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“Experiencing God Each Day”

If you attended the 11:00 worship service on June 19th (Trinity Sunday), you will recall the hymn that Sheri Castle introduced to us entitled “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,” written by Thomas H. Troeger. This was one of several hymns that Sheri and I experienced in May at the annual convocation for pastors and ministers of music sponsored by the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. As we sang this in worship, the words helped me to reflect upon the many ways in which we experience God. Here is the opening stanza:

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might, Life whose life all life endowed.
May the church at prayer recall that no single holy name
but the truth behind them all is the God whom we proclaim.*

C. Michael Hawn, a columnist for the *United Methodist Reporter*, reflecting on this hymn, writes, Stanza one focuses on images associated with God the Creator. Examples are “Rock” (Psalm 31:2), “Cloud” (Exodus 13:21; 24:18), and “Judge” (Psalm 7:11). Stanza two includes images primarily associated with Jesus including “Word” (John 1:1), “Shepherd” (John 10:11), and Eucharistic images of “Bread and Wine.” Stanza three centers on metaphors that describe or suggest the work of the Holy Spirit such as “Breath” (Genesis 1:2), “Dove” (Matthew 3:16), and “Comfort” (John 14:8). The shape of the hymn provides a theological lens for understanding the work of the Trinity. And the refrain is an important feature of this hymn . . . [for it] reminds us that the nature of the Godhead cannot be contained in just a few words; indeed, language fails us when it comes to pondering eternal truth, yet we must try.¹

No matter what our situation or struggle, God is with us. May the God who is Father, Son, and Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, and Rock, Shepherd, and Comfort be with you always. Blessings, Pastor Bob P.S. Thank you for the reception and generous monetary gift on my graduation from seminary.

¹C. Michael Hawn, “History of Hymns: hymn has many names for God’s many aspects,” *The UMC Portal*, 5 June, 2009, Internet, <http://www.umportal.org/article.asp?id=5420>, accessed June 20, 2011.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Randy Cox
Shirley Elliott
Rose Harper
Kirby Hutchinson and family
Shirley Linville
Claire Williams
Carol Wines
Pastor Bob—surgery on 7/21
*Hospitalized at time of printing

Christian sympathy is expressed to

Kirby Hutchinson and family in the death of his mother, Jean Hutchinson.
Carol Thompson and family in the death of her mother, Florence Mary Rose.

Residential Facility & Home Bound

W. E. Denton
Carol Eby
Emma Hubbard
Pat James
Nellie Bland
Katherine Payne
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

Scott Baker—550-3810
Buddy Johnson—550-1496

Congratulations

Pastor Bob’s 13th anniversary with NHBC is July 15.

Congratulations

To Ellen and Larry Powell on the birth of grandson, Israel Ryan Butler, born May 30, 2011.



New Members



Cassie Wells
Daughter of D.L. and Leslie
By Profession of Faith and
awaits Baptism
June 5, 2011



Leslie Wells
By Statement of Faith and
awaits Baptism
June 19, 2011



D.L. Wells
By Promise of Letter
June 19, 2011

Address and Phone is available from office.

Posted Material and Table Requests

Please remember to give **ALL** material to be posted to the church office so that it may be displayed in an appropriate place. **ALL** requests for table use and displays need to go through the office too. Thank you, Church Office Staff

Pictorial Directory

Pictorial directories are now available. If you have not already received a directory, it is available from the office.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The alarm/security codes have changed. Please call or stop by the church office for the new info. If you need the info after business hours, please call Sheila Gordon (380-0057). Thank you, Properties Committee



THANK YOU

Dear New Highland Staff,
Thank you so much for allowing Hanover High School to test at you facility. Please accept this donation of our appreciation. Again, thank you for your kindness.
Sincerely, Jennifer Hall, AP Coordinator/School Counselor

To the Fix-it Team

I would like to say thank you for taking the time to repair my air conditioner in my car. It meant the world to me and special appreciation to **Bruce Pace** for taking time from his busy schedule to come to my home and fix this for me. You are very special people and my sincere thanks. God bless each of you,
Sylvia Galloway

Dear Church Member and Friends,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful reception after church on May 22. Your kindness, prayers and support have meant so much to me over the last six years.

The Day School is a special place, and I am sure it will continue to be over the years. God bless you all
Peace and love,

Randy Cox

The faculty, staff and students of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond express our gratitude to New Highland Baptist Church for your recent financial gift. Your contribution is an affirmation of theological students, their leadership, and their call to ministry. You are making a difference in the lives of people and in the Kingdom of God. Thank you!

Most sincerely,

Ron Crawford, President

Thank you so much for helping to make our 2011 graduation ceremony a success! Everyone had a wonderful time.
Sincerely,

Primrose School of Atlee Commons Teachers and Management

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for another nice check we received to help support the Gospel Jail Ministry which ministers in the Pamunkey Regional Jail, the Henrico County Juvenile Detention Center and the James River Juvenile Detention Center, also to the staff at each institution and to the families of the inmates.

It is difficult to find words adequate to express how much I appreciated your supporting us financially which helps enable us to continue to take the word of God and His love to the men, women, boys, and girls that are incarcerated, where it is desperately needed and concerned Christian people, like you, help make this ministry possible.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness, the generous gift of money, your friendship and faithfulness to the Gospel Jail Ministry. Please remember this ministry in prayer. God Bless.

Yours In Christ,

Joe Driver, Chaplain

The office staff thanks **Brent Carrington** for the office supplies.

A big thank you to **Ruth Harlow** for all the time and hard work she contributed to having the new pictorial directory produced. Our church earned \$258.00 due to her efforts.

Prayer Thoughts

(Provided by the NHBC Prayer Team)

From George Arthur Buttrick's book, *PRAYER*

Chapter 8- "THE BOUNDS AND BOUNDLESSNESS OF PRAYER"

Perceptions of a false theory of prayer, situations, which claim too little for petitionary prayer, or extravagant and unworthy claims, would justify a closer examination of the limits of petition in a person's prayer life. Continuing from June's article which examined: **Prayer has other bounds and must keep its proper place within thought and toil.** The additional information below will provide further focus on prayer characteristics.

There is a darker fetter on our prayers—**the bounds set by our wrongdoing.** However intense our plea, however clamorous, God cannot forswear Himself to bless our wrong. The whole question of prayers in wartime is here pertinent. The urging of special days of united prayer for peace and emphasize the value of prayer in crisis. With such conviction Christian faith cannot quarrel. If prayer flows from sincere fountains, even though choked by selfishness and opened only by retributive earthquake, the prayer is not in vain. But, when the intent of such urging goes beyond sincerity, conditions of man's waywardness may exist, be shallow, and not be in tune with God. Consider President Lincoln's words of prayers during the Civil War: "Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God...Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away...the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." Even in our sins prayer may still be, not 'limited,' but a boundless liberty

In tracing the limits of petitionary prayer a person cannot be sure just where the line runs, the bounds are wide. There is a faithfulness of earth and sky, of life and earth, which our pleading cannot touch, and without which we could not be free in life or prayer. Yet, that faithfulness is over-laid by a free activity in which men and women are "workers together with" God (2 Cor. 6:1). This is an area where man's thought and labor must be fulfilled, but without prayer there exists a helplessness and a delusion.

Kids In Christ

Vacation Bible School

July 11th through July 15th 9am to noon daily

Registration ends on July 5th. Sign up online at

www.newhighlandbaptist.org – click the VBS link.

Volunteers are always needed for Crew Leaders. Please consider helping out. Training sessions are offered on the following dates:

	<u>Station Leaders</u>	<u>Crew Leaders</u>
July 6 th	N/A	4pm-4:30pm

Stop by the Main Lobby at our VBS Donation station.

We have posted donation labels for supplies needed in each station.

Mark your calendar for these decorating dates too:

July 7th 9am – noon

July 8th 9am – noon

July 9th 9am – noon

July 10th 1pm until...

If you have any questions about VBS, please stop by and see me.

Ms. Kim.

Worship Corner Notes....

**Sunday, July 3—Communion Sunday
One Service at 11am**

**Sunday, July 10 —Baptism Sunday
One Service at 11am**

**Sunday, July 17—VBS Sunday
One Service at 11am in the CLC**

**Sunday, July 24 and 31
Services at 8:30 and 11am**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Compassion International Sponsorship of Mohamed

As of August 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.

Haiti Mission Trip (Postponed)

The trip scheduled for July 22nd—August 1st has been postponed. We are hoping to make a trip in the fall. As soon as we determine the new dates, we will let you know. Thanks!

Family Summer Mission Trip

Camp Hope will take place the week of August 8-12 at Camp T. Brady Saunders in Goochland. The planning team is very excited to see what God has in store for us this year and who He will call to key volunteer positions! There will be a meeting held at New Highland Baptist Church on Sunday, July 10th at 7 p.m. Volunteer applications will be available that evening and will need to be completed by each person. If you cannot attend that meeting, but are interested in volunteering, please email Carrie Dugai at cdugai@comcast.net so she can send you an application. You are guaranteed a Camp Hope t-shirt only if you volunteer by July 11th! We have volunteer opportunities of all types, from those requiring a week-long commitment to those with very little time commitment involved. Camp runs all day, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., so all time slots are available. Some things can be done before or after camp, so there are still opportunities even if you're unavailable for the week of camp. 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. You can use this link to complete application online. https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&authkey=CNGOIZAG&formkey=dFBhS05FN1FYdW9yclROZGhPcl9VcHc6MQ#gid=0

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From the Stewardship Committee:

Much of the time, it can seem like the Stewardship Committee is only asking you to give financially. In reviewing a blog post by Dr. Ron Crawford (who was a guest preacher this past winter), we are reminded that there are other ways we can give as well. Offer the gift of encouragement. Offer the gift of counsel, if invited. Offer the gift of hospitality. Offer the gift of time. There are many ways we can contribute. What gifts do you have to offer?

**Compassion International—Mohamed Sponsorship:
 Albert and Carolyn Whitley**

Central Virginia Food Bank

January—April, 2011

New Highland made the top twenty food drives for the first quarter of the year by donating 1,314 pounds of food.

Thanks to you all and special thanks to

Barbara Thombs for delivering our monthly donation.



<u>June Benevolence Offering</u> \$651.75	<u>Food Bank Donations for July:</u> Canned Fruits and Veggies			<u>Dover Assoc. Missions Offering</u> Through 6/15 \$460.00 Goal \$800.00	
<u>ACTS II:</u>	<u>May 22, 2011</u>	<u>May 29, 2011</u>	<u>June 5, 2011</u>	<u>June 12, 2011</u>	<u>June 19, 2011</u>
<u>Attendance</u>					
8:30 Worship	111	No Service	66	No Service	77
Sunday School	184	154	182	175	181
11:00 Worship	182	156	222	318	193
<u>Budget 2011</u>					
Weekly Need	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10
Weekly Receipts	6,122.50	7,267.50	12,407.21	7,385.78	9,823.26
YTD Goal	225,710.10	236,458.20	247,206.30	257,954.40	268,702.50
YTD Receipts	208,332.06	215,599.56	228,006.77	235,392.55	245,215.81
<u>Building Fund</u>					
Weekly Receipts	125.00	5.00	520.00	51.00	140.00
<u>Designated Gifts</u>	576.67	2,777.82	8,116.00	288.19	776.00