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Dear NHBC Family

Hope all of you are well.

Spring is here, to some extent at least. We are getting rain and some wind, but we have also already seen temps in the 80's letting us know that summer is coming.

Things seem to look different this year. The situation that we all find ourselves in, I believe, taints how we see our world.

Isn't it a beautiful day? Sure, but I am going to be inside all day.

Aren't the flowers beautiful? They will probably die because nobody can take care of them.

That was a wonderful meal! Glad you liked it because now I've got to do the dishes – again!

Have you felt anything like that? A blessing, something that you are grateful for, followed by a statement that corrupts the positivity. I think that is human nature. It's easy to point out the negatives instead of focusing on the good.

In a recent sermon, I mentioned the main character in the Disney movie "Pollyanna". The girl had been raised in a primitive place by her missionary parents and she tells the story of playing the "glad game" – no matter what happened, you are challenged to find something good about it. She told of finally receiving a shipment from the people who were supporting her family and being disappointed. She had requested a doll and received crutches instead. When asked how she said something good about not getting her doll and being sent medical equipment, she said that she was glad that they weren't needed.

How we deal with this situation is up to us. We can take the easy road and worry, fear and complain – I think that is how most people are reacting. Or we can attempt to shine the light of hope that comes through Jesus.

What I am challenging all of us to do, including me, is to choose to see blessings in the middle of this unwanted, unexpected storm. We can never control all the forces in this world, but we can choose how we respond when those forces send us something challenging. The last few weeks, now months, have been a challenge.

I have something I would like to ask all of you to do. I know not all of you are tech gifted – I am not particularly good at all of it either. What I would love for you to find a way to do is to record yourself – using your computer, tablet, smart phone or other device – giving a two-minute devotional about God's goodness, even in this troubled time. Send those videos to our Facebook page, if you are on Facebook you could just do a live recording. If you can't do that, email it to me – rusty.mullins@newhighlandbaptist.org and I will get them on the page and/or website. I want us to be an example of God's love to the rest of the world. I will be sending out this

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message in other forms to make sure that everyone receives the challenge.

God is good – He never stopped being good – and let's make sure that we share that openly!

Blessings, *Rusty*

Current Church Office Hours

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

Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm

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 to check to see if they are there.

June Worship

11:00am Drive-In Worship* (weather permitting)
& Live Streaming in New Highland's
Facebook Group
Sermon Also Posted on Website

**Sunday, June 7
Graduate Sunday**

Sunday, June 14

Sunday, June 21

Sunday, June 28

*Watch for updates as to when we will
be able to worship in person.
When we do start worshipping inside,
our start time will change to 10:30 am.

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—June

David Barnes	804-746-7798
Gordon Martin	804-550-3196

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

The Power of Prayer: Can Prayer Save America?

(Article from 'AFA Journal-May 2020'
by Buddy Smith, AFA Senior Vice President)

Our nation is in great turmoil, both financially and morally. The problems we are facing are too large for human understanding. Culturally, we are becoming more and more secular. Never have we needed His intervention so desperately; never before have we felt so helpless in this battle for the soul of our nation. Is there hope?

Buddy Smith's friend Dave Butts wrote an article in the 'Prayer Connect' magazine prompted the above question and urged readers to pray and believe that God can still save America.

2 Chronicles 7:14 promises, and history has recorded, when God's people get serious about prayer, repentance, and humbly seeking the Will of God, He pours out His Holy Spirit and heals our land. Thankfully, history has recorded pivotal periods of obedience that demonstrate His desire to act when we get serious. On several occasions, God has poured out of His Spirit, and entire cities have turned to Him. Prayer meetings have swelled into the streets, and millions around the world have ultimately felt the impact.

The moral impact of the first Great Awakening (1734-1760) is often credited with laying the foundation for the formation of our system of government after the American Revolution. The church was in a state of spiritual slumber but suddenly endued with the power of Pentecost. As the message of repentance and the lordship of Christ were proclaimed in power, congregations across New England experienced the manifest presence of God. So many souls were converted that some thought the millennial reign of Christ was imminent.

As power fell from Heaven in the second Great Awakening (1790-1840), believers lay prostrate before God in repentance. In the newly settled frontier regions, settlers in thinly populated areas gathered a camp-meetings for fellowship and went for weeks at a time with thousands eager to hear the gospel. Society was transformed as the awakening spilled out of the church and into the world. Upon their return home, most converts joined or created small local churches, which grew rapidly. Social reform movements sprang up to address societal evils such as child labor, alcoholism, poverty, the suppression of women, and the terrible blight of slavery. In an unprecedented way, missionary organizations were founded that still carry the gospel to the farthest corners of the world.

Preoccupied with growing wealth, by 1857 hearts had grown spiritually cold, and most had forsaken God completely. Then the Great Prayer Revival (1857-1858) sprang forth in New York City when a concerned businessman decided to pray that God would change people's hearts. On September 23, 1857 he held a prayer meeting in the Old Dutch Reformed Church on Fulton Street. Only six people participated, but he persevered. Every week, more people came. When the stock market crashed, the prayer meeting was flooded with suddenly awakened souls. At its height more than 10,000 were estimated in attendance. Additional prayer meetings sprang up across the eastern seaboard, the frontier, and into California. God was on the move once again, and as many as 50,000 people a week were being converted.

Can prayer save America? The stresses and woes of our nation

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today are comparable to critical times in our nation in the past. It could happen again.

We have seen Him save our country in the past, and we should be calling on Almighty God to do it again.

We need a new work of God for a new generation, so the world may know that there is indeed a God who lives, who empowers, and who changes the destiny of those who can on Him.

Coaching from Jesus and God's Word: 'JESUS CALLING'

Sara Young's reading for April 22nd.

LISTEN TO ME CONTINUALLY. I have much to communicate to you, so many people and situations in need of prayer. I am training you to set your mind on Me more and more, tuning out distractions through the help of My Spirit.

Walk with Me in holy trust, responding to My initiatives rather than trying to make things fit your plans. I died to set you free, and that includes freedom from compulsive planning. When your mind spins with a multitude of thoughts, you cannot hear My voice. A mind preoccupied with planning pays homage to the idol of control. Turn from this idolatry back to Me. Listen to Me and live abundantly!

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

—Psalm 62:8 NKJV

"So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." —John 8:36

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. —Proverbs 19:21

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." —John 10:27

Prayer Concerns

*Hospitalized at time of printing

Audrey Atkinson
Claude Aylor
David Barnes
Grace Barnes
Rachel Barnes
Maddie Bonner/Family
Dick Cousins
Carol Didlake
John Dunning
Sandra Edwards
Charlie Elliott
Barbara Gammon
Buddy/Mary Golding
Jean Harding

Sherwood Haskins
Shirley Hawks
George/Shirley Linville
Dot Martin
Gordon Martin
David McGhee
Joyce McLaughlan
Earl Phillips
Tommy Searles
Dylan Smith
Van Summers
Margaret Toney
Matt White
Joan Whittaker

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).

Christian Sympathy To:

Chris Hall and family in the death of his father

Tonya Vasser and family in the death of her mother,
NHBC member, Barbara Valenti

Barbara was also sister to Janice Finnegan and aunt to Theresa Whitley

Pat Smith and family in the death of her aunt, Florence Clifton

Thank You's

Dear NHBC Family,
I have few words but I did want to express my sincere gratitude for the love, support, kindness, prayers, phone calls and covering my family with God's Grace during this difficult time. A good chunk of Carson's childhood was at NHBC and I have precious memories to cherish always. Ephesians 3:20
Love Always, **Jennifer Brickey** and family

Dear Pastor/Church Family,
My heart overflows with much gratitude of how appreciative my family & I are for the many thoughtful prayers, phone messages & kind caring ways given for my mom, (Barbara Valenti) during her struggles the last several months. She also received many beautiful cards & she mentioned to me of how much she loved reading them & that it deeply touched her heart. She truly loved her church/friends & didn't like it when she had to miss a Sunday. Now, she will not ever have to miss any Sunday, because she will be worshipping & singing right along with us always. Many thanks, NHBC!
Sincerely, **Tonya Vasser**



In Memoriam

Barbara Valenti
Deceased May 6, 2020
United with NHBC
May 21, 1995

Graduate Sunday

Sunday, June 7, during our Drive-In worship at 11:00am, we will honor our 2020 graduates! The participating graduates will have a processional and will be recognized during the service. We will hear about their next goals and they will receive a small gift. Some of the graduates will be sharing in the service also! Afterward - the graduates and the Beyond young adult class are invited to stay under the picnic shelter for a casual "social distanced" lunch to welcome our grads into our young adult ministry officially! Grads and Beyond can bring a chair or blanket to sit on - and we will enjoy fellowship after the service.

Church Family - you are encouraged to decorate your car to congratulate the graduates - and to show your support of their accomplishments and of what they have had to give up because of this pandemic. We want them to feel special so please join us in helping with this - by helping us flood the parking lot with decor and festivities!

Graduates- please arrive to the church lot by 10:30am to go over where you will be standing and such!

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 28 following worship.

Keep an eye on weekly communications for further information regarding how the meeting will be held. We thank you for remaining flexible during these unprecedented times.

NHYM & Beyond

Sundays, June 14, 21 and 28—
N-HYM and Beyond will meet under the picnic shelter - social distancing style - from 6:00-7:15pm!

Bring your own snacks - if you'd like! Feel free to bring chairs or blankets also - or you can sit at a picnic table. We will join in conversation, friendship, worship, Bible study and fun! If the weather is bad - we will social distance within the CLC and/or use Zoom. But we are hoping to simply gather outdoors.

It will be so nice for us to be in the same area together. For those who cannot attend, we can still make it a zoom gathering and you can join us by computer.

Through June, we will be preparing for our own "in house" mission camp (see separate article) later this summer - and for Vacation Bible School - among other things!

Youth/Young Adult Camp

This year, NHYM & Beyond will not be attending a camp out of town. Our original plans have been cancelled. Now, our "mission camp" will be Tuesday, July 14 - Friday, July 17. It will include worship, Bible studies, quiet times - just like a normal camp - but within all safety requirements and within our own community area. It will also include mission work and helpful volunteer projects that we will work on together - again within all proper guidelines and existing restrictions. This is in development and so more information will be forthcoming. We will ask groups and Sunday School classes if they would provide box lunches. The cost of the camp will be \$125 which includes all other meals, materials, supplies, worship leadership plus a T-shirt. The theme for the camp is "Head to the Heart: making Christ real in your life" based on Romans 12. Camp is for youth that have completed 6th grade through 12th and also for young adults - ages 18-29 - with separate Bible tracks for tweens (6th-7th); teens (8th-12th); and young adults (18-twenties). Sign up deadline with a \$50 non-refundable deposit is Sunday, June 14. Invited friends are welcome. All plans are subject to change or amendment.

2020 Graduates

High School

Rachel Pearl Crytser

Graduating from Hanover High School

Future Plans: attending the US Air Force Academy to study Mechanical Engineering and then Pilot training after school.

Favorite Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"That we will never again take for granted the big or the little things in life. "

Madison Elizabeth DuRocher

Graduating from Atlee High School

Future Plans: attending James Madison University pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Graphic Design

Favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4:13

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"I hope that we can all realize how blessed we are & stop taking things for granted!"

Madison Lynn Hutto

Graduating Hanover High School

Future plans: attending Christopher Newport University to pursue a major in Biochemistry and a minor in Leadership Studies

Trevor Seth Moore

Graduating from J. R. Tucker High School & J. Sargeant Reynolds with an Associates Degree in Social Sciences

Future Plans: Will attend George Mason University to study Kinesiology

Favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4: 13

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"I hope everyone becomes closer to Christ as we come through this pandemic."

Lindsey Nicole Newman

Graduating from Atlee High School

Future plans: attending Randolph Macon College to pursue a Bachelors degree in Biology.

Favorite Bible verse: Luke 1:37

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"My hope for after we come out of this pandemic is that we all continue to realize how important family time and time with God is, even after we began to go back to our busy schedules."

Kelsey Grace Shearon

Graduating from Atlee High School

Future plans: attending Christopher Newport University to major in Neuroscience

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 40:31

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"I hope that we gain a new appreciation of other people, and the importance of human connection."

Madison Mackenzie Whitley

Graduating from Atlee High School

Future Plans: attending James Madison University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

" I hope that we can all come together united through God and more aware of the gifts that life has to offer to us."

College

Emma Mae Hunter

Graduating from Germanna Community College and the University of Mary Washington, having earned an Associate's in the Applied Science of Nursing, RN

Future plans: to earn my Bachelor's in the Science of Nursing and work in the Emergency Department of Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center

Favorite Bible verse: Revelation 4:11

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"I hope that out of this pandemic we would value the fellowship of believers so much more, encourage each other in the faith, and share the Gospel of Jesus as passionately as possible. I love you all so deeply!"

Ryan Burrell Smith

Graduating J. Sargent community College with a Certificate in floral design

Future plans: to expand my lawn care business and start doing floral design as part of the business

Favorite Bible verse: Psalms 73:26

What do you hope will come out of this covid-19 pandemic situation?

"You may think you're never going to get through the hard times but then we also sometimes forget about the power of our God."

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Compassion International

June

Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

The Callahans

Sponsors needed beginning in Sept!

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates! Monday, August 10 - Friday, August 14 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. We will begin with a snack supper each evening. More details to come, and all is subject to change. VBS is for ages 3 through 6th grade.

Red Cross Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

Help maintain the blood supply. Donors are needed! NHBC is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, June 24 from 11 am to 4 pm.

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

June Anniversaries

10	David & Cheryl McGhee
12	Frank & Kimberly Karnes
14	Bob & Ginger Kossoff
	Jeff & Kim Fitzgerald
18	Kevin & Jaime Harnden
	Dick & Betty Cousins
	Tim & Staci Smith
21	Daryl & Robin Callahan
	Stephen & Sunny Breck
23	Will & Pamela Smith

June Birthdays

1	Brenda Johnson	12	Robin Parrett
4	Taylor Smith	14	Lee Ann Purvis
5	Gordon Liverpool	15	Leslie Wells
	Chris Hall		Sara Blose
	Ed Williams	18	Helen Yates
6	Charlie Elliott	19	Cameron Woods
7	David McGhee	21	John Dunning
9	Tyler Peay	26	Chris Whitley
	Dick Cousins	27	Ruth Harlow

May Benevolence Offering

No collection taken, but \$298.50 given

MCEF Donations for June

Peanut Butter

Church Council Meeting

June 8 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

May 3, 2020

May 10, 2020

May 17, 2020

May 24, 2020

Attendance

Early Worship	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Sunday School	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Late Worship	Drive-In 67	Drive-In 72	Drive-In 70	Drive-In 68

Budget

Weekly Need	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43
Weekly Receipts	10,155.00	5,284.50	4,576.50	3,266.00
YTD Goal	115,297.74	121,703.17	128,108.60	134,514.03
YTD Receipts	122,007.98	127,292.48	131,868.98	135,134.98

Designated Gifts

263.00	0.00	300.00	25.00
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