



# NEW HIGHLAND

*Baptist Church*

March 2017

## The Envoy

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### Dear NHBC Family

God is indeed good. He is blessing us in so many ways and I could not be more thankful.

I want to begin by telling you how God is blessing in our youth and young adult ministries. Jennifer held a kick-off lock-in the Sunday night before President's Day and we had 46 young people participate. That is a tremendous turn out for our young people. Everyone seemed excited that the ministries are back in full swing and the overnight event was a rousing success. The youth and young adults have a project they are beginning to work on that I know will bless the hearts of our church, and we will give you more information as it progresses.

During the February Church Council meeting we decided to relaunch the two services format on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pray with us that we will launch the services in a positive way and truly reach our community. The early service will be a contemporary aimed service and the 11 a.m. service will be more traditional in nature. I am excited to see what God has in store for us.

I feel that the Holy Spirit is preparing this congregation to do something great. I don't know what it is, but I know that God is at work, through the Holy Spirit, and that there are brighter days on the way. In order to see God move in our midst, we need to remain in prayer and seek Him together. The first revival had some tremendous results. Acts 2 ends with these words - <sup>46</sup>Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.

If we stay together as a church family, seek God together and bathe it all in prayer – great things can occur!

Blessings,

*Rusty*

### Daylight Savings Time Begins

The time will spring forward one hour at 2 am on Sunday, March 12. Remember to set your clocks forward before going to bed on Saturday evening, March 11, so you won't be late for church.



### March Worship

**Wednesday, March 1**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
Worship at 6:30pm

**Sunday, March 5**  
**Communion**  
Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

**Sunday, March 12**  
Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

**Sunday, March 19**  
**Baptisms**  
Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

**Sunday, March 26**  
**Day School Sunday**  
Sunday School at 9:15am  
Combined Worship at 10:30am

### Two Worship Services Return on 4/9

We are busting at the seams in our one combined worship service. To accommodate growth, we will go back to two worship services **beginning on Sunday, April 9.**

8:30 am - Contemporary Worship  
9:30 am - Donut/Coffee Fellowship Time  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Traditional Worship

We need your help! We need volunteers to be ushers, nursery workers, KIC leaders, donut ministry helpers, etc. Please be praying about the areas you can help. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month during the worship service you don't attend. If we all do our part, we can effectively minister to our members *and* our community. Call the church office to volunteer. Thanks!

### Deacons on Call—March

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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

### **Prayer Essential to God**

(The following narrative is derived from E. M. Bounds' *"The Classic Collection on Prayer"*)

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'...  
Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD;  
And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth,  
And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.  
The mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 58:9, 14 NKJV)

First, each person must never forget that Almighty God rules this world. God is not an absentee God. His hand is ever on the throttle of human affairs. He rules the world just as He rules the Church—by prayer. This lesson must be brought to bear with cumulative force on the consciences of all mankind, whose eyes have no vision for the eternal things, whose ears are deaf toward God.

Nothing is more important to God than prayer in dealing with people. It is, likewise, all-important for people to pray. Failure to pray is failure (of duty, service, and spiritual progress) along the whole line of life. God must help people by prayer. People, who do not pray, rob themselves of God's help and place God where He cannot help people. Key point: Saints must pray to God, if love for God is to exist. Within a prayer-less life, faith, hope, patience, strong beautiful vital forces of piety are withered and dead. But, in the life of the individual believer, personal salvation, and personal Christian graces have their existence, bloom, and fruitage in prayer.

Prayer is critical and essential to the existence and culture of piety within the individual. It has a larger sphere, a more obligated duty, and a loftier inspiration, because it concerns God. God's days of splendor and renown are great days of prayer. Old-fashioned prayer has been the main support for God being behind great movements in this world. The real and obvious test of a genuine work of God is the prevalence of the spirit of prayer.

Critical: we must believe that the divine record of the facts about prayer and God are given in order that we might be constantly reminded of Him, and be ever refreshed by the faith God holds His Church, for the entire world, and that God's purpose will be fulfilled.

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God works through the prayers of His people—without prayer decay, evil, decline, and deadness ensue. Prayer ministry is an engaging force—so without prayer God is retired from any effort or movement. Prayer sponsors God's work. Be strong, steadfast, and devoted to prayer (See Col. 4:12; Rom. 12:12).

God has established prayer as a divine ordinance—implying that people are to do the praying.

A praying person is God's efficient agent in saving sinners and edifying the saints.

## **BGAV Scholarships**

The Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) has offered scholarships to deserving recipients for many years. Through Cooperative Missions gifts of Virginia Baptists around the state, students are able to receive scholarships to assist in their education. The BGAV is committed to financially aiding emerging leaders in their educational development.

An applicant must be an active member of a cooperating church of the Baptist General Association of Virginia for at least one (1) year prior to the beginning of an academic school year.

The deadline to apply with the BGAV for a scholarship is April 1, but recommendations must be completed by staff ahead of that deadline. Therefore, please turn in your recommendation forms by Thursday, March 23.

More info at: <https://bgav.org/financial-resources/scholarships/achievement/>.

## **Prayer Concerns**

**\*Hospitalized at time of printing**

Charlie Elliott	Shirley Linville
Darnley Gammon	Beldon Mullins
Mary Golding	Ann Shearin
Rose Harper	Margaret Toney
Sherwood Haskins	Ernest Valenti
George 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).

## N>HYM & Beyond>



The youth and young adult ministries here at New Highland Baptist Church are off to a fresh new start! I am humbled and honored to serve Christ with and alongside these amazing groups for His glory! New Highland Youth Ministry (N>HYM) continues to be for students in grades 6-12. Newly named "Beyond>" is for young adults post high school - ages 18 through the twenties. Together - our youth and young adults will learn how to connect and grow "n>hym and beyond>". "Connect" will be our new theme going forward.

Using the puzzle piece as our symbol- the core goals of N>HYM & Beyond> will be threefold:

- Connect to Christ (thru worship & discipleship)
- Connect to one another (thru friendship & community)
- Connect to the world (thru outreach & missions)

These goals are based on the Great Commandments from Mark 12:30-31 and the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19-20.

Everything that will happen with N>HYM & Beyond> will flow through one or all of those biblical core goals and I am so excited about all that God has in store! We will have an ongoing program through the spring and summer and onward to further minister to youth, young adults and their families. Thank you for your continued prayers!

Thank you to all who have helped me get acclimated here at NHBC and to all who helped with the recent lock-in which had 46 youth and young adults in attendance. God is at work, and I urge you to pass the word to any students or young adults you know.

In His Joy,  
Jennifer (Rev. Jen)  
1 Cor. 15:58



## Connect Events

Youth Lead Team/Parents --> Sunday,  
March 5 --> 4:15pm

"Celebrating Hanover's Youth"--> Sunday,  
March 12 --> 6:00pm Hanover High School (for youth and families)

Coming soon-->

Project "Change the World"  
MFUGE camp participant meeting  
Beyond Bible study

For those signed up for MFUGE- your \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by March 12.

# New Members



## **Roy and Rachel Barnes**

(Ethan and Everett)

Joined February 5, 2017

Roy by Profession of Faith

Rachel by Statement of Faith

Both awaiting baptism

## **Sharon Turner**

(Picture not available)

Joined February 12, 2017

By Profession of Faith and Awaits Baptism

## 7th Annual Souper Bowl

The men took home the Souper Bowl on Sunday, February 5. The record now stands at Women 4, Men 3.



This project benefitted Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF). Thanks to all who participated.

## 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. We didn't have a sponsor for February or March. All months are open. Contact Kristi in the office to sign up, and she will add you to the list on a first come, first serve basis.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Dave Evers and family in the death of  
his cousin, Jimmy Davis

Sandra Edwards and family in the death of  
her brother-in-law, Bill Jones

## Church Safety Ministry

Some time ago Church Council adopted the concept of a "Church Safety Ministry." This ministry is designed to work in conjunction with the Properties and Ushering Committees. If you Google "Church Safety", you come up with more than 162,000,000 responses, so there is a lot of information out there. While safety is foremost on many people's minds; we would like to invite you to an information sessions to learn about what this ministry intends to do (and not do) as we move forward. Come to the remaining information session at 2pm on Sunday, March 5th to hear a Church Safety Consultant and veteran trainer as we all explore ways to make sure that we are all safe so we can focus on what we want to do here at NHBC; that is Know, Grow and Serve Christ. This session is identical to the one held on Sunday, February 26.

## Men's Choir

Attention men of NHBC! We are joining together to make music and fellowship on Sunday, March 5 from 3:30-5:00 pm. All men are welcome to join regardless of experience! We will have fun while glorifying Him! We will rehearse the following Sundays from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Music Room: March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26. We will perform at the Palm Sunday Service on April 9. I hope you will be able to join us! Contact me, [Paul Rozecki](#), with any questions.



## Central Virginia Raceway Ministries

Central Virginia Raceway Ministries (CVRM) has been granted the unique opportunity once again to minister through RIR guest services to over 100,000 race fans during the upcoming April race weekend, 4/28-4/30.

All volunteers are required to attend an orientation/training session on Thursday, April 20 at 7 pm—The River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association, 3111 Moss Side Ave, Richmond. Many volunteers are needed to serve as ambassadors of goodwill, not just to provide race fans with the practical information about the raceway complex and services, but most importantly to be a witness of Christ's love by offering them a chance to sit down in our tent to enjoy a cold drink and homemade cookies. Volunteers are also needed to make cookies. Contact Michelle Brown (928-2927) for more info. Pray for the ministry, bake cookies or invite someone to volunteer with you.

## Ash Wednesday Service

Join us for a time of worship on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm as we enter the Lenten season. No MWE activities that evening, but we will have a meal. The menu for that evening is a taco bar. Please make reservations by end of day on Monday, February 27.

## W. Paul Hepler Scholarships

Paul Hepler served as Dover Baptist Association's second director of missions. Dover gives an annual scholarship named for him. It goes to a Dover Baptist who is pursuing a college or graduate degree. Applications for the 2017 W. Paul Hepler Scholarship must be received in the Dover office no later than March 15. The recommendation form that has to be completed by our church staff should be submitted to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 8. Download an application at <http://doverbaptist.org/resources/grants-and-scholarships/hepler-scholarship> or contact the Dover office for an application and more information.

## The Conduit (Life of Hope Ministry)

The Mission Committee and the Women on Mission (WOM) will be hosting a clothes sorting day for The Conduit (Life of Hope Ministry) on Saturday, March 25th 9:00 am-2:00 pm in the CLC at NHBC. Lunch will be provided. All of the summer clothes will be brought from the storage unit to be sorted and organized into containers. The Conduit "Swap & Shop" Clothing Event will be Friday, April 28th and Saturday April 29th at Walnut Grove Baptist Church. We will be hosting a clothing drive for the event at New Highland Baptist Church. Needed are: baby clothes, boy clothes, and shoes for everyone. Drop them off in the Missions Corner. We will need volunteers with trucks to bring the clothes from the storage unit on the sorting day on Saturday, March 25th. For more information or to participate in the event see Tanya Shearin or Michelle Brown (928-2927).

## Thank You

Thank you, New Highland Baptist Church! What a blessing to have friends like you, we value your friendship, prayers and support. Thanks for your partnership with **WHEEL POWER Christian Cyclists**. The Lord has blessed and used us to reach thousands of people for Jesus here in the United States since 1993! We rejoice and celebrate over 20 years of blessings! We pray God will continue to bless you and your faithfulness and multiply your donation for the furtherance of His Kingdom.  
God bless you, **Judy Bowman**, John 15-17

**March 5**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Cheryl McGhee

**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**

Joan Purdy  
Youth

**March 19**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Theresa Whitley

**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**

Holly Hutto  
Youth

**March 12**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Shirley Hawks

**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**

Tanya Shearin  
Youth

**March 26**

**10:30am**

**WELCOME CENTER**

Laura Beck

**NURSERY**

Tim Gunn  
Laura McAleese  
Theresa Whitley  
Susan Sandridge  
Jenny Garthright

**USHERS**

**Jennings Dawson**

Tucker Dawson  
Tim Smith  
Ryan Smith  
OPEN  
Mike Sandridge  
David Barnes

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**March Birthdays**

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

**March Anniversaries**

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|----|-----------------------|
| 14 | Don & Kristi Garstang |
| 16 | David & Shelly Talley |
| 17 | Marvin & Jan Mills    |

**Staff Ministry Team**

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**PUBLICATION DEADLINES:**

**Apr Envoy — Mar 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon**

**MWE Dinner Reservations**

Mid-Week Encounter dinners are at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays during the MWE session. Reservations are due by end of day each Monday. Complete a reservation card on Sundays and put in the black box by the office door, or call or [email the office](mailto:email_the_office) to make a reservation. Cost is \$5 per adult (youth are adults) and \$3 per child, with a max of \$16 per family.

**Men's Softball Team**

The men's softball team will be starting soon. If you are interested in playing, contact Will Smith at 804-398-0845 or [dylansmom913@comcast.net](mailto:dylansmom913@comcast.net).



**Dover Senior Adult Luncheon**

Save the date!  
 Tuesday, May 2—11 am to 1 pm  
 Hunton Baptist Church  
 11660 Greenwood Road, Glen Allen  
 Speaker: David Powers, President  
 Belltower Pictures  
 Lunch Cost \$7.00  
 Menu: Chicken Salad or Pimento Cheese Sandwich, potato salad, mixed fruit, deviled egg, beverages and dessert. Register by Monday, April 17 with the Dover office 804-550-1980 or email [dover.info@doverbaptist.org](mailto:dover.info@doverbaptist.org).

**Compassion International**



March  
 Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)  
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***Sponsors needed!***

**Connect**



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

**February Benevolence Offering**

\$573.58

**MCEF Donations for March**

Peanut Butter

**Church Council Meeting**

March 13 @ 6:30 pm

**ACTS II:**

**Jan 29, 2017      Feb 5, 2017      Feb 12, 2017      Feb 19, 2017**

**Attendance**

Sunday School	<b>144</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>137</b>
Worship	<b>246</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>196</b>

**Budget**

Weekly Need	<b>10,403.69</b>	<b>10,403.69</b>	<b>10,403.69</b>	<b>10,403.69</b>
Weekly Receipts	8,681.60	11,768.95	8,908.50	4,987.25
YTD Goal	52,018.45	62,422.14	72,825.83	83,229.52
YTD Receipts	31,778.81	43,547.76	52,456.26	57,443.51

**Bldg/Debt Retirement**

50.00      540.00      50.00      0.00

**Designated Gifts**

295.00      181.00      389.90      305.00