God's name in praise, worship and prayer together! As time goes on, testimonies and special creative pieces will be included in this time of worship. At about 6:20/6:25pm, we will pray and dismiss to our groups: children will go to the New Highland Kids Club; youth will go to New Highland Youth Ministry (N-HYM), young adults will go to Beyond, adults and parents will choose which class option they prefer or some community time together. At about 7:25pm, each group will close their time so that everyone can meet back in the foyer to head home by 7:30pm.

"Why should I come to LifeNight?", you ask? (great questions, by the way!)

LifeNight is a great time for folks of all ages to come together to know God more through worship & the Word; to grow in Christian community through friendship and encouragement; and to strengthen one another to go out into our lives and community with His love and light! LifeNight enables us to Know, Grow

and Go in Jesus' Name in a fresh, relevant way! We want to pass the word that our LifeNights truly are buzzing with the life of Christ!

For this new effort to succeed, we need:

- 1.) Prayers - please pray that God would lead, guide and bless every piece of our LifeNight ministry.
 - 2.) Ideas/ Involvement - if you would like to lead a Bible study or prayer group or a class - or if you know a professional who may be willing to come in and teach a few courses (on topics such as autism awareness; how Christians can address mental health concerns in our loved ones; money management; safety; grief; healthy diet & exercise, etc) - let the staff know. We hope to provide opportunities for adults that would address relevant topics and needs - and we need the qualified volunteers to lead those. We know it may start off slow - but in time, we hope to offer a few different options for adults.
 - 3.) Flyers - we will have flyers available and would love to have them placed around the community. So if you could take a stack to be placed in a business for folks to pick up - or if you would like to hang a flyer somewhere - we welcome the help.
 - 4.) Social media - please pass the word using social media and if/when you see a post about LifeNights - please share and pass it along.
 - 5.) Encourage your friends, neighbors, and family to check it out.
- Again, its Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30pm - starting in the sanctuary!

Friday Night LIVE!

POSTPONED!
Join us on April 3 for a
special Easter themed
Friday Night LIVE!

Friday, March 27 --> 6:00-8:00pm

For children age 4 through 5th grade!

Theme: "MADE AWESOME!"

Snack supper, games, music, Bible time, and fun activities!

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 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.

March 1
Women's Sunday
***8:30 & 11am**

NURSERY

*NHBC Men
 NHBC Men

USHERS

***Kelley Harding**
 *Joan Purdy
 *Shannon Chenault
Cheryl McGhee
 Robin Callahan
 Susan Sandridge
 Theresa Whitley
 Pamela Smith
 OPEN

NH KIDS CLUB

*NHBC Men
 NHBC Men

March 15
***8:30 & 11am**

NURSERY

*Penny Layne
 *Joan Purdy
 OPEN
 Tim Smith

USHERS

***John Tschantre**
 *Roy Peay
 *Cory Peay
 *Earl Phillips
Harold Elliotte
 Bill Martin
 Jennings Dawson
 Fred Small
 David McGhee
 Cheryl McGhee

NH KIDS CLUB

*Sara Blose
 *Kelley Harding
 Ryan Smith
 OPEN

March 22
***8:30 & 11am**

NURSERY

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

USHERS

***Bryan Jr Chenault**
 *Tessa Chenault
 *Cassidy Chenault
 *Grace Chenault
Jennings Dawson
 Tim Smith
 Ryan Smith
 Eric Smith
 Mike Sandridge
 David Barnes

NH KIDS CLUB

*OPEN
 *Cassidy Chenault
 Rachel Barnes
 Nick Rishcoff

March 8
***8:30 & 11am**

NURSERY

*OPEN
 *Carol Evers
 Pam Smith
 Barbara Valenti
 Tonya Vasser

USHERS

***Tommy Searles**
 *Linda Searles
David Dixon
 Gordon Martin
 Donna Martin
 Harold Elliotte
 Ed Williams
 Jennings Dawson

NH KIDS CLUB

*Linda Searles
 *OPEN
 Pamela Lumpkin
 OPEN

March 29
Men's Sunday
11am Only

NURSERY

OPEN
 OPEN

USHERS

Chris Whitley
 Pam Smith
 Jennings Dawson
 Will Smith
 OPEN
 OPEN

NH KIDS CLUB

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March Birthdays

1	Ann Anderson	17	Jimmy Carneal
3	Cheryl Stanley	18	Lamar Kulp
	Julia Harrell		Jennifer Mullins
5	Dave Edwards	20	Bethany Mullins
7	Tim Crytser	23	Arthur Petrey
8	Stuart Callahan	24	Barbara Kendig
	Bob Kossoff		David Falls
	Pamela Lumpkin		Lynn Woods
	Andrew Simpson	25	Mike Woods
12	Amy Nichols		Roy Barnes
15	Robin Callahan	26	Madison Whitley
	Rachel Brown		Taylor Dawson
	Joan Whittaker	28	Jaime Harnden
	Preston Currie	29	Benjamin Smolen
			Madeline Mirzaie

March Anniversaries

14	Donnie & Kristi Garstang
16	David & Shelly Talley
17	Marvin & Jan Mills
31	Gordon & Donna Martin

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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Don't forget to call before dropping by
 in case we've gone out to lunch or to run errands.
 Phone: 804-550-9601

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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Compassion International

March

Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

Mike & Tammy Patterson

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:
 Brenda McAleese and family
 in the death of her uncle, Bernard Gill

Lost and Found

All clothing - including coats, jackets, shirts, shorts and a scarf - have been removed from the "Lost and Found" box and hung in the foyer by the front doors of the church. Please take a look and see if any of the items are yours. Items not claimed by March 15 will be donated. In addition, there are other miscellaneous items in the box, so please check that as well if you are missing anything.

Help Needed

New Highland has several opportunities to serve:

- NH Kids Club - 1st and 4th Sundays @ 8:30 am - contact Sara Blose sara@cylas.org
- Cutting the church field - Free training provided! - contact Gordon Martin at 804-244-7258
- Leadership for our Community Outreach Team and Missions Committee - contact Rusty or Jennifer

Sponsor Mohamed

Our adopted child from Tanzania through Compassion International is Mohamed, and he is 16 years old. Sponsorships are available beginning with May. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. [Contact Kristi](#) in the office to bless Mohamed with your support.

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

February Benevolence Offering

\$534.00

MCEF Donations for March

Peanut Butter

Church Council Meeting

March 9 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Jan 26, 2020

Feb 2, 2020

Feb 9, 2020

Feb 16, 2020

Attendance

Early Worship	45	47	42	46
Sunday School	103	95	89	91
Late Worship	101	131	86	109

Budget

Weekly Need	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43
Weekly Receipts	3,919.50	10,443.00	5,855.50	5,144.00
YTD Goal	25,621.72	32,027.15	38,432.58	44,838.01
YTD Receipts	26,614.13	37,057.13	42,912.63	48,056.63

Designated Gifts

156.00	260.00	480.00	129.00
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