



NEW HIGHLAND *Baptist Church*

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Pastorgraph

I want to thank you as a congregation for allowing me to serve as your interim pastor. I am certainly honored to be in this position. You all have been wonderful to Rhonda and me. We appreciate your kindness and support.

I look forward to getting to know you better in the days ahead. I do believe that New Highland has a great future. As we seek to follow God's leadership and minister to the community around our facility, we can impact many lives. This is a challenge and an opportunity. God can work through us to further his kingdom.

I have enjoyed working with our staff and lay people in the church. This church is gifted in having so many people serving in our congregation. I have visited several Sunday School classes so far. I have been impressed with the students and the excellent teaching. I have also sensed a good spirit in the worship service on Sunday mornings as well. All of this is positive.

Be sure to let me know when I can be of assistance to you. We are on this journey together.

Pat Ellis, Interim Pastor

Welcome Dr. Ellis!

We are happy to welcome Dr. Pat Ellis and his wife, Rhonda, to New Highland. Dr. Ellis began serving as our Interim Pastor on January 13.



Get to Know Dr. Ellis:
Hometown: Greenville, SC
College: Clemson University (BS), Clemson, SC
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity and Master of Theology), Louisville, KY
Vanderbilt Divinity School (DMin), Nashville, TN
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Doctor of Philosophy), Fort Worth, TX

Children: Amber and Chad

Interests: Golf, reading and exercise. Dr. Ellis previously flew single engine land airplanes and has his private pilot and instrument rating.

February Worship

Sunday, February 7 Communion

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

Wednesday, February 10 Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 21 Baptisms

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

Sunday, February 28

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

Adult Bible Study

Dr. Bob Fleming has agreed to teach the adult Bible study previously taught by Rev. Bill Corey. The study will occur on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in Room 103. The study will begin with an Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets. The first meeting will be on February 11th.

55+ Banquet

On Sunday, February 14th after the worship service, the youth will host a banquet in the CLC for all those who are 55 years old and older. The meal will include spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and dessert. The theme is the romantic cartoon, *Lady and the Tramp*. This is 100% free for all who are 55 years old and older. Join us!

Deacons on Call—February

Kelly Verham	357-3062
Shea Hutto	305-4739

Prayer Thoughts

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

Reignite Your Prayer Life
(Part One) OCTOBER 10, 2015
Article by Don Whitney
Topic: Prayer

Your prayer life?

Hardly any question — unless perhaps if someone asks about your evangelistic efforts — can cause more chin-dropping, foot-shuffling embarrassment for Christians than asking about their prayer life.

Why is that? Why do so many followers of Jesus suffer with such unsatisfying prayer lives and consider themselves hopelessly second-rate Christians because of it?

Method Is Our Madness

For almost all followers of Jesus, I believe the problem in prayer is not with the quality of the Christian, but with the method of their prayer.

Of course, no change in method will make prayer consistently meaningful to someone who is spiritually dead. But it's different for those who are spiritually alive. They are born again through faith in Christ and indwelled by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's presence causes them as God's children to cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6), giving them a Godward orientation they didn't have before.

In other words, all those indwelled by the Holy Spirit really do want to pray. And if an individual Christian sincerely seeks to live for Christ, and has no specific sin issue that he or she refuses to confess and fight against, then the basic problem in prayer is not with sin or failure, but with method.

And what is the method of prayer for most Christians? It's this: When we pray, we tend to say the same old things about the same old things. Sooner or later, that kind of prayer is boring. When prayer is boring, you don't feel like praying. And when you don't feel like praying, you don't pray — at least with any fervency or consistency. Prayer feels much more like duty than delight.

The problem is not that we pray about the same old things. To pray about the same things most of the time is normal. That's because our lives tend to consist of the same things from one day to the next. Thankfully, dramatic changes in our lives usually don't occur very often.

No, the problem isn't that we pray about the same old things; the problem is that we tend to say the same old things about

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Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

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

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the same old things. The result is that we can be talking to the most fascinating Person in the universe about the most important things in our lives — and be bored to death.

So we can experience boredom in prayer, not because we don't love God, and not because we don't love who or what we're praying about, but because of our method.

(Read the March 2016 Prayer Thoughts and Don Whitney's *'Solution in the Spirit.'*)

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary, worship as we enter the Lenten season.

Christian Sympathy Expressed To:

Sharon Monds in the death of her friend and past NHBC member, Dot Kingrey.

Debbie Clay and family in the death of her mother, Peggy Holley.

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).

Mid-Week Encounter (MWE)

Wednesday Evenings through April 20

Discipleship Curriculum: Adult/youth classes at 6:30 pm

Bible Study Track:

1 John, 2 John and 3 John—Room 115

The focus on 1 John is primarily God's love for us and then our love for others. Therefore, love is a major theme. 2 John also focuses on love as well as the emphasis that Jesus has come in the flesh. 3 John speaks of love as well as living a life worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Facilitated by: Dr. Pat Ellis, Interim Pastor

Missions Track—Room 113

This is a unique opportunity to serve others. As Dr. Ellis has mentioned in two sermons, we have a Mission Field of over 1,000 homes just outside our doors. We will work together to complete impactful service within a small amount of time, while learning how each of us can become true servants to God's Kingdom. God wants to use you to make a difference in the world. He wants to work through you. What matters is not the duration of your life but the donation of it. Not how long you do something, but how you do it. Romans 14:12 says, "Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God."

Facilitated by: Chris Beck

Movie Track: Do You Believe?/War Room—Room 103

"*Do You Believe?*" challenges viewers to embrace faith in Jesus Christ, and to live out their faith by reaching out to others in their lives.

Through "*War Room*," believers will be called to evaluate their spiritual life and growth, to uncover their true character, to trust in the God of grace, declare victory over their true Enemy, and discover that prayer really is a powerful weapon.

Facilitated by: Vance Shearin

Youth Track—High School:

Does the Bible Have Any Answers?

This book addresses practical and wise ways for youth to encounter the issues they face in their world.

Facilitated by: Tim Gunn & Nate Hostetter

Youth Track—Middle School:

We will address a variety of topics intended to get the students thinking and talking about things that really matter like communicating with God, choosing to follow God rather than following the crowd, and exploring what the Bible says about how to live. Fun activities will enhance our time together and foster the development of strong relationships.

Facilitated by: David Barnes, Joey Hostetter, John Tschantre & Carol Thompson

Children's Track: Activities begin at **6:15 pm**

All children will have Bible study, games, cooking, music and missions projects.

Facilitated by: KIC Ministry

Nursery is available for children 2 and under.

Fellowship Before MWE

There will be no meals this semester. However, tables and chairs will be set up and available if you'd like to pick up some dinner and spend time fellowshiping with others who have done the same.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

- To place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday worship service, please contact the florist of your choice to order the flowers.
- If having the flowers delivered to the church, please request they be delivered no later than 11:00 am on the Friday before the service.
- If you wish to have an announcement placed in the bulletin, please have this information to Kristi, no later than the Tuesday prior to the service.



Please do not hesitate to contact Julia Harrell if you need any assistance with making arrangements for flowers. The Deaconess are happy to help!

Parent Appreciation Dinner

The youth will serve parents at an appreciation dinner on Saturday, February 20th at 6:30 pm. Youth and parents need to sign up ASAP on the clipboards outside the youth office. On the student sign-up clipboard, youth should also indicate whether they are available to help on Friday night, if needed. Parents need to sign up so the chef can plan.

ARISE Band

The band that was with us at NHBC for the youth's Disciple Now weekend is returning! Join us for a free concert (worship) at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 12 in the sanctuary. This is for 6th grade and up and child care will be provided.

Other dates will be in the CLC at 6:30 pm on:
Fri, March 11
Fri, April 8
Fri, May 13

www.arisemva.com



Church Office Update

Beginning Feb. 1, there will only be one person in the office on a regular basis. There will be times that Kristi is away from her desk, in staff meetings, etc. If you call and no one answers, please leave a voicemail (or [send an email](#)) and Kristi will get back to you as soon as possible. Also, it's a good idea to call the office before dropping by, as Kristi may be out briefly on errands, to the post office or bank, for example. If you do drop by and there's no answer to the doorbell, and no "Returning at ___" sign in the door, you might want to wait a few minutes and try again.

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.

Note: the following is a change from what was printed in the January Envoy. If Hanover County schools are closed on a Wednesday, we will make a decision regarding MWE activities on a case by case basis.

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 began Saturday, 1/30/16, from 9 am until 2 pm and continue through 3/12/16.

Discovery Sessions

We will have a question and answer period with Dr. Ellis at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary on these dates:

Sunday, February 21

"Discovery Session on Authentic Christians"

Sunday, February 28

"Discovery Session regarding the Marriage Partner"

These sessions will supplement Dr. Ellis' Sunday morning sermons on those same dates and give you an opportunity to ask questions.

Thank You's

Dear Friends:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful home made chocolate chip cookies you provided for the inmates at the Pamunkey Regional Jail. It is difficult to find words adequate to express how much I appreciate your supporting us in this manner as the men and women just love home made chocolate chip cookies and they look forward to them on Christmas Eve. It means so much to them at the Christmas Season to know that someone cares for them when they are sad, lonely and away from their families. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness, your friendship, the many delicious cookies which the inmates really enjoyed and your faithfulness to the **Gospel Jail Ministry**. Please remember this ministry in prayer. Happy New Year and God Bless.

Yours in Christ, Joe Driver, Chaplain

Dear NHBC:

Autumn Corporation has made a donation in your honor to a charitable organization. We truly appreciate your being a part of Autumn.

(Editor's Note: Buddy Johnson leads a Bible study at Autumn Care each week for their residents.)

Upward Prayer Request

Please be in prayer each day of the season for this ministry and specifically:

Sunday: Praise God for a successful game day and pray that his love will continue to be displayed through the churches involved in the Upwards ministry.

Monday: Pray for the safety of the players and cheerleaders involved in the ministry as Upwards begins another week of practices. Pray that this week's practice is led by the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday: Pray for strength for the coaches, referees, directors, and volunteers involved in the ministry. Pray that their actions and words will continue to show God's love.

Wednesday: Pray for the members of New Highland Baptist Church and the facility and our contribution to the ministry.

Thursday: Pray for the families of the children involved in the ministry and that they will come to know the Lord through the ministry. Pray for the children that may have problems at home and that they will see hope in Jesus.

Friday: Pray that the devotions the children have learned at practice this week move the children closer to Jesus.

Saturday: Pray for a successful game day and devotions that speak to each listening ear in the manner that God has intended them to hear.

February 7

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*Linda Johnson
^Amanda Moore

NURSERY

OPEN
Kelley Mayhew
Claire Faison
Jean Harding

USHERS

Kirby Hutchinson

Chris Whitley
Wayne Harrell
Kevin Harnden
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Alaina DeHaven
Youth

February 21

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Grace Barnes

NURSERY

Pam Smith
Tim Smith
Penny Layne
Joan Purdy

USHERS

Harold Elliotte

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Kim Gunn
Youth

February 14

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*Jennifer Diehl
^Cheryl McGhee

NURSERY

Rae Pittman
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser
Pat Smith

USHERS

Wesley Thompson

Bailey Thompson
Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
Stephen Faison
Will Smith
Quinn Thompson

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Bubba Stanley
Heather Uzel

February 28

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Lori Rozecki

NURSERY

Tim Gunn
Emma Hunter
Theresa Whitley
Susan Sandridge
Jenny Garthright

USHERS

Jennings Dawson

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

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*Before Sunday School
^Before Worship

February Birthdays

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| 1 | Barbara Aylor | 16 | Mason Mirzaie |
| 2 | Tonya Vasser | | Seth Carroll |
| 3 | Yvonne Smallwood | 17 | Tommy Searles |
| | Morgan Lacy | | Bubby Parrish |
| | Eric McAleese | 18 | Winston Rayfield |
| 5 | Henry Johnson | 19 | Cassidy Chenault |
| | Joshua Hutto | | Barbara Valenti |
| | Eric Moore | 20 | Pamela Smith |
| 6 | Rose Smith | 21 | Dave Evers |
| 10 | Bill Didlake | 22 | William Currie |
| 11 | Ethan Barnes | | Anna Wilkes |
| | Clarence Hunter | 23 | Lauren Eby |
| | Mackenzie Hunter | | Trevor Eby |
| | Madison Hunter | 27 | Kendall Pace |
| | Eric Bivens | | Stephen Faison |
| 12 | Adam Bivens | | Grace Faison |

**February
Anniversaries**

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| 1 | Bill and Dot Martin |
| 12 | Mark and Michelle Brown |

February Sermons

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| 7 | "Dealing with Temptation" - Part 2
1 Corinthians 10:13 |
| 14 | "Loving God and Others"
Matthew 22:34-40 |
| 21 | "Authentic Christians"
Romans 12:2 |
| 28 | "God's Plan for the Marriage Partner"
Genesis 2:18-24 |

Staff Ministry Team

Interim Pastor—Dr. Pat Ellis

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Sheri Castle, Minister of Worship

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Pastor of Visitation & Senior Adults—

Position is Open

Kim Gunn, Minister to Children

Cell phone: 543-6607
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Minister to Students & Young Adults—Position is Open

Kristi Garstang, Financial Administrative Assistant

E-mail: financial@newhighlandbaptist.org
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Page Marriner, Accompanist

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Tiffany Miller, The Day School Director

School Phone: 550-1557
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Office Hours: M-Fri, 9:00 am—5:00 pm; Phone: 804-550-9601

Thank You Barbara and Claude!

Barbara and Claude Aylor did so much for NHBC during the time they volunteered in our office—over nine years! You probably guessed that they answered phones and made copies, but they did so much more.

Barbara is very detail oriented and helped keep Kimi and I straight (big job!) and ensured that we didn't forget things – little and big. She put together the gift bags for baptisms, shopped for the candles, put out the "Reserved" seating signs, etc. She very capably took care of updating signs around the church building and outside the office door. She produced the Prayer List each week and printed and made copies of the children's bulletins. She set out the bulletins each week and took care of printing the attendance cards. She was my extra set of eyes for proofreading publications and giving feedback when I would read her my wording of emails. Barbara bought water and candy and nabs for the office/church without seeking reimbursement. She and Claude would handle the organization of the contribution envelopes each year, placing the labels on each box and then arranging them in alphabetical order. Barbara washed the kitchen towels each week after MWE, and she helped Melanie and Bob Lee host the new members party at their house each year.

I would describe Barbara as being very proactive, diligent at keeping watch for things that needed to be done, and then seeing that they did get done.

I know this list by no means includes all they did, but hopefully it gives a good picture of the blessing that they've been to NHBC as such selfless volunteers. Their efforts will definitely be missed, but they deserve their "retirement." Well done our good and faithful servants!

Kristi

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

Mar Envoy — Feb 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon



Compassion International

February Sponsorship of
 Mohamed (Tanzania)
 The Pattersons

January Benevolence Offering

\$ 639.47

MCEF Donations for February

Canned meats

Church Council Meeting

February 8 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Dec 27, 2015

Jan 3, 2016

Jan 10, 2016

Jan 17, 2016

Jan 24, 2016

Attendance

Sunday School	108	170	159	150	0
Worship	136	250	202	198	0

Snow Canceled

Budget 2015

Weekly Need	10,906.03	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50
Weekly Receipts	7,691.00	8,165.48	5,233.50	7,353.25	0.00
YTD Goal	567,113.56	10,536.50	21,073.00	31,609.50	42,146.00
YTD Receipts	514,583.44	8,165.48	13,398.98	20,752.23	20,752.23

Bldg/Debt Retirement

62.00	525.00	60.00	75.00	0.00
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Designated Gifts

5,568.13	68.00	697.00	1,000.00	0.00
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