



**NEW HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Dear NHBC Family

A big hair band back in the 1980's sang a song that said "you don't know what you've got until its gone." I don't know if there are better words to describe how I feel right now, in the midst of a "stay at home" order given from the governor.

I miss you guys! Jennifer and I continue to do our "work" with Bible studies – mine is on Facebook and the church website each Wednesday and Jen has online Bible studies with the youth and young adults on Sunday nights – and other kinds of outreach. I am reading books for the Day School kids and sending it to them and Jen has started a prayer time at 3 p.m. every weekday that is being well received.

We have had four drive-in worships on Sundays at 11 a.m. as well. Those services are livestreamed on our Facebook page. We had over 150 people come to worship on Easter and we have had at least 80 the other two services. The drive-in worship has been so successful that many have asked if we could continue to do something of that nature even after we are allowed to worship together again in our building.

I want you to know that we are still here for you. No virus can keep me away from helping you. I am not worried about getting the virus. I'm not trying to tempt fate, but if I get it, I know God will take care of me. God is still bigger and no invisible foe can defeat what He is trying to accomplish.

Keep safe and I hope to see you soon!

Blessings,

News from Jennifer

N-HYM & Beyond

N-HYM & Beyond will meet in a Zoom group meeting via computer on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30pm. We will not meet on May 24th during Memorial Day weekend.

Ninth Hour Live Stream Prayer Time

LIVE stream in New Highland's Facebook group at 3:00pm- for anyone who wants to connect and share in prayer together. Daily - Monday through Friday.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Information Meeting

Open for all who are interested in hearing about the plans moving forward for kids, youth, young adults and families. We will meet via Zoom at 2:00pm on Tuesday, May 5. Led by Jennifer Mullins and Eric Smith.

Volunteer Training for Children, Youth and VBS Events

This meeting will also be held via Zoom on Thursday, May 28 at 2:00pm.

I love you all and I am here if you need anything! **Rev. Jen**

Current Church Office Hours

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

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.

*The church office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25th and will be open for contributions on Tuesday, May 26th instead.

Welcome New Staff Members

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members at New Highland Baptist:

- Eric Smith was affirmed as our new Children's Minister on April 8th.
- Matt White begins his service as our Interim Worship Leader on May 1st.

May Worship

11:00am Drive-In Worship (weather permitting) & Live Streaming in New Highland's Facebook Group
Sermon Posted on Website by 2:00pm

Sunday, May 3

**Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 17

Sunday, May 24

Sunday, May 31

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—May

Mike Sandridge
Brett Blose

804-537-5170
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Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

A Life of Peace

In Isaiah 26:1-7 people are encouraged to have confidence in God and be in prayer daily with Him.

Have you ever heard of people stressed to the extent that they complain of their stomach being in knots with persistent worry? Friends and family try to be understanding, but after a time friends grow weary of hearing about anguish. Also, people often become so focused on issues and feel as if they're carrying a heavy load on their shoulders.

The Lord offers a liberating alternative: "Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you", He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22). Though He doesn't erase the ills that invade this life, He instead shields us from the weight of worry by taking our situation into His own hands.

However, the call to a peaceful life is impossible without confidence in the Lord. That trust is built through a relationship with Him—praying through trials and triumphs, seeking His guidance, and testing His Word to see that it is true and practical for life.

When we've experienced God's faithfulness and believe He will continue to act on behalf of His followers (Isa. 64:4), that's when peace is possible. In fact, it is not only possible but promised to the believer who trusts in Him (Phil. 4:6-7). But unshakeable peace isn't instantaneous; it is cultivated through a consistent relationship with the Lord.

Consider Jesus as your model in His prayer to His Father God: "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do." John 17:4

The words, "I have finished," or, "having finished," do not merely mean, "It is ended;" they mean, "It is completed." These words represent triumph!

Yet how could Jesus make this declaration just yet? It was because our Lord had determined to undergo death, which was now at hand. In the consent and full determination of His will, it was done. Looking back, it had been an adventure hazardous beyond words—but now, He could say that it had been carried through fully and thoroughly.

He had laid down His life in compliance with His Father's command, 'This command I have received from My Father.' It was time to pass on to the next stage – first to the Cross, and then to heavenly exaltation. Philippians 2:8 declares, "He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." While much suffering at the hands of men (including more conflict with evil) was still ahead, Jesus was triumphant.

Notice the accountability Jesus demonstrates! It mattered that He had been obedient to the point of death. We, however, can live for days, for weeks, without caring that we are accountable in any way to our Creator. In fact, the thought of giving account to Him one Day may be one of the furthest things from our minds.

Imagine being able to make such a claim about your life, much less being able to make it to God! Many of us, if standing before Him now, would be able to bring Him only little of what we had intended – but then, there is what He had intended for us to accomplish for His glory and His kingdom. Here is our life as God planned it at the moment of our creation; here is our life as

we have pitifully lived it!

Pray that when you reach that Day, that Day of perfect and just evaluation of the one life you were given to live, that you will be able to stand before the Father and say, "I have finished the work which You have given me to do."

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:

Will Smith and family in the death of his uncle

The LaPrade family in the death of Mary LaPrade, NHBC member

Mike Patterson and family in the death of his uncle, Arthur Baughan

Sheri Castle and family in the death of her father, Jim Ellis

Roy Barnes and family in the death of his uncle, Jack Bell



In Memoriam

Mary LaPrade

Deceased April 7, 2020
United with NHBC
June 23, 2002

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Audrey Atkinson	George/Shirley Linville
Claude Aylor	Dot Martin
David Barnes	Gordon Martin
Grace Barnes	David McGhee
Maddie Bonner/Family	Joyce McLauchlan
Dick Cousins	Earl Phillips
Carol Didlake	Tommy Searles
Sandra Edwards	Dylan Smith
Charlie Elliott	Van Summers
Barbara Gammon	Margaret Toney
Buddy/Mary Golding	Barbara Valenti
Jean Harding	Joan Whittaker
Sherwood Haskins	

Sponsor Mohamed

Sponsorships are needed beginning with June.

If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. [Contact Kristi](#) in the office to bless Mohamed with your support.

Compassion International is helping support these families during these difficult times.

Staff Ministry Team

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Thank You

Dear NHBC Family,
Even during these odd times of social distancing and working from home, many church members went out of their way to reach out on Administrative Assistants Day. I am blessed to be able to serve such a loving congregation.
Thanks! **Kristi Garstang**

Congratulations!

Jim and Brenda Johnson will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 2, 2020.



May Anniversaries

2	Jim & Brenda Johnson
6	Mark & Erline Yates
14	Scott & Karen Schricker
20	Roy & Rachel Barnes
21	Mike & Susan Sandridge
22	Rusty & Jennifer Mullins

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

June Envoy — May 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon



Compassion International

May

Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

Donnie and Kristi Garstang

Sponsors needed beginning in June!

May Birthdays

1	Kay Fields	19	Taylor Lacy
2	Melissa Dawson		Jennifer Diehl
8	Betty Cousins		Jim Bonner
	Jonathan Falls	21	Davis Ainsley
	Sandra Moore	23	Debbie Williams
11	Ginger Kossoff	24	Kimberly Karnes
	Everett Barnes	27	Colleen Simpson
13	Renee Newman		Becky Bryant
14	Michael Schricker		DL Wells
16	Michael Smolen	28	Kelsie Karnes

April Benevolence Offering

No collection taken, but \$60.00 given

MCEF Donations for May

Spaghetti Sauce

Church Council Meeting

May 11 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Mar 29, 2020

Apr 5, 2020

Apr 12, 2020

Apr 19, 2020

Apr 26, 2020

Attendance

			EASTER		
Early Worship	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Sunday School	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Late Worship	Live Streamed	Drive-In 60*	Drive-In 136	Drive-In 85*	Drive-In 71

* Estimated

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Budget

Weekly Need	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43
Weekly Receipts	5,490.00	7,084.50	14,154.55	7,476.50	4,064.55
YTD Goal	83,270.59	89,676.02	96,081.45	102,486.88	108,892.31
YTD Receipts	78,822.88	85,907.38	100,061.93	107,538.43	111,602.98

Designated Gifts

75.00	730.67	43.59	421.75	0.00
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