



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

Our Mullins family has a love/hate relationship with our four cats – Jen and the kids love our feline friends and I hate them. If you come to our house in the evening, you may even hear me singing a song (that I wrote myself) about how much I hate my cats.

Growing up in the country, we had cats at our house. At one time, we probably had a dozen that we fed and I terrorized by chasing with my mini-bike Honda 50. All of them, of course, lived outside and just came by to eat each day and sun themselves on our back porch.

We rarely gave them names because they simply came and went as they wanted. They were just “the cats” that hung around our house and ate our cat food and leftovers.

After getting married to a huge animal lover, I was shocked that she wanted to get a cat and bring it inside. We had been married less than a year before Jennifer adopted Princess, a black and white kitten that I could hold in my palm. I didn’t want to get rid of her, but having another living creature in our house was a big adjustment.

Princess helped us get through seminary, and the several moves we made just after finishing. When we landed back in Virginia, in a church where I was a full-time pastor for the first time, Princess became a PC – Pastor’s Cat. When people came by to visit, Princess would greet them and swipe them with her tail before settling in a comfortable spot to listen to what they had to say. I must give her credit; she was a great listener.

Jen and I were trying to have our first child and were getting frustrated that it was not happening as fast as we thought it would. I was a first-time pastor, trying to figure out my place in ministry. Jen was doing jobs out of her comfort zone to help support us. There was a lot of stress, and Princess was always there to “help.”

One particular day, my head began to pound, so I left the office and walked across the parking lot to the parsonage. I crashed on the couch and closed my eyes. Within a minute I felt a plop on the couch and four furry legs in motion. Before I knew it, Princess had curled up in a ball resting on my feet. Her head was turned to me and she looked like she was saying, “Take it easy, we will rest together.”

Princess was an example of simple love. February is the month we celebrate Valentine’s Day which is about love. That emotion is expressed in many ways, but the way that it is most true is when it is expressed simply with no strings attached. I wasn’t mean to Princess, but I didn’t come home from work and go looking for her so I could carry her around either. When she thought that I needed her, however, Princess came looking for me to share simple love.

While others may make a big deal of showing their love this month, I don’t think that is what Jesus is looking for. No need

to skywrite your love for Jesus or hire a marching band to play “Amazing Grace” – no, what He desires from us is simple love and the best way to show that is through our example.

John 14: 15 - If you love Me, you will keep My commands.

Show Him your love, always.

Blessings,

February Worship

Sunday, February 2 Communion

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

Sunday, February 9

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

Sunday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 23 Youth and Young Adult Sunday

Sunday School at 9:45am
Combined Worship at 11:00am

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday Worship

Worship at 6:30pm

Combined Worship

On Sunday, February 23, our youth and young adults will lead us in worship at 11 am. Sunday school is at 9:45 am. No worship at 8:30 am.

Ash Wednesday Worship

We will worship at 6:30 pm on February 26 for Ash Wednesday. No MWE activities or dinner.

Deacons on Call—February

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Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

Prayer: Our Time Saver – Part Two

(See January 2020 Prayer Thoughts for Part One)

Key Scripture Passages: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-2

Supporting Scripture Passages: 2 Chronicles 20:3-25 | Job 7:6
Psalm 90:12; 119:125-128, 133; 144:4 | Proverbs 3:5-6 | Mat-
thew 14:23 | Mark 1:35 | Luke 5:16; 6:12 | Acts 16:6-9 Philippi-
ans 4:6-7 | Colossians 4:2-3 | James 4:14

Initial and On-Going Questions:

1. How often do you spend focused, solitary time in conversation with your heavenly Father?
2. Do you have a dedicated location in your home where you meet the Lord in prayer?
3. How has conversation with the Lord been a help to you in your everyday life?

Do you ever feel as if you don't have enough time?

Most of us can relate to that thought. Routine chores, distracting activities, and urgent tasks can make our days busy but unproductive. We often have little time left to accomplish God's purposes. The years fly by, and we marvel at how quickly life passes.

The Bible speaks about the limited time each person has to live: "Man is like a mere breath; His days are like a passing shadow" (Ps. 144:4). How can we make the most of our lives? The secret may lie in connecting with your heavenly Father each morning and committing the day to Him. The One who gave us life is best equipped to show us how to invest it. When we walk hand in hand with God, obedient to each command, we will be sure to fulfill all He has planned for us. Prayer is life's greatest time saver.

Prayer in the Life of Jesus

Our Lord worked as a carpenter until He was about 30, but did not begin His ministry until the last three and a half years of His life. That meant He had only a short time to communicate God's love for the world and change human history. Yet, He never hurried or became anxious. The Lord made the most of every opportunity to minister, but He also knew when to retreat and spend time with the Father.

Jesus prayed early in the morning and in the evening; He prayed in front of His disciples and alone in the wilderness. Before choosing the twelve disciples, He prayed all night (Luke 6:12). Following His example, those who have made the greatest impact for God's kingdom share at least one common trait: They have been men and women of prayer, just as the Savior was.

Talking to God helps us be wise stewards of time because it . . .

- **Sharpens discernment:** Prayer increases our ability to see past the surface to what is going on spiritually. It helps us know God's will, but not always immediately. I've found that sleeping on a question opens my mind to the instruction of the Holy Spirit. Your answer might come immediately or in a week or so. But trust that God will reveal His direction for your life.
- **Gives us energy:** Prayer can rejuvenate us when we are exhausted. Get on your knees before the Father, and spend time talking with Him and reading His Word. The Lord is our strength: it will be unusual if you don't experience a surge of energy.
- **Prevents distractions:** Each morning, ask God what you are supposed to accomplish that day. That will help you to focus on His priorities for your life and to avoid getting sidetracked with other activities.

- **Reminds us to act now:** Perhaps you have forgotten to do something or have been procrastinating. Through prayer, God can motivate you to accomplish those tasks.
- **Protects us from discouragement:** Talking to the Lord reminds us of His perspective. How can we be discouraged if our loving heavenly Father is in complete control and has our best interests in mind?
- **Opens doors of opportunity:** Paul asked the Colossians to pray that "God will open up to us a door for the word" (Col. 4:3). Prayer creates opportunities where none existed before. For instance, if you need a job, commit your plans to the Lord. Prepare a resume and look for interviews, but put your trust in God to provide. He will supply your needs if you are walking in obedience to Him.
- **Helps us discern between busyness and fruitfulness:** You and I must be careful to invest our time, energy, and resources in things of eternal value. Don't say yes to every opportunity: prayerfully consider which ones God has ordained for you to pursue.

Make prayer a priority if you aren't already doing so.

- Every morning, commit your day to Him.
- Ask for His guidance to help you avoid distractions and listen for His voice.
 - There is no better way to invest your time than in prayer.
- Begin each day on your knees before the Lord, and you will be amazed at how effective and fruitful you can be for His kingdom.

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

Please make note of the special February Sunday night schedule.

Sunday, February 9:

No N-HYM/Beyond meeting that evening. Free evening for you all.

Sunday, February 16:

6:00-7:30pm - N-HYM/ Beyond LifeNight!! Bring friends!

Games, snacks, Bible, worship, fun!

Friday, February 21-Sunday, February 23: DNOW weekend!!!

For WHO? - All students in grades 6-12. Led by Beyond young adults.

WHAT is it? - A weekend of fun, discipleship, Bible study, worship, acts of kindness, an "Amazing Race" activity of serving and fun. Students will come to the church for the program pieces; the "Amazing Race" will be throughout our community with the help of many adult drivers and chaperones; and then students will stay in "host homes". Younger youth boys at the Barnes home; Older youth boys at the Harnden home; Younger youth girls at the Lumpkin home; Older youth girls at the Mullins home.

It will end on Sunday with the N-HYM/Beyond Sunday where students and young adults will lead our whole worship service at church!

WHEN? - Friday, Feb 21 at 5:30pm – Sunday, Feb 23 at the end of morning worship

WHERE? - NHBC and at host homes.

WHY? - To encourage students to find, seek, know and follow Jesus Christ and then live for Him in an authentic way. The theme for this weekend is "No Filter". Our worship band is Unbroken Light!

HOW to get involved? - Students in 6th-12th grade need to sign up by bring \$25 to the church office; giving it to the Youth Pastor, Jennifer Mullins or putting in a labeled envelope and putting it in the black box outside of the church office. This \$25 covers Bible study books, a t-shirt, amazing race supplies, and part of the program fee. Young adults and adults (not the teachers) who are helping and would like a t-shirt and Bible study book will also need to pay \$25. ALSO – I NEED the T-SHIRT SIZE for all participants – so when you turn in your money – please include a piece of paper with your name and t-shirt size! All those who do not give me this information will end up with an oversized t-shirt. So PLEASE give me your t-shirt size. Sign-ups will go until Wednesday, February 12th! (note this change – as I need the time to get the shirts in.)

YES - you may invite friends – in fact – this is encouraged!!! Your friends just need to pay the same amount by or before the same deadline (Feb 12) and need to give me their tshirt size!

Adults – I need some extra drivers for Saturday's "Amazing Race between 11:30am-4:00pm. To be a

driver means you are also a part of the team you will lead. I also could use some adults to help me along the "race" path at different stations – so let me know if you are interested.

Church – please pray for this event!!

And also know that you are invited to any of our worship times: Friday evening at 7:15pm/ Saturday morning at 10:20am/ Saturday evening at 7:30pm.

Because of DNOW – there will be no Sunday evening activities on Sunday, February 23rd.

Saturday, February 29:

10:00am – Baking Blitz – we will bake and bring baked goodies to distribute throughout our community and prayer walk as we go. We will wrap up by noon with lunch together.

New Highland Kids

Friday, February 28—FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!!!!

6:00-8:00pm

Games, snack supper, Bible time, Music, and fun hands-on activities!

Theme: LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!

This is for all children between age 4 and 5th grade!

Pass the word! Pray for this event! And if anyone would like to assist Jennifer with this special time – let her know!



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.

Sunday Nights

More Sunday Night Opportunities Coming!

Beginning next month, we will be offering more opportunities for all ages on Sunday nights!

Our idea is to meet for worship at 6 p.m. on Sunday nights in the sanctuary and have a short time of music. Then the children will have an activity with the new Children's Minister, youth and young adults will have a study with Jennifer and there will be choices for adults.

Pastor Rusty will be leading a Bible study from the Old Testament and there will likely be other classes as well. We will also be using this time for other groups in our church.

Pray with us as we continue to develop this idea and launch it next month.

February 2

***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 CLUB

*Alex Lumpkin
*OPEN
Theresa Whitley/
Madison Whitley
OPEN

February 16

***8:30 & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*Julia Harrell
Glenda Currie

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 Blöse
*Kelley Harding
Ryan Smith
OPEN

February 9

***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 CLUB

*Linda Searles
*OPEN
Pamela Lumpkin
OPEN

February 23

***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 CLUB

*Laura Beck
*Cassidy Chenault
Rachel Barnes
Nick Rishcoff

February Birthdays

1	Barbara Aylor	19	Barbara Valenti
2	Tonya Vasser		Jeff Simpson
3	Yvonne Smallwood		Cassidy Chenault
	Eric McAleese	20	Kevin Smolen
9	Becca Mullins		Pamela Smith
10	Bill Didlake	21	Dave Evers
11	Eric Bivens	22	Frank Karnes
	Ethan Barnes		William Currie
12	Adam Bivens	23	Lauren Eby
13	Jacob Dillow		Trevor Eby
16	Mason Mirzaie	24	Earl Phillips
17	Tommy Searles		

February Anniversaries

1	Bill and Dot Martin
12	Mark and Michelle Brown
13	Ed and Debbie Williams

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.
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PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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Compassion International



February
 Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)
Carolyn Whitley

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:
 Bryan Chenault Sr. and family in the death of his father, M. Steven Chenault

Thanks

To Everyone at New Highland,
 Thank you so much for support of the CNU BCM's Quarters for Christ initiative! I have been blown away by the generosity of all of you who contributed! You all raised \$114.25 in quarters to support the outreach planned for later in the semester. Thanks to you, we will be able to personally reach out to 38 people with the gospel and provide free laundry for them! You are such a blessing!
 Love, **Lydia Shearin** & the BCM

Dear NHBC,
 Thanks to everyone for their love and prayers while I was in the hospital and also at home. Your visits meant the world. A special thanks so Ron and Sara Rhodes for their faithfulness.
 God has answered my prayers and He is good.
Linda Edwards

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

December 24 Benevolence Offering

\$990.00 (No collection taken in January)

MCEF Donations for February

Canned Meats

Church Council Meeting

February 10 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Dec 22, 2019

Dec 29, 2019

Jan 5, 2020

Jan 12, 2020

Jan 19, 2020

Attendance

Early Worship	54	No Worship	43	43	43
Sunday School	92	85	91	102	101
Late Worship	110	104	128	97	97

Budget

Weekly Need	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43
Weekly Receipts	5,478.80	17,249.59	6,804.00	10,696.63	5,194.00
YTD Goal	315,600.05	321,800.20	6,405.43	12,810.86	19,216.29
YTD Receipts	349,787.74	366,937.33	6804.00	17,500.63	22,694.63

Designated Gifts

	9,061.49	420.00	255.00	673.00	35.00
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