



NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear NHBC Family

I have a confession. I love a married woman. I have discussed it with my wife and she understands. Allow me to explain, I love Judith Sheindlin, or as she is known to most of the world, Judge Judy. The word is probably not love, but more admire and possibly envy.

I have always enjoyed watching TV. It was my baby sitter, growing up in the 70's and 80's. While it did nothing to expand my intellect, it did make me someone you want to be on your team in meaningless trivia games.

I don't have the time to spend watching as much TV these days. I have a few shows I follow regularly and a few that I like to tape in reruns and watch again.

One of the things I have taped for a long time is "Judge Judy". The show is made up of actual small-claim court cases that have been agreed to be moved to arbitration. She is not actually a judge in a court, she listens to each side and determines a fair arbitration outcome.

It is not the legal part of the show that attracts me. I am not overwhelmed by her beauty, she enjoys saying that she didn't get the job for her looks but because she is wise. There is nothing overly flashy about the production. What I like, what I fantasize about, is the ability to be able to say exactly what I think without having any repercussions!

While I think Judge Judy tries to be fair and that her decisions normally make sense, she is able to truly express herself and she does so regularly. I have always dreamed, for just once in my life, to be able to call a spade a spade and to not worry about what others think when I express myself. When Judge Judy doesn't believe a story, she says so – frankly and blatantly. She says she is a human lie detector and if what she hears does not make sense to her, she tells them that she thinks they are lying and nobody talks back to her! That looks so fun! She is free to fully express herself and if the person talks back to her, she can remove them from the courtroom – or more correctly, I suppose, the television soundstage.

All my life I have had to pay attention to the words that come from my mouth. Why? That is what the Bible says to do and I have always tried to be gracious with my words. The book of James is pretty clear, especially in chapter three, that if we profess to walk in faith, we must learn how to control our "tongue". Verse six tells us that the tongue is a "fire" and capable of doing great damage and verse eight follows that up by saying that the tongue can be "full of deadly poison."

James kind of wraps up his lesson about the tongue by saying that "praising and cursing" should not come out of the same mouth. So, I have spent forty plus years trying to control my tongue. My goal is to allow the Holy Spirit to be my filter. I continually want to seek God's blessing on everything I say

and in order to do so, I must speak with grace.

While it looks like fun and I admire the way Judge Judy handles things, I guess I will continue to follow the advice of James.

Blessings,

Sponsor 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 for an open month.

February Worship

Sunday, February 4 Communion

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

Sunday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 18 DNow/Youth Sunday

Sunday School at 9:45am
Combined Worship at 11:00am

Sunday, February 25

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

Deacons on Call—February

Berkley Rayfield
Mark Brown

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Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

(Derived from INTOUCH MINISTRIES DEVOTIONALS)

When We Cry Out to God Psalm 57:1-3

Most likely, we have all cried out to God in desperation. Whether it was something as simple as fearing a school test or something as grave as sitting in the waiting room during a friend's surgery, we know how it feels to have no option left but to call upon almighty God.

It is important to note that there is a difference between our cries to God and our prayers. In prayer, we bring many things to the Father at once, emptying our hearts before His throne, listening to what He has to say to us. When we cry out, though, something else happens. We are then so overcome by emotion—be it fear, dread, sorrow, or even anxious hope—that we can't help spontaneously throwing ourselves on God's mercy for our immediate need. The Bible records many different instances of crying out. There are cries of desperation (Matt. 14:29-30), helplessness (2 Chronicles 20:9-12), and even faith (Psalm 34:15-17).

The most dynamic truth we can learn about our cries, however, is that the Heavenly Father hears every single one. In the desert, the Lord heard Moses' cry of anguish and responded immediately (Ex. 17:3-7). Likewise, in Judges 3:9-11, God heard the people's cry for deliverance and answered with perfect timing.

Our Father wants His children to call to Him with the burdens of their heart. Have you cried out to God in faith? Be assured that He is listening, and that even when we can't think of what to say, His Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf (Rom. 8:26).

Receiving Answers to Our Prayers 1 John 5:13-15

In response to our prayers, the Lord uses His power to penetrate closed minds and hard hearts. In that way, He brings people to salvation and transforms unrighteous lives.

We all want our petitions fulfilled, so it is important to understand God's conditions for answered prayer. Besides having a relationship with Him (John 3:3) and confessing all known sin, we must have faith that His Word is true and His promises reliable. The Bible, which was divinely written by God through man, is without error. In this amazing book, the Lord reveals His nature—holy, sovereign, and perfect—and presents His plan of salvation (Rom. 10:9). Because God's promises are based on His perfect character, we can be certain He will do what He says; otherwise He would not be God. And Jesus' promises can be trusted because He always spoke the Father's words (John 12:49).

Another condition is that we ask according to the Lord's purposes. We're to pray for things that are in keeping with His divine plan and character. God wants us to discern His will, to pray for it to be carried out, and to do whatever our part might be in its fulfillment (Matt. 6:9-10). The Holy Spirit will help us know what to pray. And as we consider which petitions to make, we should ask ourselves, *is my request based on God's Word?* How

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will an answer to this prayer bring me or someone else closer to Him? It takes an investment of time to meet God's requirements for prayer.

But in response, He will provide answers beyond anything we could ask or think (Eph. 3:20).

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Paul Rozecki and family in the death of his aunt, Rachel Morgan

John Tschantre and family in the death of his grandmother, Marjorie Holt

Bubba Stanley and family in the death of his sister, Mary Stanley

Donnie Garstang and family in the death of his aunt, Diana Richards

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. The church office may modify hours or close when HCPS are closed.



Commitment Cards

The stewardship committee asks that commitment cards be turned in by Sun, Feb 4th, or as soon as possible. Cards are available in the seat backs in the sanctuary and in front of the church office. You can place your card in the black lockbox by the church office door. Pledges are confidential. You do not have to include your name. Please pray for our budget to glorify God.

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Charlie Elliott
Mary Golding
Merry Grimmatt
Rose Harper
Sherwood Haskins
George Linville
Shirley Linville

Dot Martin
Beldon Mullins
Dot Pierce
*Ann Shearin
Margaret Toney
Ernest Valenti
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

New Highland Youth Ministry (N-HYM)
6th-12th grades
Beyond Young Adult Ministry
Post high school ages 18-29

Sundays:
8:30am - Worship
9:45am- N-HYM & Beyond Bible study (classes by age)
11:00am- Worship
5:15pm - "Change the World" worship project for N-HYM & Beyond (choir room) 6:00-7:30pm - Connect N-HYM 7:30pm First Sunday of each month - Beyond

Wednesdays:
6:30-7:30pm - N-HYM Bible study (Beyond member can join in to help or join another adult Wednesday night Bible study)

DNOW 2018
"Exchange: Gaining through Giving Up"
February 16-18

Worship band: "Unbroken Light"
For all youth 6th-12th grade!

Extended sign up deadline: Feb 2nd.
\$45 covers program, supplies, band, tshirt, book
A weekend of worship, activities, small group Bible studies, staying in host homes, and more!
Pass the word and invite friends and neighbors!
That Sunday, February 18, there will be one combined worship after Sunday School and it will be led by our N-HYM youth!

Please keep this weekend in your prayers!
Please see Jennifer if you would like to help in any way or with any questions you may have.

Save the Date! Amazing Race—March 3, 2018



Letter From Kim Gunn

(Originally published via email on January 19, 2018)

Dear New Highland Baptist family,

It is with a sad, yet peaceful, heart that I submit my resignation to you as the Minister to Children at New Highland Baptist Church. My last day will be Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

God called my family to NHBC in 2003, and I had no idea what His plans were for me. I just knew immediately that it was home. I am honored to have served Him and our church for almost 10 years in this role. I love New Highland. You are family to me, and I only want the best for the church.

The past few years have been difficult. In November, I prayed to God... "What are my next steps? What else can I do?" His Words were so clear in His response to me, "**You are done. You have completed My Work at New Highland.**" Then, a peace came over me like I've never felt before. I knew it was God speaking directly to me.

I have centered my work around this statement for years.

It doesn't matter what car you drive, what type of house you have or what type of clothes you wear. What matters is that you made the difference in the life of a child."

I pray that I did this for the children and for God. I thank you for the opportunity to love on the NHBC children. I will never forget each one – and their families. Also, thank you for your support for many years. I will cherish each of you as well.

I plan to share my news with the children on Sunday and Wednesday, however you may share with them ahead of time.

Much love and blessings,
Ms. Kim

New Members



Stephen and Sunhee Breck
Joined 01/14/18
by Promise of Letter



Veronica Lumpkin
Joined 01/21/18
by Profession of Faith
Awaiting Baptism

Scholarship Opportunities

The **W. Paul Hepler Scholarship** is available through the Dover Baptist Association. The church recommendation form is due to the office by March 8, with the application due to Dover by March 15. Requirements and the application can be found at www.doverbaptist.org, or contact the Dover Office for an application or more information.

Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) College Scholarships exist to financially aid emerging leaders in their educational development. Scholarship applications are due to BGAV by March 29. Please be sure the accompanying church forms are to the church office by March 21. The application, forms and more information can be found at <https://bgav.org/financial-resources/scholarships/college/>.

February 4

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

*Shirley Hawks
Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

*Staci Smith
*Shirley Hawks
Jean Harding
Madison Hutto
Pam Smith

USHERS

***Kevin Harnden
OPEN**

Gordon Martin
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Jon Cliborne
*Youth
OPEN
Youth

February 18

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

*Julia Harrell
Glenda Currie

NURSERY

*Penny Layne
*Joan Purdy
Carol Thompson
Tim Smith

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

February 11

***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
Jaime Harnden
Youth

February 25

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

*Robin Parrett
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
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February Birthdays

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| 1 | Barbara Aylor | 19 | Barbara Valenti |
| 2 | Tonya Vasser | | Jeff Simpson |
| 3 | Yvonne Smallwood | | Cassidy Chenault |
| | Morgan Lacy | 20 | Kevin Smolen |
| | Eric McAleese | | Pamela Smith |
| 5 | Joshua Hutto | 21 | Dave Evers |
| 6 | Mitchell Finke | 22 | William Currie |
| 9 | Becca Mullins | | Anna Wilkes |
| 10 | Bill Didlake | 23 | Lauren Eby |
| 11 | Clarence Hunter | | Trevor Eby |
| | MacKenzie Hunter | | |
| | Madison Hunter | | |
| | Eric Bivens | | |
| | Ethan Barnes | | |
| 12 | Adam Bivens | | |
| 16 | Mason Mirzaie | | |
| 17 | Tommy Searles | | |
| 18 | Daniel Super | | |
| | Winston Rayfield | | |

February Anniversaries

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

Staff Ministry Team

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Regular Office Hours:
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Don't forget to call before dropping by
in case we aren't here.
Phone: 804-550-9601

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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



Compassion International

January/February
Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

Kay Fields

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Did you know that a group of NHBC men meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month for breakfast at 7:15 am at Cold Harbor Restaurant in Mechanicsville? If you are a man who is able to join us, we'd love to have you. The restaurant is located at 8153 Mechanicsville Turnpike.

Sunday School Director

The nominating committee is seeking a Sunday School Director. If you feel led to take this position please contact us as soon as possible. We need someone right away. Please pray about this decision and let God lead you.
Nominating Committee, Grace Barnes, Chair

Farmers Market Needs Help

The Farmers Market Ministry is an extension of the Church's outreach to the community and an opportunity to engage with people that may not have a church home. To succeed it needs your help. If we are to sustain this ministry to the community, we need volunteers to assist and grow. The growers and vendors are willing and often very involved, but they look to NHBC to provide leadership and coordination. Chief among our needs is a Market Manager to coordinate everyone and make decisions during the season about events, setup, and weather issues. We could also use help with setup for children activities, coordinating events such as "First Responder Day," and the like. If you are interested contact Mike or Susan Sandridge.

Women's Mini-Retreat & Children's Mission Day

Saturday, March 10—9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at NHBC
Guest speaker: Rev. Jennifer Mullins-Women's Ministry

Cost: Adults-\$10.00 & Children (K-5th grade)-\$5.00 (includes refreshments, lunch, & supplies)

Contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 to sign up by Friday, March 2nd. Sponsored by Dover WMU.

January Benevolence Offering

\$320.00

MCEF Donations for February

Canned Meats

Church Council Meeting

February 12 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Dec 31, 2017

Jan 7, 2018

Jan 14, 2018

Jan 21, 2018

Attendance

	No Svc	40	62	76
Early Worship				
Sunday School	97	106	128	137
Late Worship	166	122	142	127

Budget

	10,403.69	9,982.20	9,982.20	9,982.20
Weekly Need				
Weekly Receipts	16,872.95	6,536.35	5,593.64	7,532.50
YTD Goal	540,991.88	9,982.20	19,964.40	29,946.60
YTD Receipts	464,103.34	6,536.35	12,129.99	19,662.49

Bldg/Debt Retirement

0.00 265.00 100.00 130.00

Designated Gifts

946.50 142.00 50.00 436.03