



# NEW HIGHLAND

## BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2019

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## Dear NHBC Family

So much to share with you at this busy time of year.

First, I want to say thank you to Alexandria Lumpkin for her time as the children's ministry intern. If you have not heard, the personnel committee has reinstated a part-time position for a children's minister beginning with the new year. Alex, however, is not interested in transitioning from intern to the regular part-time position. That saddens me, because I have seen her great effort and the impact she has made. I also realize that she is a teacher in another county and has many other obligations, so I wish her well with all she does going forward. One thing is for sure, she has the heart of a minister.

Advent began, for us, the last weekend of November. I wanted the cantata to have a dedicated week, not dividing the time between a normal service and the special music, so we started our celebration a week early. "The Meaning of Christmas" will be presented on December 15 at 11 a.m., the only service on that day. I am confident that this is going to be a wonderful time of worship. This year, Tracy and some other choir members met and made their own cantata – taking the best of the songs from the Christmas musicals they have done in the past. This is going to be a "greatest hits" of Christmas cantatas! I am looking forward to it.

This advent season, we will be talking about some of the themes of advent – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The season will conclude with the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Eve at two services – 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. My plan for that night, which could change, is to ask the question – what gifts do we give to Jesus?

We are having a special event the week before Christmas. We are not scheduled to have services on Wednesday night, December 18. Instead, I am leading a group to the Byrd Theater, in downtown Richmond on Cary Street, to see the Christmas movie classic "White Christmas". The movie is wonderful (one of my favorites), and I would love to have you join us. I will be driving the bus and we will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to go, please call the church office to sign up.

I love the Christmas season, but it can get hectic and I admit that I have gotten caught up in the stress of it before. I continue to remind myself that this is not a time that is supposed to be focused on the traditions of the holiday – lights, trees, presents and a jolly man in a red suit. Instead, our hearts and minds should be focused on the fact that Jesus was sent by God to earth in the form of an innocent baby. Because of that gift, we have eternal hope.

May all of us lay down the stress that comes with this annual celebration and set our hearts to remembering the reason we are celebrating – Jesus, our Savior, is born!

Blessings,

*Rusty*

## December Worship

### Sunday, December 1 Communion

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

### Sunday, December 8

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

### Friday, December 13 Christmas Cantata

*The Meaning of Christmas* at 7:00pm

### Sunday, December 15 Christmas Cantata

Sunday School at 9:45am

**Combined Worship** at 11:00am  
*The Meaning of Christmas* at 11:00am

### Sunday, December 22

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

### Tuesday, December 24 Candlelight Services

Christmas Eve Service at 3:00pm  
Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm

### Sunday, December 29

Sunday School at 9:45am  
**Combined Worship** at 11:00am



## Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24  
Candlelight Services  
Communion

First Service at 3:00pm  
Second Service at 5:00pm

## Church Office Closed

The church office will be close at noon on Dec. 24th, and be closed Dec. 25th through Dec. 27th. We will also be closed on Jan. 1st for New Year's.



## Deacons on Call—December

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## Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team

### LAUNCHING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY AS A VITAL PART OF YOUR LIFE DURING CHRISTMAS 2019 AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2020

(A collage from Jesus Calling, Experiencing God Day by Day & His Prayers & Mine)

Jesus prays for people who really believe in Him:

*"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word."* John 17:20

Prayer was a vital part of Jesus' life. Jesus is our Savior and needs to be Lord of our lives.

**CHALLENGE: As you embrace this 2019 Christmas season begin a daily commitment to personal Prayer, Bible reading (be in—stay into reading the Word of God—encouragement: read the entire Bible in 2020 using a selected plan), and to a dedicated endeavor toward pursuing your personal spiritual transformation growth. Also, for 2020 continue this daily commitment of communication with God seeking to understand and know His perspective for your life in serving Him well.**

Consider one event when Jesus prayed as recorded in Luke 3:21: *When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened. . .*

The greatest moments in a Christian's life come through prayer.

- When Jesus prayed, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The Spirit came upon the disciples as they gathered to pray on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:14; 2:1).
- When the disciples prayed together after Pentecost, their gathering place was shaken, and they were emboldened to proclaim the gospel throughout the city (Acts 4:31).

Prayer is not a substitute for hard work—prayer is the work!

- God does things in and through our lives by prayer that He does in no other way.
- As we pray and as our attention is turned toward God, we become more receptive to aligning our lives with His will.
- God will not equip us with His power while we are racing off to our next appointment! His Spirit will not empower us if we are oblivious to what He is saying.
- God requires our complete attention before He will fill us with the powerful presence of His Spirit.

If you want to learn how to pray, use Jesus as your model.

- Jesus did not always receive what He asked for, but His prayers were always heard and always answered (Mark 14:36; Heb. 5:7).
- If you do not sense the Holy Spirit's power in your life, you may not be spending adequate time in prayer.
- Perhaps you are pursuing your own agenda rather than seeking the Father's will.
- You may have abandoned the place of prayer before God's answer came.

***If you will commit yourself to spend sustained time in prayer, asking for God's kingdom on earth, God will work in your life just as He did in the lives of Jesus and His disciples.***

Once you've accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, Jesus becomes a part of your life intimately via your heart, mind, and spirit.

- Remember Jesus is God the Son and knows everything about you.
- You don't need to work at revealing yourself to Jesus.
- Find Jesus through prayer and listen for Him to communicate with you.
- Many people spend a lifetime or a small fortune searching for someone who understands them.
- Jesus is freely available to people who open their hearts, call upon

His Name, and who receive Him as Savior.

- This simple act of faith is the beginning of a lifelong love story.
- Jesus the Lover of your soul, understands you perfectly, and loves you eternally.

*The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. —Psalm 145:18 nkjv.*

*"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." —Luke 12:7  
Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. —John 1:12*

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. —Romans 10:13*

When Jesus expressed His prayer of John 17:20 (noted above), He is praying as the head of His body, the Church. While He prayed this prayer, He expressed the concerns and benefits of all of His members (then and now) which were on His mind. Remember Jesus was getting ready to lay down His life for all mankind. If today's Church would only see Jesus as we see Him praying here, we would have the much-needed confidence and encouragement we lack.

Today, we think of this prayer of Jesus with consideration for your unconverted friends 3 know Him. And this was not a "lumping together" of the unconverted; because only He could accomplish this kind of intercession, Jesus had every single possible individual person fitting this description in mind! **First**, He prays for the people you know and care about in the condition of their unbelief – that they may believe; **and then** He prays for them when they do believe, as a result of the Holy Spirit's convicting work.

As you encounter God during your daily, planned time with Him intercede for your lost friends, even at this moment, the devil is using whatever devices he can to keep them from coming to a knowledge of the truth and from trusting Jesus for their salvation.

## Prayer Concerns

\*Hospitalized at time of printing

Audrey Atkinson	Sherwood Haskins
Claude Aylor	Karen Hastings
David Barnes	George/Shirley Linville
Grace Barnes	Dot Martin
Maddie Bonner/Family	Gordon Martin
Dick Cousins	David McGhee
Sam Davis	Joyce McLauchlan
Carol Didlake	Earl Phillips
Sandra Edwards	Tommy Searles
Charlie Elliott	Dylan Smith
Buddy/Mary Golding	Will Smith
Jean Harding	Van Summers
Kelley Harding	Margaret Toney

## 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).

## NHYM/Beyond

New Highland Youth Ministry (NHYM)  
6th-12th grades

Beyond Young Adult Ministry  
Post high school ages 18-30

### Sundays

12/01 6:00-7:30pm NHYM/Beyond LifeNight!  
12/08 6:00-7:30pm NHYM/Beyond LifeNight!  
12/15 6:00-8:00pm NHYM/Beyond Christmas Party -  
Mullins Home. 9197 Ivy Banks  
Drive. Wear Christmas colors,  
your most festive outfit or your  
tackiest Christmas sweater!

12/22 No LifeNight!  
12/29 No LifeNight!

### Wednesdays

12/04 6:30-7:30pm Christmas Bible study  
12/11 6:30-7:30pm Christmas Bible study  
12/18 No NHYM-Church family goes to  
see *White Christmas* at the  
Byrd. Sign up for tickets in  
advance. Limited number  
available.  
12/25 Merry Christmas!

If any youth or young adults or parents or grandparents would like to assist with the big December Friday Night LIVE for children on December 6 from 5-9pm, please contact Alex Lumpkin ASAP.

Thank you to all who have been a help with the youth and young adults; who have been involved with a Family Ministry Team; who have taught in Sunday School; who baked something for our Baking Blitz; who have hosted a Bible study or event; helped with transportation; or offered encouragement, proactive support and prayers throughout this past awesome 2019!

I love you all!

Jennifer Mullins

## **Congratulations!**

David and Grace Barnes  
are celebrating their 50th wedding  
anniversary on December 20.



## **Thanks**

To the Members of New Highland Baptist,  
Thank you greatly for your continued support! We  
enjoy seeing your members gather here at Vito's. To-  
gether, we strengthen our community.

A sincere "Thank You" from Amanda & Vito Oliveri

Editor's Note: We received a check for \$56.70! Vito's  
gives back 15% of sales when you present your dated  
church bulletin and dine Sunday afternoon.

## The Meaning of Christmas Cantata

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

## **Friday Night Live Christmas Edition!**

New Highland Baptist Kids

DECEMBER 6, 2019 | 5 P.M. TO 9 P.M.  
9200 NEW ASHCAKE RD.

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT! WE WILL  
HAVE GAMES, FOOD, AND FUN! FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PJS ARE  
ENCOURAGED!

## 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**

Poinsettias are being offered again this year as a way to honor or memorialize those important to you. The orders are due by Sunday, December 8. The cost is \$12 per plant. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 22 and Christmas Eve, December 24, and may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service you attend. Order forms are located in front of the church office on the bookcase and can be placed in the black box with payment attached. Plants will not be ordered without prepayment.



**December 1**  
**\*8:30 & 11am**  
**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Shirley Hawks  
Theresa Whitley

**NURSERY**

\*Staci Smith  
\*Shirley Hawks  
Linda Peay  
OPEN

**USHERS**  
**\*Kevin Harnden**

\*Luke Harnden  
**Bill Martin**  
Lisa Rossi  
Will Smith  
Dylan Smith  
Jon Cliborne  
Sammy Cliborne

**NH KIDS CLUB**

\*Alex Lumpkin  
\*OPEN  
Theresa Whitley/  
Madison Whitley  
OPEN

**DECEMBER**

**VOLUNTEERS**

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

\*Jennifer Diehl  
Laura Beck

**NURSERY**

\*OPEN  
\*Carol Evers  
Pam Smith  
Barbara Valenti  
Tonya Vasser

**USHERS**

**\*Tommy Searles**  
\*Linda Searles  
\*Wayne Harrell  
**David Dixon**  
Gordon Martin  
Donna Martin  
Harold Elliotte  
Ed Williams  
Jennings Dawson

**NH KIDS CLUB**

\*Linda Searles  
\*OPEN  
Pamela Lumpkin  
OPEN

**December 15**  
**11am Only**  
**WELCOME CENTER**

Glenda Currie

**NURSERY**

OPEN  
Tim Smith

**USHERS**

**Harold Elliotte**  
Bill Martin  
Jennings Dawson  
Fred Small  
David McGhee  
Cheryl McGhee

**NH KIDS CLUB**

Ryan Smith  
OPEN

**December 22**  
**\*8:30 & 11am**  
**WELCOME CENTER**

\*Robin Parrett  
Cheryl McGhee

**NURSERY**

\*Shannon Chenault  
\*Cheryl McGhee  
Theresa Whitley  
Susan Sandridge  
Jenny Garthright

**USHERS**

**\*Bryan Jr Chenault**  
\*Tessa Chenault  
\*Cassidy Chenault  
\*Grace Chenault  
**Jennings Dawson**  
Tim Smith  
Ryan Smith  
Eric Smith  
Mike Sandridge  
David Barnes

**NH KIDS CLUB**

\*Laura Beck  
\*Cassidy Chenault  
Rachel Barnes  
Nick Rishcoff

**December 29**  
**11am Only**  
**WELCOME CENTER**

OPEN

**NURSERY**

OPEN  
OPEN

**USHERS**

**Chris Whitley**  
Pam Smith  
Jennings Dawson  
Will Smith  
OPEN  
OPEN

**NH KIDS CLUB**

OPEN  
OPEN

**December Birthdays**

1	Page Marriner	28	Jean Harding
	Katie Falls		Heather Uzel
3	Rob Brown		Peyton Steele
	Eric Sandridge		Alli Crytser
7	Edward DuRocher	29	Judy Timberlake
	Linda Searles	30	Norman Eby
10			
12	Joan Purdy		
13	Bill Currie		
16	Leigh Harrell		
17	Pat Smith		
22	Barbara Gammon		
	Sherwood Haskins		

**December Anniversaries**

9	Jon & Elaine Cliborne
12	Scott & Tracey Kazelskis
20	David & Grace Barnes
28	Ron & Sara Rhodes

**Giving Options**

There are many ways at  
NHBC to support God's  
work in His kingdom:

- During the offertory collection in our worship services
- Online at  
<https://onrealm.org/NHBC/Give>
- By texting "GiveNHBC \$XX" to 73256, where XX is the \$ amount you want to give. (Standard text message rates apply. Donation is added to your phone bill.)
- Or scan this QR code using your phone's camera:



## Staff Ministry Team

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Don't forget to call before dropping by  
in case we've gone out to lunch or to run errands.  
Phone: 804-550-9601

### **PUBLICATION DEADLINES:**

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## Compassion International



December

Sponsorship of Mohamed (Tanzania)

**Helen Robinson**

## 2019 Contributions

Contributions to the 2019 operating budget may be made until Tuesday, December 31st by turning them in to the office by 3 pm. If mailed, they must be post-marked by the same day, the 31st, to be included in 2019 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! Forced to take distributions from your 401k or IRA due to age? To avoid paying tax on (some or all of) the distribution, you can ask them to send it directly to the church as a contribution. Check with your financial advisor or call your investment company.

Reminder: do not file your income tax return before you receive your charitable giving statement from NHBC. If you file before receipt and had individual contributions of \$250 or more, you may not be able to deduct them.

If you would like more information on any of the above, contact Kristi Garstang in the church office.

## Sponsor Mohamed

Our adopted child from Tanzania through Compassion International is Mohamed, and he is 16 years old. If you choose to sponsor Mohamed for a month, the cost is \$38. [Contact Kristi](#) in the office.

## Church Office Closed

For the Christmas holiday, the church office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed Wednesday, December 25 through Friday, December 27. We will also be closed on January 1 for New Year's.

## Men's Breakfast

Our men meet for breakfast on the second Tuesday of each month at Cold Harbor Restaurant on Mechanicsville Turnpike at 7:15 am.



<b>November Benevolence Offering</b>	<b>MCEF Donations for December</b>	<b>Church Council Meeting</b>			
\$277.00	Peanut Butter	December 9 @ 6:30 pm			
<b>ACTS II:</b>	<b>Oct 27, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 3, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 10, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 17, 2019</b>	
Early Worship	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>No Svc</b>	
Sunday School	<b>103</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>85</b>	
Late Worship	<b>106</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>120</b>	
<b>Budget</b>					
Weekly Need	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	
Weekly Receipts	5,042.00	7,783.50	7,704.00	5,325.50	
YTD Goal	266,000.05	272,200.05	278,400.05	284,600.05	
YTD Receipts	295,499.24	303,282.74	310,986.74	316,312.24	
<b>Designated Gifts</b>	1,736.25	6,135.50	2,434.00	481.00	