

September *news*



Good Job

Miss Horn was my sixth-grade teacher. From first grade to that moment, I had a total of two teachers. I heard we imported this one from Michigan. She seemed to be at least 47 years old, which felt pretty ancient to a sixth-grader. If you said to her at recess, "Can I go to the bathroom?" she would respond with, "I don't know, can you?" She was also the first adult I had heard use the word "flippin'."

In sixth grade, we had a number of writing assignments. While I don't have many artifacts from my childhood, I do have a couple of poems from that year – one about hair and one about a snowflake – each graded with encouraging notes about my writing from Miss Horn. Another was a story about Shawn and me, and though I used aliases, she knew who it was about. She wrote a positive note on that story as well.

Those notes not only helped me on those days, but remembering them continues to build me up even now.

First Thessalonians was the third book written in the New Testament. Paul writes this letter to boost the spirit of the church, reminding them to stay on track. He tells them about what to expect leading up to Jesus' return, including persecution and temptation. He reminds them to keep up the good work. He finishes the letter with a burst of reminders, like the grand finale of the Camden Park fireworks. "Encourage the timid..." "Help the weak..." "Be joyful always..." "Test everything..."

In chapter 5, verse 11, he says, "Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

The time we are here on earth matters, and Pastor Marc shares with us often how we can make that time count. Paul is doing that here. Encouraging each other and building each other up should be easy for us to do, but there are a couple of things that can stand in our way.

One is jealousy. Speaking for myself, if I feel threatened by someone else's progress, it's easy not to share words that will build that person up. I'm not proud of that, and it's something I'm intentionally working on. When I encourage them anyway, I have zero regret about it. Building each other up is always the best option.

The second thing that stands in our way is simply neglecting to do it. We mean to, but we forget. We see something done well, and think about how we should let the person know, but that's as far as it gets. I can't tell you how many cards have sat unsent on my desk.

Miss Horn encouraged me. She saw something in me that was worth mentioning, and because she did, I was able to see it and to be encouraged to keep writing.

Take notice, even today, of a specific way you can encourage someone in your world. We can all use it.

***"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11***

–Jennifer Chapman

Second Saturday Prayer

September 12
9:00 AM



September 13
5:30 PM

PRaise & TESTIMONY



Starting the Day with

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Spaghetti Lunch & Dessert Auction!

NYC '29 fundraiser

Sept 13



September 19

8:30 AM



HF Homebound Church Family

Marian Crowe
Barbara Finley
Deborah Gibson
Marie Scheff
Melba Sprouse
Oscar Staggs
Tammy Stultz
Eleanor Dean
Ron Davidson (Katie)
Betty Muncy (Judi Cox)
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.



Widow's Luncheon September 19

September Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 1 Rick Epperly | 17 Diane Ferguson |
| 5 Rick Treadway | 19 Donna Christian |
| 7 Oliver Curtis | 20 Shelby Warner |
| 10 Sherry Hamilton | 23 Ryan Cobb |
| 14 Joe Eldred | 27 Rick Lanz |
| 15 Cheryl Bellomy | Lux Shoemaker |
| Ayana Ellis | 29 Sherri Gillerlain |
| 16 Cabella Porter | 30 Ayla Smith |

Anniversaries

- 2 Chris & Misty Strow
9 Joe & Debbie Chinn
10 Joey and Cyndi Saxton
16 Beau & Cassidy Lanz
21 Nathan & Hannah Miller

HFCN Ladies' Ministry Brunch & Workshop

Saturday, September 26, 10 am -12 noon

Family Life Center

Information and Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Write the WORD Workshop

Taught by Laura Macfarlan ~ Cross My Heart Ministry



Crisis Care Kit
Collection Item

Bandages

30+ Count Boxes

Please no medicated bandages

September is

ALABASTER MONTH



SEPTEMBER 2026

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	2 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	3	4	5 THRIVE-Mom's of Little Ones
6	7 LABOR DAY	8 THRIVE-Rick's Group THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups	9 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	10 THRIVE-Married Group	11 District Women's Conference	12 2nd Saturday Prayer
13 NYI Mission Focus Praise & Testimony	14	15 Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	16 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	17	18 Open Gym	19 Men's Prayer Breakfast Widow's Luncheon
20 NDI Meeting	21	22 THRIVE-Rick's Group THRIVE-Men's, Women's & Young Adults Groups	23 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study	24 THRIVE-Married Group	25	26 Women's Ministry Event
27 Leadership Team Meeting	28	29 Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adults Group	30 Wed. Night Activities Women's Bible Study			

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: Thank you for all your prayers concerning our hope to have Still Waters Coffee Co. taking-up mobile residence in our Ministry Center. We are finally able to move forward with plans for a few "soft openings". Caleb and Allison have been diligently working with the city to make this happen and we are so excited to finally be able to have an opportunity to welcome in our Highlawn and Huntington neighbors.

The goal is for Still Waters to be open Thursday and Friday evening and most of the day on Saturday, beginning September 10. As always, Ministries at HF are given preferential scheduling and the HF Staff has just completed our annual calendar meeting and scheduled through the year. It's an exciting time to be connected at Huntington First!

Highlawn Ministries: On August 8, HF Women's Ministries, in partnership with our other HF Ministries as well as the Highlawn Community Alliance, held our best Annual Community Giveaway yet! The FLC was packed wall to wall with all kinds of clothing, household items and much more, the week prior to the event. Many of our people came out to serve by sorting and displaying items on tables for easy access on Saturday morning. There was a line of people waiting to get in very early and our people were able to connect with so many of our neighbors while blessing them with your donations. This is truly the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Thank you!

THRIVING:

Baptism: Acts 22:16 says, **"What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord."** Praise the Lord! On July 26, five individuals followed-through on the decision to be obedient unto Baptism, and it was a great closing to an incredible service. Well done Paisley Chinn, Brittani Castle, Melody and Patrick Schaeffer, Angelia Rayburn and Karmen Wilds!

Youth Ministries: On the 1st of July, a group from HF joined all the other churches from our District and participated in an incredible Youth Event in Salt Lake City Utah. This year the NYC Event was called "Wonder" and it highlighted Psalm 65:8 "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy." For many students NYC is a once in a lifetime event. Many young students over the years have been called to ministry and missions and as pastors to our Nazarene churches around the world. Many of you were instrumental in helping those that were able to go, by giving to fund the trip. Thank you so much for your investment in our young people and the future of the Nazarene church!

SERVING:

Trustees Projects: There are quite a few projects on the horizon that have been planned for some time. Our HF kids will soon be getting a much-needed Kitchenette in the children's department. The Parsonage had a really bad leak from the air handler above the ceiling, and the ceiling will be repaired soon. The garage roof needs repair as well, and that will be underway soon. In addition, the back metal stairway to the Children's Department needs new paint, so it and doors will be painted as well. Thank you to the Trustees Team (Cyndi Saxton Chair) for all your hard work in keeping our campus in shape!

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