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Dear NHBC Family

Growing up, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day were never that big of a deal. Most years, we would sit in the living room watching a rerun of Johnny Carson until midnight was just minutes away. My father did not like Dick Clark's Rocking Eve show and would often mumble, "How can you call that music at all?" I think he actually felt betrayed, in a sense, by Dick Clark.

We would sit together with our wood burning buck stove roaring in the background and watch as the ball would slowly descend and at the end of its journey we would celebrate the fact that we had entered a new year. At that point, after the clock hit midnight and we had a few moments of celebration, my dad would call it a night and rouse my younger brother who slept through the whole thing. I would then flip the channel back to the Dick Clark hosted show and watch with my mom who was sitting in her recliner, crunching ice. We liked the music.

After the college football bowl games and people urging you to eat black eyed peas (I've never understood that one), the most common practice for the new year is to make a resolution. On the first day of the year you promise to . . . fill in the blank.

The trouble with new year's resolutions is the fact that a resolution made on the first day of the year has no greater ability to be kept than a promise made any other day of the year. Just because you say it on January 1st, does not mean that you are actually going to do what is needed to make that happen.

The only new year's resolution I have ever made that I actually kept was a few years ago when I resolved to never make a new year's resolution again. So far so good.

Such "resolutions" rarely make a change in our lives. While it may be a good idea and while our inner spirit may want to make changes to better ourselves, I think the words of Jesus to Peter, James and John in the garden of Gethsemane are very true – "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Mark 14: 38).

While we may look for times in our lives to make changes that we realize would be good for us, whether or not we stick to that positive change normally has nothing to do with the timing. Admittedly, swearing off sweets the week before Valentine's Day would not be ideal, but if you are serious about needing to make a change it can be done at any time. It really depends on you and how serious you are about the change.

I once had a church member who was told by his doctor, while he was still young, that if he didn't lose a lot of weight, the knee replacement he just experienced would not mean much. The new knee would last for a period, but his weight was making everything difficult. He was also told that if he wanted to see his son grow up, he would have to change the

Dear NHBC Family—continued

January Worship

Sunday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 14 Communion

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

Sunday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 28

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

way he ate and lived. From that day he altered his life. He took seriously the words of the doctor and changed his diet and lifestyle.

I believe that Jesus, in the scriptures, gives us the key to making important changes in our lives. In Luke 9, Jesus shares with His disciples, "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

And there is your answer! What, you missed it?

If we want to make lasting change we can accomplish it by denying ourselves – not only doing what we want – and choosing to do the right thing daily. Life rarely offers once and done decisions. If we want to make lasting change it is a daily walk and action, choosing to do what is right over what we may desire. It requires repetition and devotion, just like our spiritual walk.

Do you need to make a positive change in your life? No need to wait 11 months to do so. Right now, with the power of the Holy Spirit and a willingness to deny yourself, you can choose to make that change. The key to being successful is to continue to make that decision each day.

Blessings,

Deacons on Call—January

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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

Putting Prayer First - Part Two

(Key topic points derived from Charles Stanley's Sermon Notes)

December 2017 ENVOY'S Prayer Thoughts included foundational prayer points for placing Prayer foremost in your life. A review of that prayer information may be pertinent as you endeavor to implement Prayer in a prominent first place in your life. Remember the following key, preliminary prayer related questions as you begin your prayer pilgrimage:

- *Is your prayer life as good as you'd like it to be?*
- *What is your biggest struggle regarding prayer?*
- *Would you describe your prayer time as a conversation with fellowship between you and the Lord, or is it more of a monologue?*
- *How would praying with an open Bible enrich your communion with God and determine your requests?*

Since an intimate and effective prayer life never happens accidentally, you must intentionally take the following steps:

Schedule a time. Early in the morning is the best time to meet with the Lord since prayer sets the course for the rest of the day. This may require that we follow Jesus' example of rising very early before anyone else is awake.

Pick a place. We also need a quiet place for prayer where we won't be interrupted. Christ went into the wilderness to be alone with His Father, but for most of us, it will probably be a room in our home. Wherever it is, it will be like an altar where we meet with God to share our concerns and have fellowship with Him.

Believe the Lord hears our prayers. We can be confident that God listens to us because he never turns a deaf ear to one of His praying children. It has nothing to do with whether we feel worthy or not. We are all invited to come boldly before His throne of Grace.

Pray for others. Sometimes God gives us a burden to intercede for someone else. Although we may not be able to help, the Lord can.

Trust in God's power. Jesus said that an earnest prayer of faith has the power to move a mountain (Mark 11:23). According to this promise, we can know that . . .

The greatest possible difficulties can be removed when we have faith. Nothing is impossible for the Lord. He can handle every gigantic obstacle or challenge in our lives.

No task in harmony with God's will is impossible to perform when we believe Him. Whatever He commands us to do, He gives us the strength and re-

sources to accomplish. As our heavenly Father, He's protecting, supporting, and providing everything we need to obey Him.

Pray for direction. The Lord wants to guide us into His plan for our lives. If we'll ask Him for direction, He may not show us the entire course, but He will provide the next step. To receive further instruction, we must be willing to obey whatever He has already revealed. As we keep walking with Him, the path will gradually unfold to us.

Pray with the Word. Effective prayer is anchored in the Word of God. If we try to pray without it, our request may not be wise. But as we consistently read the Bible, the Lord will show us how to pray wisely according to His will.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Barbara Gammon and family in the death of her husband, Darnley Gammon

The Mullins' Address

The new address for the Mullins is:
9197 Ivy Banks Dr
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Sponsors are Needed for Mohamed

We adopted a child from Tanzania through Compassion International on October 16, 2009. Mohamed is 14 now and will turn 15 on July 31. Mohamed receives meals, education, instruction in the Bible and more due to our sponsorship. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. Contact Kristi in the office to sign up.



Prayer Concerns

*Hospitalized at time of printing

Charlie Elliott	Dot Martin
Mary Golding	Beldon Mullins
Merry Grimmett	Dot Pierce
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).

News from Jennifer

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I am SO excited that 2018 is HERE and as a popular worship song says, "Greater things are yet to come! Greater things are still to be done in this city!" I believe that with all my heart! With this in mind, please read and pass along the information below to anyone who is or knows any youth or young adults!

New Highland Youth Ministry (N-HYM) exists to help students in grades 6-12 to connect with Jesus Christ through Bible study, prayer and worship; to connect with others through friendship and community; and to connect with the world through outreach and mission work. Our heart's goal is to truly "Connect N-HYM" and raise up a generation who is bold in their love and pursuit of Christ. This is why our theme verse is Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." And in 2018, the prayer is that we will trust more and grow more N-HYM through a variety of opportunities, events and projects!

Beyond young adult ministry (ages 18-twenties) exists to help college students and career young adults (through their twenties) to grow in Christian discipleship, leadership, community and service! The goal is to help these young adults move "beyond" their adolescence and go "beyond" their current spiritual walk to find a deeper relationship with Jesus and to discover more fully the plan God has for their lives.

Below I will list our upcoming weekly schedule, but first, here are two very special events to highlight! Please mark your calendars; pass the word and add these to your prayer lists.

1.) February 16-18: DNOW 2018!

For **Who?** Students in grades 6-12. ("Beyond" young adults are leaders.)

What? An awesome weekend of Bible Study, worship, fun and mission activities.



Theme: EXCHANGE – Gaining through Giving up!

When? Again, Feb 16-18 (with Sunday, February 18 being N-HYM Youth Sunday!)

Where? Divided between New Highland Baptist Church (for the worship, activities and some meals); and staying in **Host Homes*** on Friday and Saturday nights (for the small group Bible studies & breakfasts).

(* I NEED VOLUNTEERS to HOST small groups of middle school boys; middle school girls; high school boys and high school girls! I need approximately 6 host homes! See Jennifer Mullins for details.)

Why? To lead students in Christ thru Bible study, worship, community, serving & FUN!

How? Sign up by emailing me at Jennifer.mullins@newhighlandbaptist.org with the full names, ages, grades, and t-shirt sizes of participating students and or sign on signup sheet outside of N-HYM youth room. The non-refundable cost for this event is **\$45 a student** which will help cover a student book, t-shirt, food, program, and worship band. Please write this check payable to NHBC and bring it by the

church or give to Jennifer Mullins **by or before Wednesday, January 31.**

2.) June 25-29: N-HYM & Beyond Missions Camp

For Who? Students in grades 6-12 and young adults/college students

What? A week of worship, Bible study, mission work, team-building and more!

Theme: MADE for MORE – based on Ephesians 2:10!

When? Again, June 25-29 (leaving at 5:00am-6/25; returning approx. 7:00pm- 6/29)

Where? Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat Center, North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Why? To disciple our own NHBC students & young adults; to participate in daily mission work including social ministry, homeless ministry, campground ministry, evangelism, & grounds work. To further connect with Christ, others and this world!

How? Sign up on the sign-up sheet that will be outside of the N-HYM youth room AND sign up on the Facebook event. Invite friends. Indicate your name and your age/grade. Information packets will be distributed which will include medical release forms due with first payment.

Cost: \$290 per person. Needed chaperones (1 parent per youth per gender) pay \$100. College aged young adults (Beyond) are participants & not chaperones for this event.

The first payment of \$140 is due by or before **Sunday, March 4** (\$50 of which is non-refundable).

The balance of \$150 will be due by or before **Sunday, May 20.**

You are allowed to pay full amount all at once but that is due by or before March 4.

*We will be planning 2 fundraisers to help individuals with their own costs.

2018 N-HYM & Beyond Weekly Schedule

Sundays: 8:30am: Contemporary Worship
9:45am: N-HYM & Beyond Bible Studies (by ages/grades)
11:00am: Worship
5:15pm: Change the World project
6:00-7:30pm: Connect N-HYM! (games, Bible challenge, worship)
7:30-8:30pm: Beyond

Wednesdays: 6:30pm-7:30pm: Connect N-HYM Bible study

2018 will also bring fun outings, mission projects, mentorship opportunities, a March Amazing Race, a spring mini-retreat and more. Please be praying for our youth and young adults and these important NHBC ministries!

Money deadline recap for special events:

January 31: \$45 for DNOW

March 4: \$140 1st Missions Camp pmt
(\$50 of which is non-refundable)
(optional: full \$290 amount)

May 20: \$150 Missions Camp balance pmt

8th Annual Souper Bowl Competition

The men and women will face 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. Once the containers are placed in the foyer, "get in the game" by placing your cans in either the Men's or Women's containers by Saturday, February 3rd. The winners will be recognized during the worship services on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4, 2018.

The results of the last seven years have the women leading the men four to three, with the men winning last year. Who will win this year?

This project will benefit Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF). Thanks to Kim Gunn for coordinating.



MWE Needs Your Help

Jaime Harnden has very graciously volunteered to continue planning the meals for the winter/spring Mid-Week Encounter session. However, as a full-time working wife and mom of two, she needs some help getting those meals prepped (or picked up from the caterer). She is looking for one or two willing individuals she could include in her rotation. There is also a need for individuals who could help with clean-up after the meal. For more information OR if you would like to volunteer to contribute to this ministry, please contact Tanya Shearin or Jaime Harnden.



Mid-Week Encounter 2018

A new session of our Mid-Week Encounter will begin on Wednesday, January 10. Class offerings for next year are shown below. There will be activities for children, youth, young adults and adults, and dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 pm in the CLC.

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 and 8 will have our closing information on their list of closings. Channel 12 only includes closings for Wednesdays and Sundays. If Hanover County schools are closed on a Wednesday, we will not have MWE activities.



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 2018/2019 academic year are available at www.vbfinc.org and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2018.

Commitment Cards

The 2018 church budget was approved at the business meeting on Wednesday, November 29. Now we are asking our congregation to make commitments towards that budget. Start praying about your commitment now, and be ready to turn in your cards on Commitment Sunday, January 7. Your pledge is between you and God. You do not have to put your name on the commitment card, but note that your pledge (and progress) won't show up on your giving statement if you don't. Pledges are confidential. Cards are available in the seat backs, by email, and on the bookshelf in front of the office.

Be involved in 2018

Endeavor to REFRESH YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
throughout the year.

PRAY OFTEN AND READ YOUR
BIBLE - DAILY

Attend a Mid-Week Encounter Bible
Study - Opportunities Listed Below:
(Sign-up January 7)

- * **Completing the Miracles of Jesus Study**
by Pastor Rusty Mullins
- * **The Comeback**
by Louie Giglio
- * **The Power of a Whisper: Hearing God -
Having The Guts To Respond**
by Bill Hybels
- * **Follow**
by Andy Stanley
- * **Living In Christ's Presence**
by Dallas Willard &
John Ortberg



January 7

***8:30am & 11am
WELCOME CENTER**

*Shirley Hawks
Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

*Staci Smith
*Shirley Hawks
Linda Peay
Madison Hutto
Pam Smith

USHERS

***Kevin Harnden
Kirby Hutchinson**

Gordon Martin
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Jon Cliborne
*Youth
Jaime Harnden
Youth

January 21

***8:30am & 11am
WELCOME CENTER**

*Julia Harrell
Julia Harrell

NURSERY

*Penny Layne
*Joan Purdy
Carol Thompson
Tim Smith
Laura McAleese

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**

*OPEN
*Youth
Tanya Shearin
Youth

January 14

***8:30am & 11am
WELCOME CENTER**

*Jennifer Diehl
Laura Beck

NURSERY

*Kira VanSteenburgh
*Carol Evers
Rae Pittman
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser

USHERS

***Tommy Searles**
Linda Searles
Wesley Thompson

Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
Will Smith
Dylan Smith
Quinn Thompson

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Linda Searles
*Youth
OPEN
Youth

January 28

***8:30am & 11am
WELCOME CENTER**

*Kim Gunn
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**

*Holly Hutto
*Youth
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January Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

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

