



# NEW HIGHLAND

*Baptist Church*

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## The Church Body

As all of you know we are in the middle of a difficult time for our church. I am sure some of you remember lesson 10 from the Experiencing God class, God's Will and the Church. I thought a reminder about this would be helpful to each one of us, including myself.

God has us in the middle of his plan and we need to follow his lead.

So each of us is a member of the Church Body, with Christ being the head. We need to function like one body with Christ leading us.

**Romans 12:4-18** For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

We each need to figure out our gifts and use them to help the Church Body.

We all need to show love with one another, not be divisive. We need to show understanding and respect each person's view.

We need to love all people who enter the doors of our Church, just like Jesus would.

We need to be forgiving also.

God wants his people to be: Holy and Pure, Display Unity, Love one another.

The Body functions as one unit with spiritual leaders and

members. All are interdependent; they need one another. Each leader and each member of the body needs the others to fully know God's will.

### **Each member has a role.**

**Galatians 6:1-5** Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without com-

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## January Worship

**BE SURE TO NOTE THE CHANGE  
IN TIMES BEGINNING JANUARY 3**

### **Sunday, January 3 Communion**

Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

### **Sunday, January 10 DNow Sunday**

Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am in CLC

### **Sunday, January 17 Baptisms**

Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

### **Sunday, January 24**

Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

### **Sunday, January 31**

Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

## Deacons on Call—January

Jennings Dawson 804-239-3088  
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paring themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load.

**Each leader has a responsibility to equip the members of the body.**

**Ephesians 4:11-13** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Leaders need to make sure they are working with the body and following God's will as they and the body agree.

**So how do we as a church body know God's will so we can do it?**

God wants to have an intimate Love relationship with you. If you want to know God's will you have to spend time with him and listen to the Holy Spirit who speaks through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes and His ways.

**1Corinthians 12:7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

A church comes to understand God's will when the whole body hears what Christ, the Head, is telling it.

**1Corinthians 1:10** I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

None of us are God, we do not always understand his plan or timing, so we need to allow for the fact that this may not happen exactly the way we think it will and/or occur when we think it will.

In his timing, God confirms to the body what he is saying, individual opinions are not that important, **God's will is crucial.**

**Jesus is the Head of the body, the body needs to be;** Christ-centered, maintain unity and oneness of heart, and love one another as they love themselves.

I have faith in this church body, we can all come together with the Lord as our leader.

God will help the body with anything we need!

God's plan, God's Time!

Buddy Johnson

**Movie Night—"Do You Believe?"**

A dozen different souls—all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ ... even if they don't believe it. Yet.

When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate.

This stirring film from the creators of *God's Not Dead* is more than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: DO YOU BELIEVE?

Join us on Sunday, January 17 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary as the Youth and Mission Committees sponsor the showing of this movie. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to see the movie. See Michelle Brown for more information.



**DO YOU BELIEVE?**

**6th Annual Souper Bowl Competition**

The men and women will face off once again this year in our souper bowl competition! Beginning in January, bring in cans of soup to see which gender will 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 the designated containers in the foyer by February 6th. The winners will be recognized during the worship services on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7.



The results of the last five years have the women ahead three to two. Will they repeat and continue their domination? Or will the men have a stronger offensive line this year?



This project benefits Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) and is sponsored by our youth committee.

## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team: Paul Clay, Carol Evers, Charles & Rose Harper, Joey Hostetter, Linda Peay, Ron & Sara Rhodes

**From "Prayer that Shapes the Future" by Brad Long & Doug McMurry**

### Topic: Fitting Prayer into Our Personal Lives

The first priority is to clear space in one's life. Some people may find this effort difficult. Martin Luther recognized the difficulty and attributed it to the opposition of the evil one:

*When I would speak and pray to God by myself, a hundred thousand hindrances at once intervene before I get at it. Then the devil can throw all sorts of reasons for delay in my path; he can block and hinder me on all sides; as a result, I go my way and never think of it again. Let him who has not experienced this only try it. Resolve to pray earnestly, and no doubt you will see how large an assortment of your own thoughts will rush in on you and distract you, so that you cannot begin aright.*

Consider the advice of Jesus' brother, James, in **James 4:7**: Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Three options to begin prayer, all of them ways of worship and are captured in scripture references:

**Psalms 100:4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Heb. 10:19-22** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

**Heb. 13:15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name.

- Singing hymns and praise songs out of a church's hymn book or song book
- Telling God of your love and appreciation, expressing love as an act of will, not feelings
- Invoking God to bring you into His presence: Refer to **Isaiah 26:9; Psalm 25:1; Psalm 84:10**

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## Prayer Concerns

*\*Hospitalized at time of printing*

Charlie Brickey	Shirley Linville
Charlie Elliott	Alan Muller
Mary Golding	Melvin Purvis
Mark Grimmett	James Roberts
Larry Harding	Ann Shearin
Rose Harper	Alice Stanley
Sherwood Haskins	Margaret Toney
Judy Hite	*Martha Wells
Emma Hubbard	Robert Whitfield
Dot Kingrey	Claire Williams
*George Linville	Dan Wines

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### Building Blocks for Prayer

1. Adoration and praise: We adore God for who He is; we praise Him for what He is doing.
2. Confession and forgiveness: Sin brings separation between God and us.
3. Meditation: To think deeply and continuously, reflect, ponder, or muse.
4. Listening: Entering silently into God's presence, where He may speak.
5. Petition: We come to our Heavenly Father and make our requests known.
6. Intercession: We join Jesus in standing in the gap for those in need.
7. Praise and thanksgiving: Always conclude by returning to give praise to Jesus.

Let the Holy Spirit nudge you and help you elaborate, creatively, in your expressions of prayer.

### Christian Sympathy Expressed To:

Cheryl McGhee and family in the death of her brother, Sammy Terry.

### Sunday Morning Prayer Walks

A group of people meet each Sunday morning at 9 am to prayer walk around the church. We meet in front of the church by the doors. Please join us!

### **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 Post Office Mail

The last day to pick up your cards from the Christmas post office is Sunday, January 3rd. Thanks to those who donated their postage savings to our debt retirement fund. As of 12/21 we have collected \$175.50.

### 2016 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes are available in the front foyer. If you don't currently have envelopes but would like a box, let Kristi in the office know. Conversely, if you currently get envelopes but don't want them, let Kristi know. We can keep our expenses down by not ordering as many in the future.

### GriefShare

A new session of GriefShare begins on Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 pm in Room 103. If you miss the start date, you are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen. We hope you'll join us — we want to help!



### 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.

### Upward Basketball Volunteers Needed

It is time to lace up your old Chuck Taylors and put on your vintage circa 1990 basketball shorts for another exciting year of Upward basketball. We are looking for volunteers to help with scorekeepers, concession workers and folks to do devotions during half time of games. Please contact Kelly Verham or Buddy Johnson if you can help out.

The first games begin Saturday from 9 am - 2 PM on 1/23/16 and continue through 3/12/16.

### Thank You's

Dear New Highland Baptist Church,  
Thank you so much for your gift of \$500 to the mission and ministry of GraceInside! Your support and partnership are what make this work possible. You are helping save lives from the inside out! Because of you, lives will be changed forever.  
Thank you!

**Rev. Lynn Litchfield**, Director of Development  
**GraceInside—Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service**

Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,000.00 to **Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia's** Annual Fund. WMUV affirms Christ's call on a woman's life, missional response to the world's needs, and development of missional leaders. Your donation will help us as we strive to inspire and equip women to influence the world for Christ.

It is our heartfelt prayer that we may be found faithful to the cause of missions. Because you care and you give, we are able to increase our scholarships, missions projects, and ministries. Thank you for a heart of love and a passion for the work of our Lord.

Again, we are grateful for your gift to the ministry of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

Yours in Christ's Love and Service,

**Dr. Valerie D. Carter**

Executive Director/Treasurer

Our dear NHBC Family, it is difficult to find the words to adequately express our gratitude for the overwhelming outpouring of love and support shown to us during my injury and my brother Sammy's illness and recent passing. While our pain is deep it is comforting to know that Sammy was a Christian and is now with Jesus. God used two of our NHBC kids to help lead him to Christ! We are so grateful for all of your visits, prayers, cards, emails, text messages, phone calls, AMAZING meals, money & flowers. With so much going on in our family right now it is wonderful to be part of such a loving family. Please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness has touched us deeply. Knowing that we are not alone helps us to bear our grief and sadness. Thank you for being there for us.

With love and sincere thanks,

**Cheryl & David McGhee;**  
**Pam, Will & Dylan Smith**

### DNow Sunday

Our youth have their DNow weekend Jan 8th through the 10th. Join us on Sun, Jan 10 at 10:30 am in the CLC as Rev. Dane Jackson brings the message and our special musical guest is ARISE.



**January 3**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Linda Johnson  
^Amanda Moore

**NURSERY**

Linda Peay  
Cheri Verham  
Claire Faison  
Kelley Mayhew  
Jean Harding

**USHERS**

**Kirby Hutchinson**

Chris Whitley  
DL Wells  
David Dixon  
Jon Cliborne  
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

Joan Purdy  
Youth

**January 10**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Jennifer Diehl  
^Cheryl McGhee

**NURSERY**

Rae Pittman  
Barbara Valenti  
Tonya Vasser  
Alicia Parker

**USHERS**

**Wesley Thompson**

Bailey Thompson  
Mark Brown  
Jordan Brown  
Will Smith  
Quinn Thompson

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

Bubba Stanley  
Heather Uzel

**January 17**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Martha Wells  
^Grace Barnes

**NURSERY**

Pam Smith  
Tim Smith  
Bubba Stanley  
Carol Thompson

**USHERS**

**Harold Elliott**

Bill Martin  
Eric Moore  
Nate Hostetter  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

Holly Hutto  
Youth

**January 24**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*OPEN  
^Lori Rozecki

**NURSERY**

Tim Gunn  
Laura McAleese  
Theresa Whitley  
Susan Sandridge  
Jenny Garthright

**USHERS**

**Jennings Dawson**

Tucker Dawson  
Tim Smith  
Ryan Smith  
Arthur Garthright  
Mike Sandridge  
David Barnes

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

Buffy Ramos  
Youth

**January 31**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Kim Gunn  
^Kim Gunn

**NURSERY**

Tim Gunn  
Emma Hunter  
Judy Laitinen  
Janice Finnegan

**USHERS**

**Paul Clay**

Mike Pittman  
Clarence Hunter  
John Tschantre  
Pam Smith  
David Barnes

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

Mary Winecuff  
Sara Rhodes

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\*Before Sunday School  
^Before Worship

**January Birthdays**

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| 1  | Barbara Elliott  | 19 | Jordan Brown     |
|    | Glenda Currie    | 21 | Cassie Wells     |
|    | Ann Saunders     | 23 | Michael Harrell  |
| 2  | Ashley Harrell   |    | Andrew Super     |
| 3  | Colton Gunn      |    | Macey Hutto      |
| 5  | Caroline Faison  |    | Jean Powell      |
|    | Stacy Dixon      | 24 | Tim Smith        |
| 7  | Joyce McLauchlan |    | Mike Barmer      |
| 8  | David Barnes     | 25 | Carol Didlake    |
|    | Angela Eby       |    | Priscilla Tucker |
| 9  | Bryan Chenault   |    | Jenny Garthright |
| 10 | Tucker Dawson    |    | Amanda Moore     |
|    | Scott Schricker  | 26 | Kelley Mayhew    |
|    | Claire Williams  | 27 | Scott Hubinger   |
|    | Sheryl Newman    | 28 | Keturah Flood    |
| 11 | Michelle Brown   |    | Matt Parker      |
| 12 | Janice Finnegan  |    | Rachel Barnes    |
|    | Carol Thompson   | 29 | Madison Hutto    |
|    | Leslie Crytser   |    | Samuel Pace      |
| 13 | Sheri Castle     | 30 | Carol Wines      |
| 14 | Natalie Falls    | 31 | George Linville  |
| 16 | Brady Uzel       |    |                  |
| 17 | James Lawson     |    |                  |
| 18 | Kim Tschantre    |    |                  |

**January  
Anniversaries**

- |    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 4  | Buddy and Linda Johnson    |
| 7  | Tom and Mary Winecuff      |
| 12 | Artie and Joyce McLauchlan |
| 15 | Tim and Kim Gunn           |
| 19 | John and Kim Tschantre     |
| 23 | Bruce and Brenda McAleese  |
| 28 | Daniel and Carol Wines     |
| 29 | Cullen and Pamela Lumpkin  |

### Staff Ministry Team

#### **Senior Pastor—Position is Open**

Website: [www.newhighlandbaptist.org](http://www.newhighlandbaptist.org)  
Sermons: <http://nhbc-sermons.buzzsprout.com>

#### **Sheri Castle, Minister of Worship**

Cell Phone: 514-8516  
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#### **Pastor of Visitation & Senior Adults— Position is Open**

#### **Kim Gunn, Minister to Children**

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#### **Minister to Students & Young Adults—Position is Open**

#### **Kristi Garstang, Financial Administrative Assistant**

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E-mail: [admins@newhighlandbaptist.org](mailto:admins@newhighlandbaptist.org)

#### **Barbara & Claude Aylor, Office Volunteers**

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#### **Page Marriner, Accompanist**

E-mail: [pmarriner@verizon.net](mailto:pmarriner@verizon.net)

#### **Tiffany Miller, The Day School Director**

School Phone: 550-1557  
E-mail: [dayschool@newhighlandbaptist.org](mailto:dayschool@newhighlandbaptist.org)

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### PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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### Modified Church Office Hours

Closed Mon, Dec 28. Hours Tue, Dec 29—Thu, Dec 31 are 9 am until noon. Closed on Fri, Jan 1.



### New Worship Schedule

At December's meeting, Church Council unanimously supported a proposal to temporarily combine our worship services beginning January 3rd. This will also be one of the agenda items at the January 27th business meeting. The purpose is for unity, fellowship, healing, and reconciliation within our congregation and in order to do this, leadership feels strongly that we need to all be together! Sunday School will be at **9:15 am** and combined worship at **10:30 am**.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Our regular scheduled quarterly business meeting will be Wednesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary.

### Called Business Meeting

Church Council has called a business meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on the Interim Pastor candidate, Dr. Pat Ellis, being brought by the Personnel Committee.

### New Directories

The 2016 directories (non-pictorial) are available. Be sure to pick one up on Sundays or from the church office during office hours. Due to privacy concerns, we won't leave them sitting out at other times as many outside groups use our space.

### Compassion International

January Sponsorship of Mohamed (TZ)  
The Pattersons

### December Benevolence Offering

\$ 1,297.00

### MCEF Donations for January

Pasta, rice and beans

### Church Council Meeting

January 7 @ 6:30 pm

### ACTS II:

Nov 29, 2015

Dec 6, 2015

Dec 13, 2015

Dec 20, 2015

### Attendance

Early Worship	<b>53</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>52</b>
Sunday School	<b>155</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>172</b>
Late Worship	<b>166</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>174</b>

### Budget 2015

Weekly Need	<b>10,906.03</b>	<b>10,906.03</b>	<b>10,906.03</b>	<b>10,906.03</b>
Weekly Receipts	12,015.00	14,934.02	9,069.00	10,736.66
YTD Goal	523,489.44	534,395.47	545,301.50	556,207.53
YTD Receipts	471,498.31	487,081.78	496,150.78	506,887.44

### Bldg/Debt Retirement

0.00      645.00      2,028.00      135.50

### Designated Gifts

1,120.00      1,172.24      1,715.40      1,681.00