



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

It's hard to believe that the year 2020 is upon us. Two decades ago, Jennifer and I were living in a small parsonage built right beside Chestnut Level Baptist Church on a rural road in Pittsylvania County.

We were not necessarily afraid of what was going to happen when time jumped from the 1900's to 2000, but there had been people talking of calamity for several months. Jennifer was working for a Christian bookstore in the Danville Mall and she had sold her fair share of Christian-based Y2K hysteria. We heard the media make predictions, religious scholars offer their input and crazy cult leaders ready themselves, and their flock, for the coming catastrophe.

Even in the middle of nowhere, far from our nation's capital, nothing horrific occurred. All the hype and preparations were meaningless. Life went on – electricity continued to flow, computers did not rebel, businesses didn't close their doors and Jesus did not sneak back to Earth to collect His bride.

Many people spent so much time getting ready for something that didn't occur. Companies made money selling survival food kits, which shockingly became a real market item with several companies competing for business. Alternative energy sources were purchased – i.e. generators – and the fuel to run them was stored. Some bank accounts were emptied and exchanged for physical currency – gold or silver.

Lots of preparation and planning, requiring great effort and time, was expended for something that was reported as merely a possibility. When the world continued to rotate as always, I assume some people were disappointed.

When people determine that they must prepare for something, real or imagined, it seems the natural human response is to do whatever it takes to get ready. Instinctually, we get ready even though we don't know if or when the event may take place.

Being from an area where snow was not rare, I enjoy seeing people flock to the grocery stores when the forecast is for fluffy precipitation. In reality, the chance that it will snow so much that we will not be able to get basic necessities is slim at best. The reaction, however, is that we have to get ready, just in case "the big one" actually hits.

What I want to propose, for myself, my family and my church family, is that we treat the new year and decade like we expect something to happen and we need to prepare.

Jesus is coming back, I don't know when, but He's returning and we need to get ready. How do you get ready for that? I would imagine that we should all want to make sure that all of our friends, family and neighbors have the opportunity to accept Jesus. It's not our job to "save" them, but I think it is our job to tell them the truth – that they need to be saved.

No matter how hard local officials try, there will always be people who ignore evacuation orders.

"I have survived a dozen of these. . ."

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"I have all I need to ride out the storm. . ."

"My home will keep standing. . ."

Sometimes it works out for those, but others are proven to be foolish and lose their lives.

Friends, we know that there is a time of change coming. When Jesus returns there will not be a time to begin evangelizing. We have to make sure people are ready before He rides from Heaven to our world once again. This time He will not be a helpless baby, but a returning, victorious and eternal King of Kings. We need to make sure everyone is ready for that glorious day!

I challenge all of us to live our faith loudly and proudly every day. Never worrying about the reaction of others about our faith, but knowing what we have is essential to the rest of the world and we are called to share it.

Y2K was a flop, but Jesus really is coming back. Let us all get ready and help others prepare as well.

Blessings,

January Worship

Sunday, January 5 Communion

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

Sunday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 26

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

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Jan. 1st for New Year's and Jan. 20th for MLK Day.

Deacons on Call—January

To Be Determined

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

Prayer: Our Time Saver – 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 | Matthew 14:23 | Mark 1:35 | Luke 5:16; 6:12 | Acts 16:6-9 | Philippians 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.

Prayer as a Time Saver – Part One (See Part Two in February 2020 Prayer Thoughts)

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

- **Provides timely direction:** In emergencies, prayer can give you clear guidance and eliminate confusion. When King Jehoshaphat heard that three armies were on their way to attack Israel, he immediately sought the Lord through fasting and prayer. God gave him a war strategy that resulted in victory (2 Chron. 20:3-25).
- **Prevents wrong decisions:** Prayer can help us avoid costly mistakes, delays, and other long-term difficulties. The apostle Paul wisely changed his plans when the Lord revealed that he was to preach the gospel in Macedonia rather than in the east (Acts 16:6-9). As we follow God's plans instead of our own, we will always experience His blessing.
- **Eliminates worry and anxiety:** Philippians 4:6-7 says, "In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God . . . will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As a believer, you don't have to fret; God has everything under control. If you are following His will, you should have great peace. When you feel un-

settled spiritually, He may be trying to warn or redirect you. Anxiety is a sign that we are on our schedule, not His.

- **Produces peacefulness:** If you begin each day with God, He will give you supernatural calmness that can increase your productivity. Every morning, as you read the Bible, ask Him to make you sensitive to the Holy Spirit and keep you from sin (Ps. 119:133).
- **Invites God into our activity:** Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." If you ask, the Father will help you use time wisely.
- **Produces confidence:** When we have clear guidance from God, we can move ahead boldly and quickly. Our heavenly Father knows all things and will guide us to make the most profitable, effective decisions.
- **Eliminates fretting:** We can rest assured that the Lord will give us direction and peace if we take the time to seek Him. But we never reach a point in our lives when we can "take it easy" spiritually. God wants us to enjoy good things in life, but not at the expense of spending time with Him.

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	Will Smith
Buddy/Mary Golding	Van Summers
Jean Harding	Margaret Toney

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

2020 is here and God has wonderful things in store for New Highland Youth Ministry and our Beyond Young Adult Ministry! The theme this year, that will permeate all we do, is based on a well known Casting Crowns song entitled, "Thrive." Here are some of those lyrics that reflect the vision for this year: "Into Your Word, we're digging deep to know our Father's heart! Into the world, we're reaching out to show them Who You are! So Living Water, flowing through, God we thirst for more of You!! Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire: Just to know You and to make You known!"

This year, we will aim to grow even more in discipleship and community and we will strive for boldness in sharing God's love with others!

All of this will happen through weekly LifeNights, Bible studies, youth DNOW weekend, special events, a young adult outreach event, mission projects, camp and more!

Thank you NHBC family for your prayers, support and involvement as we continue to encourage these younger generations to find and follow Jesus Christ and as we all keep growing "In Him and Beyond"!

"And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us." 1 John 3:23

Sundays:

8:30am or 11:00am >> Worship!

9:45am >> Bible study (all ages!)

6:00-7:30pm >> LifeNight!

(Note: NO LifeNight on January 5th. And THANK YOU to Joan Purdy and Rachel Barnes for leading LifeNight on January 12th!)

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30pm "In Motion"
a time of creative ministry (art, song, sign, skits), missions and prayer.

Attention Church Family!

Happy New Year! 2020 is here! I pray that all of your Christmas and New Year's celebrations were blessed, fun and peaceful!

Now that the New Year is here... I want to cast a vision and ask you to pray about something. We want to expand our Sunday evening "LifeNight" to further build on all of the effective ministry efforts of New Highland Baptist.

Currently, our New Highland Youth Ministry and Beyond young adults, as well as an adult Bible study led by the Pastor, meet every Sunday night for worship, discipleship and fellowship. It would be wonderful to expand this as a special evening for families and for our collective church family!

This is what a Sunday LifeNight could look like:

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6:00pm>> Everyone gathers in the sanctuary for an opening time of worship via videos, NHYM/Beyond leadership or any other volunteers. No announcements or service items... Just pure worship! (praise songs, creative expression and testimony.)

6:30->> Dismiss to our groups. NHYM, Beyond, adult Bible studies, New Highland Kids* and maybe in time, special classes on relevant topics like grief, mental health, autism, marriage support, etc. - to finish by 7:30pm.

(*The children's hour could include stations like a mini-VBS with a kids choir, a Bible lesson, a craft, and play-time. Our new children's minister would lead this, but if we don't have one by end of February, we would need lay people/church members to volunteer with the kids.)

Additionally, if the Men's Ministry or LIFT Women's Ministry or other groups or individuals wanted to lead Bible studies or classes on this evening—that would be awesome to promote to our community!

Periodically, we could just forego classes and have night of worship all together.

This would be NHBC "LifeNight!"

Please pray about this new idea for a way to move forward, to try a new approach for reaching our community and providing wider discipleship for our church family! This is a "go up and dig through the roof" idea - a new approach to bringing more people to the feet of Jesus. It needs to be saturated in prayer and it would need excitement and involvement from our whole church family! God desires great things from New Highland Baptist and wants to use us to further build His Kingdom! If this idea is not meant to be, that is up to God and that is fine! But if it is meant to be, then maybe NHBC LifeNight could become a buzz in our community! Who knows? Only God. I thank you for reading this and for making it a matter of prayer! If God leads it further, it would be great to launch on Sunday, March 1st -giving us time to organize and promote well.

Let us continue as one body in Christ to keep seeking ways to better know Him and make Him known!

Love you all!

Rev. Jennifer C. Mullins

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.

Congratulations

Artie and Joyce McLaughlan
are celebrating
70 years of marriage
on January 12!!



Panama Trip Details

Great news, 14 members of New Highland Baptist Church are leaving January 4th to do mission work in Panama! Thanks to everyone who contributed to make this trip possible. We will return on the 13th and look forward to sharing our experiences with all of you.

Here is a list of our group –

Jacob Dillow
Wayne Harrell
Taylor Lacy
Bethany Mullins
Rebecca Mullins
Robin Parrett
Ryan Smith

Carol Evers
Bob Kossoff
Kurt Lester
Jennifer Mullins
Rusty Mullins
Eric Smith
Ed Williams

Our team has an interesting mixture. Six of the participants are youth or young adults. Two of our team were recently baptized. Four of our team members are older than Jen and me, which is a first. One member of the team is not a direct church member, but one who visits as often as possible and is a long-time friend with Panama mission trip experience.

Our team has extremely diverse talents – people with practical “know how,” a guitarist, several people who love to work with children, multiple singers, a nursing student and a horticulturist - just to name a few.

We have an idea of our schedule in case you would like to know some specifics. We leave just after 2:30 PM on the 4th from Richmond and fly into Atlanta. We have virtually no layover before flying to Panama City, landing after 9:30 PM.

We will have worship with one of the local churches on Sunday before beginning VBS at two churches on Monday. The church of our host pastor, Moises, has a VBS from 9 to 12 and another church, pastored by another of our friends, Antonio, will have VBS at the same time. Our team will divide and help each church. Part of our team will also help every day at Moises' church doing painting, building a closet and roof repair.

Another church has a shorter afternoon VBS, from 4-6 for three days, in which the entire team can participate. The third church is new to us and hails from Los Guayacanes, about 15 minutes from the town where we will spend much of our time – La Chorrera.

We leave Panama the following Monday, leaving from Panama around lunch, flying again through Atlanta and arriving back in Richmond just after midnight on Tuesday morning.

Keep all of us in your prayers. Some will be flying for the first time and are a little nervous. Others are nervous about the language barrier. Everyone will miss their home, but this is a unique opportunity to share the love of Jesus with a less fortunate part of the world.



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 2020/2021 academic year are available at www.vbfinc.org and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2020.

Mid-Week Encounter 2020

A new session of our Mid-Week Encounter will begin on Wednesday, January 15.

There will be activities for youth, young adults and adults, and dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 pm in the CLC.

The cost for dinner is \$5 per adult/youth and \$3 per child, with a maximum of \$16 per immediate family.

Class offerings will be announced soon. Watch your communications for further information.



New Members

Kody Karnes
Joined 12/8/19 by
Profession of Faith
Awaiting Baptism

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Darlene Rush and family in the death of her mother, Elizabeth Atkins

Donna Martin and family in the death of her nephew-in-law, Gene Fluri

Fred Small and family in the death of his sister, Dorothy Leech

Brett Blose and family in the death of his uncle, Alan “Butch” Puccetti

Members of East Highland Park, now New Highland Baptist Church, on the death of our former pastor (1990-1998), Dr. Fred T. Moffatt Jr

on March 2, 2019 at the age of 91. He was living in his hometown of Shelbyville, KY at the time of his death. He had good wishes for the church and always kept in touch since his retirement.

Our prayers go with his family.

NHBC History Committee

Christmas Post Office

Don't forget to pick up your cards no later than Sunday, January 5.



January 5

***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

January 19

***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

January 12

***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

January 26

***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

January Birthdays

1	Barbara Elliotte	14	Natalie Falls
	Glenda Currie	16	Brady Uzel
3	Rusty Mullins	18	Kim Tschantre
5	Stacy Dixon	19	Jordan Brown
6	Lisa Rossi	21	Cassie Wells
	Brian Howell	24	Mike Barmer
7	Joyce McLauchlan		Tim Smith
8	Angela Eby	25	Jenny Garthright
	David Barnes		Carol Didlake
9	Bryan Jr Chenault	26	Kelley Harding
10	Tucker Dawson	27	Melissa Horton
	Scott Schricker	28	Rachel Barnes
11	Michelle Brown		Keturah Flood
12	Janice Finnegan	30	Mehee Zinkham
	Carol Thompson	31	John Kenney
	Leslie Crytser		George Linville

January Anniversaries

12	Artie & Joyce McLauchlan
19	John & Kim Tschantre
23	Bruce & Brenda McAleese
29	Cullen & Pamela Lumpkin

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:



JANUARY

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Don't forget to call before dropping by in case we've gone out to lunch or to run errands.
 Phone: 804-550-9601

10th Annual Souper Bowl Competition

The men and women are facing off once again! During the month of January, bring in cans of soup to see who can win the prize of the SOUPer Bowl.

Actually, the winners are those who will have a meal because of your generosity. "Get in the game" by placing your cans in either the Men's or Women's containers by Saturday, February 1st. The winners will be recognized during the worship services on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020.

The results of the last nine years have the women leading the men five to four, with the men winning last year. Will the men tie up the series this year? Or will the women continue to show their dominance?



This project benefits Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF).

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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Compassion International



January
 Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)
Carolyn Whitley

Sponsor Mohamed

Our adopted child from Tanzania through Compassion International is Mohamed, and he is 16 years old. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. [Contact Kristi](#) in the office.

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.



December Benevolence Offering

\$408.00

MCEF Donations for January

Canned Soups-Souper Bowl

Church Council Meeting

January 13 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Nov 24, 2019

Dec 1, 2019

Dec 8, 2019

Dec 15, 2019

Attendance

Early Worship	35	45	43	No Svc
Sunday School	89	84	99	93
Late Worship	99	110	100	150

Budget

Weekly Need	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
Weekly Receipts	5,196.70	10,068.00	5,839.00	6,893.00
YTD Goal	290,800.05	297,000.05	303,200.05	309,400.05
YTD Receipts	321,508.94	331,576.94	337,415.94	344,308.94

Designated Gifts

	3,022.00	2,657.00	2,645.00	1,217.00
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