



**“Arranging Our Lives Differently”**

As a Christian, how does your lifestyle or standard of living compare to your non-believing or non-practicing neighbor? Do you have the same stuff, toys, vacations? It’s worth thinking about, for it begs us to ask what we are giving up or doing without for the sake of God’s church. Consider the early Christians that Luke describes in Acts 4. Their lives were obviously different:

<sup>32</sup>All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them <sup>35</sup>and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. <sup>36</sup>For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means “Son of Encouragement”). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. <sup>37</sup>He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles.<sup>1</sup>

In *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, Dallas Willard writes that “[The] early Christians really did arrange their lives very differently from their non-Christian neighbors, as well as from the vast majority of those of us called Christians today.”<sup>2</sup> Would you take some time to evaluate your priorities? Are they of Christ or of the world? What are you giving up for the sake of the church’s ministries? Acts 4 does not describe Christians who had divided loyalties. And it does not speak of a church that could not help others because the people were not supporting the church financially. It speaks of people who shared everything and who were blessed with God’s great blessings. How does New Highland measure up to this early church? How do we measure up to these early Christians? Join me in asking these questions as we review the financial reports in the church bulletin and monthly *Envoy*. As we give, may God’s “great blessing” be upon us all! Pastor Bob

<sup>1</sup>Acts 4:32-37, New Living Translation, <http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%204:32-37&version=NLT>.

<sup>2</sup>As quoted in *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*, p. 285.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Randy Cox  
 Rose Harper  
 \*\*Pastor Bob Lee  
 Shirley Linville  
 Claire Williams  
 Carol Wines

**\*Hospitalized at time of printing**

**\*\*Pastor Bob’s surgery has been rescheduled for the second week of August.**

**Christian sympathy is expressed to**

*Kevin Harnden and family in the death of his grandmother, Gina Curtis.*

*The family and friends of Katherine Payne.*

**Residential Facility & Home Bound**

W. E. Denton  
 Carol Eby  
 Emma Hubbard  
 Pat James  
 Nellie Bland  
 Robert & Annie Whitfield  
 Doris & Bentley Walton  
 Otis Lynn  
 Lillian Tingle  
 John Radder

For address and phone number of each member, please see the directory or call the church office @ 550-9601.

**Summer Office Hours**

June 17—September 2  
 Monday thru Thursday—9am to 5pm  
 Friday—9am to Noon

**Deacons of the Month**

Monte Evans—730-2864  
 Wesley Thompson—550-1029

**Congratulations**

Sheri Castle celebrates her 5th anniversary with NHBC. She started August 1, 2006 as interim Worship Leader and was hired as permanent Worship Leader in May of 2007.

# New Members



**Stephen Castle**  
Son of Stephen and Sheri  
By Profession of Faith  
and Awaits Baptism  
July 10, 2011



**Kira VanSteenburgh**  
Daughter of Alan & Wanda  
By Profession of Faith  
and Awaits Baptism  
July 17, 2011



**Ben Smolen**  
Son of Kevin & Sandra  
By Profession of Faith  
and Awaits Baptism  
July 17, 2011

Address and Phone information is available from Church Office

## THANK YOU

Dear Rev. Lee,

On behalf of the Bowling Green Baptist Church Pastor Search Committee, I wish to extend our thanks and gratitude to you, Rev. Derek Gordon, Dr. Bob Fleming and all of the other members of your exceptional team. We all felt most welcome at your beautiful church. Each and every person we met was extremely warm and gracious to each of us and to Rev. Greg Webber.

Thanks to you and your staff, we were able to hear a sermon by Rev. Webber. Without your help, it would have been more difficult for our committee to hear him preach. Your service was very inspirational and uplifting for our group.

Please share our thanks with all of the staff that so warmly greeted us and made our time there very special. A special thanks to you and to Rev. Larry Frakes for making this experience possible. If we might ever assist you in any way, please let us know.

May God continue to bless you and the teams as you move forward to fulfill your mission.

Sincerely,  
Priscilla J. Shuler, Chair  
Pastor Search Committee

Pastor Bob.

I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you for allowing us to have Saturday Sitters at New Highland Church this past year. It was such a great experience for the parents, children and the volunteers. What a great opportunity for us to have such a perfect place to offer this respite to our families. Everyone from New Highland was friendly and helpful.

Thanks for all you do!  
Christine P. Rogers

A note has been received from Joe Driver, Chaplain of the Gospel Jail Ministry thanking New Highland for a donation. He asks that we remember this ministry in prayer.

Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 505 for the new U.S. Flag.

## Do You Want to be Debt Free?

Do you want to take control of your money? Join Pastor Bob on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30pm beginning September 7 for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU). The deadline to register is 8/31. Hurry! Class is limited to 30 members. To register, visit [www.newhighlandbaptist.org](http://www.newhighlandbaptist.org) (our website), email [admins@newhighlandbaptist.org](mailto:admins@newhighlandbaptist.org) or call the office at 550-9601. The course fee is \$100 per family. FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more! Check out [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

### Who is Financial Peace University for?

It's for EVERYONE!...from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Over 1 million families and individuals have attended *Financial Peace University*. Applying God's Word radically changes your life. **On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!**

### What Will I Learn? In this life-changing program you will learn:

- 1. Step-by-Step Cash Flow Planning:** Luke 14:28-"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it."
- 2. Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt:** Proverbs 22:7-"The borrower is slave to the lender."
- 3. How to Invest Wisely:** Ecclesiastes 11:2-"Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land."

## Prayer Thoughts

(Provided by the NHBC Prayer Team):

From *The Only Necessary Thing* by Henri J. M. Nouwen

### Chapter 6 Listening - Three Forms of Listening

How can we keep listening to this (God's) voice in a world which does its best to distract us and get our attention for seemingly more urgent matters?...I want to put before you...three forms of listening that for me have proven to be the most productive.

First of all, listen to the church I'm deeply convinced that the greatest spiritual danger for our times is the separation of Jesus from the church. The church is the body of the Lord. Without Jesus there can be no church; and without the church we cannot stay united with Jesus. I've yet to meet anyone who has come closer to Jesus by forsaking the church. To listen to the church is to listen to the Lord of the church. Specifically, this entails taking part in the church's liturgical life. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost: these seasons and feasts teach you to know Jesus better and better and unite you more and more intimately with the divine life He offers you in the church.

The (Lord's Supper) is the heart of the church's life. It's there that you hear the life-giving Gospel and receive the gifts that sustain that life within you. The best assurance that you'll go on listening to the church is your regular participation (at table).

Second, listen to the book. By that I mean read the Bible; read books about the Bible, about the spiritual life, and the lives of "great" saints.... Many people are brought to God through spiritual literature that they chance or choose to read. Augustine, Ignatius, Thomas Merton, and many others have been converted through the book. The challenge, however, is not to read a "spiritual" book as a source of interesting information, but rather to listen to it as to a voice that addresses you directly. It isn't easy to let a text "read" you. Your thirst for knowledge and information often makes you desire to own the word, instead of letting the word own you. Even so, you will learn the most by listening carefully to the Word that seeks admission to your heart.

Finally, listen to your heart. It's there that Jesus speaks most intimately to you. Praying is first and foremost listening to Jesus, who dwells in the very depths of your heart. He doesn't shout. He doesn't thrust Himself upon you. His voice is an unassuming voice, very nearly a whisper, the voice of a gentle love. Whatever you do with your life, go on listening to the voice of Jesus in your heart. This listening must be an active and very attentive listening, for in our restless and noisy world Jesus' loving voice is easily drowned out. You need to set aside some time every day for this active listening to Jesus, if only for ten minutes. Ten minutes each day for Jesus alone can bring about a radical change in you life.



What is your favorite part of Christmas? There are so many endless emotions, feelings, elements and traditions that we look forward to every year during this special season. Our challenge in the Worship and Music Ministry is to incorporate as many of these as we can into the month of December!!

"**The Gift of Christmas**" is a worship event designed for worshipers to experience the wonder, hope, joy, and meaning of the season by blending familiar carols, original songs, seasonal favorites, and meaningful worship moments.

We invite **all** to come and be a part of this exciting ministry opportunity. Please plan to join us for lunch and a kick off rehearsal on **Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Sheri Castle if you have any questions. Join us as we lead our congregation and community in the celebration of the greatest Gift of all this Christmas season!

### **ATTENTION YOUTH**

Heartsong ministries are expanding this fall to include a praise choir to lead in worship services!! All students grades 7 – 12 are invited to participate in this ministry opportunity. Rehearsals kick off on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. See you there!!

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Compassion International Sponsorship of Mohamed**

As of September we are in need of more sponsors for the child we "adopted" from Tanzania. Mohamed is 7 years old and is very appreciative of NHBC's support. One month of support only costs \$38. Please let Kristi in the office know if you'd like to sponsor Mohamed. Please see Mohamed's picture and letters on the Mission board.

#### **Family Summer Mission Trip**

Camp Hope will take place the week of August 8-12 at Camp T. Brady Saunders in Goochland. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Carrie Dugai at [cdugai@comcast.net](mailto:cdugai@comcast.net) so she can send you an application. They have volunteer opportunities of all types. Camp runs all day, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. We do require that all volunteers are 5 years of age or older and volunteers between the ages of 5 and 9 must stay with a parent while at camp. Contact Carrie at the email address above or at 550-3543 if you need further information.

### **CARITAS**

Thanks to all who volunteered while CARITAS was here July 23– 30. We will host CARITAS again in December.

**Staff Ministry Team**

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**PUBLICATION DEADLINE: September Envoy — Aug. 15th  
Bulletin—Each Monday by 10am**

**From the Stewardship Committee:**

All committee chairs, your 2012 budget request forms will be available by August 3. Forms can be found your committee cubby. Completed requests are due to Kristi Garstang on or before August 29. Thank you.

**Compassion International—Mohamed Sponsorship:  
Women on Mission**

**ATTENTION ALL ADULTS 55+**

You are invited to join the Senior Adults for a trip to the U S Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, VA on August 17. We will depart NHBC at 9am and return by 6pm. There is no charge for the tour. Phone or e-mail the church office for your reservation by August 10.

**July Benevolence Offering  
\$413.06**

**Food Bank Donations for August:  
Canned Meats**

**No Deaconess Meeting for August 2, 2011.**

<b>ACTS II:</b>	<b><u>June 26, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>July 3, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>July 10, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>July 17, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>July 24, 2011</u></b>
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>					
8:30 Worship	<b>64</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>65</b>
Sunday School	<b>161</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>CARITAS</b>
11:00 Worship	<b>168</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>Not available</b>	<b>149</b>
<b><u>Budget 2011</u></b>					
Weekly Need	<b>\$10,748.10</b>	<b>\$10,748.10</b>	<b>\$10,748.10</b>	<b>\$10,748.10</b>	<b>\$10,748.10</b>
Weekly Receipts	9,497.77	7,114.31	8,046.00	11,875.01	5,751.50
YTD Goal	279,450.60	290,198.70	300,946.80	311,694.90	322,443.00
YTD Receipts	254,713.58	261,827.89	269,873.89	281,748.90	287,500.40
<b><u>Building Fund</u></b>					
Weekly Receipts	5.00	350.00	250.00	151.00	140.00
<b><u>Designated Gifts</u></b>	4,554.81	413.06	722.91	5,220.00	671.30