



NEW HIGHLAND

Baptist Church

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Dear NHBC Family

Spring is in the air and God is so very good! I am very excited to be in the midst of my first spring as your pastor. Easter was wonderful – a gorgeous sunrise service and two very exciting morning services. The week after Easter we had four people baptized! What an incredible blessing.

God is working here and I pray that we have the ability to continue to seek what He has called us to do and get out of the way. This is His church and He has big plans.

We are back to two services and the two services have different flavors. The 8:30 service, which had 68 in attendance the first week, is intentionally more contemporary musically and more casual. If you enjoy praise choruses more than hymns, this is the service for you.

Our 11:00 service will be more traditional in nature and more formal. I will dress in jacket and tie and the primary music will be more hymn based. There will be elements of contemporary and traditional in both services, but we are striving to give the services an individual taste that would appeal to more people. That should be a part of our goal, to have quality worship services that appeal to more people.

There is not a spot on the calendar for a big late spring/early summer outreach event, so we are working to come up with something smaller, maybe more of a church picnic, for that time frame. In the fall, maybe we could organize a much bigger outreach event on our property, drawing people to notice our church.

I have a few folks helping me with a new church logo and that will also be launching soon.

So much happening. So much to be thankful for. God is indeed good!

Blessings,



Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29.

Deacons on Call—May

Mark Brown 804-334-4154
David McGhee 804-382-6570

May Worship

Sunday, May 7 Communion

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

Sunday, May 14 Parent Child Dedication

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

Sunday, May 21 Baptisms

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

Sunday, May 28

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

Do You Have Your PASSPORT TO PERU?

Join us as we explore God's good gifts through Vacation Bible School.

July 10th – 14th from 9am to noon

Registration of children and volunteers begins May 14th through June 17th. You can register on the church website or speak to Ms. Kim.

NEW in 2017: Registration ends early so that we can purchase enough T-shirts for all pre-registered children and volunteers. Make sure to sign-up early. Walk-up registrations will not include a t-shirt.

Decorating dates include: 7/6-7/8 from 9am to noon and 7/9 from 1pm until...done.



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

An Invitation to Prayer

(David Jeremiah's Key Topic article April 2017)

You have been invited to enter the very presence of God through prayer. But that invitation is not just for a select few. The invitation to pray is issued the same way as the invitation to salvation: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37). Anyone who responds by faith to that invitation has also received an invitation to pray: Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). You have a standing invitation to enter the presence of the King of the Universe, at any time, through prayer.

Seeking Guidance: The Pattern

(Charles Stanley's Devotional-April 20, 2017)

Matthew 7:7-8 NIV –

- Ask and it will be given to you;
- Seek and you will find;
- Knock and the door will be opened to you.
 - For everyone who asks receives;
 - He who seeks finds; and
 - To him who knocks, the door will be opened.

As we've seen, there is a pattern to seeking God's guidance. The first step—cleansing—is actually important throughout the entire process. In fact, all but one of the remaining steps has no particular order and can fit together in many ways.

The exception is surrender. The Lord cannot share His plans for our life until we are committed to following Him no matter what. He certainly knows whether we are seeking direction in order to obey or merely to consider what He suggests. Therefore, surrender must precede even our prayers for guidance. First John 5:14-15 says that the Lord hears and grants our petitions when we ask according to His will. It's possible to make requests that are not of God, but believers who yield themselves will find their way to the right request and the best possible answer.

Most of the time, God guides believers to an answer through His Word, which is why I encourage people to meditate upon it (Psalm 1:2-3). Our reading can take us to the very passage that deals with our situation or reveals a principle that applies. Sometimes God speaks a crystal-clear message to a person's heart that nobody else would glean from those particular verses. The key is to believe that the Lord is going to guide you, and to live out that faith (Mark 11:24). (continued-top of next column)

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The process of seeking guidance is often slow, so we must wait. Running ahead or manipulating circumstances can be a costly mistake. Our omniscient, sovereign God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him (Isa. 64:4).

Those who seek direction will receive—that's a promise (Matt. 7:7-8).

Thank You's

Thank you for your congregation's ongoing prayers and support of **New Hope!** (Haiti Mission)

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for supporting **Life of Hope Ministry's Conduit** clothes sorting day this past March. This project must be completed in between each of our Swap & Shop events as it makes setting up for the next event so much easier. It also helps me to know what our clothing needs are so that I can relay this information to you. Our organization has attempted a number of ways to complete this task in the past. My daughter, Lydia, and I plus a couple of other volunteers have attempted sorting at the storage unit on Saturdays. Typically, this requires several Saturdays of working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and even then the job may not be completed before the Swap event. Many days the weather conditions have been relentless - unbearable heat in the summer months, wind and potential rain in the Spring. Either way, this was unproductive and difficult for our family. Last year we brought the clothing to our home where they could be laid out until the job was

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Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

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

Connect N>HYM & Beyond>



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16.

After a great group discussion, considering more than 10 scriptures, this is the Bible verse that our New Highland Youth chose to be their theme Bible verse going forward. And not only are they unashamed of the Gospel, they are unlimited in their potential for growth in Christ and in reaching more youth for Him.

With a new theme verse, a fresh vision, and a refreshed youth space, exciting steps have been taken as we continue to step into the future God has in store.

In May and June, the Youth Lead Team with the help of others, will be hosting a couple of fundraisers to help with the upcoming Missions Camp in July. Currently, we have 42 who will be participating in this MFUGE camp event - and we need to help raise funds to cover transportation needs and to help the youth and volunteers to go. Thank you for supporting the upcoming fundraising efforts and for your continued prayers.

The summer camp is not the only thing to look forward to - as there are some great outings, activities and projects coming up throughout this spring. Keep checking back to hear of what is upcoming including an "amazing race" and a NHYM Youth Sunday with Graduate Recognition. God is at work - and we ask for your continued prayers and support. All that we do is for Jesus Christ! And may we, as a church, say with these youth that we are unashamed of the Gospel!

In His Joy,
Jennifer (Rev Jen)

Connect Events

Sundays

9:45am → Sunday School/Bible study (middle school, high school and young adult classes offered)

5:30-7:30pm → Connect N>HYM

Connect to Christ through the Bible, prayer and worship!

Connect to one another through friendship & community building activities!

Connect to the world through outreach & mission projects!

Wednesdays

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

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Upcoming:

NHBC Youth Lead Team will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 4:30 pm in the high school Sunday School classroom.

Contact Rev. Jennifer Mullins if you have any gently used comfortable furniture pieces that you would like to donate to the youth area or if you are a volunteer who could help us deliver furniture to the youth area.

New Members



Brian and Tina Howell

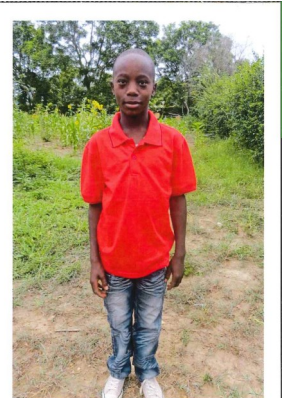
(Ava and Alyssa)

Joined April 9, 2017

by Profession of Faith
and awaits Baptism

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. Your support provides food, vaccines, education and Bible teaching. Contact Kristi in the office to sign up, and she will add you to the list on a first come, first serve basis.



Graduate/Youth Sunday

We want to recognize all of our NHBC graduates on Sunday, June 11. Please [send names to the church office](#) of NHBC attendees who are graduating from high school, college or are being awarded postgraduate degrees. We would like these ASAP.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our quarterly business meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm.

May 7

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

*Shirley Hawks
Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

*Staci Smith
*Shirley Hawks
Linda Peay
Madison Hutto
Pam Smith

USHERS

*Kevin Harnden
*OPEN
Kirby Hutchinson
DL Wells
Chris Whitley
David Dixon
Will Smith
Dylan Smith

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Linda Searles
*Youth
Jaime Harnden
Youth

May 21

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

*Julia Harrell
Julia Harrell

NURSERY

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

USHERS

*John Tschantre
*Tessa Chenault
*Cassidy Chenault
*Cory Peay
Harold Elliotte
Bill Martin
Jordan Hostetter
Nate Hostetter
Fred Small
David McGhee
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Ruth Harlow
*Youth
Tanya Shearin
Youth

May 14

***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
*Merry Grimmett
Wesley Thompson
Bailey Thompson
Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
John Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne
Quinn Thompson
Bob Kossoff

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Jon Cliborne
*Youth
OPEN
Youth

May 28

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

*OPEN
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
Arthur Garthright
Mike Sandridge
David Barnes

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

*Young Adults
*Youth
Young Adults
Youth

May Birthdays

1	Wanda VanSteenburgh	19	Taylor Lacy
	Kay Fields		Jennifer Diehl
2	Melissa Dawson	20	Vance Shearin
4	Nate Hostetter	21	Davis Ainsley
5	Joshua Hutchinson		Taylor Hutchinson
7	Lauren Barmer	23	Maria Gordon
	Morgan Steiner		Ryan Polk
	Laura Beck	24	Kimberly Karnes
8	Betty Cousins	25	Kaitlin Daniels
	Jonathan Falls		Buffy Ramos
11	Ginger Kossoff	26	Joshua Snell
	Everett Barnes	27	Colleen Simpson
12	Justin Holtzlander		Dee Faxon
13	Renee Newman		DL Wells
14	Michael Schricker	28	Kelsie Karnes
	Tracy Pendleton	30	Josh Pittman
16	Michael Smolen		
	Sharon Monds		

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
20	Roy & Rachel Barnes
21	Mike & Susan Sandridge
22	Rusty & Jennifer Mullins
25	Clarence & Jennifer Hunter
30	Vance & Tanya Shearin

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Compassion International

May
 Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)
 The Peay Pod

Sponsors needed!

Thank You's—continued

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done. This meant at least a month of chaos in our small home. It was doable, but not preferable. In December of 2016 I approached the NHBC missions committee with the request to set up a sorting day. With your help, we did the same job that would have taken us a month or more in less than 8 hours. My thanks goes out to you! Whether you helped transport clothing, donated clothing, stayed to sort, or prayed, please know I am deeply grateful. Even if you had planned to help but were unable to do so, I am grateful to you as well for your consideration and prayers. I have much peace of mind knowing that the clothes are organized in the storage unit and ready for the next event!

Gratefully, **Tanya Shearin**

Dear New Highland church family,
 Thank you for your support following Michael's accident. We appreciate the prayers, cards, visits, gifts, and meals. We're thankful that God let us keep Michael, that his injuries were less serious than they might have been, and that we saw such kindness from God's people.

Love, **Richard & Mary Petrey and family**



Connect



Our NHYM 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.

April Benevolence Offering

\$357.00

MCEF Donations for May

Spaghetti Sauce

Church Council Meeting

May 8 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Mar 26, 2017

Apr 2, 2017

Apr 9, 2017

Apr 16, 2017

Apr 23, 2017

Attendance

				Easter	
Early Worship			98	190	68
Sunday School	137	109	153	157	162
Late Worship	241	169	181	246	178

Budget

Weekly Need	10,403.69	10,403.69	10,403.69	10,403.69	10,403.69
Weekly Receipts	5,842.21	13,717.92	9,066.45	9,943.10	5,547.50
YTD Goal	135,247.97	145,651.66	156,055.35	166,459.04	176,862.73
YTD Receipts	98,026.72	111,744.64	120,811.09	130,754.19	136,301.69

Bldg/Debt Retirement

60.00 525.00 25.00 50.00 0.00

Designated Gifts

711.00 525.25 849.00 464.86 403.00