



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

Hard to believe that we are preparing to celebrate freedom again. July 4th is upon us and it's time to celebrate!

Things will be celebrated differently this year, I suppose. We are told that big crowds are still a no-no, so big firework displays are going to be few and far between – if any. It is difficult to celebrate freedom at a time when our freedom is restricted – supposedly for our own safety.

Regardless of the limitations our government or anyone else places on us – staying at home, wearing a mask or any of the other restrictions that may be placed, there is one truth that doesn't change – those who know Jesus are still free. How can that be? Well, Paul and other authors of the New Testament told those who were in slavery, which existed back then, that they were to serve their master's faithfully. They could live this life being owned by another person, but they were still free through Jesus.

Whether you feel like it or not, you are free now. In the midst of the greatest restrictions placed on Americans, possibly ever, you are still free. This is not our long-term home. One day we will be reunited with Jesus and He will allow us to truly experience freedom – freedom earned by His blood and given to us through grace.

I think many are still struggling with this new reality, that is changing, but not fast enough for many. This is not a forever situation and I hope we learn much through this trial. Take your eyes off your current circumstances and live like you know you are free because of Jesus.

Blessings,

Thank You's

To the staff at New Highland Baptist Church and Trustees, Thank you so much for the money that was paid to me through the end of the school year. It was very thoughtful. I appreciate all that you have done.

Dale Parrish

(Editor's note: The Day School teachers were paid thanks to the church's vote to apply for the SBA PPP loan.)

Dear New Highland Baptist Church and Trustees, Thank you all so much for the generous scholarship! I will use it for future college expenses! I also appreciated getting recognized on Sunday!

Love, **Madison DuRocher**

New Highland,
Thank you so much for the gift. It is very appreciated!
Thank you - **Madison Hutto**

Current Church Office Hours

Most Mondays from 10 am to 11 am
to accept in person contributions

Most Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm

Calling before you come is always a good idea.

Otherwise, the office is closed until further notice.

However, Rusty, Jennifer & Eric
will be in the office from time to time.

If you need something, call them to
check to see if they are there.

Kristi is working from home and usually
available by calling her cell phone,
or emailing, during summer office hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 am to 5 pm
Fridays 9 am to noon

However, Kristi is on vacation 7/6 - 7/15

July Worship

Drive -In Worship at 11 am
& Live Streaming in New Highland's
Facebook Group

Sunday, July 5

Sunday, July 12

NEW TIME - 10:30am Worship - INSIDE
& Live Streaming

Target start date is Sunday, July 19*

Sunday, July 26*

No Sunday school, nursery
or children's activities

*Subject to change-Relaunch plan on next page

Giving Options

There are many ways to help NHBC support
God's work in His kingdom during
these unprecedented times:

- Online at <https://onrealm.org/NHBC/Give>
- Drop by the office from 10 to 11 am on Mondays to turn contributions in personally
- Give during the offertory collection once we are able to worship together or at drive-in worship

Deacons on Call—July

Harold Elliotte	804-795-5298
David Dixon	804-746-7637

Plan for NHBC Relaunch

Our target date for returning to worship inside is July 19 at 10:30 am. (Note that this is subject to change. However, when we do return indoors, the worship time will be 10:30 am, so please take note of that as well.) We realize that some may not be comfortable coming to worship with others yet and encourage those to watch our live stream worship instead. Below is NHBC's plan for relaunching worship indoors.

Entrance and Building

Enter/Exit

- We will use only front entrance for entry and office door for exit.
- Ushers will wear masks at the front door (only door to enter) to welcome visitors.
- When possible, we will leave doors propped open so there will be no need to touch the door.

Signs

- We will have signs in the parking lot pointing to the main entrance door.
- We will have signs requesting those who are ill or have been in contact with someone who has Covid19 to please return home and watch our live stream.
- We will have clear signs to the bathrooms and sanitizing stations.
- We will have signs outlining social distancing protocol.

Parts of the building not in use will be closed off.

The only bathrooms open will be the ones down the Day School hall. Ideally, we would have someone to wipe them down once the service starts to maintain cleanliness.

Masks will be available for those who do not have one. Masks should be worn inside, according to the Governor's order, unless there is a physical/health exception.

Worship

We will have a combined service at 10:30.

We will not have nursery, children's church or Sunday School for the time being.

We will not observe communion for the time being.

We will not do baptisms for the time being.

Offering will be collected in plates at the back of the sanctuary.

Bulletins will be available online.

Those leading in worship, singing or speaking, will not be asked to wear a mask while leading.

Other Considerations

We request that non-family groups sit at least two seats from each other, to maintain the safe social distance of six feet apart.

We will begin without a choir, but hope to relaunch that soon as well.

Building and Maintenance have already contacted a company to sanitize the building each Saturday so the building will be ready for Sunday.

Pastor Rusty is working with others to get our new website up and running and make sure we are ready to have a quality live stream before we relaunch.

If you are not part of the vulnerable, at risk group and feel comfortable joining us, we look forward to seeing you in worship very soon. We encourage each person to make the best decision for their unique situation.

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

Key Excerpts from Rick Astle's "His Prayers and Mine"

Intercessory Prayer: Jesus and You - Part One

**"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours."
John 17:9**

Prayer would be amazing enough if it was limited to intimate communication between man and God. Just the knowledge that it is "actually possible" to converse with the One who put the stars in place is difficult to grasp. But in this prayer of Jesus, we are reminded of another privilege of prayer intercession. Intercessory prayer introduces a "third party" to holy communication.

Jesus interceded for His disciples during this part of His prayer, saying, "I pray for them." Whenever we pray on behalf of others, we take part in an activity that closely identifies us with Jesus Christ. Intercession is what Jesus does (see Romans 8:34). The Bible says that Jesus is "at the right hand of God," interceding for the saints continuously.

Psalm 16:11 declares that it is a pleasure to be at God's "right hand." When we engage in intercessory prayer for others, we have the pleasure of joining Jesus at God's right hand. What is taking place in the throne room where we join Him? Life-changing, world-changing activity! The destruction of the works of Satan! Non-stop worship!

Sometimes Christians say, "I wish I knew something I could do for God that would actually make a difference." They lack a basic understanding of intercessory prayer! The work of an intercessor is a privilege of the highest level because it places us right there with Jesus in His work of furthering God's kingdom, and of reconciling all of humanity to the Father. That's making a difference!

Paul explains how this can happen; "God ... made us alive together with Christ ... and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (see Ephesians 2:4-6). Therefore, God has "transported" us to a higher place of divine activity – the invisible, heavenly arena – where powerful intercession occurs.

Yet, there is "work" involved when we compassionately and sacrificially intercede for others. With the pleasures and privileges come the responsibilities to be available, to be attentive, to persevere, and to discern.

Ask the Father to reveal to you the value He places on intercessory prayer.



In Memoriam

Yvonne Smallwood
Deceased June 20, 2020
United with NHBC
December 13, 1998

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 (550-9601).

"Head to the Heart" Youth/Young Adult Renewal Week

For Who? Students in completed grades 6-12 and young adults ages 18-30.

What is it? A week of fun community-building, discipleship & worship—to renew our hearts in Christ and learn how to live authentically in Him!

When? Monday, July 13- Friday, July 17
Monday through Thursday - 4:00-8:30 with an Afterglow activity! Friday - 10:00am- 2:30pm

Where? NHBC

Why? To renew hearts in Christ; to develop stronger spiritual disciplines; to build a closer community for youth and young adults; to enjoy some fun and friendship after months of isolation; to worship God as one; to encourage all who come!

How? Event is free, but sign-up by June 29 to help us know how many packets to make and how much food to prepare. If you miss the deadline, all are welcome to come without previously signing up. Email revjcm121@gmail.com.

We are taking every safety precaution. We will be outside for most of the event and move inside in case of bad weather. We will keep social distancing between those who are not already related or close. We will have a hand sanitizer station. And if you don't want the dinners provided- you may pack your own meal. Lunch on Friday is to be a packed and bring lunch.

The final day- Friday-we will prayer walk and do some random acts of kindness & mission before returning for debriefing, reflection and wrap up!

The nightly "afterglows" are optional. These are fun community activities that will be after the final worship and will go until late.

Monday- Flashlight game; Tuesday- TBA; Wednesday- Late night movie; Thursday- DNOW styled sleepover in designated places following all safety protocol.

All Bible studies, small group discussions and such will be divided by and relevant to each age group- from tween to teen to young adults in and out of college.

Any adult who would like to assist, email the above email address also!

Thank you for praying for this event!

Special guests: Unbroken Light Worship Band

Love to all!
Jennifer Mullins

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Audrey Atkinson	Shirley Hawks
Claude Aylor	George/Shirley Linville
David Barnes	Joshua Long*
Grace Barnes	Dot Martin
Rachel Barnes	Gordon Martin
Maddie Bonner/Family	David McGhee
Michelle Bonner	Joyce McLaughlan
Carol Didlake	Earl Phillips
Sandra Edwards	Tommy Searles
Charlie Elliott	Dylan Smith
Barbara Gammon	Van Summers
Buddy/Mary Golding	Margaret Toney
Jean Harding	Matt White
Sherwood Haskins	Joan Whittaker

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Compassion International

July

Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

Kay Fields

Sponsors needed beginning in Oct!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 10 - Friday,
August 14 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.
(All is subject to change.)

We will begin with a prepackaged
supper each evening. VBS is for
ages 3 through 6th grade.

Register as a participant or volun-
teer at:

[https://vbsmate.com/events/
nhbc/19583](https://vbsmate.com/events/nhbc/19583)



July Anniversaries

2	Monte & Judy Evans
3	Bill & Carol Didlake
22	Chris & Heather Uzel
23	Jeff & Colleen Simpson
27	Barry & Larry Layne

July Birthdays

2	Eric Smith	21	Monte Evans
	Grace Chenault	22	Kelsey Shearon
4	Luke Tschantre	23	Brett Blose
5	Sara Rhodes	24	Charles Harper
6	Veronica Lumpkin		Buddy Golding
8	Margaret Toney		Jennings Dawson
	Linda Edwards		Drew Blose
	Joshua Mullins	25	Flynn Sandridge
10	Shirley Linville	26	Arthur Garthright
11	Kody Karnes	27	Karen Schricker
	Kim Fitzgerald	28	Cora Sandridge
12	Ryan Smith		Audrey Fitzgerald
14	Caity Callahan	30	Penny Layne
17	Kevin Harnden		Savannah Whitley
19	Scott Winters		Cullen Lumpkin
	Chris Hunter	31	Brian Hunter
20	Leslie Martin		

June Benevolence Offering

No collection taken, but \$280.00 given

MCEF Donations for July

Canned Fruits and Veggies

Church Council Meeting

July 13 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Attendance

		<u>May 31, 2020</u>	<u>June 7, 2020</u>	<u>June 14, 2020</u>	<u>June 21, 2020</u>
Early Worship		Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Sunday School		Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Late Worship	Drive-In	76	97	69	73

Budget

Weekly Need	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43
Weekly Receipts	5,386.50	9,501.05	4,014.50	3,388.90
YTD Goal	140,919.46	147,324.89	153,730.32	160,135.75
YTD Receipts	140,521.48	149,974.03	153,988.53	157,377.43

Designated Gifts

	263.00	48.00	1,163.60	183.86
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