



NEW HIGHLAND

Baptist Church

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And So It Begins . . .

As we begin the Advent season, we also begin a new chapter of our lives together. My family and I are moving from Radford to your area to join with you so we can journey together as a spiritual family, a part of the body of Christ.

While it is beyond exciting for us, it is also going to be stressful. Housing, moving, reestablishing ourselves in a new area and being able to find the Chick-fil-A during emergencies are just a few of the challenges we face. Please be patient with us as we adjust to our new lives – one day soon it will feel like our being here is perfectly normal and I look forward to that day.

Thanks to everyone who has done so very much to make us feel welcome already. Many have reached out to us through social media and email to begin developing a relationship. We appreciate that we walk into New Highland feeling loved.

Some of you took the time to send us a card in Radford, which was also greatly appreciated. It is nice to feel like you want to get to know us as much as we want to get to know you and that shows your love and concern.

While we are going to be extra busy during this wonderful season, I want to warn all of us not to get caught up in the busyness of the time so much that we miss the message of Advent. The temptation is always there – focus on the family who you dread having to face during the holiday, focus on the decorations and the glitz of the season, focus on getting the perfect gift for everyone, focus on making the perfect meal, focus on the social gatherings. . . the list could go on and on. Our true focus should not be on anything like the list above.

This is not a season to be distracted by the flashing lights, but to focus on the fact that God sent His Light into the world in the form of a baby boy. Avoid the temptation to allow the traditions we have created to overtake the true reason we celebrate – the fact that God sent His one and only Son to this earth to be our Immanuel – God with us.

I challenge you to take time this season to be still and understand the importance of what we are celebrating. I am not anti-Christmas, as you will find out. Our family celebrates the season in a big way, but I try to do so keeping the manger as the focus. Jennifer brought a tradition to our celebration. The first thing under the Christmas tree each year is our nativity set and we have taught our kids that the most valuable gift any Christmas or any other day is the gift God gave us when He sent His Son for us.

It is my sincere prayer that you have a blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas. Blessings, **Rusty**

December Worship

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion

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

Friday, December 9
"The Wonder of Christmas"
Cantata

Program at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
"The Wonder of Christmas"
Cantata

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

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Saturday, December 24

Worship Service at 3:30pm
Worship Service at 5:30pm

Sunday, December 25
Christmas

NO Sunday School
Combined Worship at 10:30am

Church Office

The church office will be closed Mon, Dec 26 and Tues, Dec 27 for Christmas, and Mon, Jan 2 for New Years.



Deacons on Call—December

Eric Bivens 804-986-0867
Tim Smith 804-337-2865

Prayer Thoughts

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

(The following narrative is derived from E. M. Bounds' - Book 2 Essentials of Prayer)

Prayer Takes in the Entire Person

Prayer has to do with the entire person—entire being, mind, soul, and body. Accordingly, not only does prayer require the entire person (giving oneself to God in praying), but affects the entire person in its gracious results. Know that the largest results come to those individuals who give themselves; all of themselves and all that belongs to them, to God. Full consecration with successful praying yields the greater results. God wants, and must have, all that there is in us in answering our prayers. He needs wholehearted people to work out His purposes and plans concerning humanity. Conditions are from the entire person with no vacillating and no divided allegiance to God.

Holiness is Wholeness

God wants holy people who are whole-hearted and true for His service and the work of praying. See 1 Thessalonians 5:23
MSG: *May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.* Soul, spirit, and body are to unite in all things pertaining to life and godliness.

It is a Person's Business to Pray

To pray requires courageous people giving themselves entirely to prayer. Acknowledge prayer is far reaching in its influence and gracious effects. God's work is intense and profound and involves His plans and purposes. Undivided hearts and total love of God are essential traits.

Whole-hearted Praying

Note Psalm 119:10 NIV - *Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.*

Consider the thoughts of the following poem's verse:

*"Tis not enough to bend the knee,
And words of prayer to say;
The heart must with the lips agree,
Or else we do not pray.*

Prayers of Jesus

Hebrews 5:7 NIV - *During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he*

offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. (Jesus invoked soul, mind and body.)

The Whole Person Benefits

God sees to it that when the whole person prays the whole person is blessed. Divine guidance means God so moving and impressing the mind that we shall make wise and safe decisions. Psalm 25:9 NIV - *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.*

Christmas Cantata

Friday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 11 at 10:30 am

We will be presenting our Christmas Cantata, ***The Wonder of Christmas***, on Friday night at 7 pm and on Sunday during the 10:30 worship service. In addition to the worship choir, this year's production will feature children's choir, men's choir, praise team, and orchestra (winds, strings, and percussion).
You won't want to miss it!

Commitment Cards

To date, commitment cards have been collected that total \$265,285.00, which is just over 49% pledged toward our 2017 church budget of \$540,991.90. If you would like to make a pledge, commitment cards are still available on the bookcase in front of the church office window and may be returned in the black lock-box by the church office door. Cards do not have to include your name. You may also [email](#) commitments to Kristi.

Prayer Concerns

***Hospitalized at time of printing**

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| Charlie Elliott | Beldon Mullins |
| Mary Golding | Melvin Purvis |
| Rose Harper | Ann Shearin |
| Sherwood Haskins | *Will Smith |
| George Linville | Margaret Toney |
| Shirley Linville | 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).

In Memoriam



Daniel Wines
Deceased November 12, 2016
United with NHBC
February 22, 2009

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:
Carol Wines and family in the death
of her husband, Daniel Wines

Guest Parking

Just a reminder to please leave guest parking open for new guests to use on Sunday mornings. Thanks!

Warm Things

We will be collecting gently used and new "Warm Things" (coats, sweat-shirts, blankets, hats, gloves, socks, etc.) for the homeless people in the CARITAS program and the Healing Place program for men. The things we are collecting are for women, men, and children. Donations can be put in the box in the Mission Corner. The last day to bring your items is Sunday, December 16th. See Michelle Brown for more information.



D-Now is Coming!



Make plans now to take a walk through Micah and find out what it takes to follow God with all your heart!!

Please consider how you might be able to help. We need support in the following areas:

- Student Sign-up - make a commitment to join us for the weekend
- Host Homes - open your home to a group of students and small group leader(s)
- Small Group Leaders - would you be willing to spend the weekend at a host home with a group of our students?

If you said "YES" to any of these questions... please [contact Chris Beck](#).

Christmas Offerings

Help the gospel resound. Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. 100% of the money collected goes to sending and sustaining missionaries with their international missions efforts. Theme for 2016: The Gospel Resounds (Colossians 1:5-6) Week of Prayer for International Missions: December 4-11, 2016

Give to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions. The CBF Offering for Global Missions is the primary source of support ensuring the long-term presence of field personnel around the world - funding salaries, benefits, housing costs and children's educational needs.

Theme for 2016: Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ

Offerings not designated to one or the other are split 50/50.

2017 Directories

Production of the 2017 directories will begin soon. If you have updates to your address, phone number or emails, please contact the church office with those as soon as possible. Also, if you'd like cell phone numbers or emails included in your information, please let us know. Our new software allows us to include cell phone numbers for each adult.

NHYM Meeting

On Sunday, December 4, beginning at 5:45 pm, the NHYM committee, Lead team & parents will have an opportunity to meet with members of the Personnel and Stewardship committees to assess the progress of hiring a new Youth Pastor/Assoc. Pastor. If you have any questions, comments, topics, etc. you would like to include on the agenda, please let Staci Smith know. We will provide light refreshments and drinks, including coffee!

Christmas Caroling



The Mission Committee and Women on Mission will be sponsoring a Christmas Caroling visit to the Hanover Health Care Center on Lee Davis Road on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to participate. We will be singing, praying, and passing out 100 treat bags to the patients. Come out and help spread the love of Christ and some holiday cheer to people at the health care center. See Michelle Brown for more information.

Christmas Post Office

Save the cost of a stamp by using our Christmas Post Office, and make a donation to missions instead! Kay Fields and Shirley Hawks are coordinating this project this year. Place cards (only for "regular" attenders) in the appropriate slots and then place your donation, marked "Christmas Post Office," in the black box by the church office door. The mailboxes are near the Missions Corner. Mail should be picked up no later than Sunday, January 8th.



Congratulations

To **Bailey Thompson** and **Quinn Thompson** upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Bailey and Quinn are the sons of Wesley and Carol Thompson and brothers of Carlin. Bailey is a senior and Quinn is a sophomore at Atlee High School.



Inclement Weather Announcements



When inclement weather is in the area we will post a voice mail on our phone line (550-9601) by 5:30 am on Sunday mornings to advise you of our schedule. TV Channels 6, 8 and 12 will have our closing information on their list of closings. If

Hanover County schools are closed on a Wednesday, we will not have MWE activities.

Poinsettia Orders

You may order a poinsettia(s) by Sunday, Dec 11. The cost is \$16 per plant and you may designate them in honor of, or in memory of, an individual. The plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service you attend. Order forms will be located in front of the church office on the bookcase and can be placed in the black box with payment attached.



NHYM Christmas Party

The NHYM (and former NHYM) Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 18th at the home of the Thompson family (10252 Radford Mill Terrace in Kings Charter). We will begin at 5 pm. If you would like to participate in the crazy gift exchange, please remember to bring a wrapped \$5 gift. NHYM will provide chicken tenders, paper products, and drinks. Middle school students should bring desserts and high school students should bring sides. College students should bring either a dessert or a side. We hope that you will all be able to join us.

Birthday Party for Jesus



On Sunday, December 18th, our children will celebrate Jesus' birthday during Sunday School.

Mid-Week Encounter 2017

Regular Wednesday night Midweek Encounter activities will resume on January 11 from 6:30-7:30 pm for youth and adults (children meet at 6:15 pm). Our new pastor, Rusty Mullins, will lead this 12-session study in helping us understand our "Baptist Distinctives," that is, what Baptists believe as a denomination. Adults and youth will join together in the CLC where Reverend Mullins will give a 20-30 minute lesson. At the close of his lesson, the youth will return to their individual rooms and adults will gather in small groups in the CLC. Led by a facilitator, small groups (youth included) will discuss the topic based on a list of questions that will be provided by the pastor.

Children will meet at 6:15 pm as usual in the children's wing and will be led by Mrs. Kim and her team. They will be FINDING JESUS by exploring ocean animals. Each week a new sea animal will teach them that no matter how deep. . . nothing can separate us from the love of God.

MWE meals will resume as well. Meals will rotate between Chick-fil-A, pizza, subs, and home-cooked/potluck (details still being confirmed). Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 per child, not to exceed \$16 per family.

If you plan to attend MWE this session, please pray about how you may be involved. Many opportunities for individuals to serve are available. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- helpers for the children's department,
- facilitators for small group discussion, and
- meal coordinators for monthly rotation.

Please contact Kim Gunn if you would like to assist in the children's department. If you have questions about or would like to help in any of the other volunteer opportunities, please contact Tanya Shearin, David Barnes, or Gloria Pierce. We'd be happy to provide additional information as needed.

Virginia Baptist Foundation Scholarships

To assist families with the escalating cost of tuition, the VBF and its donors are committed to providing scholarships to Virginia Baptist Students. The VBF offers scholarships on an annual basis to qualifying students. Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited institution, members of a cooperating BGAV church and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Online applications for the 2017/2018 academic year are available at www.vbfinc.org, and must be submitted no later than January 31, 2017.

December 4

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Cheryl McGhee

NURSERY

Emma Hunter
Kelley Mayhew
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

December 18

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

Pam Smith
Tim Smith
Carol Thompson
Penny Layne

USHERS

Harold Elliotte

Bill Martin
Tommy Searles
Nate Hostetter
Fred Small
David McGhee
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Holly Hutto
Youth

December 11

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Shirley Hawks

NURSERY

Rae Pittman
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser
Joan Purdy

USHERS

Wesley Thompson

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

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

NO KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP TODAY

December 25

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Kim Gunn

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**

Kim Gunn
Youth

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December Birthdays

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| 1 | Katie Falls | 22 | Barbara Gammon |
| | Page Marriner | | Sherwood Haskins |
| 3 | Rob Brown | 24 | Caitlyn Roberts |
| | Eric Sandridge | 28 | Jean Harding |
| | Matt Sandridge | | Peyton Steele |
| 4 | Kim Gunn | | Heather Uzel |
| 7 | Edward DuRocher | 29 | Jamie Brinkman |
| 10 | Tracy Harrell | | Alli Crytser |
| | Linda Searles | 30 | Norman Eby |
| 11 | Kathy White | | Judy Timberlake |
| | Robert Whitfield | | |
| 12 | Joan Purdy | | |
| 13 | Carson Brickley | | |
| | Bill Currie | | |
| 16 | Leigh Harrell | | |
| | Carter Zavitz | | |
| 17 | Pat Smith | | |

December Anniversaries

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| 4 | Tim & Julie Sutton |
| 9 | Jon & Elaine Cliborne |
| 15 | Paul & Lori Rozecki |
| 20 | David & Grace Barnes |
| 28 | Ron & Sara Rhodes |

Staff Ministry Team

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Page Marriner, Accompanist

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Office Hours:
 Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
 Phone: 804-550-9601

2016 Contributions

Contributions to the 2016 operating budget can be made until Friday, December 30th by turning them in to the office during office hours. If mailed, they must be postmarked by the 31st to be included in 2016 contributions. Also, as a reminder, appreciated stock can be given to NHBC to receive great tax benefits. You receive a deduction for the value of the stock but do not pay income taxes on the stock appreciation! If you would like more information contact Kristi Garstang in the church office.

2017 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes will be available in the front foyer on Sunday, December 11. If you aren't a member and would like a box, please let Kristi know.

College Student Addresses

We want to love on our college students, but need current addresses in order to be able to do so. Please [email Kristi](#) as soon as possible with this information. If your student lives at home, let us know that as well.

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 12/25—Christmas. Enjoy your families!

January Envoy Deadline

Due to the holidays, the deadline for the January Envoy is Friday, December 9th.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

Jan Envoy — Dec 9 | Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon



Compassion International

November/December
 Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)
Linda Searles
Sponsors needed!

November Benevolence Offering

\$668.00

MCEF Donations for December

Hot and cold cereals

Church Council Meeting

December 14 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Oct 30, 2016

Nov 6, 2016

Nov 13, 2016

Nov 20, 2016

Attendance

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|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sunday School | 141 | 155 | 116 | 135 |
| Worship | 165 | 194 | 185 | 180 |

Budget

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| Weekly Need | 10,536.50 | 10,536.50 | 10,536.50 | 10,536.50 |
| Weekly Receipts | 7,165.00 | 15,132.62 | 7,497.25 | 4,907.00 |
| YTD Goal | 463,606.00 | 474,142.50 | 484,679.00 | 495,215.50 |
| YTD Receipts | 371,126.74 | 386,259.36 | 393,756.61 | 398,663.61 |

Bldg/Debt Retirement

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| 0.00 | 1,560.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 |
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Designated Gifts

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| 239.90 | 263.00 | 110.00 | 1,487.78 |
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