



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

I am having a difficult time believing that this will be the third Christmas I have shared with you. In a sense, I still feel new, but, upon reflection, much has occurred in the last 24 months – staff changes, new members, said goodbye to loved ones, witnessed young ones grow in their faith, paid off the church mortgage and much, much more.

One of the things I have been thinking about lately is the importance of the church family. We do not have local family. My folks are in the far southwest corner of the state and I rarely get to see them. Jen's parents are in Africa and her sisters are not close either. Therefore, you, the members of NHBC, have become our family. When I am in need, I know there are people I can call. When there is an emergency, I will not hesitate to call on those of you who I know could be of service. To put it plainly, I trust you and depend on you like family and that is a refreshing luxury. My children have numerous aunts and uncles now, people they trust and invest in. They also have grandparents who dote on them and offer endless encouragement. For all of this, I could not be more thankful.

In return, I want to be the pastor you want and need in your life. My sincere hope is that you help me to understand how I can best serve you. I believe, with all my heart, that we were called to be a part of this church. I want to work with/serve you to the very best of my ability. When you need me, let me know. I will do my very best to be there.

I pray that you have a wonderful Christmas and incredibly blessed new year!

In His Service,

How to Have The Best Christmas Ever!

Mark your calendar now! The Christmas season is 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.



December Worship

Sunday, December 2 Communion

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

Sunday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24 Candlelight Services

Christmas Eve Service at 3:00pm
Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 30

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

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24
Candlelight Services
Communion

First Christmas Eve Service at 3:00pm
Second Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm

Church Office Closed for Christmas

The church office will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 25th and Wednesday, Dec. 26th.



Deacons on Call—December

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Harold Elliotte 804-795-5298

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

God Helps You Pray/ Then Prayer Changes You

Review and Ponder Romans 8:26-27

Why do we sometimes feel as if our prayers go no farther than the ceiling? We're speaking, but is God listening? The truth is that the Lord is always attentive to the prayers of His people. He's the one who has invited us to come boldly into His presence. What's more, He has also promised to assist us as we pray.

First, our Father has given us His Word to teach us truth so we'll know how to pray wisely and effectively. We find guidance for prayer in God's direct commands, the descriptions of His ways and thoughts, the examples of biblical characters, and scriptural principles that teach us how to apply divine truth to every area of our life.

Second, He's given us many promises in His Word. These assure us that He will direct our paths (Prov. 3:5-6), meet our needs (Phil. 4:19), give us wisdom (James 1:5), answer our prayers (John 14:13), and cause all things to work together for good as He conforms us to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:28-29).

Third, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us because in our human weakness, we don't always know how to pray as we should (Rom. 8:26-27). He takes our misguided or uncertain requests and reframes them according to God's will.

Fourth, Jesus Christ sits at the Father's right hand as our High Priest, interceding on our behalf (Heb. 7:25-26).

We are never alone when we pray, because the Trinity acts on our behalf. Not only is prayer an amazing privilege; it's also an awesome and powerful endeavor. The next time you come to the Lord in prayer, remember that it's a divine appointment with almighty God.

Read and Ponder Exodus 32:32

Prayer is not designed to change God; it is designed to change us. Prayer is not calling God in to bless our activities. Rather, prayer takes us into God's presence, shows us His will, and prepares us to obey Him.

Moses climbed Mount Sinai and spent forty days communing with God. God showed him the wickedness of the Israelites (Exod. 32:7). Moses had not known their desperate condition; nor had he realized the imminence of God's judgment upon them until God revealed it to him. As God made Moses aware of all that was at stake, Moses felt the same compassion for the people that God felt. Moses became willing to sacrifice his own life for his obstinate people. In a compelling and selfless prayer of intercession, Moses offered to have his own name blotted out of the book of life if God would spare the people. In Moses' time with Him, God had formed a mighty intercessor for His people.

God will use your prayer times to soften your heart and change your focus. As you pray for others, the Holy Spirit will work in your heart so that you have the same compassion for them that God does (Rom. 8:26-27). If you do not love people, as you should, pray for them. If you are not as active in God's service as you know He wants you to be, begin praying. You cannot be

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intimately exposed to God's heart and remain complacent. The time spent with God will change you and make you more like Christ.

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

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

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).

Christmas Offerings

Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$160 Million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 2-9, 2018

YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD...

One Community at a Time

You and your church can change the world through the love of Jesus Christ by supporting the Offering for Global Missions. 100% of gifts to the Offering will keep CBF (Cooperative Baptist Fellowship) field personnel serving around the world sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Offerings not designated to one or the other are split 50/50 between the two.

Christmas Post Office

Save the cost of a stamp by using our Christmas Post Office, and make a donation to our Christmas missions offering(s) instead! Details regarding those offerings are in the box above. Place cards (only for "regular" attenders as they will get thrown out otherwise) in the appropriate slots and then place your donation, marked "Christmas Post Office," in the black box by the church office door. The mailboxes are near the Missions Corner. Mail should be picked up no later than Sunday, January 6.



Virginia Baptist Foundation Scholarships

To assist families with the escalating cost of tuition, the VBF and its donors are committed to providing scholarships to Virginia Baptist students. The VBF offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying students. Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited institution, members of a cooperating BGAV church and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Online applications for the 2019/2020 academic year are available beginning December 1 at www.vbfinc.org and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2019.

Senior Trip

The seniors will go out to lunch and then visit the Governor's Mansion. Contact Rusty Mullins for details.

2019 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes will be available in the front foyer beginning Sunday, December 16. If you aren't a member and would like a box, let Kristi know.

Church Office Closed for New Year's Day

Closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Christmas Ornaments

We have a limited number of the tenth anniversary (2008 edition) New Highland Baptist Church Christmas ornaments left. They are available one per family, on a first come, first serve basis. We know we have many new families in the church who might love to have one. Contact Kristi in the church office, and she'll reserve one for you. It can be picked up during office hours.



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.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias are being offered again this year as a way to honor or memorialize those important to you. The orders are due by Sunday, December 9. The cost is \$13 per plant. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 23 and Christmas Eve, December 24, and may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service you attend. Order forms are located in front of the church office on the bookcase and can be placed in the black box with payment attached. Plants will not be ordered without prepayment.



Mid-Week Encounter 2019

A new session of our Mid-Week Encounter will begin on Wednesday, January 9. Watch your weekly emails and bulletins/slides for announcements regarding class offerings for next year. There will be activities for children, youth, young adults and adults, and dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 pm in the CLC.

Reception for Paul Rozecki

Following the late service on Sunday, December 16, join us in the CLC for a reception in honor of Paul Rozecki, his family and the ministry they have provided at NHBC. We wish them the best as they continue to serve God in the future.

OCC Packing Center in Baltimore

On Thursday, December 13 we will go to the packing center in Baltimore. Call Michelle Brown (928-2927) to register. There are limited spots. We will meet at the church at 6:30 am. Bring money for lunch and dinner. We will take the church bus.

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: all ages through 12/12; resumes 1/9
6:00pm-Dinner (by reservation)
6:30pm-Bible studies
Mission Friends & music for **CHILDREN**
Bible study & projects for **N-HYM/Beyond**

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### **N-HYM/ Beyond**

Sunday, Dec. 2: 5:30-7:30pm NHYM (per usual)

Sunday, Dec. 9: 5:30-8:00pm NHYM/Beyond goes Christmas Caroling (5:30-7:30) followed by hot cocoa and cookies at the church (7:30-8:00)  
\*Need drivers.

Sunday, Dec 16: 5:30-7:30pm NHYM/Beyond Christmas Party at the Mullins home.  
(optional—> Christmas movie afterward for those who wish to stay.)

Sunday, Dec 23: No NHYM/ Beyond

Sunday, Dec 30: NHYM/Beyond TBD

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DNOW (Disciple Now) In-house youth retreat is just around the corner - February 15-17! We are looking for host homes for our middle school boys; for our middle school girls; and for part of our high school girls.
Also needed: volunteers to help drive/chaperone during the "Love One Another" Scavenger Hunt that Saturday, the 16th. Contact Jennifer Mullins, if you can help.

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Attention All KIDS ages 4 through 5th grade!!!  
You are invited to...  
New Highland Kids'

### **CHRISTMAS Friday Night LIVE!!!!**

Friday, December 14  
6:00-10:00pm!

Come in comfy clothes or favorite PJ's!  
Enjoy Christmas activity stations; a Christmas craft; Christmas worship; a yummy snack supper with Christmas goodies; AND to finish the night- an awesome Christmas movie!  
(Feel free to bring a favorite pillow or blanket for the

movie time!)

Pass the word! Bring friends!

Parents can just check your children in; go enjoy your evening and come back to sign them out!

If any NHBC folks wish to help chaperone and assist with this evening, let me know. It gives parents a night out; and it will be SO much fun for the children!!

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Attention All Leaders and Interested Persons:
You are invited to the
January "Zeal" Leadership Intensive!

For Who? > All leaders and interested persons. Deacons, deaconesses, Sunday school teachers; Family Ministry leaders; Staff; Bible study or circle leaders; anyone who is interested in learning more about their own leadership potential; anyone interested in stepping up more to serve Christ in our church.

What is it? > A seminar/ mini retreat on team-building; relational discipleship and biblical intentional leadership. Through personality assessments, you will learn more about yourself and others with whom you serve. We will discuss relational leadership, biblical conflict management and take proactive steps to become a more effective and unified body of leaders for God's Kingdom. We will look at needed leadership pieces relevant to current cultural needs. The day will serve to encourage each other as well as strengthen the core of our church so that we can move forward in His name. It will also be quite a fun time together!

When? > Saturday, January 26. 9:00am-3:00pm
Snacks provided and lunch provided.

Where? > New Highland Baptist Church Christian Life Center

How to sign up? >

1. Call church office; sign up on the Facebook group that will be created; and/or contact Jennifer Mullins. Will need your email address when you sign up.
2. Cost: \$5- to help cover supply costs- due upon arrival on that day.
3. Deadline to sign up is by or before Sunday, January 6! Those who sign up will be sent an email of information and some instructions.

(If any class or group would like to contribute/serve the lunch for that day- let Jennifer know also.)

This is going to be a very important day in the life of our church as we begin 2019! I urge all leaders and interested folks to mark that calendar day, pray over it and plan to join us.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tim and Darlene Rush who are proud grandparents of Bennett Timothy Smith, born on 10/20/18.



December 2

***8:30 & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*Shirley Hawks
Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

*Staci Smith
*Shirley Hawks
Linda Peay
OPEN

USHERS

***Kevin Harnden**
OPEN
Gordon Martin
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Jon Cliborne
*Youth
Carolynn Globig
Youth

December 9

11am

WELCOME CENTER

Laura Beck

NURSERY

Pam Smith
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser

USHERS

Wesley Thompson
Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
Will Smith
Dylan Smith
Quinn Thompson

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Kids will stay in
worship for the
musical

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December 16

***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

December 23

***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

December 30

***8:30 & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
OPEN

NURSERY

*Janice Finnegan
*OPEN
OPEN
OPEN

USHERS

OPEN
Pam Smith
OPEN
OPEN

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Lynn Bivens
*Youth
Ryan Smith
Youth

December Birthdays

1	Page Marriner	28	Jean Harding
	Katie Falls		Heather Uzel
3	Rob Brown		Peyton Steele
	Eric Sandridge	29	Alli Crytser
	Matt Sandridge	30	Judy Timberlake
7	Ed DuRocher		Norman Eby
10	Linda Searles		
11	Robert Whitfield		
12	Joan Purdy		
13	Bill Currie		
16	Leigh Harrell		
17	Pat Smith		
22	Barbara Gammon		
	Sherwood Haskins		

December Anniversaries

9	Jon & Elaine Cliborne
12	Scott & Tracey Kazelskis
15	Paul & Lori Rozecki
20	David & Grace Barnes
28	Ron & Sara Rhodes

Staff Ministry Team

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Monday—Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Don't forget to call before dropping by
 in case we've had to go out.

Phone: 804-550-9601

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

Jan Envoy — Dec 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon

Compassion International



December
 Sponsorship of Mohamed
 (Tanzania)

Sharon Monds

Kay Fields & The Garstangs
 Caught up past months in arrears

2018 Contributions

Contributions to the 2018 operating budget may be made until Monday, December 31st by turning them in to the office by 1 pm. If mailed, they must be post-marked by the same day, the 31st, to be included in 2018 contributions. Also, as a reminder, appreciated stock can be given to NHBC to receive great tax benefits. You receive a deduction for the value of the stock, but do not pay income taxes on the stock appreciation! Forced to take distributions from your 401k or IRA due to age? To avoid paying tax on (some or all of) the distribution, you can ask them to send it directly to the church as a contribution.

Reminder: do not file your income tax return before you receive your charitable giving statement from NHBC. If you file before receipt and had individual contributions of \$250 or more, you may not be able to deduct them.

If you would like more information on any of the above, contact Kristi Garstang in the church office.

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 will again be available in January 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

November Benevolence Offering

\$482.00

MCEF Donations for December

Peanut Butter

Church Council Meeting

December 10 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Attendance

	<u>Oct 28, 2018</u>	<u>Nov 4, 2018</u>	<u>Nov 11, 2018</u>	<u>Nov 18, 2018</u>
Early Worship	47	No Svc	60	50
Sunday School	117	109	98	103
Late Worship	107	169	126	130

Budget

Weekly Need	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20
Weekly Receipts	11,331.20	9,943.00	4,228.10	15,711.00
YTD Goal	429,234.60	439,216.80	449,199.00	459,181.20
YTD Receipts	316,852.58	326,795.58	331,023.68	346,734.68

Designated Gifts

	976.00	267.59	766.26	1,691.00
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