



NEW HIGHLAND

Baptist Church

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Dear NHBC Family

It's hard to believe, but very exciting to see, that spring is in the air! Spring means many different things. To me, it is the start of baseball season – my favorite sport. I will closely watch my Cincinnati Reds as they try to make it back to the playoffs.

For others, spring may mean a return to the garden or back to the golf course or back in the boat catching fish while floating on the James. All of those things are fun and worth waiting through winter to experience again. However, none of those things would mean anything if it were not for Easter. Hope springs eternal during this season because of Easter. While we enjoy our activities that come with warmer weather, let us never forget that our Savior gave His life and was resurrected to new life to allow us this blessing of hope. Because of His victory, we have the opportunity to celebrate the things we love so much.

The resurrection of Jesus, the fact that we serve a living Savior, is what gives us hope for our todays and tomorrows. So, while we enjoy our warmer weather activities, let us never forget that they are possible because of Jesus. Easter is what makes spring so special.

Speaking of spring activities, we are moving ahead with a spring event at our picnic shelter. I am not sure what to call it, but in a recent sermon I challenged our church to organize an outreach event at the shelter and field beside the church and we are planning to make that a reality. One Sunday School class has already volunteered to be in charge of the food and we have a few folks who have said they would be willing to provide music for the event.

I have asked Jennifer to be the staff person in charge of putting all of the pieces of this event together. She has done a great job with this before in other settings. We will be working as a staff to set a date as soon as possible and work toward a great day aimed at reaching our community. We will keep you updated.

I have had a few people approach me and express interest in being a part of an international mission trip. Jennifer and I have great contacts and we have two countries who would love to host a team from New Highland. For this to be a reality, we will need to have an interest meeting in the next few weeks. If you have ever felt called to serve in such a way, please pray about this opportunity. Again, we will keep you updated.

I have gotten some feedback about the backyard Bible clubs in local neighborhoods this summer. I think this would be a

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great way to impact our area. If you would like to host a Bible club or would like to participate, let me know.

It's time to go. God has blessed us with so much and it is our turn to share Him with the world - our community, our area, our state and beyond!

In His steps,
Rusty

April Worship

Sunday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday Communion

Early Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Late Worship at 11:00am

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Worship Service at 6:30pm

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 6:45am
Early Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Late Worship at 11:00am

Sunday, April 23

Baptisms

Early Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Late Worship at 11:00am

Sunday, April 30

Early Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45am
Late Worship at 11:00am

Deacons on Call—April

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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 and Fervency

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

As you pray and if you do not have intense feeling, the prayer lacks a stake on the prayer's focused issue. Basically, the praying individual may not be really reaching out to Jesus and the prayer may very well be passionless, lacking fervency, having no heartfelt substance—empty and unfit vessel.

Heart, soul, and life must find place in all real praying. Heaven must be made to feel the force of this crying unto God. Paul, notable example, possessed a fervent spirit of prayer. His petitioning was all-consuming, centered immovably upon the object of his desire and the God who was able to meet it.

Prayers Must Be Red Hot

Fervent prayer is effective and prevails. A cold spirit hinders praying. A warm soul cultivates an atmosphere favorable to prayer—ascends to Heaven like a glowing fire's heat rises. Heaven is not a suitable market for icy, less fervent prayer.

God Wants Warm-Hearted Servants

Luke 3:16 mentions the Holy Spirit comes to us as fire to dwell within us. An unemotional temperament is highly detrimental to a vital experience. Fervency is warmth of the soul. To be absorbed in God's will, to be so greatly in earnest about doing it that our whole being takes fire, is the qualifying condition of the person who would engage in effective prayer. Consider the spirit of the words in Psalm 42:1-2 passage and acknowledge that these are the words of a man who lived in a state of grace that had been deeply and supernaturally created in his soul.

Fervency Counts Before God In Prayer

Recognize that fervency before God counts in the hour of prayer, and it finds a speedy and rich reward at His Hands. The psalmist acclaim what God did for him in Psalm 21:2 & Psalm 38:9, as he turned his heart toward God. WOW—How Encouraging! Just think our inward groaning, our secret desires, our heart-longings are not hidden from the eyes of Him with whom we have to deal with in prayer. God stands pledged to give us the desire of our hearts in proportion to the fervency of spirit we exhibit when seeking His Face in prayer.

Fervency Comes From The Heart

Fervency resides in the heart, not in the brain or mind, and is the throb and movement of the emotional nature. We do not have the power to create fervency of spirit at will, but we can ask God to implant it. The process of personal salvation is to pray, to express our desires to God, but also to acquire a fervent spirit and seek by all proper means to cultivate it. It is never out of place to ask God to create within us and keep alive the spirit of fervent prayer.

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Fervency Has To Do With God

The degree of zeal with which we fashion our spiritual desires, will always serve to determine the earnestness of our praying. Prayer must be clothed with fervency, strength, and power. Christians who are fervent in spirit are determined to attain righteousness, truth, grace, and all other sublime and powerful graces that adorn the character of the authentic unquestioned child of God (See Philippians 3:12-16).

Strive in Prayer

Romans 15:30 & Colossians 4:12 emphasize the word "strive"—enter into a contest to fight against adversaries; or exert strong effort or energy to obtain something.

Trust Takes Over From Faith

Matthew 21:21-22 offers an insight into faith (and doubt not) and it is followed by trust (... all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive). When Christian believers obtain faith in magnificent proportions, they enter the realm of unquestioning trust in the power of the living God.

Two Worship Services Begin 4/9

Schedule:

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!

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Charlie Elliott
Darnley Gammon
Mary Golding
Rose Harper
Sherwood Haskins
George Linville
Shirley Linville

Beldon Mullins
*Michael Petrey
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).

N>HYM & Beyond>



Spring is here! And what happens in the spring?! Everything wakes up out of hibernation! Things begin to grow and bloom! The air gets warmer! And this is EXACTLY what my prayer is for our New Highland Youth Ministry (N>HYM) and our Beyond Young Adult Ministry. I am praying that we wake up to a fresh desire to know Christ more through worship and discipleship! I am praying that we grow and bloom as a ministry centered on Him alone! I am praying that God warms us up to reach beyond our walls to share Jesus' love with our community and this world! It is time for us to "spring" into action for the cause of Christ amid these younger generations! Please join me in praying for the youth and young adults of our church and surrounding community. Thank you also for any support or involvement you feel led to offer to see this ministry grow.

Sincerely,
Jennifer (Rev Jen)
Romans 1:16

Connect Events

Sundays

9:45am(beginning 4/9) → Sunday School (middle school, high school and young adult classes offered)
5:30-7:30pm → Connect! (sharing in fun, activities, worship, prayer, Bible discussion & projects)

Wednesdays

6:30-7:30pm → N>HYM and Beyond> (mid-week encounter for youth & young adults. Theme: Change the World)

Upcoming:

Work Days → Monday, April 10 & Tuesday, April 11 (times TBA). We will clean, organize, rearrange and paint in the youth room areas to freshen things up and as a part of a fresh view to the future. We do not need a huge crowd – but we do need adults and youth willing to roll up their sleeves and knock this project out. Let me know if you can help.

*If anyone has any loveseats, gently used couches or lounge type chairs that you would be willing to donate to the youth areas – please let me know. They would need to be brought to the church some time between the evening of April 9th through Tuesday, April 11th.

MFUGE camp meeting for participants and parents → Sunday, April 23 – 4:30pm in youth room.

This will be a 45 minute meeting where you will receive information and form packets to be filled out on your own and turned in by a deadline. You will hear the details of the camp event, have questions answered and share in a time of prayer over the event. All participants are required to attend with emergency exceptions only.

New Members



Chris Hunter (on left)
Joined February 26, 2017
by Profession of Faith
and awaits Baptism

Sunday School Lunch and Learn

Sunday School teachers will meet from 12 pm until 2 pm on Sunday, April 2nd in the CLC. Our theme this year is *transformation* and we're excited to hear from Rusty, Jennifer, and Kim Gunn on their vision for our church! We will then break out into children, youth, and adult teachers for our small group discussions.

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. Kay Fields sponsored February and March. June going forward is 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:

Mike Barmer and family in the death of his brother-in-law, David Norman

Lawn Care Ministry



It's that time of year again. We need individuals to volunteer to cut the grass around the church. To volunteer, sign up in front of the church office. See Dick Cousins or Wayne Harrell who can tell you what's involved, and they even offer training.



Church Office Closed

The church office will close at noon on Friday, April 7, and will also be closed on Monday, April 17 for the Easter holiday.

Parent Child Dedication

There will be a parent child dedication time on Sunday, May 14th during the worship services. If you would like to participate, please [notify the office](#) no later than Sunday, April 30.

Graduate/Youth Sunday

We want to recognize all of our NHBC graduates on Sunday, June 11. Please [send names to the church office](#) no later than Sunday, April 30 of NHBC attendees who are graduating from high school, college or are being awarded postgraduate degrees.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Sunday, April 9 at 3 pm for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Open to all children one year old through 5th grade. Please pick up some empty eggs starting March 26th and return them filled with individually wrapped candy, or donate candy by April 5th in the boxes by Ms. Kim's office.



The Conduit (Life of Hope Ministry)

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. For more information or to participate in the event see Tanya Shearin or Michelle Brown (928-2927).

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.

Thank You's

NHBC,

I just wanted to say thank you for everything you've done for me and my family. We've been through a lot, but everyone stuck by our sides and for that I am thankful. Since I've met you all, I've gained a group of friends, and I've met people who I know will be like parents to me as I finish growing up here. I can't express how thankful I am to have you all in my life. We've only known each other for a couple of months, but soon it will be years. It already feels like that, doesn't it? We have a long way to go together and I can't wait to see it play out. Thank you all for everything, your generous gifts warmed my heart and humbled me. I'm so happy to know you all. **Becca Mullins**

Thank you so much for your kind and generous gift. Out of all the different congregations my parents have led, I've never seen such a deliberate, dedicated, loving congregation and I'm so incredibly thankful for your gift. Honestly, before Sunday I was strapped for money, no knowing how I was going to pay for gas, food, and bills between now and my next paycheck. Your gift was quite an answer to prayer. Because of it, I was able to focus on my spring break w/o having to think about finances after break. I'm so incredibly thankful to be a part of this church and I'm excited to see what the future holds at NHBC. :) **Joshua Mullins**

Dear New Highland Baptist,

I want to thank you so much for the more-than-generous gifts you all so graciously gave me and my siblings. I am so blessed to be part of such a wonderful and loving church. Thank you for everything you all do and thank you for helping me through such a scary and painful transition. I love you all more than you know. I am so thankful that God blessed me with you. **Bethany Mullins**

April 2

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

Jean Harding
Madison Hutto
Pam Smith

USHERS

Kirby Hutchinson

Wayne Harrell
Chris Whitley
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Jaime Harnden
Youth

April 16

***8:30am & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*Julia Harrell
Julia Harrell

NURSERY

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

USHERS

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*OPEN
Harold Elliotte
Bill Martin
Tommy Searles
Nate Hostetter
Fred Small
David McGhee
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*OPEN
*Youth
Tanya Shearin
Youth

April 23

***8:30am & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*Kim Gunn
Cheryl McGhee

NURSERY

*Shannon Chenault
*Cheryl McGhee
Theresa Whitley
Susan Sandridge
Jenny Garthright

USHERS

*OPEN
*OPEN
Jennings Dawson
Tucker Dawson
Tim Smith
Ryan Smith
Arthur Garthright
Mike Sandridge
David Barnes

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Ruth Harlow
*Youth
OPEN
Youth

April 9

***8:30am & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*Jennifer Diehl
Laura Beck
NURSERY
*Tim Gunn
*Carol Evers
Rae Pittman
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser

USHERS

*Tommy Searles
*Linda Searles
Wesley Thompson
Bailey Thompson
Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
Will Smith
Quinn Thompson
Dylan Smith

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Holly Hutto
Youth
OPEN
Youth

April 30

***8:30am & 11am**

WELCOME CENTER

*Kim Gunn
OPEN

NURSERY

*Judy Laitinen
*Janice Finnegan
OPEN
OPEN

USHERS

*OPEN
*OPEN
John Tschantre
Mike Pittman
Pam Smith
Berkeley Rayfield
Nolan Rayfield

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

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*Youth
Sara Rhodes
Youth

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April Birthdays

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| 1 | Ron Rhodes | 17 | Helen Robinson |
| 2 | Erma Williams | | Shelly Talley |
| 3 | Tyler Vasser | 19 | Dee Muller |
| 4 | Blake Harnden | | Claude Aylor |
| | Hailey DuRocher | | Artie McLaughlan |
| 6 | Mary Sue Coppedge | 20 | Barry Layne |
| | Emily Johnakin | 22 | Kelly Johnakin |
| 7 | Hobbs Rayfield | 23 | Katherine Winters |
| 8 | Shayna Maust | 24 | Cheryl McGhee |
| | Staci Smith | | David Dixon |
| | Brooke Kazelskis | 25 | Taylor Brickey |
| | Morgan Kazelskis | | Abi Long |
| 9 | Daniel Smolen | 26 | Diane Winters |
| 10 | Emily Lawson | 27 | Jim Johnson |
| 11 | Caroline Bivens | 28 | Theresa Whitley |
| | John Tschantre | | Justin Hunter |
| 12 | Julie Alessi | 30 | Kay Shelton |
| 15 | Michael Patterson | | |
| 16 | Mark Yates | | |

April Anniversaries

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| 2 | Billy & Rose Smith |
| 3 | Chris & Laura Beck |
| 8 | Harold & Barbara Elliotte |
| 10 | Mike & Lynn Woods |
| 15 | Wayne & Julia Harrell |
| 22 | Wesley & Carol Thompson |
| 25 | Nate & Joey Hostetter |
| 25 | Chris & Dawn Hall |
| 30 | Stafford & Kathy White |

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

May Envoy — Apr 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 noon 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. There is no MWE on April 12th due to Easter Break.

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.



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.

Compassion International



April
 Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)
 The Rozeckis
Sponsors needed!

Connect



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

March Benevolence Offering

\$421.00

MCEF Donations for April

Peanut Butter

Church Council Meeting

April 13 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Feb 26, 2017

Mar 5, 2017

Mar 12, 2017

Mar 19, 2017

Attendance

Sunday School	148	143	137	124
Worship	207	205	215	205

Budget

Weekly Need	10,403.69	10,403.69	10,403.69	10,403.69
Weekly Receipts	5,681.00	15,976.50	6,360.50	6,723.00
YTD Goal	93,633.21	104,036.90	114,440.59	124,844.28
YTD Receipts	63,124.51	79,101.01	85,461.51	92,184.51

Bldg/Debt Retirement

270.00	840.00	0.00	50.00
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Designated Gifts

985.00	1,358.00	144.00	433.00
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