



Meanwhile

I've always been a fan of Jon Bon Jovi, from way back in the '80s when rainy summer days with my cousins were full of MTV and Days of our Lives. I had posters and teen magazines to give all the inside scoop. Naturally, I was thrilled when he was scheduled to be at the Greenbrier Classic more than a dozen years ago and when my sweet cousin texted me to tell me she had scored some tickets and asked if I wanted to go with her. That trip is one of my favorite memories.

But even Jon Bon Jovi had a time before he was singing to me from my television set. He was a kid. He was a teenager. He had jobs. Turns out, while he was trying to make it as a musician, he was working on and off as a janitor. Can you even imagine? Walking down a hallway somewhere and there he is with a dustpan.

Other "Before They Were Stars" include Madonna working at Dunkin' Donuts, Jennifer Aniston working as a telemarketer and a waitress, Morgan Freeman with a paper route, and George Clooney trying out for the Cincinnati Reds, but not making the cut.

Acts 7:53 gives us a glimpse into the Apostle Paul's "Before They Were Stars" moment.

"...Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul."

At this point in the book of Acts, Stephen had been doing all sorts of miracles and sharing Jesus' story with everyone, causing nonbelievers to get worked up. They accused him of blasphemy. When asked if these things were true, Steven gives a beautiful speech, summing up a great deal of the Old Testament and accused his accusers of resisting the Holy Spirit. You can imagine how well that went. They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

"Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul."

We get a subtle introduction of some young guy named Saul. Saul, a man who would be better known as Paul doing miracles, writing at least 13 books of the New Testament, and leading continents to the Lord.

His "meanwhile" was holding coats for people who were killing others for preaching about Jesus.

But God had other plans for him. I'm so thankful for God's plans.

What plans could God have for a girl who, meanwhile, was writing a devotional...

For a guy who, meanwhile, was painting some cars...

A woman who, meanwhile, was cooking in the cafeteria...

A man who, meanwhile, was unemployed...

A woman who, meanwhile, was teaching 3rd grade...

A grandfather who, meanwhile, just entered his retirement era...

It's exciting to think about... We are going about our daily business, and God steps in, and mixes things up, making even more beautiful things happen.

Listen for His direction. Sometimes He goes drastic to get our attention -like with Saul's 3 days of blindness. Sometimes it's in line with what we are already doing. Sometimes it isn't. Follow the passions He has put in your heart. Say yes when He gives you an opportunity. Show His love everywhere you go.

If we are still breathing, God can use us. Our stories aren't finished. Thank you, Lord!

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect." 1 Corinthians 15:10a

-Jennifer Chapman

Hello JUNE

HF Youth
SUMMER KICKOFF
June 10
6 PM

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Torsten Ennis | 16 Jaiden Tomblin |
| 3 Beth Miller | Judy Patton |
| 6 Andy Strow | Wynston Brown |
| Tori Cheek | 17 Damion Bishop |
| 8 Chris Parsons | 18 Elias Castillo |
| 9 Meghan Krause | 19 Alecia Legge |
| Teresa Price | 20 Michael Lambert |
| 11 Paul Montie | 22 Brady McSweeney |
| Summer Dodson | 23 Nicolas Zornes |
| 12 Baker Knapp | 26 Jim Hamilton |
| 13 Frank Boggess | Tessa Petry |
| Timmy Thomas | 29 Eva Angeron |
| 14 Callie Cummings | Harper Pannell |
| Melissa Hamilton | Uriah Cade |
| Judy Lewis | 30 Kaylynn Angle |
| Satine Patrick | |

Anniversaries

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| 6 Alan and Annie Pannell | 22 Seth & Abigail Thomas |
| 15 Joshua & Alex Pannell | 25 Matthew & Sarah Thomas |
| Andrew & Tessa Petry | 26 Jim & Cheryll Barr |
| 18 Boyd & Susan Rorabaugh | 30 Trevor & Hannah Lanz |

2nd Saturday Prayer

June 13 at 9 AM

WV NAZARENE CAMPS 2026

Primary Camp (Grades 1-5) June 7-12

Special Needs Camp June 12-14

Middle School Camp (Grades 6-8) June 15-19

Senior High School Camp (Grades 9-12) June 22-26

Family Camp July 12-19

Widow's Luncheon
June 20th



HF Homebound Church Family

- Marian Crowe
- Deborah Gibson
- Marie Scheff
- Melba Sprouse
- Tammy Stultz
- Eleanor Dean
- Ron Davidson (Katie)
- Nancy Hampton (temporarily)
- Ron Dallis (Judi)

Let's remember to pray for each one, consider sending a card or even visiting them.

If we have missed anyone, or if you need the addresses, please see Joey Saxton, Mona Epperly or contact the church office.



Huntington First
 Church of the Nazarene

CLOTHING Giveaway

JUNE

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9A - 12P



CRISIS CARE KITS

Hand Towels

June Collection Item

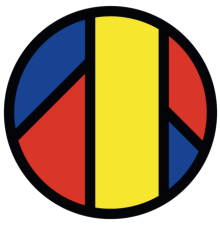


June Mission Offering will support



through the WV South Kid's Project





JUNE 2026

ALL CHURCH, **HF KIDS**, **HF YOUTH**, **HF WOMEN'S MIN**, **THRIVE**
HIGHLAWN COMMUNITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups	3 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	4	5	6 Clothing Closet GiveAway THRIVE-Mom's of Little Ones
MVNU Field Blast						
7 Delegates ELECTION	8	9 THRIVE-Rick's Group Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	10 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	11 THRIVE- Married Group	12	13 2nd Saturday Prayer
Primary Camp						
					Special Needs Camp	
14 Sp Needs Camp	15	16 THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups	17 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	18	19 Amish Country Excursion	20 Widow's Luncheon
Middle School Camp						
21 NDI Meeting FATHER'S DAY	22	23 THRIVE-Rick's Group Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	24 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	25 THRIVE- Married Group	26	27
High School Camp						
28 Leadership Team Meeting	29	30 THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups				

Connect. Thrive. Serve.

"Our vision at HF is to be a church that is **CONNECTING** with Christ and people,
THRIVING in Christ and God's Word and **SERVING** Christ and others."

CONNECTING:

Ministry Center: (Gathering Room) Some needed electrical work has been completed and we are still waiting on plumbing to take place. The Health Department came and they will be working with the city to help us get things concluded with inspections. Red tape takes lots and lots of time but we're still hopeful for a June opening. Please pray!

Local Ministries: On May 9 there was a Small Business Market in the Ball FLC as well as the Spring Opening to the Highlawn Community Garden and although the weather kept some away, both were a success. There are still several garden plots available. If anyone would like to claim one, please contact our Garden Manager Rick Treadway and he'll get you set. HF also hosted an ALS Awareness Dinner on May 12 with about 80 in attendance.

THRIVING:

Baptism: *Acts 22:16* tells says, **"What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord."** Have you been "putting-it-off, waiting for the right time, not in a rush" or have you said, "I really should do that.?" Baptism is a public profession of what Christ has done in your heart. If you haven't followed-through with this Biblical command, please reach out to the Church office or a Pastor and we'll set a date to make it happen!

Youth Pastor: We welcomed Pastor Sawyer and his wife Livvi 2 weeks ago and we're looking forward to what God will do through his leadership in HF Youth Ministries. Thank you for your prayers for their ministry here and for your generosity in the Gift Card Shower. Thanks for loving them well; they are so grateful. Pray also for the Youth Ministry Team as they have been preparing hard to get the students ready for Regional Blast at MVNU June 3-6.

SERVING:

***Church Elections:** Thank you for voting in our annual Church elections. We welcome three new Leadership Team/Board members (Bethany Lambert, Pete Thomas and Frank Boggess) as well as incumbents Rick Epperly, Joey Saxton, Abigail Thomas and Lynda Turner), a new Missions President (Cyndi Saxton), new NYI President (Susan Rorabaugh) and again NDI Chair Jerry Bellomy.

Additional Election: There was a little mix-up with the Lay Delegate nominations to the 2026 District Assembly and we will need to hold another election (Lay Delegates only) The full list of nominations that came from the Nominating Committee was approved by the Leadership Team/Board, and (after-the-fact) I double checked the requirements and limitations as to how many people could be elected for those positions. After I researched, I found out we are only allowed five Delegates.

Because the full original list was so large (22 total) I went back to the original list and went with the first group of 10 that I had. (Those were the ones voted on in the election.) That's completely appropriate to do within the Nominating Committee, but not after the full list had been approved by the LT/Board.

So, to do things correctly, each one of the names submitted from the Nominating Committee have received a letter and have been given the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. The vote will take place on **June 7th** so, please make a point to be there and vote just before Sunday School and right after church. I'm truly sorry for the oversight, and grateful for your grace.

Pastor's Note: It's been my hope and purpose to be able to keep our church body informed about the exciting things happening here at Huntington First. If you ever find yourself in need, or just have a question, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, a Staff Pastor or a Leadership Team member. Let's all go and be light in a dark world!

In Jesus,
Pastor Marc