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“Doing Our Part”

In *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster reminds us that “Jesus speaks to the question of economics more than any other single issue. If, in a comparatively simple society, our Lord lays such strong emphases upon the spiritual dangers of wealth, how much more should we who live in a highly affluent culture take seriously the economic question. As your pastor, I would like to take this opportunity to take seriously this “economic question.” Many of our families have faced economic struggles these past few years. This has a direct impact on our ability to provide the level of programming and ministry that you expect. In fact, there is more of a demand on churches, staffs, and ministries during times of difficulty than in more prosperous times. Yet we are faced with fewer dollars to provide for these increased needs.

We are asking our members to pause to evaluate their financial commitments to New Highland Baptist and its ministries. Where are we in comparison to where we should be? The Bible speaks of the “tithe” which is ten percent of gross family income. “Offerings,” such as special missions offerings, benevolence, designations and other church fund-raisers, are “over and above” the tithe. They should not be an offset to our biblical tithe. If we give to debt retirement or the building fund, for example, this is an offering over and above the tithe. We all have things that we are passionate about. But if people give to special offerings and designations by reducing their gifts to the unified church budget, then the entire church suffers. This is no matter to take lightly.

As of this writing we are \$47,352.51 below budget. But ongoing commitments such as missions giving, the mortgage, personnel, utilities, and insurance must be met. There are fourteen Sundays remaining in the year. To meet our unified budget of \$558,901.20, we must overcome our deficit. This means that our new weekly goal is actually \$14,130.42, which is up from \$10,748.10, an increase of \$3,382.32. Please be mindful of your responsibility to God’s kingdom work here and around the world. We all need to dig deeper to endure these challenging times. May we do our part and trust that God will do his!

Blessings, Bob

Worship Calendar

**Sunday, October 2—Communion
Services at 8:30 & 11am**

**Sunday, October 9—Clergy Appreciation
Services at 8:30 & 11am**

Crosslight will lead in worship at 8:30
The KIC choir will lead in worship at 11am.

**Sunday, October 16—Baptism
8:30am—Pam Carroll
11am—Stephen Castle**
Heartsong ministries will lead in worship at 8:30 AM.

**Sunday, October 23—Pastor Pulpit Swap*
Services at 8:30 & 11am**

The Preschool choir will lead in worship at 11am.
*Rev. Mike Gray, Pastor of Newington Baptist Church in Gloucester, VA will be preaching.

**Sunday, October 31
One service at 11am**
Highland Praise will lead in worship.

New Members



Pam Carroll
September 4, 2011
Wife of David
Sons: Seth & Zachary
By Statement of Faith
and Awaits Baptism



Claire Baldacci
September 18, 2011
Daughter of Don & Dana
By Profession of Faith
and Awaits Baptism

Address and Phone information is available from Church Office.



Put on Your Chef's Hat

OCT 23



Show off those baking skills!

Enter your dessert in the 8th Annual Church-Wide **DESSERT AUCTION**

Part of the proceeds will go directly to missions in addition to helping defer cost of youth events

Come and be part of our very own Live Auction and bid on your favorite dessert winner



How It Works:

- ❖ Make your dessert
- ❖ Bring it to church Sunday Oct. 23
- ❖ Pick the category you'd like to enter it in
- ❖ Come back after the late service to enjoy fellowship, food, **AND Bid on the award winners in a LIVE AUCTION !!**
OR take part in our silent auction

We all get a chance to taste everybody's dessert (if your stomach can handle it!)

Dessert Auction Registration Card

NAME: _____

DESSERT NAME: _____



Please circle the category you want to enter your dessert in:
(pick only ONE)

- ❖ Most Creative
- ❖ Best Decorative
- ❖ Most Delicious
- ❖ Chocolate Lovers
- ❖ Best Low-Fat/Sugar-Free
- ❖ Best Children
- ❖ Best Youth
- ❖ Best Senior

Please attach this card to your dessert & bring to CLC no later than 10:15 on OCT 23

KIC CORNER

KIC Club Coming to 8:30am Worship
Starting in October, we will be offering KIC Club during the 8:30am Worship Services twice a month. KIC Club is open to children 4 years old through kindergarten. Kids will enjoy Bible stories, crafts and games. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Kim Gunn.

Children's Play in April 2012

If your child is interested in participating in our Spring Play, *The Amazing Grace Race*, please register for our Wednesday night KIC Zone program. We will begin practices in October. Elementary kids will choose a track – choir or missions. By October 15th, if they are in the choir track, they can be considered for solos or speaking parts in the Spring Play. Come join us!

Trunk-O-Treat

Please join us for the 5th annual KIC Trunk-O-Treat event on Sun, October 30th from 4-6pm. Sign up today at the KIC Rock to park your car in the field. Hotdog dinners will be served. Open to community – so bring your family & friends. Any donations of wrapped candy or prizes can be dropped off in the lobby near the KIC Rock.

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 30—Trunk-O-Treat
4-6pm

Nov. 13—Shoebox Wrapping Party
6-7:30pm

Dec. 11—Parent/Child Dedication
During both services

Dec. 18—KIC Choirs join in Christmas
Worship Services

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Our next group of CARITAS guests will be with us from December 17th to December 26th. Please be in prayer about where you or your small group can volunteer. We will again have a Christmas Wish List so that every guest can receive a gift on Christmas. However, due to the frequent changes in the makeup of the group, this list will not be available until the week the guests arrive. If you're willing to do some last minute Christmas shopping, it's well worth it and much appreciated! We're praying that some of the congregation will again be willing to spend a part of their Christmas day with the guests. We are also looking for an individual who will help us coordinate getting the laundry done for the guests while they're here. This individual would not necessarily have to do any laundry, just be willing to coordinate other volunteers to be sure all of the laundry gets done each day. The laundry can be done at the church or can be taken home to be washed. 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!

PRAYER THOUGHTS

Provided by the NHBC Prayer Team

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

Chapter 4 Holy Spirit

Key Quotes: "Prayer is not what is done by us, but rather what is done by the Holy Spirit in us." & "When we speak about the Holy Spirit, we speak about the breath of God breathing in us."

An All-Embracing Intimacy

Many people tend to associate prayer with separation from others, but real prayer brings us closer to our fellow human beings. Prayer is the first and indispensable discipline of compassion precisely because prayer is also the first expression of human solidarity. Why is this so? Because the Spirit, who prays in us is the Spirit by whom all human beings are brought together in unity and community. The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, unity, and reconciliation, constantly reveals himself to us. The Spirit is the power through whom people from the most diverse social, political, economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds are brought together as sisters and brothers of the same Christ and daughters and sons of the same Father.

To prevent ourselves from slipping into spiritual romanticism or pious sentimentality, we must pay careful attention to the compassionate presence of the Holy Spirit. The intimacy of prayer is the intimacy created by the Holy Spirit who, as the bearer of the new mind and the new time, does not exclude but rather includes our fellow human beings. In the intimacy of prayer, God is revealed to us as the One who loves all the members of the human family just as personally and uniquely as God loves us. Therefore, a growing intimacy with God deepens our sense of responsibility for others. It evokes in us an always increasing desire to bring the whole world with all its suffering and pains around the divine fire in our heart and to share the revitalizing heat with all who want to come.

--Compassion

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Gift of Christmas

It's not too late to get involved in worship during Christmas at NHBC. The worship ministry is planning Christmas services. If you are interested in singing or participating in other ways, please contact Sheri Castle. We invite all to get involved this Christmas season.

Worship Team

Each worship team member, from the musicians to the computer operators, is equally important in leading our church into God's presence. Our worship team is made up of musicians, vocalists, sound technicians and computer operators. Some of our key needs are highlighted below.

If you are interested in any of these positions, email Sheri Castle: worshipleader@newhighlandbaptist.org

Title: Vocalists

Job Description: Our worship team has openings for both male and female vocalists. Each vocalist will assist the worship leader in leading our church each Sunday. Melody and harmony positions are available. Servant hearts and teamwork are a must. Anyone interested in this position must go through an interview and audition process.

Title: Musician

Job Description: In addition to vocalists, our worship team is currently made up of the following instruments: keyboard, bass guitar, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and drums. Servant hearts and teamwork are a must. Anyone interested in this position must go through an interview and audition process.

Title: Sound Tech

Job Description: Sound Techs are responsible for the operation of the sound board and lights during our services. They work closely with our worship team and also help with stage set-up for services and special events. Training available: Orientation class and apprenticeship with current sound technicians are offered periodically.

Title: Computer Operator

Job Description: Our "Easy Worship" operators help build song and message slides as well as operate the worship center computer during services. They are responsible for advancing slides during the worship and message. Training available: Orientation class and apprenticeship with current Easy Worship operators are offered periodically.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Scott Baker
Joan Ciucci
Randy Cox
Rose Harper
Shirley Linville
Claire Williams

*Hospitalized at time of printing

IN MEMORIAM

Carol G. Eby:
June 15, 1944—August 29, 2011
She united with our
church family on
October 3, 2004.

Residential Facility & Home Bound

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

Please see the directory or call the office @ 550-9601 for member information.

Deacons Of the Month

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Bulletin—Each Monday by 10am**

Congratulations

Kristi Garstang will celebrate 5 years as
Financial Administrative Assistant
on October 13.

***Quarterly Business Meeting**

October 26, 2011
6:15pm

In the Sanctuary
Nursery provided

Worship Choir will follow at 7:30pm

*To vote on 2012 budget.

Compassion International—Mohamed Sponsorship:
Sponsorship Needed for October

September Benevolence Offering
\$616.82

Food Bank Donations for October:
Pasta, Rice and Dry Beans

ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS
The next meeting will be October 10 at 6:30pm.

<u>ACTS II:</u>	<u>Aug. 28, 2011</u>	<u>Sept. 4, 2011</u>	<u>Sept. 11, 2011</u>	<u>Sept. 18, 2011</u>
<u>Attendance</u>				
8:30 Worship		60	87	101
Sunday School		168	226	204
11:00 Worship	45	184	260	207
<u>Budget 2011</u>				
Weekly Need	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10
Weekly Receipts	3,765.00	12,127.90	14,219.97	8,126.75
YTD Goal	376,183.50	386,931.60	397,679.70	408,427.80
YTD Receipts	326,600.67	338,728.57	352,948.54	361,075.29
<u>Building Fund</u>				
Weekly Receipts	100.00	350.00	335.00	50.00
<u>Designated Gifts</u>	73.70	40.00	195.00	294.40

Hurricane Irene