



# NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2019

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### Dear NHBC Family

Fall is finally here! I love the fall, at the beginning, but by the end it makes me sad. The beautiful colors of fall are inspiring, but at the end of November there are mostly bald trees waving in the wind. That makes me long for spring again and the renewal of life that comes.

I think the seasons are a wonderful example of life itself. We all go through seasons. Some seasons are good and you can feel God's presence and feel that He is with you. Some seasons are struggles and although the sun may be shining outside, there are storms of emotions inside.

Think about it, spring may be a time of regrowth and beauty, but it can also produce hard winds and rain that drive us to find shelter. In winter, it may be cold and your schedule may be altered because of the harsh weather, but you can find yourself calm, protected and warm.

My prayer is that regardless of what is happening with the things around us, things we can't control like the season or weather, that we will continue to cling to our God who is always desiring our attention. Maybe the season you are in now is not overly joyful – that's ok – God is still alive and well and working in ways you may never understand.

Maybe the people around you don't know that there are storms in your heart and soul; that can be dangerous. First seek God, know that He is there, and then share your burden with those who care.

I started thinking about this when I learned of another suicide at Atlee High School. I didn't know the young man and Becca, who is a sophomore there, did not know him either. From what I have been told, nobody knew that the young man was standing on a ledge in his heart, that he had lost hope and was ready to take his life. All suicides are terrible, but one where people look back and never see the signs may be the most difficult to accept. The young man was active, played baseball and was well known to his classmates, but still inside he needed help.

If you need help, reach out. I will be there for you. I can't heal you, but I can listen and maybe guide you where you need to go. I will pray for you and do all I can to be a support.

Our staff is looking at holding mental health workshops in the new year to help not only our church, but the community as well. Pray for that effort as we find the best way to offer help.

You are loved.

Blessings,

### Fall Back Sunday, November 3

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Sat., Nov. 2.

### November Worship

#### **Sunday, November 3 Communion**

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

#### **Sunday, November 10**

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

#### **Sunday, November 17 Unity Sunday**

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

#### **Sunday, November 24**

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

### Panama Update

We are still raising funds for the Panama Mission trip coming in January.

We were a little set back by not being able to have the spaghetti supper due to circumstances beyond our control, but God is still good.

We are going to have our second annual NHBC talent show on November 16. Since we were unable to have a spaghetti fundraiser in October, the meal before the talent show will be spaghetti. Come and get a good meal and enjoy the great talents at NHBC.

Also, there are still envelopes on the wall outside of Jennifer Mullins' office. Take an envelope, place in the envelope the amount of money stated on the outside, and then drop it in the black box in front of the church office.

The green toolbox in the hallway outside of the church office is for the mission trip as well. If you would like to donate tools, we will be sending them to the missionaries in Panama.

Thanks for your support. Keep us in your prayers.

### Deacons on Call—November

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## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

### ***The Prayer of Faith and Preparation***

***(From a collection of  
Dr. Charles Stanley's Daily Devotionals)***

Begin your time of devotional by reviewing 1 Kings 18:41-46. Consider the characteristics of patience, obedience, and diligence as you have fellowship with God through prayer.

A committed and consistent prayer life is essential for every believer who wants to grow in his or her relationship with Christ. Yet so many Christians struggle in this area. What is hindering us?

No Burden: Being diligent in prayer is easy when we feel passionate about our request. We will storm the gates of Heaven when a loved one is sick, but once the urgency is past, so is the prayer. We drift back into apathy.

No Time: We're busy and can see no way to squeeze in regular prayer time without a drastic rearrangement of our schedule.

No Apparent Answer: We've tried praying, but God just doesn't seem to answer. Thinking, *it's a waste of time*, we give up.

James 5:16-18 tells us about someone whose prayer accomplished much: Elijah was passionate and persistent in his petitions because he knew God intimately and believed He would answer. Past answers to prayer and time spent in God's presence had solidified the prophet's trust.

When Elijah first began to pray on the mountain, there was no apparent answer, and yet he continued to seek the Lord. God is always working around us whether we perceive it or not. Eyes of faith can see His presence and involvement even when there's no tangible evidence.

God did not design prayer as simply an avenue for requests; spending time in conversation with our heavenly Father is meant to help us know and love Him. Then, as we grow in passion for the Lord, spending time with Him will be a delight, and life turns into an adventure of faith.

Next review Acts 2:1:

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Prayer does not give you spiritual power.

Prayer aligns your life with God so that He chooses to demonstrate His power through you.

The purpose of prayer is not to convince God to change your circumstances but to prepare you to be involved in God's activity. The fervent prayer of the people at Pentecost did not induce the Holy Spirit to come upon them. Prayer brought them to a

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place where they were ready to participate in the mighty work God had already planned.

Jesus told His followers to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:4-5). The disciples obeyed His command, waiting for God's next directive. As they prayed, God adjusted their lives to what He intended to do next. As they prayed, a unity developed among them. For the first time the disciples used Scripture as their guide in decision making (Acts 1:15-26). The day of Pentecost arrived, and the city of Jerusalem filled with pilgrims from around the world. When God released His Holy Spirit upon the disciples, He had already filled the city with messengers who would carry the gospel to every nation. Prayer had prepared the disciples for their obedient response.

Prayer is designed to adjust you to God's will, not to adjust God to your will. If God has not responded to what you are praying, you may need to adjust your praying to align with God's agenda. Rather than focusing on what you would like to see happen, realize that God may be more concerned with what He wants to see happen in you.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

David Barnes and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Carol Barnes

Earl Phillips and family in the death of his mother-in-law, Ruth Campbell

Bill Stanley and family in the death of his wife, Alice Stanley

The family of Robert Whitfield, III

Gordon Liverpool and family in the death of his wife, Esther Liverpool

## Prayer Concerns

\*Hospitalized at time of printing

Audrey Atkinson\*

Claude Aylor

David Barnes

Grace Barnes

Sam Davis

Carol Didlake

Sandra Edwards

Charlie Elliott

Myra Fitzgerald

Buddy/Mary Golding

Jean Harding

Kelley Harding

Sherwood Haskins

George/Shirley Linville

Dot Martin

Gordon Martin

David McGhee

Joyce McLaughlan

Earl Phillips

Tommy Searles

Dylan Smith

Will Smith

Van Summers

Margaret Toney

Sharon Turner

Ernest 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).

## Weekly Opportunities

### **Sundays:**

8:30am-Contemporary Worship  
9:45am-Sunday School/Bible studies by age group  
11:00am-Worship

New Highland Kids Club - Mid-way through each worship service, children from ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are dismissed to our New Highland Kids Club for kid-friendly worship, activities and lesson time. When dismissed, a volunteer walks kids to the NHKids Club. After worship, children can be picked up from NHKids Club down the children's hallway.

For both worship times, nursery is provided for birth through age 3.

6:00pm-NHYM & Beyond LifeNight!  
6:00pm-Adult Bible Study

### **Tuesdays:**

6:30pm- Girls & Boys Bible studies (led by youth/young adults) Girls at The Mullin's/Boys at the Tschantre's (contact church staff for addresses)

### **Wednesdays:**

10:00am-Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Rusty  
6:30pm- Adult Bible studies, New Highland Kids activities, NHYM & Beyond "on the Move!"

### **N-HYM & Beyond**

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

### **LifeNight!**

11/03 6:00-7:30pm	Pizza! Games! Worship! Bible! FUN! Bring friends!
11/10	No LifeNight!
11/17 6:00-7:30pm	Eat before you come. A night of FUN & FAITH!
11/24	TBD

### **Fifth Quarter/Lock-In**



Join us after the Atlee-Hanover football game on Nov. 8th for the Fifth Quarter from 9:30 pm to midnight. Our youth will enjoy pizza, karaoke, art, smores, basketball, corn hole, Human Hungry Hippo, other games, door prizes, and awesome worship. At midnight our lock-in will begin and go until 7am. Games, activities, worship, snacks, mission project, art, movie and looking to 2020! Pass the word. Tell everyone!

## **Christmas Amazing Race**

GET EXCITED! Coming in December, we will have a Christmas Amazing Race!! Details TBD!!!!

### **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 24th  
In the CLC

Come join us for great food  
and fellowship!



### **In Memoriam**

#### **Alice Stanley**

Deceased October 14, 2019  
United with NHBC  
July 23, 2000



#### **Robert Whitfield, III**

Deceased October 20, 2019  
United with NHBC  
June 25, 2006

#### **Esther Liverpool**

Deceased October 27, 2019  
United with NHBC  
February 2, 1997

### **Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show**

This is a fundraiser for the  
Panama Mission Team.

**Saturday, November 16**

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

5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner

6:00 pm Talent Show

We need a variety of talent acts and ages! Please let Jennifer Mullins know if you want to sing, juggle, dance, paint, recite, act or share any talent you have!



### **Christmas Poinsettias**

We will begin taking orders for the Christmas poinsettias in memory of loved ones right after Thanksgiving. Watch for further details to come soon.

### **Christmas Cantata**

Save the dates! Performances will be on Friday night, December 13 and Sunday, December 15 during the worship service at 11 am.

**November 3**

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

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Shirley Hawks  
Theresa Whitley

**NURSERY**

\*Staci Smith  
\*Shirley Hawks  
Linda Peay  
OPEN

**USHERS**

**\*Kevin Harnden**

\*Luke Harnden  
**Bill Martin**  
Lisa Rossi  
Will Smith  
Dylan Smith  
Jon Cliborne  
Sammy Cliborne

**NH KIDS/  
WORSHIP**

\*Jon Cliborne  
\*Youth  
Carolynn Globig  
Madison Whitley

**November 17**

**11am Only**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Glenda Currie

**NURSERY**

OPEN  
Tim Smith

**USHERS**

**Harold Elliotte**

Bill Martin  
Jennings Dawson  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**NH KIDS/  
WORSHIP**

\*Sara Blöse  
\*Youth  
Ryan Smith  
Youth

**November 10**

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

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Jennifer Diehl  
Laura Beck

**NURSERY**

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

**USHERS**

**\*Tommy Searles**

\*Linda Searles  
\*Wayne Harrell  
**David Dixon**  
Gordon Martin  
Donna Martin  
Harold Elliotte  
Ed Williams  
Jennings Dawson

**NH KIDS/  
WORSHIP**

\*Linda Searles  
\*Taylor Dawson  
NH Kids Worship-  
Preschool - 5th Grade

**November 24**

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

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Robin Parrett  
Cheryl McGhee

**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/  
WORSHIP**

\*Laura Beck  
\*Youth  
Rachel Barnes  
Nick Rishcoff

**November Birthdays**

4	Rose Harper	18	Sam Davis
	Lydia Shearin	19	Jon Cliborne
6	Nick Brown	20	Jordan Sheffield
	Fred Small	21	Rick Purdy
7	Sandra Smolen		Bruce McAleese
8	Ken Long		Jeff Fitzgerald
9	Michael Mirzaie	23	Susan Sandridge
10	Brian Flood		Dot Martin
	Michelle Bonner	25	Gordon Martin
11	Erin Schricker	26	Amy Hunter
	Tessa Chenault		Elaine Cliborne
13	Laura McAleese		Tina Howell
	Dawn Hall	27	Mark Brown
15	Christina Breck		Tommy Newman
16	Anna Eby	29	Kyle Newman

**November Anniversaries**

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

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

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### Compassion International



November

Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

**Helen Robinson**

### 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 21st at 6:30 pm in Room 103

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

### Church Office Closed

For the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27 and will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

### Congratulations

Bill and Janice Finnegan will celebrate 55 years of marriage on November 28.



### 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

### October Benevolence Offering

\$428.00

### MCEF Donations for November

Hot and Cold Cereals

### Church Council Meeting

November 11 @ 6:30 pm

### ACTS II:

Sep 29, 2019

Oct 6, 2019

Oct 13, 2019

Oct 20, 2019

### Attendance

	<u>Sep 29, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 6, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 13, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 20, 2019</u>
Early Worship	No Svc	49	45	35
Sunday School	91	88	84	78
Late Worship	108	96	96	94

### Budget

	<u>Sep 29, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 6, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 13, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 20, 2019</u>
Weekly Need	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
Weekly Receipts	5,057.24	15,403.50	5,390.00	2,503.75
YTD Goal	241,200.05	247,400.05	253,600.05	259,800.05
YTD Receipts	267,159.99	282,563.49	287,953.49	290,457.24

### Designated Gifts

	<u>Sep 29, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 6, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 13, 2019</u>	<u>Oct 20, 2019</u>
	222.00	647.00	662.56	293.00