



# NEW HIGHLAND

*Baptist Church*

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## Family at New Highland

I have enjoyed getting to know you. I am excited about what I have seen. This church seems ready to take flight and do great things for His Kingdom in Hanover County and beyond. We have enjoyed a wonderful Advent season and are preparing to embark on a new year of serving together.

The first six weeks of the year, beginning with January 8, I will lead a series called Six Weeks of Seeking. Each week I will preach a message challenging us to seek God in a particular area of our spiritual life. I would like to challenge everyone to come and be a part of this six-week challenge. As a part of the seeking aspect, I will prepare a prayer sheet based on the theme of the week and have them available at the church for you to come and seek God is specific prayer during the week. We will have the handouts available in the prayer room and invite you to stop by at some point during the week and use the prayer guide to pray for our church.

The first topic is the starting point for any spiritual revival – forgiveness. If we want to move forward as a church, we must begin by seeking forgiveness. I want to encourage you to join us on this journey of seeking. Jeremiah 29: 11 states - <sup>13</sup>You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. Jesus, in the sermon on the mount (Matthew 7: 7-8), also says - <sup>7</sup>“Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

My prayer is that we seek Him together and find the path He has for us.

Blessings,  
Pastor Rusty

## January Worship

### **Sunday, January 1**

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

### **Sunday, January 8 Communion**

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

### **Sunday, January 15 D-Now Sunday**

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

### **Sunday, January 15 Rev. Rusty Mullins’ Installment Service**

Service at 6:00pm  
Reception Following

### **Sunday, January 22**

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

### **Sunday, January 29**

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

## Rev. Rusty Mullins’ Installment Service

The installation service for Reverend F. P. Rusty Mullins, Jr., originally scheduled for Sunday, January 8 has been postponed to Sunday, January 15 at 6 pm. A reception will be held immediately following the service. Childcare will be available for children five and under with advance reservations. Call Kim Gunn at 543-6607 by Friday afternoon, January 13, if you will need childcare. Please join us for this moving service.

## Church Office

The church office will be closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year holiday and on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

## Deacons on Call—January

|                 |              |
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| Jennings Dawson | 804-239-3088 |
| Stafford White  | 804-357-1077 |



## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team: Grace Barnes, Michelle Brown, Carol Evers, Charles & Rose Harper, Joey Hostetter, Emma Hunter, Linda Peay, Ron & Sara Rhodes

(The following narrative is derived from Charles Stanley's December 12, 2016 Devotional)

### **Avoiding Hypocrisy in Prayer**

#### **Matthew 6:5-6 (NIV)**

Matt. 6:5 And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

Matt. 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

People who are uncomfortable praying in public tend to love Matthew 6:6 because Jesus advocates praying in secret. However, Christ's point was not our location but our attitude. His admonition wasn't to avoid public prayer; rather, it was a warning not to pray hypocritically by seeking the approval of others. We may be quick to think we'd never do that, but in reality, corporate prayer can be intimidating to many believers. We wonder how we sound to others: *Did I say the right things? What did they think when I stumbled on my words? Was my prayer too long? Too short?*

Generally, our problem is less about trying to impress others with our eloquence and spirituality than it is about feeling self-conscious, tongue-tied, and inept. However, if our focus is on how we sound, we may still be praying like a hypocrite because all we can think about is ourselves and other people's perception of us. Although we may not admit it, we want their approval.

But the Lord never calls us out for being inarticulate or using bad grammar. He's listening to the motivation of our spirit. How well we speak doesn't matter if we're truly talking to Him and not other people. When our focus is on God, His Spirit unites with ours, and those who hear are drawn into that sweet communion.

The solution for hypocrisy is not abstinence from all public prayer. Whether we pray in a closet or in an auditorium filled with people, we must remember that we're speaking to an audience of one, and He delights in hearing from His children.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Ann Shearin and family in the death of her sister, Alice

Pamela Lumpkin and family in the death of her aunt, Ida "Jean" Clements

Shea Hutto and family in the death of his cousin

## D-Now is Coming!



Make plans now to take a walk through Micah and find out what it takes to follow God with all your heart!! Youth will join us Friday, Jan 13—Sunday, Jan 15.

Please consider how you might be able to help. We need support in the following areas:

- Student Sign-up - make a commitment to join us for the weekend
- Host Homes - open your home to a group of students and small group leader(s)
- Small Group Leaders - would you be willing to spend the weekend at a host home with a group of our students?

If you said "YES" to any of these questions... please [contact Chris Beck](#).

Jennifer Mullins will be preaching on DNow Sunday.

## GriefShare

A new session begins on Thursday, January 12 and meets at 6:30 pm in Room 103. Contact David or Cheryl McGhee for more information. We'd love you to join us!

## Prayer Concerns

*\*Hospitalized at time of printing*

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| Charlie Elliott  | Beldon Mullins   |
| *Darnley Gammon  | *Jean Powell     |
| Mary Golding     | Melvin Purvis    |
| Rose Harper      | Ann Shearin      |
| Sherwood Haskins | Margaret Toney   |
| George Linville  | Ernest Valenti   |
| Shirley 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).

## Congratulations

To **Nick Brown** upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout, Eagle Class of 2016. Nick is the son of Rob and Kimi Brown and brother of Rachel. Nick is a senior at Hanover High School.



## 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.

## Thank You's

Thank you to **Jim Johnson** for painting the ladies restroom on the children's wing. We appreciate the hard work you put out to give the restroom a facelift.

Dear Members,  
Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,000.00 to **Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia's** Annual Fund. As Virginia Baptist women we develop kingdom leaders through missions education, support, involvement and camping experiences. Your WMU of Virginia staff is here to walk alongside of you as we proclaim the mission of the church. Your support is immeasurable as we strive to cultivate and enhance the talents of others as God grants us opportunities. 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

## Sponsors Needed for Mohamed

We adopted a child from Tanzania through Compassion International many years ago. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. Contact Kristi in the office to sign up.

## Mid-Week Encounter 2017

Regular Wednesday night Midweek Encounter activities will resume on January 11 from 6:30-7:30 pm for youth and adults (children meet at 6:15 pm). Our new pastor, Rusty Mullins, will lead this 12-session study in helping us understand our "Baptist Distinctives," that is, what Baptists believe as a denomination. Adults and youth will join together in the CLC where Reverend Mullins will give a 20-30 minute lesson. At the close of his lesson, the youth will return to their individual rooms and adults will gather in small groups in the CLC. Led by a facilitator, small groups (youth included) will discuss the topic based on a list of questions that will be provided by the pastor.

Children will meet at 6:15 pm as usual in the children's wing and will be led by Mrs. Kim and her team. They will be FINDING JESUS by exploring ocean animals. Each week a new sea animal will teach them that no matter how deep. . . nothing can separate us from the love of God.

MWE meals will resume as well. Meals will rotate between Chick-fil-A, pizza, subs, and home-cooked/potluck (details still being confirmed). Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 per child, not to exceed \$16 per family.

If you plan to attend MWE this session, please pray about how you may be involved. Many opportunities for individuals to serve are available. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- helpers for the children's department,
- facilitators for small group discussion, and
- meal coordinators for monthly rotation.

Please contact Kim Gunn if you would like to assist in the children's department. If you have questions about or would like to help in any of the other volunteer opportunities, please contact Tanya Shearin, David Barnes, or Gloria Pierce. We'd be happy to provide additional information as needed.

## 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 2017/2018 academic year are available at [www.vbfinc.org](http://www.vbfinc.org), and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2017. Paperwork is due to the church office by January 20th.

**January 1**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Kim Gunn

**NURSERY**

Linda Peay  
Kelley Mayhew  
Jean Harding  
Madison Hutto

**USHERS**

**Kirby Hutchinson**

Wayne Harrell  
DL Wells  
Chris Whitley  
David Dixon  
Jon Cliborne  
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/**

**WORSHIP**

Kim Gunn  
Youth

**January 15**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Julia Harrell

**NURSERY**

Pam Smith  
Tim Smith  
Carol Thompson  
Penny Layne

**USHERS**

**Harold Elliotte**

Bill Martin  
Tommy Searles  
Nate Hostetter  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/**

**WORSHIP**

Tanya Shearin  
Youth

**January 22**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Cheryl McGhee

**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**

Joan Purdy  
Youth

**January 8**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Jennifer Diehl

**NURSERY**

Rae Pittman  
Barbara Valenti  
Tonya Vasser  
Joan Purdy

**USHERS**

**Wesley Thompson**

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

**KIC CLUB/**

**WORSHIP**

Holly Hutto  
Youth

**January 29**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Shirley Hawks

**NURSERY**

Tim Gunn  
OPEN  
Judy Laitinen  
Janice Finnegan

**USHERS**

**John Tschantre**

Mike Pittman  
Pam Smith  
Berkeley Rayfield  
Nolan Rayfield

**KIC CLUB/**

**WORSHIP**

Sara Rhodes  
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**January Birthdays**

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| 1  | Barbara Elliotte | 16 | Brady Uzel       |
|    | Glenda Currie    | 17 | James Lawson     |
|    | Ann Saunders     | 18 | Kim Tschantre    |
| 2  | Ashley Harrell   | 19 | Jordan Brown     |
| 3  | Colton Gunn      | 21 | Cassie Wells     |
|    | Rusty Mullins    | 23 | Michael Harrell  |
| 5  | Stacy Dixon      |    | Andrew Super     |
| 6  | Lisa Rossi       |    | Macey Hutto      |
|    | Brian Howell     |    | Jean Powell      |
| 7  | Joyce McLauchlan | 24 | Mike Barner      |
| 8  | Angela Eby       |    | Tim Smith        |
|    | David Barnes     | 25 | Jenny Garthright |
| 9  | Bryan Chenault   |    | Priscilla Tucker |
| 10 | Tucker Dawson    |    | Carol Didlake    |
|    | Scott Schricker  | 26 | Kelley Mayhew    |
| 11 | Michelle Brown   | 28 | Rachel Barnes    |
| 12 | Janice Finnegan  |    | Keturah Flood    |
|    | Carol Thompson   | 29 | Madison Hutto    |
|    | Leslie Crytser   | 30 | Carol Wines      |
| 13 | Sheri Castle     | 31 | George Linville  |
| 14 | Natalie Falls    |    |                  |

**January Anniversaries**

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|----|--------------------------|
| 10 | Jeff & Caryn Fuerte      |
| 12 | Artie & Joyce McLauchlan |
| 15 | Tim & Kim Gunn           |
| 19 | John & Kim Tschantre     |
| 23 | Bruce & Brenda McAleese  |
| 29 | Cullen & Pamela Lumpkin  |

**Staff Ministry Team**

**Rev. F. P. Rusty Mullins, Jr., Senior Pastor**

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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Phone: 804-550-9601

**2017 Directories**

Production of the 2017 directories will begin soon. If you have updates to your address, phone number or emails, please contact the church office with those as soon as possible. Also, if you'd like cell phone numbers or emails included in your information, please let us know. Our new software allows us to include cell phone numbers for each adult.

**IMPORTANT:**

Kristi's copy of last year's directory disappeared from her desk. It had already been marked up with many changes in anticipation of working on the new directory. At the top of the directory, it is marked as Kristi's. Please check and see if you may have accidentally picked it up, and return it to the office as soon as possible. We'd rather not "reinvent the wheel" if we don't have to. Thanks!

**College Student Addresses**

We want to love on our college students, but need current addresses in order to be able to do so. Please [email Kristi](#) as soon as possible with this information. If your student lives at home, let us know that as well.

**Go! Time**

Our NHYM youth meet for Go!Time on Sundays from 5:30 pm until 7 pm. Check your online calendar and bulletins for meeting dates.

**Church Office**

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**PUBLICATION DEADLINES:**

**Feb Envoy — Jan 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon**



**Compassion International**

January  
Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)  
The Garstangs

***Sponsors needed!***

**December Benevolence Offering**

\$617.00

**MCEF Donations for January**

Canned Soups

**Church Council Meeting**

January 9 @ 6:30 pm

**ACTS II:**

**Nov 27, 2016**

**Dec 4, 2016**

**Dec 11, 2016**

**Dec 18, 2016**

**Dec 25, 2016**

**Attendance**

|               |            |            |            |            |              |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Sunday School | <b>135</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>134</b> | <b>No SS</b> |
| Worship       | <b>214</b> | <b>233</b> | <b>336</b> | <b>176</b> | <b>83</b>    |

**Budget**

|                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Weekly Need     | <b>10,536.50</b> | <b>10,536.50</b> | <b>10,536.50</b> | <b>10,536.50</b> | <b>10,536.50</b> |
| Weekly Receipts | 4,922.50         | 11,853.00        | 5,374.75         | 6,630.50         | 22,561.98        |
| YTD Goal        | 505,752.00       | 516,288.50       | 526,825.00       | 537,361.50       | 547,898.00       |
| YTD Receipts    | 403,586.11       | 415,439.11       | 420,813.86       | 427,444.36       | 449,856.34       |

**Bldg/Debt Retirement**

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|------|----------|------|-------|-------|
| 0.00 | 1,510.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
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**Designated Gifts**

|       |        |        |        |          |
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| 50.00 | 473.00 | 709.00 | 802.90 | 4,779.75 |
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