



NEW HIGHLAND

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Pastorgraph

As you know, our congregation is dealing with the sensitive, yet important, issues of gay marriage and homosexuality. My sermon last Sunday was focused primarily on purity, of not being conformed to this world (Romans 12:2). We had a good Question and Answer period last Sunday afternoon on these matters. This Sunday my sermon is entitled "God's Plan for the Marriage Partner." Our focal passage is Genesis 2:18-24 although I will certainly be referring to other scripture verses as well. This Sunday afternoon we will have another Question and Answer session. I hope that you will be able to attend. On March 6 (Sunday afternoon) and on March 7 (Monday night) you will be asked to share your views on these issues. A subgroup of individuals in our church will be working on a statement regarding our church's position. When this is completed, you will have about two weeks to pray about and think it through. At the appropriate time there will be a called business meeting to vote on this statement. When it is accepted, this statement will be the official position on these matters for our church. This will bring clarity to New Highland. Further, the new prospective pastor will need to accept the church's position to serve here. Of course, we need to show respect and love for people with different views and perspectives.

I am glad to help our church work through these issues. I encourage you to continue for pray for me and the members of the congregation during these important days. I do believe New Highland has a wonderful future. It will be exciting to see how God leads this church.

Pat Ellis, Interim Pastor

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, March 28 for the Easter holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9 am.

Christian Sympathy

To Dave Wells and family in the death of his wife, and DL Wells and family in the death of his step-mother, Martha Wells.

To Eric Bivens and family in the death of his uncle, Rev. Joe Larrimore.

In Memoriam

Martha Wells
Deceased February 21, 2016
United with NHBC
on June 7, 2012



March Worship

Sunday, March 6 Communion

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

Sunday, March 13 Baptisms

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

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday

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

Thursday, March 24 Maundy Thursday

Worship Service at 6:30 pm

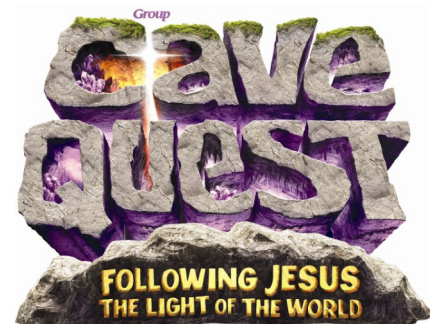
Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:45 am
Early Worship at 8:00 am*
Sunday School at 9:15am
Late Worship at 10:30am

*If possible, we ask our regular attendees to come to the 8 am service to free up space at 10:30.

VBS—Save the Dates!

Our church will hold Vacation Bible School from July 11—15 from 9 am until noon.



Deacons on Call—March

Chris Beck	334-0603
Buddy Johnson	550-1496

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 Two-Find Part One in Feb.2-16 Prayer Thoughts)
Article by Don Whitney Topic: Prayer OCTOBER 10, 2015

Solution in the Spirit

What is the solution? Well, whatever it is, it must be simple. God has children all over the planet, and they represent the widest imaginable diversity in language, culture, age, IQ, education, and Christian privilege (such as access to a Bible preaching church, Christian books, Christian content online, and more). If all these believers, despite the various and dramatic differences among them, are invited to pray, then prayer must be doable by all God's children.

The simple solution to the seemingly universal problem of saying the same old things about the same old things in prayer is this: Pray the Bible. In other words, slowly read a passage of Scripture and pray about all that comes to mind as you read. Do this, and you'll never again be left to say the same old things in prayer.

Simple, Powerful, Biblical

Praying the Bible isn't complicated. Read through a few verses of Scripture, pause at the end of each phrase or verse, and pray about what the words suggest to you.

Suppose you are praying your way through Psalm 23. After reading verse one — "The Lord is my shepherd" — you might begin by thanking Jesus for being your Shepherd. Next you might ask him to shepherd your family, making your children or grandchildren his sheep, causing them to love him as their great Shepherd too. After that you might pray for your under-shepherds at the church, that Jesus would shepherd them as they shepherd you.

Then, when nothing else comes to mind, you go to the next line, "I shall not want." You might thank him that you've never been in real want, or pray for someone — perhaps someone you know, or for a Christian in a place of persecution — who is in want.

You would continue through the psalm until you run out of time. You wouldn't run out of anything to say (if you did, you could just go to another psalm), and best of all, that prayer would be unlike any you've ever prayed in your life.

That means if you'll pray the Bible, you'll never again say the same old things about the same old things. You don't need any notes or books or any plan to remember. Simply talk to God about what comes to mind as you go line-by-line through his word.

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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	Robert Whitfield
Emma Hubbard	Claire Williams
George Linville	Daniel Wines
Shirley Linville	

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As John Piper puts it, "Open the Bible, start reading it, and pause at every verse and turn it into a prayer."

If nothing comes to mind, go to the next verse. If you don't understand that verse, go to the next one. If the following verse is crystal clear, but doesn't prompt anything to pray about, read on. If you want to linger long over a single verse, pray from and about that verse as long as you want.

By this method, your prayers will be guided and shaped by Scripture, and be far more in conformity to the word and will of God than they will if you always make up your own prayers.

Jesus prayed the Bible in Matthew 27:46 and Luke 23:46, and the early church prayed the Bible in Acts 4:23-26, and so can you.



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).

Atlee MOPS Needs You



Atlee MOPS needs your caring hands! MOPS is a ministry to young mothers and we need help with the childcare. We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month from 9:00-11:30 at NHBC. Even if you can only help once, it will be a blessing to the mothers & their children. Contact Amanda Moore 614-5057 zoomamma@me.com or Jennifer Hill via atleemops@gmail.com. This chapter of MOPS is sponsored by Restoration Church and hosted by NHBC.

Women's Mini-Retreat

Saturday, March 12, 2016
9:00 am—1:00 pm
Dover Conference Center
11006 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA 23005

Special guest: Rev. Lynn Litchfield—GraceInside
Cost: \$10.00 (includes refreshments, lunch, supplies). This will be a time for spiritual enrichment, Bible study, music, missions, fellowship and fun. Please come prepared to share a mission project idea from your church. Contact Michelle Brown at (804) 928-2927 to sign up by March 5th. Sponsored by DWMU.

ALL FOR YOU
Surrender ~ Sacrifice ~ Serve

Stevi B's Spirit Night Fundraiser

NHYM—New Highland Youth Ministry—will be sponsoring a Spirit Night on Monday, March 14 from 5:00—9:00 pm at Stevi B's on Atlee Road. Proceeds from the evening will help defray the cost of M-Fuge this summer for our students! Please make plans to attend, if possible, and tell your friends.



Easter Egg Hunt



Join us at 3pm on Sunday, March 20th for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Open to all children one year old through 5th grade. Please pick up some empty eggs starting March 6th and return them filled with individually wrapped candy, or donate candy by March 16th in the boxes by the KIC Rock.

Available Scholarships

Dover Baptist Association W. Paul Hepler Scholarship—
Deadline to apply is March 15*

BGAV Scholarship—Deadline to apply is April 1*

Use the links above or call the church office for more info.
*Recommendations must be completed before, so don't delay!

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.

New Members



Emma Hunter
Joined February 21, 2016
By Profession of Faith and
Awaits Baptism

Easter Flowers

The Deaconess are taking orders for potted daffodils. These will be delivered on Friday, March 25 and can be taken home following the Easter service attended on Sunday, March 27. Order forms are located at the Welcome Center. Price is \$13.50 each (make checks payable to NHBC). Order deadline is February 29, 2016.



ARISE Band

Join us for a free concert (worship) at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 11 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, April 8
Fri, May 13

www.arisemva.com

Daylight Savings Time Begins

The time will spring forward one hour at 2 am on Sunday, March 13. Remember to set your clocks forward before going to bed on Saturday evening, March 12, so you won't be late for church.



Sunday School Teacher Lunch & Learn

Calling all Sunday School Teachers to join us for food, fellowship, guest speakers and break out sessions by group on Sunday, March 6 from 11:45 am until 1:45 pm in the CLC. Please reserve your spot by Sunday, February 28th to kimtschantre@gmail.com, 514-0979, or in person.

Thank You's

Thanks to all who had a part in honoring us at the worship service and reception on January 31, 2016. We felt very special and felt the love from NHBC members. Also appreciated the kind words and the "Love Gifts!" We have enjoyed our ministry working in the church office, but the time to retire was now. Claude and I want to spend more time with each other and do some traveling. We love you all and will see you on Sundays and at other church functions.

Claude and Barbara Aylor

Dear Kristi and friends,
I am writing to thank you and church members for the **GriefShare** class I am attending each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm at your church. David and Cheryl are such compassionate leaders of the class. They are such Christ-centered leaders. I am so comfortable in the class and feel GriefShare is helping me as I accept where I am in my grief in the loss of my daughter on December 4, 2015.

God Blessings, **Gay Cauthorn**

Dear NHBC family,
Buddy and I could never express in words how much your visits, calls, cards, thoughts and especially prayers have meant to us during his recent hospital visit. The love shown by everyone has warmed our hearts and is so very appreciated. Thank you so much for the love shown.

In Christ, **Buddy & Linda Johnson**

New Highland—We want to sincerely thank you for opening up your church to us! Allowing us to use your building for February, March, April, and May is tremendously helping us to grow the Kingdom. Your gracious hearts, time, and energies are not taken lightly. Thank you so much for helping our ministry grow. ♥ **Arise Leadership Team**

Easter Missions Offerings

We are collecting an Easter missions offering again this year. If you have offering envelopes, the offering is dated February 28, but donations may be made through Easter. You may designate your offering either for the Southern Baptist Convention or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship if you wish. However, undesignated offerings will be split between the two equally. The Southern Baptist Convention supports the Annie Armstrong offering, which is designated towards North American missions. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship offering, through the work of CBF field personnel and CBF's rural poverty initiative, Together for Hope, is bringing renewal to God's world with literacy ministries both in the United States and around the world. These are both very worthy missions of our associations. Last year, \$1,424 combined was given to these offerings.



Bell Tower Funds Disbursement

According to NHBC policy, if the balance of bell tower funds at the VBF is greater than a target balance of \$100,000 and NHBC has debt that it owes, the bell tower revenue shall be allocated: 10% to missions as a tithe to be used at the mission committee's discretion, 80% to debt retirement and 10% to mission/ministry opportunities as God leads the church, and as the church approves.

The totals disbursed/recorded from 2015 proceeds:

Deposit to the VBF*	2,246.82
Tithe to special missions	3,766.64
Church led missions/ministry	3,652.11
Debt retirement payment	29,548.85

Reminder: based on current policy, the church led missions/ministry amount can only build to a maximum of two year's allocation unless the church approves by a 3/4 majority to continue the allocation. This entry is the second year's allocation, so the \$9,916.52 posted last year needs to be spent by the end of 2016. Otherwise, these funds default back to the missions committee and debt retirement equally if not used. Please be in prayer about how God may want these funds—a **total of \$13,568.63 is now available**—to be used to join Him in His work.

*To bring the Bell Tower Fund at the Virginia Baptist Foundation back to the minimum balance of \$100K.

March 6

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*Linda Johnson
^Amanda Moore

NURSERY

Linda Peay
Kelley Mayhew
Cheri Verham
Jean Harding

USHERS

Kirby Hutchinson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Merry Grimmatt
Youth

March 20

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Grace Barnes

NURSERY

Pam Smith
Tim Smith
Bubba Stanley
Carol Thompson

USHERS

Harold Elliotte

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Holly Hutto
Youth

March 13

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*Jennifer Diehl
^Cheryl McGhee

NURSERY

Pat Smith
Alicia Parker
Judy Laitinen
Janice Finnegan

USHERS

Wesley Thompson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Kim Gunn
Youth

March 27

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Lori Rozecki

NURSERY

Tim Gunn
Laura McAleese
Penny Layne
Joan Purdy

USHERS

Jennings Dawson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Buffy Ramos
Youth

March Birthdays

1	Ann Anderson	20	Joy Rayfield
2	Dennis Lynn		Karen Sparrow
3	Julia Harrell	21	Sam Castle
	Cheryl Stanley		Suzanne Super
4	Ryan Parker	22	Sarah Castle
5	Dave Edwards	23	Emma Daniels
6	Samantha Brinkman		Arthur Petrey
7	Tim Crytser	24	Barbara Kendig
8	Danny Polk		Lynn Woods
	Pamela Lumpkin		David Falls
	Bob Kossoff	25	Mike Woods
	Stuart Callahan		Debbie Clay
9	Christian Edwards		Roy Barnes
12	Amy Nichols	26	Taylor Dawson
15	Rae Pittman		Madison Whitley
	Rachel Brown	28	Jaime Harnden
	Robin Callahan		Joey Hostetter
	Joan Whittaker		Josiah Shearin
	Preston Currie	29	Madeline Mirzaie
16	Josh Long	30	Paul Rozecki
	Rita Cook	31	Alma Johnson
	Carly Cook		
17	Jimmy Carneal		
18	Megan Stuck		
	Lamar Kulp		
	Dave Wells		
	Emma Hannah		

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**March
Anniversaries**

11	Wayne & Sheryl Newman
14	Don & Kristi Garstang
15	Jimmy & Kelley Mayhew
	Matt & Alicia Parker
16	David & Shelly Talley
17	Marvin & Jan Mills

March Sermons

6	"New Horizons" Joshua 1:1-9
13	Dr. Ellis - Vacation Rev. Bill Corey preaching
20	"The Calm Before the Storm" Luke 19:28-42
27	"What Kind of Bodies Will Believers Have in Heaven?" - Easter Sunday 1 Corinthians 15:35-44, 50-54

*Before Sunday School
^Before Worship

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Position is Open

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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Make an American Dream Come True

And earn a donation for NHBC! Volunteer Host Families can be married or single adults, with or without children, who can provide meals and a loving home for one or two exchange students. Students arrive in August, so please call TODAY for more info! Call their National Office at 1-800-US YOUTH. See their NEW student profiles online!

www.aspectfoundation.org

Our local coordinator is Nicole Johnson. You can also call her at 804-869-0404.



Adult Bible Study

Our study usually occurs on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in Room 103. Dr. Bob Fleming is leading the study, which is beginning with an Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets, specifically Elijah and Elisha to start. We meet on March 10th and 24th this month.

Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

Save the date! Tuesday, May 24—11 am to 1 pm Ridge Baptist, 1515 Eastridge Rd, Henrico
We will begin with a music program followed by lunch.
 Menu: Box Lunch—Cost \$7.00, Ham & cheese or chicken salad, potato chips, fruit, dessert. Make reservations by Thurs, May 19 by phone at 804-550-1980.



Compassion International

March Sponsorship of
 Mohamed (Tanzania)
 Janice Finnegan

Sponsors needed beginning in April!

We adopted a child from Tanzania through Compassion International many years ago. Mohamed will turn 12 in July. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. Contact Kristi in the office to sign up.

February Benevolence Offering

\$ 693.00

MCEF Donations for March

Peanut Butter

Church Council Meeting

March 14 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Jan 31, 2016

Feb 7, 2016

Feb 14, 2016

Feb 21, 2016

Attendance

Sunday School	143	180	149	163
Worship	223	275	183	235

Budget 2015

Weekly Need	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50
Weekly Receipts	15,738.50	12,116.00	7,173.50	7,058.10
YTD Goal	52,682.50	63,219.00	73,755.50	84,292.00
YTD Receipts	36,490.73	48,606.73	55,780.23	62,838.33

Bldg/Debt Retirement

150.50	495.00	50.00	0.00
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Designated Gifts

286.85	208.60	0.00	180.00
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