



“Our Gratitude”

As I write this article, I am still at home recovering from surgery. Each day I can see and feel God’s healing hand at work. As a participant in this healing, I am responsible for following my surgeon’s orders such as much needed rest, limited physical activity, and care for the incision (many of you can relate). Soon, I will be back on my feet and able to resume normal activities!

While following doctor’s orders is vital to the healing process, I have experienced another crucial ingredient of healing: grace! Grace is the favor and blessing of God in the form of a gift. This gift is to be received without doing anything in return. I now stand on the recovery side of surgery with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the ways in which you, our church family, have embodied God’s grace.

God’s grace has filled us to overflowing! You filled our family room the night before surgery to pray and offer the laying-on-of-hands; you filled the hospital waiting area with your presence; you filled our mailbox with cards and notes; you filled our spirits with your prayers and visits; you filled in the gaps in church matters; you filled our bellies with your scrumptious comfort foods; you filled Isabella with nurture and love; and you filled in for me at home by mowing our lawn. We have always known that NHBC is a caring church family, but now we know even better!

Melanie, Isabella, and I will always be thankful each time we remember your acts of kindness. Many of your cards and notes included scripture. May they be a blessing to you--“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak” (Is. 40:29); “His compassions fail not” (Lam. 3:22); “He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be numbered” (Job 9:10); “With his stripes we are healed” (Is. 53:5); “Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for him” (Ps. 37:7); and “I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you . . .” (3 Jn. 1:2).

Grace and peace, Pastor Bob

PRAYER CONCERNS

Randy Cox
 Rose Harper
 Shirley Linville
 Claire Williams

***Hospitalized at time of printing**

Christian sympathy is expressed to
Gayle Carter and Coleman Radder in the death of John Radder.

Cullen Lumpkin and family in the death of his cousin, Virginia Lynne Crumpton.

Joan Purdy and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Mark Wear.

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**

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



Congratulations

To **Caitlyn Roberts** for graduating from Hanover High School.

Congratulations

Claude and Barbara Aylor will celebrate 5 years as Office Volunteers with NHBC. They began volunteering in September of 2006.

Deacons of the Month

David McGhee—730-3257
 Jennings Dawson—239-3088

In Memoriam

Catherine “Sissie” Bowles:
July 10, 1940—August 23, 2011
She united with our church family on October 3, 1982.

New Members



***Kevin and *Sandra Smolen**
With ***Daniel, Ben**
& **Michael**
By Letter
*Joined on August 7, 2011

***Jason and *Alaina DeHaven**
With Jackson and Tyler
By Letter
*Joined on August 7, 2011



Address and Phone information is available from Church Office

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped paint the Children's wing. The hallway and rooms look marvelous! What a great team effort between church members and The Day School teachers. A special THANK YOU goes to **Caroline Bivens** for our new mural. What an amazing way to greet new families. You have a special gift from God, and thank you for using it to serve Him.
Sheila Gordon, Tiffany Miller & Kim Gunn

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered, contributed or prayed for Vacation Bible School. We had another memorable year with 248 children! I am so proud to be part of the NHBC family and this ministry to our children.

Ms. Kim

Dear New Highland Baptist Deaconesses,

Thank you so much for your willingness to help with the supplies for the crafts at Camp Hope Richmond. We have a tradition of giving the children nail cross necklaces on the day we make jewelry in crafts. The first year, we intended the crosses to be for the boys but the girls were just as excited about them as the boys (as were the counselors as well!). I was so nervous because I wanted to be able to give each child a necklace since they were so excited but I knew I wouldn't have enough. God amazes me every year when I plan crafts and He once again showed me how BIG he is by having exactly enough crosses for every boy, girl and their counselors!!! I did not plan that at all! When Carrie told me that the deaconesses wanted to help supply something for Camp Hope, I knew this would be the perfect item. I love to see the kids faces when they are given these necklaces and we tell them the story of Christ dying for us as they gently touch each nail of the cross. Thank you for your love and kindness in helping and supporting Camp Hope!

Many blessings,

Sandy Bralley



Noah's Ark Mural in Children's Hallway

Painted by **Caroline Bivens**.

Daughter of Eric and Lynn.

Photo by Scott Baker

Caroline designed and painted the mural to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. She is in Girl Scout Troop 3133.

Color photo is available at www.newhighlandbaptist.org
Go to the September Envoy.

Caroline,

We thank you for your hard work and the offering of your time and talent. It was amazing to watch you create this work of art.

Office Staff

Prayer Thoughts (Provided by the NHBC Prayer Team):
From **“The Only Necessary Thing”** by Henri J. M. Nouwen

Chapter 7 Discipline

Key Quotes: “A spiritual life without discipline is impossible.”
& “Discipline means that something very specific and concrete needs to be done to create the context in which a life of uninterrupted prayer can develop.”

Creating Boundaries Around Our Meeting With God

We simply need quiet time in the presence of God. Although we want to make all our time, time for God, we will never succeed if we do not reserve a minute, an hour, a morning, a day, a week, a month, or whatever period of time for God and God alone.

This asks for much discipline and risk taking because we always seem to have something more urgent to do and “just sitting there” and “doing nothing” often disturbs us more than it helps. But there is no way around this. Being useless and silent in the presence of our God belongs to the core of all prayer. In the beginning we often hear our own unruly noises more loudly than God’s voice...at times hard to tolerate...we discover that the silent time makes us quiet and deepens our awareness of ourselves and God. Then, very soon, we start missing these moments when we are deprived of them, and before we are fully aware of it, an inner momentum has developed that draws us more and more into silence and closer to that still point where God speaks to us.

Contemplative reading of the Holy Scriptures and silent time in the presence of God belong closely together. The word of God draws us into silence; silence makes us attentive to God’s word. The word of God penetrates through...to the silence of our heart; ...silence opens in us the space where the word can be heard.

That is why prayer requires discipline. Discipline means to create boundaries around our meeting with God. Our times and places can’t be so filled up that there is no way of meeting. So you have to work very hard to say this is the time in which I am with God, whether I like it or not, whether I feel like it, whether it satisfies me. It is very interesting that people who follow a prayer discipline...when they keep doing it regularly, eventually, they don’t want to miss it...They say, “Something is happening to me on a deeper level than thinking...but God is greater than my heart and my mind.”

...I trust that God is greater than me when I dwell—let myself be held—in that place of prayer.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions

The emphasis week for this offering is September 11-18, but will be collected all month. Monies collected benefit state missions opportunities. Our goal this year is to collect \$500. You can use the designated envelope from your box of offering envelopes, or use an envelope from the back of a pew.

Homemade Cookies for the September Race:

Central Virginia Raceway Ministry asks church groups to make homemade cookies to share September 9-10. Please put 2-3 medium-sized cookies in clear, locking-style, sandwich-sized plastic bags. Please deliver to NHBC by Sept 8.

Questions—contact Michelle Brown @ 746-0967.



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 18th**. 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 11th at 5pm. See you there!!

KIC CORNER

KIC Club is coming to 8:30am Worship Services

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

MWE KIC Zone

If your child will be participating in the MWE activities this fall, join us for a **Parent’s Meeting on Sept 11th from 4:30-5:30 in the CLC**. We will discuss the overall KIC Zone program – including bible study, choir and missions. Leaders will also be available to answer questions, register your children and distribute new materials. All children will need to purchase a new bible study book. We are starting a new series this fall that will last for two years.

New Bible Study books (K-5 th grade)	\$10
CDs	\$6
KIC Zone bags	\$2

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers in the KIC Ministry. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities to minister to our children:

- Sunday School Teacher – 4th grade
- Nursery Volunteers - MWE & Worship Services
- MWE Bible Study Leader

See Ms. Kim to volunteer or if you have questions.

Learning to Worship

This 8 week series begins on September 18 for the 3rd grade Sunday School class.

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**PUBLICATION DEADLINE: October Envoy — Sept. 15th
Bulletin—Each Monday by 10am**

<p><u>Mid-Week Encounter</u></p> <p>Begins September 14</p> <p>See back of calendar for classes offered this fall.</p>	<p><u>Special Called Business Meeting</u></p> <p>September 21 6:15pm In the CLC Topic: Nominating Report</p>	<p><u>Men in Ministry</u></p> <p>Men in Ministry will have What: A breakfast When: September 17, 2011 at 8am Where: Mechanicsville Baptist 8016 Atlee Road</p> <p>All men are welcome!</p>
<p><u>Compassion International—Mohamed Sponsorship:</u> Kids in Christ</p>		

<p><u>August Missions Offering</u> \$476.00</p>	<p><u>Food Bank Donations for September:</u> Peanut Butter</p>	<p><u>ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> The next meeting will be September 12.</p>
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<u>ACTS II:</u>	<u>July 31, 2011</u>	<u>August 7, 2011</u>	<u>August 14, 2011</u>	<u>August 21, 2011</u>
<u>Attendance</u>				
8:30 Worship	45	81	61	47
Sunday School	152	162	216	136
11:00 Worship	180	170	188	145
<u>Budget 2011</u>				
Weekly Need	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10
Weekly Receipts	8,046.85	12,218.21	8,896.10	5,900.00
YTD Goal	333,191.10	343,939.20	354,687.30	365,435.40
YTD Receipts	295,547.25	307,765.46	316,661.56	322,835.67
<u>Building Fund</u>				
Weekly Receipts	5.00	290.00	150.00	40.00
<u>Designated Gifts</u>	1,381.15	00.00	5,038.00	00.00