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Pastorgraph

I enjoy preaching through books of the Bible. Starting this Sunday (May 1), I will start a series of sermons from the book of Ephesians. I will take about two months to preach through this wonderful epistle. I want to encourage everyone to read this letter by the apostle Paul before Sunday. There are only six short chapters in Ephesians. A person can read the entire book in about 15-20 minutes. This week's message will be on the subject of Predestination and Free Will. We will also participate in Communion this Sunday as well. I look forward to seeing you then.

Pat Ellis, Interim Pastor

From the Pastor Search Committee

Pastor Search Plan & Progress

Phase I—Organize & Plan	March 3—April 30
Phase II—Collect Resumes	May 1—June 30
Phase III—Winnowing—Part 1	June 30—July 15
Phase III—Winnowing—Part 2	July 15—31
Phase IV—Contact/Interview	August 1—31
Phase V—Call & Install	September 1—30

Dover Baptist Association Semiannual Meeting

On May 1 at Gwalthmey Baptist Church in Ashland, Dover Baptist Association will hold its semiannual meeting from 3 pm until 5 pm. Registration opens at 2:30 pm. Our own praise band, Highland Praise, will be providing the music. Pam Cross, chair of Dover's Music Committee, will be the speaker. She will share her testimony regarding the tragic death of her daughter, Meg Menzies, in 2014. In addition to voting messengers, Dover invites any Dover Baptist and their guests to share in this inspiring meeting.

Veteran's Breakfast



Our youth will host a breakfast for all our veterans (and spouses) on Sunday, May 29 at 8:30 am in the Christian Life Center. We hope you will make plans to join us.

May Worship

Sunday, May 1 Communion

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

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day

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

Sunday, May 15 Baptisms

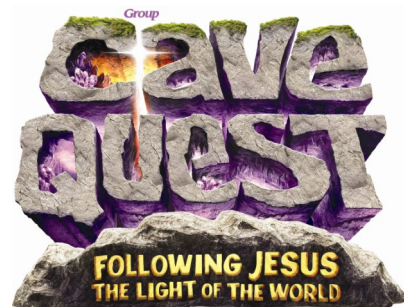
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Sunday, May 22
Sunday School at 9:15am
Combined Worship at 10:30am

**Sunday, May 29
Memorial Day Sunday**
Veteran's Breakfast at 8:30 am
Sunday School at 9:15am
Combined Worship at 10:30am

Vacation Bible School

Our church will hold Vacation Bible School July 11—15 from 9 am until noon. Registration of children and volunteers begins May 15 and will be on the church website. Volunteers can also speak to Ms. Kim.



Deacons on Call—May

Wesley Thompson	380-1127
Bob Kossoff	221-7047

Prayer Thoughts

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

The Possibilities of Prayer

Article derived from E. M. Bounds book,
Classic Collection on Prayer-Chapter 9

We must remember that the goal of prayer is the ear of God. Unless that is gained the prayer has utterly failed. The uttering of it may have kindled devotional feeling in our minds, the hearing of it may have comforted and strengthened the hearts of those with whom we have prayed, but if the prayer has not gained the heart of God, it has failed in its essential purpose.

C. H. Spurgeon is quoted: "A mere formalist can always pray so as to please himself (herself). What has he (she) to do but to open his (her) book and read the prescribed words, or bow his (her) knee and repeat such phrases as suggest themselves to his (her) memory or fancy? Like the Tartarian Praying Machine, give but the wind and the wheel, and the business is fully arranged. So much knee bending and talking, and the prayer is done. The formalist's prayers are always good, or rather, always bad, alike. But the living child of God never offers a prayer, which pleases himself (herself); his (her) standard is above his (her) attainments; he (she) wonders that God listens to him (her), and though he (she) knows he (she) will be heard for Christ's sake, yet he (she) accounts it a wonderful instance of condescending mercy that such poor prayers as his (she) should ever reach the ears of the Lord God of Sabaoth."

It may be said with emphasis that no lazy saint prays. Can there be a lazy saint? Can there be a prayerless saint? Does slack praying cut short sainthood's crown and kingdom? Can there be a cowardly soldier, a saintly hypocrite, or a virtuous vice? It is only when these impossibilities are brought into being that we then can find a prayerless saint.

It is not an easy thing to Pray: conditions of prayer are always present to the faithful and holy, cannot exist in or met by a frivolous, negligent, lazy spirit, not an isolated performance, stands in closest connection with all the duties of an ardent piety, honors God, acknowledges His being, exalts His power, adores His providence, and secures His aid. To pray well is to do all things well. The possibilities of prayer run parallel with the promises of God. Prayer opens an outlet for the promises, removes the hindrances in the way of their execution, puts them in working order, and secures their gracious ends. More than this, prayer, like faith, obtains promises, enlarges their operation, and adds to the measure of their results.

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Prayer Concerns

*Hospitalized at time of printing

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

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Prayer Puts God into the Problem:

Prayer puts God into the matter commanding force—"Ask of Me things to come concerning My sons," says God, "and concerning the works of My Hands command ye Me." We are charged in God's Word: "always to pray," "in every thing by prayer," "continuing instant prayer," to "pray everywhere," and "praying always." God's work is the work of prayer. When prayer fails, the world prevails, the Church loses its divine characteristics and its divine power, and is swallowed up by a proud ecclesiasticism, and the world scoffs at its obvious impotence.

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee

Pray for the following requests:

- For our God's continued leadership in finding His candidate for New Highland's next Senior Pastor
- For each PSC member as they embrace increased responsibility while embarking into Phase 2

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).

Lawn Care Ministry

We need individuals to volunteer to cut the grass around the church. Please sign up for one or more weeks so we won't have any Sunday's that the grass hasn't been cut. Volunteer by signing up in front of the church office. See Dick Cousins or Wayne Harrell. They can tell you what's involved and even offer training.



Congratulations

To Hanover High School girls show choir, Highlights, for being Grand Champion at the Show Choir America-Fame competition. Hanover's mixed show choir, Sound FX, took second place in the mixed division. Several of our youth are in these choirs.

Nursery Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

All nursery volunteers and their families are invited to join us for our annual luncheon on Sunday, May 1st immediately following worship. Our goal is to say THANK YOU for your time and dedication to these little ones. We will take a few minutes to review our nursery guidelines and then enjoy some fellowship time together. RSVP's were due by 4/27 to Ms. Kim.



Go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose New Highland Baptist Church as your charity or click [here](#) to start shopping today and everyday. A percentage of your purchases is donated back to NHBC.

Farmers Market

The New Highland Baptist Farmers Market is scheduled to open for the season on Wednesday, May 18 from 4—7 pm and run until sometime in September. Come out and support local farmers and vendors and your community.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Graduate recognition Sunday is quickly approaching on June 12th. If you know of graduates who attend NHBC—high school, college or post graduate—please notify the church office so we can recognize their accomplishment.

Thank You's

Dear New Highland Baptist Church,
Your faithfulness to **GraceInside** is a gift! Thank you! Thank you, too, for your recent gift of \$500 in March. Your support brings more hours of chaplaincy to those men and women in prison. We know that your faithful partnership with GraceInside is what makes our work possible. You are helping God to save lives—not just transform them, but actually save them. When I hear from released offenders, they often share how GraceInside has saved their lives—by rescuing them from continuing to make bad decisions, by helping them feel like they matter, by improving their faith journey so they can improve their lives. Families are restored and communities are safer because of what YOU are doing through GraceInside. Thank you!
Thank you for believing with us in the mission and ministry of GraceInside. If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am eager to serve. I am also available for presentations about GraceInside if you should know of a group that might share our interest—or just want to learn!
Again, thank you so much for making chaplaincy in our prisons a reality.
Keeping GraceInside, **Lynn Litchfield**, Director of Development

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for your support. So many have reached out to me to offer office coverage when needed or to let me know they are available for special projects. A member spent hours assembling updated non-pictorial directories. Another member dropped off flowers one day 'just because.' The MWE missions focused class left a container garden of potted plants that they planted, which now graces my front porch. For Administrative Professional's Day, the personnel committee brought another beautiful flower arrangement for my desk, and the staff took me out to lunch. I am thankful for each and every one of you and the way you share Christ's love with me. I hesitate to list names, as I am sure I will inadvertently leave someone out, but please know that each one of you and your actions are very much appreciated!

Kristi Garstang

A Message from Mohamed's Center Director

NHBC sponsors Mohamed, a young boy who lives in Tanzania, through Compassion International.

Dear Sponsor,

I am Kain Abel, Project Director of Anglican All Saints' Ipogolo Student Center in Ruaha diocese in the Iringa region of Tanzania. We serve your sponsored child.

We really appreciate your support for your child. We say thank you, and we pray that our heavenly Father will bless you abundantly.

Currently the center has about 290 registered children. The sponsorship program has played a great role in our church, because it has increased evangelism to the community. We have also been able to start and run a kindergarten school that serves our children and also earns income.

One of our 10-year-old girls is among the children who have a great and amazing talent of preaching. Her mother brews local beer and sells it almost every day as the family's income. When the girl preaches in our church, church members are touched and blessed through her preaching. She wishes and prays that one day she will be able to convince her mother to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior.

We received Complementary Intervention funds two years ago that we used to construct classrooms. The classrooms are now used by the children during program days and as a tutoring center in the evenings to help children with their schoolwork.

Sponsor relationships with children through letters are valued much by the children; they can communicate with their sponsors and vice versa. Some children send their school results to their sponsors, so they feel sad when their results are not good. This motivates them to study hard. One girl did not even like going to school, but she was very encouraged by letters from her sponsor, so she began learning so she could answer the letters in English. Also, sponsors enjoy a lot the letters and drawings the children send when they reply.

When children receive gifts from their sponsors, it makes a big difference for them and their families. Some families change their lives because they use the gifts to establish small businesses.

I am inspired to continue with my work at this center because I feel like I am the father who is responsible to make sure his family is well spiritually, physically, socio-emotionally, and cognitively. I like to work with children to help their lives change from nothing to something in a good manner and a godly way. I want to use my knowledge and skills and experience to be part of good change and make sure children fulfill their vision and reach their destinies.

Our center has a lot of challenges including lack of kitchen, playground, and library. Please help us pray for these needs. I want to thank God for the health of all our children, caregivers, and center and church workers. Please keep our children in prayer so that they may have good attendance and behave in a godly way so they can transform our community.

We thank you for all your love and support shown to your child. You are welcome here anytime. God bless you much.

New Members



Laney Owen

Joined April 10, 2016
By Profession of Faith and
Awaits Baptism

Parent Child Dedication Sunday

We will have a parent child dedication on Sunday, May 8. If you would like to participate, please call the church office at 550-9601 by Monday, May 2 to let us know.

Christian Sympathy

To the Pace boys in the death of their uncle,
Kenneth Pace.

To Grace Barnes and family in the death
of her uncle, Charles Porch.

ARISE Band

Join us for a free concert
(worship) at 6:30 pm on Fri-
day, May 13 in the CLC. This
is for 6th grade and up and
child care will be provided.

www.arisemva.com



Youth MFuge Camp Meeting

There will be a Camp Meeting for all parents of camp attendees on Sunday, June 26 during Go Time. Watch the weekly news email for more details on what to bring with you to the meeting. Youth will be able to sign up for tracks and room assignments. There will still be Go! Time for all students.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday.

May 1

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*Linda Johnson
^Amanda Moore

NURSERY

Linda Peay
Kelley Mayhew
Claire Faison
Jean Harding

USHERS

Kirby Hutchinson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Joy Rayfield
Youth

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May 8

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*Jennifer Diehl
^Cheryl McGhee

NURSERY

Rae Pittman
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser
Joan Purdy

USHERS

Wesley Thompson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Heather Uzel
Youth

May 15

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Grace Barnes

NURSERY

Pam Smith
Tim Smith
Pat Smith
Carol Thompson

USHERS

Harold Elliotte

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Holly Hutto
Youth

May 22

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Lori Rozecki

NURSERY

Tim Gunn
Laura McAleese
Theresa Whitley
Susan Sandridge
Jenny Garthright

USHERS

Jennings Dawson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Buffy Ramos
Youth

May 29

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN
^Kim Gunn

NURSERY

Laura Beck
Emma Hunter
OPEN
OPEN

USHERS

Paul Clay

Mike Pittman
Clarence Hunter
John Tschantre
Pam Smith
Zachary Clay

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Sara Rhodes
Youth

*Before Sunday School
^Before Worship

May Birthdays

1	Wanda VanSteenburgh	14	Tracy Pendleton
	Kay Fields	16	Sharon Monds
2	Melissa Dawson	19	Zack Verham
4	Nate Hostetter		Taylor Lacy
5	Joshua Hutchinson		Jennifer Diehl
7	Morgan Steiner	20	Vance Shearin
	Laura Beck	21	Davis Ainsley
	Lauren Barmer		Taylor Hutchinson
8	Betty Cousins	22	Alaina DeHaven
	Jonathan Falls	23	Ryan Polk
9	Rhonda Ellis		Maria Gordon
10	Emma Hubbard	24	Kimberly Karnes
11	Ginger Kossoff		Mark Grimmatt
	Everett Barnes	25	Kaitlin Daniels
	Sadie Hite		Buffy Ramos
12	Justin Holtzlander	26	Josh Snell
13	Nick Verham	27	Dee Faxon
	Renee Newman		DL Wells
14	Michael Schricker	28	Kelsie Karnes
	Brayden Johnakin	30	Josh Pittman

May Anniversaries

2	Jim & Brenda Johnson
3	Joshua & Renee Snell
6	Mark & Erlene Yates
10	Kevin & Kim Daniels
14	Scott & Karen Schricker
18	Kevin & Cathy Yeatts
21	Mark & Merry Grimmatt
	Mike & Susan Sandridge
25	Clarence & Jennifer Hunter
30	David & Pam Carroll
	Vance & Tanya Shearin
	Alan & Wanda VanSteenburgh

May Sermons

1	"Who Decides Whether I Receive Eternal Life: God or I?" (A Communion Meditation) Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Romans 8:29
8	"God's Amazing Grace" Ephesians 1:7-10
15	"Can We Lose Our Salvation?" Ephesians 1:13-14
22	"When the Walls Come Down" Ephesians 2:11-18
29	"Utilizing God's Power" Ephesians 3:14-20

Staff Ministry Team

Interim Pastor—Dr. Pat Ellis

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 Sermons: <http://nhbc-sermons.buzzsprout.com>

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Position is Open

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Minister to Students & Young Adults—Position is Open

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

June Envoy — May 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon



Compassion International

May Sponsorship of
 Mohamed (Tanzania)
 The Purdys

Sponsors needed!

Dover WMU Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th—Sessions at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm at NHBC. Featuring Sam James, retired missionary in Vietnam (4 pm) and Dr. Valerie Carter, Executive Director/Treasurer of WMUV (7 pm).

Dinner at 5:30 pm with a menu of roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes and pie. Dinner reservations are required as there is limited seating. \$7.00 adults, \$6.00 children 3—10, by April 28th.

Make check to Dover WMU and mail to Anita Roy, PO Box 1182, West Point, VA 23181. Please add church name, contact person, address, phone number and number of dinner tickets.

Mission Project

The Dover WMU will be collecting new stuffed animals at the Annual Meeting for children in medical crises staying at the Alyssa House in Charlottesville.

For questions, call Anita Roy at (804) 843-4147.

Dover Senior Adult Luncheon

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.

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. We meet on May 12th and 26th this month.

April Benevolence Offering

\$510.00

MCEF Donations for May

Spaghetti sauce

Church Council Meeting

May 9 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Apr 3, 2016

Apr 10, 2016

Apr 17, 2016

Apr 24, 2016

Attendance

Sunday School	144	144	165	146
Worship	162	217	215	199

Budget 2015

Weekly Need	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50
Weekly Receipts	14,891.25	13,649.70	6,538.00	6,099.50
YTD Goal	147,511.00	158,047.50	168,584.00	179,120.50
YTD Receipts	125,180.00	138,829.70	145,367.70	151,467.20

Bldg/Debt Retirement

360.00 240.00 75.00 100.00

Designated Gifts

533.29 813.00 268.00 578.00