



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

I cannot believe that fall is already here. I am not ready for the cooler temperatures and falling leaves. The older I get, the more I enjoy warmer weather.

I was shocked to come home earlier this week and find my girls cuddled in the living room with the gas logs going while listening to Christmas music. While I enjoy Christmas, in my house I am the odd one out. I don't want to "celebrate the season" for a month or more. I enjoy the build up and then truly celebrating when the day arrives.

This, however, is traditionally the season for being thankful, following the tradition of our forefathers. Some of the earliest settlers on this land, the New World, took the time to give thanks for God's blessings. History tells us, however, that their first months in North America were not easy – harsh winter, lack of real "housing", food supply very limited and lots of sickness were just some of the struggles they faced.

Yet, it was in their heart to pause to give thanks for God's blessings. In the midst of great turmoil, they chose to pause to say thanks.

I find that extremely admirable, but difficult to emulate. I want to always be thankful, as we are taught in scripture. Paul has two very clear verses about the subject –

I Thessalonians 5: 18 – Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5: 20 – Giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Actually being thankful all the time is much more difficult. It is easy to be thankful when things are going well, but more of a challenge when things are not going your way. Victories in life are easy to be thankful for, but God calls us to be thankful in both the good and bad times. He is the same God all the time and He deserves our thanks regardless of our current situation.

As we approach this season of thanks, I want to challenge you. Join me in being thankful all the time, realizing that God is good and He is worthy of our thankfulness all the time!

I am blessed to serve this wonderful congregation and if I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Blessings,

Quarterly Business Meeting

On Unity Sunday, November 4, we will hold our business meeting at 12:45 pm following the potluck lunch. Our major items of business include the 2019 budget and the new security system.

November Worship

Sunday, November 4 Unity Sunday/Deacon Ordination

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

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

**Sunday, November 18
Communion**
Contemporary Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Combined Worship at 11:00am

Sunday, November 25
Contemporary Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Combined Worship at 11:00am

How to Have The Best Christmas Ever!

Mark your calendar now!
The Christmas season is almost here. You won't want to miss New Highland's performances of *How to Have the Best Christmas Ever!*



Performances:
Friday, Dec 7 @ 7 pm
Saturday, Dec 8 @ 3pm
Sunday, Dec 9 at 11am



Invite your friends and join us in the CLC.

Deacon Ordination

We have three new deacons who will be ordained during the combined worship service on Unity Sunday on November 4. The new deacons are Gordon Martin, David Dixon and Harold Elliotte. This is always a moving experience in these men's spiritual lives that you won't want to miss.

Deacons on Call—November

Ken Long 804-381-1544
Chris Beck 804-334-0603

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

Just a Prayer Away

*God has never promised to solve our problems.
He has promised to go with us.*
- Elisabeth Elliot

Although current computer capabilities allow us to track almost anyone, or anything, and as well capture known information, this capacity/capability is not actually omniscience because there are limits.

True omniscience is one of God's attributes; because He is love, His exhaustive knowledge is used for our benefit. The psalmist David wrote eloquently about God's all-knowing awareness of his life (Psalm 139:2-11). The phrase "misery loves company" comes to mind: When we are suffering, the knowledge that God knows about our pain is comforting. He is with us (Hebrews 13:5) and, even before we tell or ask Him, He knows what we need (Matthew 6:8). Whether in good times or bad, God is with us, never more than a prayer away.

Are you standing on troubled ground today? Be assured that you do not stand-alone. God is with you always, "even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Effective Prayer John 15:7-11

Christians want an effective prayer life. They long to see the Lord answering our prayers and actively intervening in the concerns and needs we bring before Him. Ask yourself: "Am I willing to do what's required? Jesus' promise of answered prayer is linked with two prerequisites, both found in verse 7.

"If you abide in Me." To abide means to remain, dwell, or continue, and according to [1 John 3:24](#), abiding in Christ is characterized by keeping His commands. Therefore, if we want to pray effectively, we must be committed to obey God in every area of our life. Any rebellion robs us of the wisdom we need in order to pray rightly. It also hinders our fellowship with the Father and keeps Him from hearing and answering our requests.

"And [If] My words abide in you." We must ask ourselves these questions: *Does God's Word remain, dwell, and continue in me? Am I more preoccupied with talking to God in prayer than with listening to what He's said in His Word?* Scripture is the basis for effective prayer. As we read and meditate upon God's Word, it convicts us of sin so we can repent and be cleansed. Scripture adjusts our focus from earthly priorities to heavenly ones. It also shapes our thoughts to align with God's so we'll know how to pray according to His will instead of ours. There are no fast and easy shortcuts to a fruitful prayer life. It was meant to develop through a lifestyle of obedience and dedication to the Word. These are cultivated over a lifetime and glorify God by bearing much lasting fruit. Remembering what the Lord says in His Word is our safeguard against deception and temptation. Devotions read during our quiet time won't protect us if they're quickly forgotten during the day. Follow Jesus Christ's example: Be ready with truth in your mind and on your tongue whenever temptation strikes. (See [Matt. 4:1-11](#).)

Invite God to join you as you pray to Him and enjoy His Presence.

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).

Baking Blitz

Our first baking blitz went well. We took batches of goodies to 27 area businesses! This is an community outreach project, and we need everyone to pitch in, if you can!

The instructions are SUPER easy!

1. Our next Baking Blitz is Saturday, December 1.
2. Volunteers, at home, bake or prepare a batch of cookies or rice krispy treats or brownies - any batch of any goody. (a batch = 24). Place this batch in a disposable glad-ware type container.
3. Bring your batch (or more than one) - to the church by 10am on Saturday, Dec. 1.
4. These batches will then be labeled with an encouraging note and our church info.

A small group of volunteers, along with Rusty and/or Jennifer, will deliver these to businesses throughout our neighborhood/community. Delivery will take only an hour or two depending on how many volunteers help and how many batches are brought. If we have 40-50 batches - then we can make a connection with that many businesses to let them know our church is here for them and loves and supports them.

The December Blitz will promote our Christmas musical; Christmas activities and worship times! Thank you for your help with this outreach activity!

Kids in Christ Updates

Our third graders are now included in the KIC activities on Sunday mornings each week.

And on the second Sunday morning of each month, we will have an NH Kids Celebration which will include up through 5th grade in our special kids worship time.

Christian Sympathy

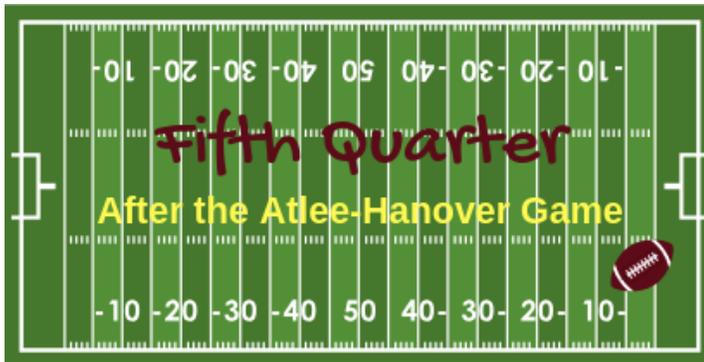
Christian sympathy is expressed to:
Ruth Harlow and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Norma Thornton

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

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

Fifth Quarter



Join us after the Atlee-Hanover football game on Nov. 2nd for the fifth quarter. Our youth and young adults will enjoy recreation, games, karaoke, prizes, food, worship and other activities. This is one of our biggest outreach opportunities. Invite your friends!

55-and-Older Thanksgiving Luncheon

Senior Adults!
You are Invited to the Annual 55-and-Older Thanksgiving Luncheon
Following the 11 am Worship Service
Sunday, November 11th
In the CLC
Come join us for great food and fellowship!



Senior Event

On Tuesday, November 13, our seniors will go to dinner at 5 pm and then experience worship at the BGAV Annual Meeting at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Let Rusty know if you'd like to be included.

New Members



Jim & Michelle Bonner
Joined 10/21/18
by Transfer of Letter

Picture not available

Gail Riley
Joined 10/21/18



Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show

This is a fundraiser for the summer camp weeks for kids and youth, which is hosted by the New Highland Kids Committee and the New Highland Youth Ministry (NHYM) Committee. This fundraiser will go toward the cost for our chaperones and the cost of the van rentals that will be needed.

Saturday, November 17

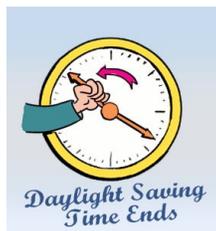
Cost: \$10 for ages 10 - adult; \$5 for kids 4-9; free for ages 3 and under

- 5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner - includes a meat sauce and veggie/marinara sauce options, salad, bread, drinks dessert (A donation list will be posted for all the food items.)
- 6:00 pm Talent Show - "Celebrate the Colors"
Just as a beautiful rainbow has many colors, our church family is full of many beautiful talents and hearts!

We are looking for 10-15 acts - each one no more than approximately 5 minutes in length.

Please contact Jennifer Mullins by or before Sunday, November 11 at revjcm121@gmail.com to sign up for the talent show.

Reminder



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 4th. On Saturday evening, November 3rd, set your clocks **BACK** one hour.

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Friday, Nov. 23rd.

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
5:30-6:15pm-Speak Life project; CLC open; home-work station; smaller projects
6:15-7:30 pm - Life N-HYM
7:30 pm-Beyond 2nd Sunday of each month

Wednesdays: opportunities for all ages

6:00pm-Dinner (by reservation)

6:30pm-Bible studies

Mission Friends & music for **CHILDREN**
Bible study & projects for **N-HYM/Beyond**

Pass the Word! Get excited! Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry is ALIVE and well here at New Highland Baptist Church!

New Highland Kids and New Highland Youth Ministry (N-HYM)!

1. **Kids In Christ!** During each morning worship service. Starting this Sunday, this is for kids ages 3 to 3rd grade! Tina Howell is our KIC (and Nursery) Coordinator and if you would like to be a part of the KIC leadership rotation and help teach and love these awesome kids let her know! (tinanhowell@hotmail.com)

NH Kids Celebration! Starting in November, the second Sunday of each month, kids preschool-5th grade will be dismissed to NH Kids Celebration! Instead of KIC, we will have a kids worship and extend the age to 5th grade. Rev. Jennifer, Tina, and other adult & youth volunteers will share in leading.

2. **N-HYM!** (grades 6th-12th) Sunday nights - 5:30pm-7:30pm (starting Nov. 4)! 5:30-6:15pm - Speak Life project; open CLC; homework station; smaller projects.
6:15-7:30pm - Life N-HYM - activities, Bible, worship, sharing!
(snacks provided - eat dinner before or after on your own.)

3. **Mid-Week Encounter!!** Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm!
For children - Mission Friends! Fun activities & mission learning!
For youth - N-HYM time! Fun activities, Bible study & outreach projects!
For adults - 3 Bible study options!
(Dinner beforehand at 6:00pm for everyone!
Contact church office for reservations.)

4. **Monthly special events!** Here is an overview of the events coming up:
a. Sunday, October 28 - **Kids Fall Fling!** - 3:00-5:30pm

For **children** in preschool through 5th grade. Kids activities & games, hot dogs, bounce house, prizes, and special surprises! Costumes welcome, yet optional. (non-scary, if possible.) :)

b. Saturday, November 17 - "**NHBC's Got Talent!**" spaghetti dinner & talent show! A church-wide event hosted by the **kids and youth ministry teams** to raise money for the summer's Centri-Kid camp and NHYM mission camp! Kids and youth will help serve the meal as well as participate in the talent show (if they wish).

5:00pm - Dinner (\$10 for ages 10- adult / \$5 for ages 4-9/ Free for babies 3 and under)
6:00pm - Talent Show!!!! Contact Jennifer Mullins if you wish to be in the talent show!

c. Friday, December 14 - NH Kids **Christmas Friday Night LIVE!!!!** - 6:00-10:00pm For **children** ages 4 years thru 5th grade. Christmas games, activities, goodies plus worship and Christmas story PLUS a Christmas movie! Kids wear their favorite PJ's and plan to have a blast!

d. Sunday, December 16 - **N-HYM Christmas Party!**
(for **youth** grades 6th-12th)

e. Coming in 2019 - More Kids Friday Night LIVES; a youth lock-in & DNOW; a special Kids Easter event; NHYM/Beyond Amazing Race, camps and more!

Our NHYM youth group continues to grow! It is quite active and positive! God is pouring out and good things are happening! We are about to start work on our next creative project "Speak Life" plus gear up for a lock-in and DNOW! Meanwhile, we have many people who have pulled together with me - as the body of Christ - to plan and lead an incredibly active, vibrant, on-going children's ministry! With the addition of "Children's Moments" in worship and many who have stepped up to take point on different pieces - we have a full-blown Children's ministry that we need to tell others about! I am also intentionally encouraging kids and youth and families; meeting with any child or teen who has questions about salvation or other needs. It is imperative that we spread the word that we have a great children's and youth ministry and encourage others to get involved! We have already seen more new faces! So get excited! Pray! Help! And Pass the Word!
Love, Jennifer

Unity Sunday Potluck Lunch

Plan to stay for a potluck lunch after the combined worship service at 11 am. Earl Phillips is fixing a hearty beef stew. Bring a side or dessert to share.

Congratulations

Sam Davis turns 95 on November 18. That is quite the accomplishment. Please join us in wishing him the happiest of birthdays!

November 4
11am ONLY
WELCOME CENTER

Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

Linda Peay
OPEN

USHERS

OPEN

Gordon Martin
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Carolynn Globig
Youth

November 18
***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
Nate Hostetter
Fred Small
David McGhee
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Sara Blöse
*Youth
Ryan Smith
Youth

November 11
***8:30 & 11am**
WELCOME CENTER

*Jennifer Diehl
Laura Beck

NURSERY

*OPEN
*Carol Evers
Pam Smith
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser

USHERS

***Tommy Searles**
*Linda Searles
Wesley Thompson
Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
Will Smith
Dylan Smith
Quinn Thompson

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Linda Searles
*Taylor Dawson
OPEN
Youth

November 25
***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**

*OPEN
*Laura Beck
OPEN
Nick Rishcoff

November Birthdays

4	Rose Harper	16	Anna Eby
6	Nick Brown	18	Sam Davis
	Fred Small	19	Jon Cliborne
7	Sandra Smolen	21	Rick Purdy
8	Ken Long		Bruce McAleese
9	Michael Mirzaie	22	Carol Steiner
10	Riley Ann Edwards	23	Susan Sandridge
	Brian Flood		Dot Martin
	Michelle Bonner	25	Gordon Martin
11	Erin Schriker	26	Amy Hunter
	Tessa Chenault		Elaine Cliborne
12	Nolan Rayfield		Tina Howell
13	Laura McAleese	27	Mark Brown
	Dawn Hall		Tommy Newman
14	Kira VanSteenburgh	29	Kyle Newman

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November Anniversaries

4	Charles & Rose Harper
23	Chris & Theresa Whitley
	Tommy & Renee Newman
28	Bill & Janice Finnegan

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Compassion International



November Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

The Purdy's

Sponsors needed!!!!

GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:



- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm in Room 103

Visit <http://www.griefshare.org/holidays> to view a video about this seminar.

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 is available on Sunday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. This is a series/DVD type study and 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.

Won't you join us?



MEN'S BREAKFAST

October Benevolence Offering
 \$331.00

MCEF Donations for November
 Hot and cold cereals

Church Council Meeting
 November 12 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Attendance

	Sep 30, 2018	Oct 7, 2018	Oct 14, 2018	Oct 21, 2018
Early Worship	No svc	69	38	60
Sunday School	90	111	92	103
Late Worship	140	101	110	102

Budget

Weekly Need	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20
Weekly Receipts	7,196.00	11,714.86	5,913.00	5,368.50
YTD Goal	389,305.80	399,288.00	409,270.20	419,252.40
YTD Receipts	280,525.02	292,239.88	298,152.88	305,521.38

Debt Retirement Fund

100.00 0.00 15.00 100.00

Designated Gifts

244.35 312.00 2,502.69 847.28