



NEW HIGHLAND

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"Strengthening Marriages"

In the December *Envoy*, I encouraged our married couples to consider making time for a "marriage tune-up." We take our cars in for regular maintenance and we should do the same for our marriages! In this light, we are offering some wonderful opportunities for married couples. Here's a reminder of what's coming in early 2012 at NHBC!

"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, which includes 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. Join Melanie and me as we facilitate this course along with Paul and Debbie Clay and Jennings and Melissa Dawson.

Please be in prayer for First Things First, Richmond and "The Art of Marriage" conferences that will be held at a number of area churches in February. Let's make strong marriages a priority in 2012!
Blessings, Pastor Bob

January Worship Calendar

Sunday, January 1—Communion

One Service at 11am
Sunday School at 9:45am

Sunday, January 8

Service at 8:30am will be in the CLC
Service at 11am will be in the Sanctuary
Sunday School at 9:45am

Sunday, January 15—Baptism

Services at 8:30 & 11am
Sunday School at 9:45am

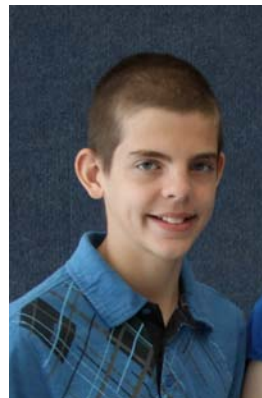
Sunday, January 22

Services at 8:30 & 11am
Sunday School at 9:45am

Sunday, January 29—The Day School

Services at 8:30 & 11am
Sunday School at 9:45am

New Member



Jake Bryant

Joined by Profession of Faith
on 12/4
and Baptized on 12/11
Parents: Wes and Becky Bryant

Christian Sympathy is Expressed to:

Chris, Kathy and Joell Shepperson in the death of their son and brother, CJ Shepperson.
Shirley Elliott and family in the death of her sister, Rhoda Turner.
Judy & Warren Timberlake in the death of her sister, Virginia Raettig.
Matt Parker & family in the death of his grandmother, Dot Parker.
Linda Johnson & family in the death of her brother-in-law, Arthur Pickett.

MID-WEEK ENCOUNTER

January 11– April 18, 2012

A variety of studies are being planned to encourage you to Know, Grow, & Serve Christ.

Please remember to sign up for dinner. Reservation cards are available in front of office.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Marriage: Built to Last

Grace Based Parenting

As God Sees the Cross

Adult Bible Book Study

Women's Study – Jonah

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Bible Study, Mission Focus,
& Choir (pre-school and children)
Nursery is available

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Middle & High School

The Day School 2012 Registration dates:

Jan. 17-20, 2012 open to church members and to returning students/siblings

Jan. 23, 2012 open to the community

The Day School also has a few openings for new students in January. If you are looking for a preschool class for your 3 or 4-year-old mid-year, please contact Tiffany Miller @ 550-1557.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the spiritual support and prayers. God is good all the time. Bless each and every one of you. Please continue to remember my sister and family in this time of loss.

In Christian Love, **Judy Timberlake**

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank Pastor Bob, Dr. Fleming, and my church family for all the prayers, cards, visits and kind words when I lost my mother.

Sincerely, **Dot Martin**

Thank you all so very much for the care package! Merry Christmas!

Ryan Garstang via Facebook

2nd Annual Church-Wide SOUP-er BOWL

The New Highland men face off against the New Highland women to see who can bring in the most cans of soup for the Central Virginia Food Bank. Bring in canned soup during the month of January and place in your team box.



Team Women vs. Team Men



Final count will be on February 4.



Winning staff representatives will be presented the "SOUPER BOWL" award during both services on Feb. 5th.

One source says *"The men are going down! The only way they will bring in soup is if the women remind them!"*

While another source replies, *"The men will be victorious; we must redeem ourselves from last year!"*

And so the game begins.....



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 see **Sheila Gordon**.

Flower Calendar for 2012

Flower calendar is located on the office door. You may take the bouquet home with you after worship services. The cost will be \$35 for each Sunday chosen. Requests for certain flowers or colors will be honored whenever possible. Please call Cheryl McGhee at 380-2841 or by email warmhrtd40@aol.com if you have any questions.

Prayer Thoughts (Provided by the NHBC Prayer Team):

From "Hearing God's Voice" by Henry & Richard Blackaby

HOW CAN YOU CLEARLY KNOW WHAT GOD IS SAYING TO YOU?

The Blackabys help those who are listening to discern the voice of God, to identify ways He speaks, and to respond to revelations of His will.

God speaks to individuals in ways that are personal and unique to each person. God will never say anything that contravenes what He has said in the Bible. After you learn to listen to God, hearing from God will be as natural as communication with a close friend.

God Speaks: His Way—Chapter Three – Examine the way God spoke and the implications they have for us as we seek to hear His voice today.

God Speaks Uniquely: Saul of Tarsus met Christ in a sensational and humbling fashion. God spoke to young Samuel in a quiet, gentle voice in the stillness of the night. Encounters between God and individuals matched not only the person's character but also the circumstances.

God Speaks Personally: Being creatures of convenience, people want to find the formula that works and apply it everywhere possible to simplify their lives. The event of God speaking to Balaam via a donkey was unique, but of most importance is that God spoke to Balaam. Some may say, "If God would just speak to them, they would believe." Hebrews 11:6 (HCSB) explains, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God." God's choice to communicate in so many diverse ways forces us to put our faith in Him, not a method. We do not seek a word from God to prove He is real so we can have a relationship with Him. Rather, as we seek to develop an intimate relationship with Him, we will hear Him speak to us (James 4:8).

God Speaks Progressively: God seeks a dynamic, growing relationship with his people, so he speaks progressively to individuals. He guides people step-by-step, day-by-day, each new word building upon what He said previously. Consider God's involvement with Moses, Abraham, Ezekiel, and Paul. Jesus did not tell the disciples about the cross until they understood He was the Christ.

God Speaks Consistently: God is God, and speaks to people in a holy manner and directs people to act in an ethical manner. His words always reflect perfect love. The harshness of John 3:16 lays out the hard reality of rejecting God, but He also assures people of ample opportunity to prevent their self-destruction.

God Speaks Unmistakably: The Bible relates the numerous times and ways God spoke to people. They ultimately knew it was God speaking. From Adam & Eve through to the exiled apostle John, the question was not, "Is God speaking to me?" but, "How will I respond to what God is telling me?" Our problem: we don't always want to hear what He is telling us.

God Speaks Diagnostically: Since creation, people have either accepted or rejected His message. A response is unavoidable, and the condition of peoples' hearts is revealed in that response. Shall we remember and follow Mary's model in Luke 1:38? "Consider me the Lord's slave, May it be done to me according to your word."

Know how God speaks, be equipped to hear God speaking directly to you, and how to respond in obedience to what He says.

Christmas Post Office

The post office raised \$370.00. All proceeds will go to Debt Retirement. Thank you to all who mailed cards through the post office.



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.



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

Paul Clay
559-2553

Matt Parker
550-2230

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

*Hospitalized at time of printing

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will
be closed on
January 2, 2012.

Staff Ministry Team

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**PUBLICATION DEADLINE: February Envoy — Jan. 13th
Bulletin—Each Monday by Noon**

Next Quarterly Business Meeting

January 25, 2012
6:15pm in the Sanctuary
Dinner will be served at 5:15pm in the CLC
No Activities—Nursery Only

Upward Basketball Starts in January

Volunteers are needed to referee, run the score-board, work concessions and to share a devotional at half time of games. Practices begin on 1/2/12 and games begin on 1/21/12 and run through 3/10/12. Contact Kelly Verham at 550-0558 or kelly_verham@pmagroup.com for info.

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

**December Benevolence
Offering: \$707.26**

**CVFB Donations for January:
Canned Soup**

ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS
The next meeting will be Jan. 9 at 6:30pm.

<u>ACTS II:</u>	<u>Nov. 20, 2011</u>	<u>Nov 27, 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 4, 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 11, 2011</u>
<u>Attendance</u>				
8:30 Worship	85	85	90	103
Sunday School	207	175	228	224
11:00 Worship	193	169	203	235
<u>Budget 2011</u>				
Weekly Need	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10	\$10,748.10
Weekly Receipts	9,265.49	9,173.50	14,165.41	6,394.60
YTD Goal	505,160.70	515,908.80	526,656.90	537,405.00
YTD Receipts	451,990.91	461,164.41	475,329.82	481,724.42
<u>Bldg/Debt Retirement</u>	75.00	155.00	365.00	230.00
<u>Designated Gifts</u>	852.48	72.90	372.00	2,581.75

OPEN BASKETBALL

We are going to start playing basketball again on Monday nights after Upward practice is over. We will start on 1/2/12 at 7:45 pm.



All are welcome.
Hope to see you.