



# NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

May 2021

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### Dear NHBC Family

Spring is here! Easter has passed and we are heading to the end of the school year. I can't believe we are talking about graduation gatherings already.

With the warmer weather comes other things as well. Pollen - which leads to me sneezing. Longer days - which I enjoy. Baseball - my favorite sport.

This year, however, it will bring some other exciting things as well. Beginning on June 6, we will have in person Sunday School. We are working on the specifics, but at our first follow up meeting to "Lasting Impact", the group selected this date to restart our Sunday School offerings. The feeling at the meeting was very positive and everyone was excited to offer small group Bible study before worship again.

We are going to maintain all state requirements, which will likely still require masks and social distancing, but the overwhelming response was to make this available again. If you do not feel safe returning, that's fine, but for those who want to participate we will be open for Sunday School again!

I will restart my online Sunday School offering on that weekend as well. I will record a weekly lesson and post it on our website and on our social media each week. We will also continue to have our Wednesday morning study as often as possible through the summer.

It's exciting that many people in our area are now vaccinated and more are getting the shots each day. Hopefully, in a short while, we will be able to meet again in person without fear of sharing illness.

Praying for all of you as we continue to walk this uncharted path together. Regardless, God is good!

Blessings,

*Rusty*

### Ninth Hour Prayer Time

The church sanctuary will be open from 3:00 - 4:00pm on days the church office is open, Mondays thru Fridays, for prayer. You may come and pray for a few minutes or the full hour, at a seat or at the altar, whichever day or days you wish. If you cannot come to the sanctuary, we urge everyone to pray during that time wherever you may be.

We are praying for our own Christian walks; for one another; for needs; for our church, leaders and community; for our nation and world and for God to send revival among His people- that the church would be ignited for Him anew and more people will come to know Jesus.

The Ninth Hour devotional time, previously on Mondays, will pause for this season and we will let you know when they will resume.

### May Worship

**10:30 am Worship**, unless noted otherwise

**Sunday, May 2**  
Communion

**Sunday, May 9**

**Sunday, May 16**

**Sunday, May 23**

**Sunday, May 30**

### Friday Night Live!

Join us Friday, May 21 from 6 - 8 pm for a time of fellowship with ages pre-K through 5th grade! Lots of fun games and Bible time for your kids. Proper COVID rules will be applied and children age 5 and older must wear a mask. Men are needed to volunteer. Contact Eric Smith to help.

**L.I.F.T.** -Ladies In Faith Together-

Friday, May 21, 2021

6 - 8 PM

New Highland Baptist Church

•childcare provided  
(ages 3+)

•testimonials

•goodie bags

•Livestream at  
newhighland.org

•all safety protocols  
followed in-person

•Worship

•individually-wrapped  
refreshments

•humorous & inspiring  
video clips

•Women of all ages  
welcome!

*Join us for a faith-filled evening  
of worship, fellowship & laughter*



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### Deacons on Call—May

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## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team  
(Segments from various Sarah Young's, David Jeremiah's, & Charles Stanley's Devotional Readings)

### Feeling Drained Less?—Part 4

The Bible is packed with powerful, life-transforming promises. God has given us this vault of infinite riches to be an instruction book for life. Why, then, do we often feel drained and powerless?

Notice the pictorial of being drained (See Prayer Thoughts for January – March) has been deleted and a pictorial of a yoke as described by Jesus is offered to help the reader acknowledge the presence of Jesus in life.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

To **take the yoke of Christ** is to put ourselves in a relationship with **Christ** as his servants and subjects and to conduct ourselves accordingly. The **yoke of Christ** is not just a **yoke** from **Christ** but also a **yoke** with him.



Symbolic Yoke of How Jesus Will Help Us Carry the Burdens of Life Which Drain Us

## Sustainable Energy

That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me. Colossians 1:29, MSG

It takes a lot of energy to keep our world powered up, lit up, and filled up. Scientists tell us that humans daily consume about 63,300,000 megawatt-hours of electricity. Approximately half of our energy comes from oil and natural gas, and another quarter comes from coal and nuclear reactors. The remaining 25 percent comes from renewable energy sources.

Put all that together and multiply it by a billion, and it still wouldn't equal a split-second of the energy God makes available to His children for living a Christ-like life in this world. Think of the phrase Paul used—*all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me*.

Is that true for you?

Jesus sends strength into our souls by the Holy Spirit, and that's why we're constantly told to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16), to pray in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18), to love in the Spirit (Colossians 1:8), and to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10).

The energy of God within us keeps us moving forward into God's will for our life. Pray about God's promise shown below:

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## A Prayer for Clarity – (*Lord, will You help me to understand truth?*)

Lord, You promise to know me intimately. You know the number of hairs on my head. You hold each of my tears in a jar. You know my secrets. You know me better than anyone—better than I know myself! I trust You with all that I am. Lord, will You help me to understand truth? Guide me. Remind me who I am. Give me rest in the knowledge that I am Your child. (Matthew 10:30; Psalm 56:8; Psalm 44:21)

## A Prayer for Strength

Lord, You promise never to grow weary. You supply limitless power to the weak, and You increase the strength of those who need it. Thank You for renewing my strength each day as I trust in You. Lord, teach me to wait on You. Lift me up on the wings of eagles so that I can soar above my circumstances. My to-do list is long, and my trials are great. But You give me strength. You have no rival, no equal. You are the Creator of heaven and earth. Nothing is too much for You! (Isaiah 40:28-31) God will keep every promise He has ever made. His Word cannot be broken. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). May we live each day of our lives in the power of His promises! Amen.

## Concluding scripture and guide for daily living in Jesus Christ:

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.***

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.***

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*** (Colossians 3:15-17)

## Submit Your Prayer Requests Via:

1) Main & CLC Foyer Prayer Boxes; 2) Contact Prayer Team Members (550-1562); 3) Contact Church Office (550-9601).

## Prayer Concerns

\*Hospitalized at time of printing

Barbara Aylor  
Maddie Bonner  
Tom Coppedge  
Carol Didlake  
Linda Edwards  
Buddy Golding  
Jean Harding  
George Linville

Dot Martin  
Gordon Martin  
David/Cheryl McGhee  
Joyce McLauchlan  
Lee Ann Purvis  
Tommy Searles  
Dylan Smith  
Margaret Toney  
Ed Williams

## News from Jennifer

### **Youth & Young Adult Gathering**

Sunday, May 2 - 5:30-7:00pm

Outside under & around church picnic shelter

Students in grades 6-12 and young adults from 18 thru their twenties- are invited to join us under our church picnic shelter here at New Highland from 5:30-7:00pm this coming Sunday evening, May 2.

We will remain socially distanced and follow safety protocols- while we share together in friendship, fun, Bible study, prayer and looking forward to the rest of this spring and summer! We will set some dates for some fun spring outings and evenings- so come and share your thoughts!

Devotion theme: Goodness of God

Youth & young adults are asked to bring chairs or blankets to sit on; to dress comfortably for the weather; to invite and bring friends. Pre-packaged snacks will be provided.

(If it rains, we will go inside- but we are hoping for nice weather!). It's going to be a relaxed, wonderful time and it will launch our next season together!

Please help me pass the word!

**TBA: the dates of some spring and summer outings** which will be nailed down on May 2.

Mark your calendars for July 5-9: THRIVE!

A youth and young adult "in-house" Renewal & Missions week! More info to come!

**Attention Youth and Young Adult Girls** - you are invited to our next **LIFT event (Ladies In Faith Together)** which is Friday, May 21 from 6:00-8:00pm in the sanctuary. It will be an informal coffee house "vibe" type evening with music and humor and conversation and open mike with ladies of all ages! Moms, Grandmoms, Aunts, Friends are all invited to join too! It will be a great time!

**Attention Seniors of the Class of '21 and all of New Highland Baptist!**

I can't believe it's that time of year, but here we are- only a month away from Graduate Sunday, Sunday, June 6!

To all upcoming graduates of high school, college or grad school, here is what we need emailed to the church office or to Rev. Jennifer Mullins by/before Wednesday, May 26. ([office@newhighland.org](mailto:office@newhighland.org) and/or [revjcm121@gmail.com](mailto:revjcm121@gmail.com))

- 1- Graduate's full name
- 2- Name of school you are graduating from
- 3- High school grads: we need your "next plans"- name of college you will attend & degree you may pursue; or if you will enter military or workforce.
- 4- College/Grad students: we need the name of your school and the degree achievement information.
- 5- your favorite Bible verse
- 6- an updated clear photo

Lastly, if any graduate would like to read a scripture, share a word of thanks or testimony; or share a special music in song, let Jennifer Mullins know prior to May 26. If any graduate would like to write up a few words of thanks or testimony or any art to include in the bulletin, please turn that in by the 26th too.

Church family, if there are any graduates you know of who would want to be recognized at New Highland on this Graduation Sunday, let us know. We don't want to miss anyone.

Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gowns and there will be a special processional, recognition, and each grad will get a small gift.

It will be a beautiful day in the life of our church as we honor the bravest, most resilient, historic graduating class and show all the love possible to our wonderful students!

## Vacation Bible School

VBS registration is open!

Join us for our Rocky Railway Monday, July 19 - Friday, July 23 from 9 am to noon.

The link to signup is <https://vbspro.events/p/events/vbs21>.

This is for children sign ups and volunteers. Contact Eric Smith with questions.



## Congratulations

To Donnie and Kristi Garstang on the birth of their granddaughter, Lilly Garstang. Lilly is the daughter of Ryan and Cate Garstang.



## New Members

**Joan Purdy**  
Joined 3/14/21  
by Statement of Faith  
Awaiting Baptism

**Cassidy Chenault**  
Joined 3/14/21  
by Statement of Faith

**Brian Jr. Chenault**  
Joined 3/28/21  
by Profession of Faith  
Awaiting Baptism

**Grace Chenault**  
Joined 3/28/21  
by Profession of Faith  
Awaiting Baptism

## Christian Sympathy To the Families of:

Charlie Elliott

George Linville in the death of his wife, Shirley Linville

Dave Falls in the death of his father, Dr. William Falls



## In Memoriam

**Shirley Linville**  
July 10, 1938 - April 23, 2021  
United with NHBC  
June 17, 2001



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## PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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## Compassion International

### May

Sponsorship of Mohamed  
(Tanzania)

**Carolyn Whitley**

## Red Cross Blood Drive

NHBC will continue to host monthly blood drives for the Red Cross. The next drive is on Tuesday, May 25 from 1 pm to 6 pm in the CLC. All blood types are needed and are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Appointments are required.

Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to register or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767)

Future dates are 6/23, 7/26 and 8/23.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

## May Anniversaries

2	Jim & Brenda Johnson
6	Mark & Erline Yates
14	Scott & Karen Schricker
20	Roy & Rachel Barnes
21	Mike & Susan Sandridge
22	Rusty & Jennifer Mullins

## May Birthdays

1	Kay Fields	19	Taylor Lacy
2	Melissa Dawson		Jennifer Diehl
7	Laura Beck		Jim Bonner
8	Betty Cousins	21	Davis Ainsley
	Jonathan Falls	23	Debbie Williams
	Sandra Moore	24	Kimberly Karnes
11	Ginger Kossoff	27	Colleen Simpson
	Everett Barnes		Rebecca Bryant
13	Renee Newman		DL Wells
14	Michael Schricker	28	Kelsie Karnes
16	Michael Smolen		

## Church Office Closed

The church office is closed Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Enjoy your families while you remember and honor all who served.



## April Benevolence Offerings

\$185.00

## MCEF Donations for May

Spaghetti Sauce

## Church Council Meeting

May 10 @ 6:30 pm

## ACTS II:

**Mar 28, 2021**

**Apr 4, 2021**

**Apr 11, 2021**

**Apr 18, 2021**

**Apr 25, 2021**

## Attendance

EASTER

## WORSHIP

Sunrise **28**

Online # of Households

**51**

**36**

**39**

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**46**

In-Person (10:30 am)

**69**

**122**

**71**

**75**

**60**

\*technical difficulties

## Budget

Weekly Need	<b>6,453.01</b>	<b>6,453.01</b>	<b>6,453.01</b>	<b>6,453.01</b>	<b>6,453.01</b>
Weekly Receipts	2,993.70	12,993.70	3,917.00	2,909.00	3,179.25
YTD Goal	83,889.13	90,342.14	96,795.15	103,248.16	109,701.17
YTD Receipts	60,974.94	73,968.54	77,885.54	80,794.54	83,973.79

## Designated Gifts

0.00

131.00

563.85

100.00

480.00