



## NEW HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

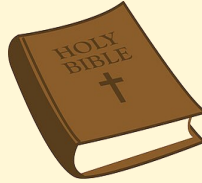
August 2023

## The Envoy

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### From the Pastor

Thank you for joining us in our Summer in the Psalms series. We have witnessed the valleys and the mountains of the human experience. We have seen God speak into our darkest valleys. We have witnessed the tender care of the Lord as our shepherd, and the holy "otherness" of the King who rules over all. In August, we will turn back to the New Testament and pick up in 3 John for a few weeks.



We celebrate two upcoming baptisms in August: Ryan Martin and Katie Falls. Both candidates have also completed our "New to New Highland" church membership class. Our October class is currently scheduled for OCT. 8, 22, and 29 at 9:15 am. Email [office@newhighland.org](mailto:office@newhighland.org) to RSVP your spot.

I am excited for our church to be in a season of hiring new staff and filling established positions. We are looking for part-time directors in both our Day School and Children's Ministry. Pay is competitive and the hours are flexible. Would you please join me in praying for God to provide us with the right people at the right time? Perhaps, it could be you or someone you know.

Matthew 9:36-37 says, **"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"**



~Blessings, Pastor Derek

### Submit Your Prayer Requests

- 1) Main & CLC Foyer Prayer Boxes
- 2) Contact Prayer Team (804-550-1562)
- 3) Contact Church Office (804-550-9601)

### Deacons on Call — August

Monte Evans 804.690.0396 & Roy Peay 804.929.4402

### August Worship Services

9:15 am Sunday School ~ 10:30 am Worship



**Sunday, August 6**  
**Lord's Supper**

**Sunday, August 13**

**Sunday, August 20**  
**Baptism**

**Sunday, August 27**

Church Office Phone:  
804.550.9601

Summer Church Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 1:00pm

### NHBC Children's Programs

The Children's Team asks all nursery and children's church volunteers to mark your calendars for Sunday, **8/20 immediately after church**, when we will have lunch together and be trained by Jeff Simpson to perform infant/children's CPR. We should be finished by 1:00 PM.



NHBC continues to offer Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 and Children's Church from 10:30-11:30 during the worship hour for children ages 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade. A nursery is also available from 9:15-11:30 on Sundays for infants-2 years old.

*If you have any questions or would like to learn more about volunteering, please call/text **Lynn Bivens** at (804) 683-1391 or email her at [lynnandericbivens@gmail.com](mailto:lynnandericbivens@gmail.com).*

# HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD

## SITTING BEFORE THE LORD – PART 2

God's desire is for us to spend time and sit with Him. A profitable time with God is not a spontaneous occurrence, but require certain disciplines to aid in personal meditation.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDITATION

#### TIME

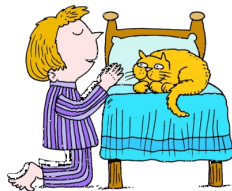
A season of time, length of time is determined by your purpose. Psalm 62:5 enjoins us to "wait silently for God alone with expectation on Him. If we tell God we don't have time for Him, we are really indicating:

*We don't have time for life, for joy, for peace, for direction, or prosperity (God is the source of all of these).*

**Meditation – a period of time set aside to contemplate the Lord, God, listen to Him, and allow Him to permeate a person's spirits.**

When a person meditates something happens to equip us in completing individual duties and in the preparation for life.

Meditation can resolve a troubled heart, maybe by slowing the pace of living and provide a lifetime compass. Parents teach their children about meditation through example—a great heritage: praying parents.



#### STILLNESS

Use Psalm 46:10 as a guide. Set aside time and learn to be still in God's Presence. In that still mode a person is able to concentrate and allow competing elements of life to ebb away. In those **quiet moments** in time each person is able to sense God's benevolent goodness, greatness, and grace, (at the forefront of their mind) just as problems begin to diminish.

#### SECLUSION

Notice in Mark 1:35 Jesus departed to a solitary place and prayed. Since Jesus demonstrated the importance of being secluded before God, we must also, follow in Jesus' steps. Even husband and wives should be alone in solitude with Almighty God—nothing will bring a couple closer to intimacy with each other. God wants our absolute, undivided attention (no competition of others) so that He can love each person

with His loving, divine arms. Each of us needs to be alone with God otherwise our minds will always be divided. Be aware that private meditation with Jesus will allow Jesus to have each of us to Himself—His private workings are often His most precious.

#### SILENCE

Consider the intent of Isaiah 30:15 - **"in quietness and confidence is your strength"**

Often times people describe meditation as a one-way conversation because they do all the talking—they never pause to hear God's responses. Being quiet before God allows Him to interject His thoughts into a person's mind or a vibrant scripture passage, or reveal an absorbing truth, or bring peace to the inner being, or all of these.

Sit before God in silence, let Him pour Himself into you, speaking clearly to your heart (also move in your spirit and impress your mind). God has saved us to glorify Him, love Him, and truly understand Him.

#### SELF-CONTROL

During meditation a person may not readily feel anything happening—not detecting God at work. Always strive to focus your attention on God—maybe start with a specific scripture passage. Then stop reading and think just about God. Consider Proverbs 8:34 (NLT) - **"Joyful are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home!"**

Important: daily, deliberate steps to engage a person's mind, body, and life toward spending time, waiting and listening for God to speak. Find a most effective, comfortable body position keeping in mind that God is interested in the position of your heart, not the body.

*(This Prayer Thought is sponsored by the prayer team and derived from "How to Listen To God" by Charles Stanley)*

### August Daily Prayer Focus:

**PRAY**  
*On it*  
**PRAY**  
*Over it*  
**PRAY**  
*Through it*

#### Fact

Prayer is the power by which that comes to pass which otherwise would not take place.  
-Andrew Murray

#### Expression

Lord Jesus, I submit to Your Will and Your Methods of accomplishing them.

Thank you that I can always trust You. Amen.

## Christian Sympathy

Ruth Harlow and family in the death of her great grandson, Blaine Boyer, on July 14, 2023.

## Christian Sympathy

Erma Williams and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Harold Brantley, on June 28, 2023.

## Youth Game Nights!

NHBC youth and their friends are invited to our monthly **game night** on Friday, August 4, at 6:30 pm in the CLC and youth room. Everyone is invited to bring their friends, favorite games and snacks to share. We'll be hosting game nights on the first Friday of each month going

## Open Gym Nights

The gym will be open 7:30 - 9:30 pm on Thursday evenings for **basketball**. We will take a break August 10, but will resume August 17. Contact Jeff Fitzgerald at [jkfitzgerald@comcast.net](mailto:jkfitzgerald@comcast.net) with questions.



RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS

## **FAITH NIGHT #2**



Thursday August 10, 2023 vs. Bowie Baysox  
Gates open at 5:30pm / First pitch at 6:35pm

### **Tickets are now available!**

Please plan to join us for a fun night at the Diamond!

Tickets—\$14.00/seat

Marianne is collecting ticket money in the church office and will reach out to you with your tickets.



## Adult Bible Study

Bible Study on Wednesday mornings meets at 10am in Room 103. We are studying series titled "The God You May Not Know" by Dr. David Jeremiah and led by Ron Rhodes. If you are retired or your work schedule permits, please join us.

## Men's Breakfast

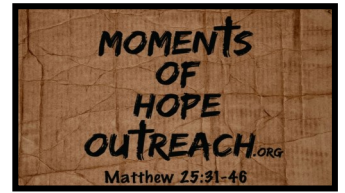
Our men meet for breakfast on the second Tuesday of each month at Cold Harbor Restaurant on Mechanicsville Turnpike at 7:15 am.

**Men, Join Us!**



A group is needed to help pack lunches for

**Moments of Hope on Saturday, August 12 at 10am.**



We will also be traveling to the site to serve meals and visit with the community members later in the day. If you are able to help with either/both portions of this ministry day, we would love to have you!

Please contact Carol Evers([carolt4162@gmail.com](mailto:carolt4162@gmail.com)) or Colleen Simpson ([cmsimpson95@gmail.com](mailto:cmsimpson95@gmail.com)) with questions.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, food, gifts, love and big hugs during the loss of my son Eddie. Also thank each and everyone who helped with his Memorial Service.  
God Bless!

In Christian Love,  
Judy & Warren Timberlake

## New Highland Baptist Church Day School

The Day School is getting ready for the 23/24 school year! We still have space in our 3-year-old classes!

If you know someone who is considering preschool for their child, please encourage them to contact the school at [dayschool@newhighland.org](mailto:dayschool@newhighland.org).

The Day School admits students of any race, color, gender, creed, and national or ethnic origin.

Friends at NH Baptist Church,  
Thank you so much for allowing our girl scout troop to hold our meetings at your church. We love being able to meet outside under cover, and in the gym. It has enabled us to do some great activities with our troop. We really appreciate your support and partnership!

Fondly, Jen Newman  
& Troop 362





## Staff Ministry Team

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### **Mary Petrey, Accompanist**

### **Marianne Dalton, Financial Administrative Asst**

E-mail: [office@newhighland.org](mailto:office@newhighland.org)

### **The Day School**

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## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

September Envoy — August 15

Bulletin — 12 pm Tuesdays

## Red Cross Blood Drive

NHBC is currently hosting monthly blood drives for the Red Cross. There is an extreme need for blood at this time.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

The next drive is on **Monday, August 21**  
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 9/20/23 & 10/23/23

## August Birthdays

1 Jan Mills	13 Gale Kulp
1 Linda Peay	13 Casimir Dombroski
2 Madison DuRocher	14 Brenda McAleese
3 Carol Evers	18 Elizabeth Fitzgerald
4 Kim Shreve	21 Harold Elliotte
4 Holly Flood	21 Roy Peay
4 Nicholas Flood	22 Tim Rush
8 Mike Sandridge	23 Kristi Garstang
9 Donna Martin	26 Gloria Pierce
12 Serenity Yates	27 Daniel McAleese
13 Donnie Garstang	29 Emma Petrey
13 Lynn Bivens	



## Compassion International

Thank you, Purdy Family,  
for sponsoring  
**Mohamed (Tanzania)**

For the months of  
August & September, 2023

## August Anniversaries

Dave & Linda Edwards	Arthur & Emma Petrey
Edward & Wendy DuRocher	Tim & Darlene Rush
Jim & Michelle Bonner	Warren & Judy Timberlake

## July Benevolence

487.00

## August Mission Project

Moments of Hope Pantry: canned goods

## Church Council Meeting

August 14 at 6:30 pm

## **ACTS 2:43-47**

## July 2, 2023

## July 9, 2023

## July 16, 2023

## July 23, 2023

## Attendance

	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023	July 16, 2023	July 23, 2023
SUNDAY SCHOOL	44	50	42	40

## WORSHIP

	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023	July 16, 2023	July 23, 2023
Online # of Households	5	4	3	3
In-Person (10:30 am)	98	81	110	91

## Budget

	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023	July 16, 2023	July 23, 2023
Weekly Need	5,000.55	5,000.55	5,000.55	5,000.55
Weekly Receipts	6,437.00	4,361.92	4,102.50	2,659.97
YTD Goal	135,014.85	140,015.40	145,015.95	150,016.50
YTD Receipts	133,408.52	137,770.44	141,872.94	144,532.91

## Designated Gifts

	July 2, 2023	July 9, 2023	July 16, 2023	July 23, 2023
Designated Gifts	252.93	43.00	292.00	438.50