



# NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2017

## The Envoy

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### Dear NHBC Family

I want to begin by thanking you again for your help in getting us settled in our new home. Without your generous support, this would not have been possible. We are so very thankful for your support. In just a few days we are scheduled to move into our new house and we are very excited.

I have a question for you – are you really thankful? If you asked most people, especially people of faith, I would suspect that the answer would be a resounding - Yes! Of course, I am thankful – duh!

Ok, if that is the case, do you demonstrate your thankfulness? In our world, it seems much more likely that people are complaining than there are people openly expressing their thanks.

“Pollyanna” is a famous Disney movie from decades ago. In it, the main character – a pre-teen girl who grew up in a missionary family, displays a positive attitude and thankfulness for everything. She tells a story about requesting a doll as a present and getting excited when the missionary barrel arrived at her home. When the container was opened, there was no doll. Instead it contained crutches, which would seem to be a great disappointment. Pollyanna explained, however, that she played the Glad Game to find a reason to be thankful for what she received and she came up with being thankful that she didn’t need the crutches.

Do you play the Glad Game, finding things to be thankful for, or is your heart more likely to complain? Our human tendency, at least it seems in our culture, is to have high expectations and to be disappointed when we receive anything less. I have found it interesting that the people I have met who are the most truly thankful are those who do not have a lot of worldly goods. Many of them will brag about how God always provides, but by our standards they live in poverty. Is it possible to be thankful in poverty?

Is it possible that the people who have the most, those who are most blessed, tend to be the very people who are quick to complain and slow to be thankful? While we have so much to be thankful for, I think it is easy to get distracted away from those blessings we have and focus our hearts on the things we still want.

So, during this time that we remember a thankful group of early settlers who had gone through a devastating year in what was then a wilderness, may we reflect within ourselves and make sure that we are people of thanks.

Again, I want you to know I am thankful for you and for the opportunity I have to be with you – my church family.

Blessings,

### November Worship

#### **Sunday, November 5 Communion**

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

#### **Sunday, November 12 Baptisms**

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

#### **Sunday, November 19**

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

#### **Sunday, November 26**

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

### Shoebox Wrapping Party

Join us for our shoebox wrapping/packing party on Sunday, November 12th from 3-5pm. Start looking for items to pack in the shoeboxes, but note that toothpaste and candy are no longer allowed.

Please be in prayer for the children who will receive these shoeboxes, that they will experience and understand the love of Christ through this gift.

We will also be volunteering at the Baltimore Distribution Center in December. Open dates and times are listed below. [Contact Kim Gunn](#) by December 1st to register. Dates and time slots are available on a first come, first serve basis. The minimum age to volunteer is 13 years old.



Monday, December 11  
9am to 1 pm OR 1 pm to 5 pm

Tuesday, December 12  
9 am to 1 pm OR 2 pm to 6pm

Wednesday, December 13  
9 am to 1 pm

### Deacons on Call—November

David McGhee  
Roy Peay

804-382-6570  
804-929-4402

## 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

### **Are You Using Prayer to Prepare Your Daily Living? —With Great Confidence?**

**Consider:** Acts 2:1—When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Prayer does not give you spiritual power. Prayer aligns your life with God so that He chooses to demonstrate His power through you. The purpose of prayer is not to convince God to change your circumstances but to prepare you to be involved in God's activity. The fervent prayer of the people at Pentecost did not induce the Holy Spirit to come upon them. Prayer brought them to a place where they were ready to participate in the mighty work God had already planned. Jesus told His followers to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit came upon them (Acts 1:4–5). The disciples obeyed His command, waiting for God's next directive. As they prayed, God adjusted their lives to what He intended to do next. As they prayed, a unity developed among them. For the first time the disciples used Scripture as their guide in decision-making (Acts 1:15–26). The day of Pentecost arrived, and the city of Jerusalem filled with pilgrims from around the world. When God released His Holy Spirit upon the disciples, He had already filled the city with messengers who would carry the gospel to every nation. Prayer had prepared the disciples for their obedient response. Prayer is designed to adjust you to God's will, not to adjust God to your will. If God has not responded to what you are praying, you may need to adjust your praying to align with God's agenda. Rather than focusing on what you would like to see happen, realize that God may be more concerned with what He wants to see happen in you.

**Examine:** 1 John 5:14-15 - Focuses on the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of Him.

Throughout the Scriptures, we are encouraged to pray. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells His disciples to keep asking, seeking, and knocking while trusting the Heavenly Father to give what is good to His children (Matt. 7:7-11). And in Philippians 4:6, Paul urges us to respond to anxiety by praying about everything. Therefore, it's obvious that God wants us to come to Him with all our needs and concerns. This passage assures us that the Lord hears and answers our prayers. However, this promise is accompanied by one very important stipulation: We must ask according to His will. But how can we know whether our request is what He desires? Much of God's will is clearly revealed in Scripture, but what are we to do when an issue is not directly addressed in the Bible? Though we'd like to feel confident that the Lord will hear and answer, at times our prayers seem like shots in the dark because we have no idea whether they align with His will. If we dare to admit it, there are also times when we just want God to do what we ask, without regard to what He desires.

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If we want to pray effectively, our goal should not be to offer up quick, thoughtless, or self-willed prayers in hopes of receiving speedy answers. Instead, we must learn to pray wisely and wait patiently. Along with voicing our concerns and requests to God, we should also offer ourselves up in submission to our Father, as Jesus did in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:39). When we are yielded and obedient to the Lord, His Spirit guides us and provides the wisdom we need in order to pray according to His will.

## Congratulations

Tommy and Linda Searles celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 28th.

Charles and Rose Harper will celebrate 50 years of marriage on November 4th.



## New Members



**Mason Rozecki**  
Joined 10/1/17  
by Profession of Faith  
Awaiting Baptism

## Prayer Concerns

\*Hospitalized at time of printing

Dick Cousins	Dot Pierce
Charlie Elliott	Roy Peay
Mary Golding	Ann Shearin
Merry Grimmert	Will Smith
Rose Harper	Sandra Smolen
Sherwood Haskins	Shirley Sprouse
George Linville	Margaret Toney
Shirley Linville	Ernest Valenti
Bruce McAleese	Robert Whitfield
Beldon Mullins	

### **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).

## News from Jennifer

Attention NHYM (youth grades 6-12) and Beyond (ages 18-29)!

Due to the different special events happening this November (the 5th quarter/lock-in; the shoebox packing; and Thanksgiving holiday) - our normal weekly schedule will be unique and special.

You will notice that every Wednesday in November except the Thanksgiving Wednesday, we will have a joint NHYM & Beyond Bible study from 6:30-7:30pm. Please pay attention to the different Sunday times!

Please mark your calendars with the dates below. Additionally, the Beyond young adult group will have a spontaneous outing sometime this month also.

Please pass the word to any youth or young adult you know! Also remember that we have wonderful Sunday School classes for these age groups every Sunday at 9:45am.

Wednesday, November 1  
6:30-7:30pm: NHYM Sign Language practice & prayer time

Friday, November 3  
9:30-11:45pm: NHYM 5th Quarter followed by  
11:45pm-7:30am: NHYM Lock-in

Sunday, November 5  
No NHYM & Beyond.

Wednesday, November 8  
6:30-7:30pm: NHYM & Beyond joint Bible study

Sunday, November 12  
3:00-5:00: Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing  
5:00-6:30pm: Dinner out (location TBA; drivers needed; Dutch treat)



Wednesday, November 15  
6:30-7:30pm: NHYM & Beyond joint Bible study

Sunday, November 19  
5:30-9:00pm: "Meaning in the Movies"  
Movie and Bible study based on the film. (Location TBA)

Wednesday, November 22  
No NHYM & Beyond.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 26  
NHYM & Beyond TBD.

Wednesday, November 29  
6:30-7:30pm: NHYM & Beyond joint Bible study

PILOT meeting TBD. Due to the unique schedule of November, I will personally call the PILOT members to arrange the time to meet up. We will then promote it and all interested adults will be invited to come.

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## 55-and-Older Thanksgiving Luncheon

Senior Adults!

You are Invited to the Annual  
55-and-Older  
Thanksgiving Luncheon

Following the  
11 am Worship Service  
Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
In the CLC

Come join us for great food  
and fellowship!



## Thank You's

We want to thank Rusty for the wonderful service he did for Audrey, for all those who came to Colosse for the reception, and for the overwhelming support at the visitation. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

### **The Garthright and Brown Families**

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your gift of \$3,758.40 to **Rise Against Hunger**, formerly Stop Hunger Now. You have changed lives with your contribution and we are truly grateful. Your gift helps build a firm foundation of support for children like Anderson in Zambia. Anderson, who lost both of his parents, has made great progress since he began receiving Rise Against Hunger meals distributed to the school by Mercy Ministries International. Once a child with very little energy who rarely interacted with his classmates, Anderson is now cheerful and attentive in his classes and enjoys interacting with other children at school. Anderson's life has changed because of you. With your support, Anderson and thousands of children like him around the world have a chance. And because of you, they can break the cycle of poverty that so many of our global neighbors fight on a daily basis.

We would like to thank the members of New Highland for the kind remembrances for the recent passing of my mother, Eunice Barnes.

May God Bless, **David & Grace Barnes**

The **church staff** would like to thank all those in our congregation who brought notes, treats, gift cards, etc. to make us feel appreciated during staff appreciation month. We are lucky to serve you and we know it!!

## Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th.

## Reminder



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 5th. On Saturday evening, November 4th, set your clocks **BACK** one hour.

**November 5**

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

\*Shirley Hawks  
Theresa Whitley

**NURSERY**

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

**USHERS**

\*Kevin Harnden  
Kirby Hutchinson

DL Wells  
Chris Whitley  
David Dixon  
Jon Cliborne  
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

\*Jon Cliborne  
Youth  
Jaime Harnden  
Youth

**November 19**

**\*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

Tommy Searles  
Nate Hostetter  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

\*OPEN  
\*Youth  
Tanya Shearin  
Youth

**November 12**

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

\*Jennifer Diehl  
Laura Beck

**NURSERY**

\*Kira VanSteenburgh  
\*Carol Evers  
Rae Pittman  
Barbara Valenti  
Tonya Vasser

**USHERS**

\*Tommy Searles

\*Linda Searles  
\*Merry Grimmatt  
Wesley Thompson

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

**KIC CLUB/  
WORSHIP**

\*Linda Searles  
\*Youth  
OPEN  
Youth

**November 26**

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

\*Kim Gunn  
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**

\*Holly Hutto  
\*Youth  
OPEN  
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**November Birthdays**

4	Rose Harper Lydia Shearin	19	Ron Laitinen Larry Powell
6	Nick Brown Fred Small	21	Jon Cliborne Rick Purdy
7	Sandra Smolen		Holly Hutto
8	Ken Long		Bruce McAleese
9	Michael Mirzaie	22	Carol Steiner
10	Brian Flood	23	Susan Sandridge
11	Erin Schricker Tessa Chenault		Dot Martin Addison Zavitz
12	Nolan Rayfield	24	Courtney Gunn
13	Laura McAleese Dawn Hall	25	Gordon Martin
14	Kira VanSteenburgh Stephen Castle (son) Chuck Finke	26	Amy Hunter Elaine Cliborne Tina Howell
16	Anna Eby	27	Mark Brown Tommy Newman
18	Sam Davis Ryan Brickey	29	Kyle Newman

**November Anniversaries**

4	Charles and Rose Harper
23	Chris and Theresa Whitley Tommy and Renee Newman
28	Bill and Janice Finnegan DL and Leslie Wells



