



# NEW HIGHLAND

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## “Tune Up Your Marriage!”

Earlier this year I had to take my car to the shop to have the timing belt replaced. According to the manufacturer, this maintenance was necessary at 102,000 miles. But what if I were to ignore the warning? The answer is simple: the engine could fail and leave me stranded. So it's real important for us to do routine maintenance like changing the oil, rotating the tires, servicing the transmission, and so on.

**If it is important to maintain our cars, then what about our marriages?** Why do so many couples maintain their vehicles yet neglect their marriages? When was the last time that you got a “marriage tune-up?” At NHBC, we want to help! We hope you will join in! We are offering a two-day conference and a series of classes on Wednesday nights.

**“The Art of Marriage” is a marriage enrichment workshop that is coming to NHBC on February 3-4, 2012!** This 6-session video-based marriage event allows you to experience God's design for marriage from expert teachers and humorous vignettes. You'll emerge better educated about your marriage, your spouse, and yourself. Block out time in your schedule to attend *The Art of Marriage*. The cost is \$50 per couple including lunch and materials. To register, please visit <http://www.firstthingsrichmond.org/topic/aom-registration> and scroll down to the NHBC link. You will be prompted from there. Please watch church publications for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Paul or Debbie Clay at 559-2553.

**Midweek Encounter: On Wednesday nights we will offer “Marriage: Built to Last.”** In the study, you will hear the story of **Dave Ramsey and his wife Sharon** as they recovered from financial stress and hardship. You will hear the story of **Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda** as they share candidly about expectations, trust issues, and adjusting to a blended family. The study also includes **biblical and practical teaching from Chip Ingram** on a number of critical topics. Please see the Midweek Encounter schedule for more information, registration, and the schedule.

We hope that you will participate in both the conference and the Wednesday night classes. Please do not let finances keep you from nurturing your marriage. If finances are a concern, please contact me to talk more. Let's make strong marriages a priority in 2012! Blessings, **Pastor Bob**

## December Worship Calendar

**Sunday, December 4—Communion**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
Services at 8:30 & 11am

**Sunday, December 11—Parent/Child Dedication**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
Services at 8:30 (Baptism) & 11am

**Sunday, December 18—Christmas Musical**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Services at 8:30 & 11am

**Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve**  
**We will have 3 Candlelight Communion**  
**Family Friendly Services**  
At 3pm, 5pm and 7pm

**Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day**  
One Service at 10am - No Sunday School

## New Members



**Wes and Becky Bryant\*** With Jake, Mara and Eli  
\*By Statement of Faith and Await Baptism on 12/11  
Joined on October 30, 2011



**Artie & Joyce McLaughlan**  
By Statement of Faith  
Joined on November 13, 2011  
Parents of Judy Evans



### POINSETTIAS



Orders for the poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary for Christmas will be taken from Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. To purchase a red poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please visit the Welcome Center to fill out a form, and place it in the designated box. The poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary from Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> until Christmas Eve. The cost of each plant is \$14, and checks should be payable to NHBC.

For more information, please contact

**Sandra Smolen** at 550-5281.



### Church-Wide Leaf Raking

**December 10th**

**8am - until?**

### **Hands & Feet Missions Opportunity!**

CHURCH-WIDE leaf raking for those in need. Get your rakes, blowers, and tarps and come help families in need by raking their yards as we show love for our neighbors!

ALL church members are encouraged to come out and make it a family day.

**Please meet at church at 8am.**

### PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Please notify the church office by December 1st if you are interested in participating in this special worship service.

### CONGRATULATIONS

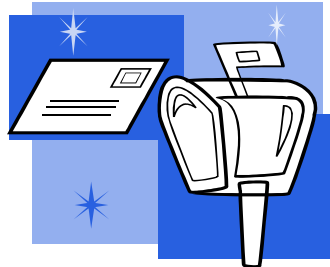
To Dave and Carol Evers on the birth of granddaughter, **Julia Lorraine**, born on November 3, 2011. Kate and Jonathan Evers are the happy parents.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Properties Committee is looking for volunteers to maintain the church lawn & field next year in an effort to help with budget expenditures for 2012. See sign-up sheet in foyer for more details or contact **Sheila Gordon**.

### Christmas Post Office

The Post Office will open on Sunday, November 27. Cards should only be sent to those who attend Sunday School or Church regularly. The last day to mail cards is December 18 and the last day to pick up mail is December 25, 2011. All proceeds will go to Debt Retirement. Donation envelopes are available. This project is sponsored by the Church Office. Contact **Kimi, Barbara or Kristi-550-9601**



### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### A Short Term Mission Trip Challenge

The Missions Committee wants to challenge everyone to do a short term mission trip before Christmas. "How is that even possible?" you ask. Easy... just do it. God is around us everywhere we go, all we need to do is act. For a short term mission trip you DO NOT need to travel, have a large group or spend lots of money. Simply do something kind for your neighbor and let them know God loves them. Help your co-worker with a problem, and let them know God loves them. Visit a friend you have not seen in a while, and let them know God loves them. Remember, John 15:12 reads: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." A short term mission trip can be as simple as you want to make it, as long as God's love shows through. You are now challenged. How will you respond?

#### CARITAS

CARITAS guests will be here from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer about where you or your small group can volunteer. We will have a Christmas Wish List so that every guest can receive a gift on Christmas. We're praying that some of the congregation will also be willing to spend a part of their Christmas day with the guests again. Please speak to Carrie or Brad Dugai if this is something you'd be willing to do. Thanks for being a mission-minded body of Christ! Check the Missions table for sign up sheets for volunteer opportunities.

### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, thank you so much for all your concerns, prayers, hospital visits, phone calls and cards during my hospital stay. God is good all the time. Continue to keep me in your prayers as I am still waiting for more blood test results. In Christian Love, **Judy Timberlake**

My wife Lisa and I would like to thank the church, especially the meal and bereavement folks, for all of the effort put forth to make Carol Eby's service special for our family. You are all very special people. **Ted Glass (Carol's Brother)**

Dear Friends

The Eby family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in Carol's service. Names I can identify are: Pastors Bob Lee and Bob Fleming, Claude and Barbara Aylor, Scott Baker, Buddy Johnson, Kimi Brown, Page Marriner, Ellen Powell, Will Smith, Bubba Stanley and all the members of the meals team and the Deaconesses.

**Norman Eby and Family**

**Prayer Thoughts (Provided by the NHBC Prayer Team)**

From Prayer Point's "Prayer Focus" by Sadhu Sundar Singh

**Entering Into Communion With God**

Sometimes this question is asked: "Since God is fully aware of our needs, and knows how to supply them in the best way, how should we pray to Him about them? Whether our necessities be temporal or spiritual, can we by our prayers alter the will of God?"

Those who ask such a question show clearly that they do not know what prayer is. They have not lived a prayerful life, or they would know that prayer to God is not a form of begging.

Prayer does not consist of an effort to obtain from God the things that are necessary for this life. Prayer is an effort to lay hold of God Himself, the Author of life, and when we have found Him who is the source of life and have entered into communion with Him, then the whole of life is ours and with Him all that will make life is perfect.

We cannot alter the will of God, but the man of prayer can discover the will of God with regard to himself. For to men of this kind God makes Himself manifest in the hidden chamber of the heart, and holds communion with them; and when His gracious purposes are shown to be for their good, then the doubts and difficulties of which they complain pass away for ever.

Prayer is as it were, a breathing in of the Holy Spirit, and God so pours His Holy Spirit into the life of the prayerful that they become "living souls" (Gen. 2:7; John 20:22).

God, who is Love, has freely bestowed on all men those things that are necessary for both the spiritual and temporal life, but since He offers salvation and His Holy Spirit to all as freely, they are lightly esteemed. But prayer teaches us to value them, because they are as necessary as air and water, heat and light, without which life is impossible.

The things for our spiritual life God has freely provided, but men so lightly regard them that they offer no thanks to their Creator; but on the other hand, His gifts of gold, silver, and precious jewels, which are scarce and obtained with great difficulty, they highly esteem, though with such things the hunger and thirst of the body cannot be assuaged, nor the longings of the heart be satisfied.

With such folly do men of the world act with regard to spiritual things, but to the man of prayer are given true wisdom and eternal life.

It sometimes happens that in a plot of unclean and filthy ground flowers spring up and flourish, and the sweet scent to the flowers overpowers the evil smell of the place. The plants, turning toward the sun, receive from it light and heat, and the filth instead of being hurtful to plants fertilizes them and helps them to grow and flourish.

So, too, the man of prayer as he prays turns his heart to God, and receives from Him light and warmth, amidst the ill odors of this world the sweet scent of his new and holy life glorifies God, and there is produced in him not sweet odors only, but also fruit which shall abide for ever.

**OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The church office will be closed on  
December 26 and 27, 2011  
and on January 2, 2012.

**Christian Sympathy is expressed to:**

Dot Martin & family in the death of her mother, Dot Moore.  
Vance Shearin & family in the death of his brother-in-law,  
Michael Finnerty.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Randy Cox  
\*Linda Edwards  
Monte Evans  
\*Diana Golding  
Rose Harper  
Shirley Linville  
Judy Timberlake  
Claire Williams

\*Hospitalized at time of printing

**A Big Thank You to  
The Day School**

During chapel time the students of The Day School donated canned goods. Their donations are helping families in our community.

**Next Mid-Week Encounter Session**

**January 11– April 18, 2012**

Everyone, please remember to sign up for dinner.  
Reservation cards are available in front of the office.  
The January Envoy will have class information.

**Residential Facility & Home Bound**

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

**Deacons  
Of the Month**

Mike Barmer  
550-2114  
  
Josh Snell  
746-9359

*Merry  
Christmas*

*From,*

*Pastor Bob, Dr. Bob, Derek, Sheri,  
Kim, Page, Tiffany, Kimi, Kristi, Barbara  
& Claude*

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**PUBLICATION DEADLINE: January Envoy — Dec. 7th  
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**Envoy Deadlines**

Due to the upcoming holidays and the increased volume of mail, the office staff has adjusted the deadlines for the January Envoy.

January: Deadline is December 7

**Compassion International—Mohamed Sponsorship:  
The Callahan Family**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**



When inclement weather is in the area we will post a voice mail on our phone line (550-9601) by 5:30am 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.

**November Special  
Missions Offering: \$638.50**

**CVFB Donations for December:  
Peanut Butter**

**ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
The next meeting will be December 12 at 6:30pm.

<b><u>ACTS II:</u></b>	<b><u>Oct. 23, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Oct. 30, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 6, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>Nov. 13, 2011</u></b>
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>				
8:30 Worship	64	No service	99	147
Sunday School	190	189	235	205
11:00 Worship	202	250	190	233
<b><u>Budget 2011</u></b>				
Weekly Need	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10
Weekly Receipts	6,754.67	12,851.80	12,527.94	9,525.96
YTD Goal	462,168.30	472,916.40	483,664.50	494,412.60
YTD Receipts	407,819.72	420,671.52	433,199.46	442,725.42
<b><u>Bldg/Debt Retirement</u></b>	125.00	29.88	460.00	95.00
<b><u>Designated Gifts</u></b>	289.96	2,114.60	159.65	1,621.06

**2011 Contributions**  
Contributions to the 2011 operating budget can be made until 2pm on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> by turning them into the office. Or they may be mailed to the church instead, but must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered a 2011 contribution.

**Envelopes & Directories**  
Contribution Envelopes and New Church Directories will be available in the front foyer on Sunday December 18