

Prayer Thoughts

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

(The following narrative is derived from Thomas Aquinas' "On Prayer and The Contemplative Life.")

Is It Fitting To Pray?

In Luke's Gospel we read: We ought always to pray and not to faint.

A threefold error regarding prayer existed amongst the ancients; for some maintained that human affairs were not directed by Divine Providence; whence it followed that it was altogether vain to pray or to worship God; of such we read: You have said, he labor in vain that serve God. A second opinion was that all things, even human affairs, happened of necessity—whether from the immutability of Divine Providence, or from a necessity imposed by the stars, or from the connection of causes; and this opinion, of course, excluded all utility from prayer. A third opinion was that human affairs were indeed directed by Divine Providence, and that human affairs did not happen of necessity, but that Divine Providence was changeable, and that consequently its dispositions were changed by our prayers and by other acts of religious worship. These views, however, have elsewhere been shown to be wrong.

"Consequently we have so to set forth the utility of prayer as neither to make things happen of necessity because subject to Divine Providence, nor to suggest that the arrangements of Divine Providence are subject to change.

To bring this out clearly we must consider that Divine Providence not merely arranges what effects shall take place, but also from what causes they shall proceed, and in what order.

But amongst other causes human acts are causes of certain effects. Hence men must do certain things, not so that their acts may change the Divine arrangement, but that by their acts they may bring about certain effects according to the order arranged by God; and it is the same with natural causes. It is the same, too, in the case of prayer. For we do not pray in order to change the Divine arrangements, but in order to win that which God arranged should be fulfilled by means of prayers; or, in S. Gregory's words: "Men by petitioning may merit to receive what Almighty God arranged before the ages to give them."

Some, however, maintain that prayer is futile, thus:

1. Prayer seems to be necessary in order that we may bring our wants to the notice of Him to Whom we make the petition. But our Lord says: Your Father knows that ye have need of all these things.

But it is not necessary for us to set forth our petitions before

God in order to make known to Him our needs or desires, but rather that we ourselves may realize that in these things it is needful to have recourse to the Divine assistance.

2. Again, by prayer the mind of him to whom it is made is prevailed upon to grant what is asked of him; but the mind of God is unchangeable and inflexible: The Triumpher in Israel will not spare, and will not be moved to repentance; for He is not a man that He should repent. Consequently it is unavailing to pray to God.

But our prayers do not aim at changing the Divine arrangements, but at obtaining by our prayers what God has arranged to give us.

3. Lastly, it is more generous to give to one who does not ask than to one who asks, for, as Seneca remarks: "Nothing is bought at a dearer price than what is bought with prayers." Whereas God is most generous.

God, indeed, bestows on us many things out of His generosity, even things for which we do not ask; but He wishes to grant us some things on the supposition that we ask for them. And this is for our advantage, for it is intended to beget in us a certain confidence in having recourse to God, as well as to make us recognize that He is the Author of all good to us. Hence S. Chrysostom says: "Reflect what great happiness is bestowed upon you, what glory is given you, namely, to converse in your prayers with God "to join in colloquy with Christ, and to beg for what you wish or desire."

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Charlie Elliott	David McGhee
Audrey Garthright	Melvin Purvis
Mary Golding	Ann Shearin
Rose Harper	Margaret Toney
Sherwood Haskins	Ernest Valenti
Emma Hubbard	Robert Whitfield
George Linville	Daniel Wines
Shirley Linville	

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).

Franklin Graham Prayer Rally Decision America Tour

The prayer rally is Wednesday, October 12 at the Virginia State Capitol from 12 - 1 pm. If you can't attend, they will also have a live stream available that day.

A prayer meeting will be held at the State Capitol on 1000 Bank Street prior to the event: Sat., Oct. 1st at 9:30 a.m. in House Room 3. For more information, contact Michelle Brown (804) 928-2927.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Linda Peay and family in the death of her step-father, Innis Wood

Ann Shearin and family in the death of her brother

Susan Sandridge and family in the death of her mother, Virginia Jones

Thank You's

Dear New Highland Baptist Church family, I, along with my family, would like to express the utmost gratitude for all the kindnesses that have been extended to us through you. I really appreciate all of the cards, donations, prayers, words of kindness, meals, help, offers of help, and attendance at Mark's service. This church has been such a blessing through Mark's illness and death. Words cannot express the depth of my appreciation. This church truly operates as the "hands and feet of God" and I am so happy that Mark and I found and joined this church.

In Christ's love, **Merry Grimmert**

I would like to express thanks for the members of our church who volunteer to cover the office when I am out. Special thanks to **Ruth Harlow, Linda Searles, Brenda McAleese** and **Pat Smith** for covering recently.

Kristi Garstang

A special thanks to **Wayne Harrell** who selflessly volunteered his time to take care of the lawn almost the entire summer. Others who signed up were: **Bob Kossoff, Cullen Lumpkin, Stafford White, Tom Winecoff & Mike Patterson.**

Gospel Jail Ministry Fundraiser Banquet

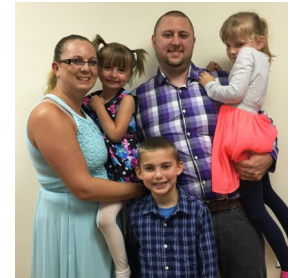
The Gospel Jail Ministry, a mission that NHBC supports with budgetary funds, will have a fundraiser banquet on Saturday, October 15 at 6:30 pm here at the church. Please come and join us for an evening of gospel music by The Finneys and Christian fellowship. A fantastic dinner will be served. The main speaker is Sgt. Terry Sullivan. There will be no charge. A love offering will be taken for the Gospel Jail Ministry. **Please RSVP by October 3** to Joe Driver at (804) 261-1810 or (804) 740-8702.

Trunk-O-Treat

Please join us for the 10th annual KIC Trunk-O-Treat event on Sun, October 30 from 4-6 pm. Hot dog dinners will be served. Open to the community – so bring your family & friends. Any donations of wrapped candy or prizes can be dropped off in the lobby near the KIC Rock.



New Members



Jeff and Caryn Fuerte
Joined September 11, 2016
By Letter
Children are Jacob, Diana
and Natalie

BGAV Annual Meeting in Roanoke

A promotional graphic for the BGAV Annual Meeting in Roanoke, VA. The background is a cityscape with mountains in the distance. Text includes: "More information at BGAV.org/Meeting", "Join Us in the Valley for the **BGAV ANNUAL MEETING**", "November 14-16, 2016", "Bonsack Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA", "THE **NEW WAY**", "you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples. If you love one another." John 13:33-35 (NIV)", "#BGAV16", "BGAV", and "main speaker **GABE LYONS**". There is a small photo of Gabe Lyons in the bottom right corner.

233rd Dover Baptist Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23 from 3 to 5 pm at Corinth Baptist Church, located at 11650 New Kent Hwy, New Kent. Registration begins at 2:30 pm.

All are welcome to attend. Claude & Barbara Aylor and Michelle Brown are messengers.

October 2

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

*OPEN

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NURSERY

Pat Smith

OPEN

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

October 9

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

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NURSERY

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USHERS

Wesley Thompson

Bailey Thompson

Mark Brown

Jordan Brown

Will Smith

Quinn Thompson

Dylan Smith

KIC CLUB/

WORSHIP

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Youth

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

October 16

10:30am

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USHERS

Harold Elliotte

Bill Martin

Tommy Searles

Nate Hostetter

Fred Small

David McGhee

Cheryl McGhee

KIC CLUB/

WORSHIP

TBA

Youth

October 23

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

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USHERS

Jennings Dawson

Tucker Dawson

Tim Smith

Ryan Smith

Arthur Garthright

Mike Sandridge

David Barnes

KIC CLUB/

WORSHIP

TBA

Youth

October 30

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

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USHERS

John Tschantre

Mike Pittman

Berkeley Rayfield

Pam Smith

Jordan Hostetter

Nolan Rayfield

KIC CLUB/

WORSHIP

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Youth

*Before Sunday School

^Before Worship

October Birthdays

1	Renee Snell	17	Michael Petrey
4	Ernest Valenti	19	Mike Martin
5	Mary LaPrade		Natalie Fuerte
	Tammy Patterson	21	Nicole Sutton
6	Pamela Falls		Emily Sutton
9	Judy Evans		Lori Rozecki
	Darnley Gammon	24	Tom Coppedge
	Marvin Mills	25	Bill Martin
	Warren Timberlake	26	Grayson Beck
12	Lindsey Newman	27	Luke Cliborne
15	Jackson Currie	29	Tracey Kazelskis
16	Caroline LeRoux	30	Kimi Brown
	Tim Gunn	31	Wayne Harrell
17	Sandra Edwards		

October Anniversaries

1	Eric & Lynn Bivens
5	Kevin & Sandra Smolen
8	Dave & Carol Evers
14	Shea & Holly Hutto
17	Tom & Mary Sue Coppedge
23	David & Kay Shelton
	Rob & Kimi Brown
	Jennings & Melissa Dawson
24	Brian & Wanda Martin
26	George & Shirley Linville
	Frank & Joan Whittaker
28	Tommy & Linda Searles

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

Nov Envoy — Oct 15 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon

Senior Pastor Search Dates

Town Hall Meeting—Wed, Oct 5 at 6:30 pm
 Call Weekend—Sat, Oct 8 through Sun, Oct 9 (TBA)
 Trial Sermon—Sun, Oct 9 at 10:30 am
 Called Business Meeting—Sun, Oct 16 at 11:30 am

Go! Time

Our NHYM youth meet for Go!Time on Sundays from 5:30 pm until 7 pm. Check your online calendar and bulletins for meeting dates. No Go!Time on 10/30, but join us to help with Trunk-O-Treat. Watch for the time.

Stop Hunger Now

We will be packaging meals again this year for the Stop Hunger Now organization. Please make plans to join us on Sunday afternoon, October 9th at 2 pm when we will package 12,744 meals. The cost of those meals is \$3,696. If you would like to register to attend or would like to contribute, please click below or visit:

<http://events.stophungernow.org/NHBC2016>

Your October world hunger offering envelopes help support this cause as well. For more info, see Michelle Brown or call her at 804-928-2927.



STOP HUNGER NOW.

Compassion International



October Sponsorship of
 Mohamed (Tanzania)
Mike and Tammy Patterson
Sponsors needed!

Alma Hunt Offering

As of 9/25/16, we have collected \$320 for the state mission offering.

Sept. Benevolence Offering

\$420.00

MCEF Donations for October

Pasta, rice and beans

Church Council Meeting

October 10 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Aug 28, 2016

Sept 4, 2016

Sept 11, 2016

Sept 18, 2016

Attendance

Sunday School	140	123	146	119
Worship	173	169	178	152

Budget

Weekly Need	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50
Weekly Receipts	7,215.90	11,180.02	5,776.00	5,637.00
YTD Goal	368,777.50	379,314.00	389,850.50	400,387.00
YTD Receipts	298,748.11	309,928.13	315,704.13	321,341.13

Bldg/Debt Retirement

50.00 385.00 200.00 50.00

Designated Gifts

395.00 159.05 199.00 255.00