

Highlands



Wednesday night activities resume January 8

Wednesdays: 7:00pm - Fellowship Dinner 7:30pm - Bible Study



**American
Red Cross**

Highlands Blood Drive Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason.

Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.

Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood someday.

Some believe it is the right thing we do.

Thank you to all who donated at our November 2019 drive. Your support and generosity helped to ensure blood needs were met locally. And, once that was done, the Red Cross can ensure blood is available when and where it is needed the most – the ongoing fulfillment of our mission depends on you!

The products from our November drive went to help patients in these locations –

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital

Navicent Health Oconee LLC

Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital

Northeast Georgia Medical Center- Gainesville

Piedmont Henry Hospital.

If you haven't given in a while, or if you've never given, this is a great time to start!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex in mid-December or you can visit

www.redcrossblood.org, search for "30017" and January 7 and sign up online. If you

have any questions, please contact Betsy Whitson at 404-790-8936 or

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Special Dates of Interest

- Jan 4 - Undecorate from Advent
- Jan 7 - Blood Drive
- Jan 8 - Wed night activities resume
- Jan 9—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Jan 9—Adult Bible Study
- Jan 11 - Men's Bible Study
- Jan 11 - Puppet Training School
- Jan 12 - Sunday School resumes
- Jan 12 - Puppet Show
- Jan 12—Deacon's Meeting
- Jan 13—Soup Nite
- Jan 16—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Jan 18 - Snow Tubing
- Jan 21—Session Meeting
- Jan 23—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Jan 23 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Jan 27—Soup Nite
- Jan 29 - Birthday Celebrations
- Jan 30—Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Feb 2—Officer Luncheon



From the Pastor

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Have you ever asked yourself the question why is Highlands here and why am I a part of it? Many of us probably don't even think about such things or ask ourselves such questions. We just go about our daily routines, doing the things we need to do, and never give it much thought. The church is here because the church is here and that's that! Well, as you have probably guessed, I would like for us to consider that question because your answer to it will affect the decisions you will make throughout the course of this year.

You and I, and all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, make up his church. As the church of Jesus Christ, we have a purpose to pursue, a mission to carry out. Jesus calls us to bring the good news of salvation to all who will hear and accept it. What better task could he give us than to be the bearers of such good news that God will forgive sin and guarantee us a place in heaven with Him?

Now there are a number of ways in which we can carry out the mission that Jesus has given to his church, especially to all of us who make up Highlands. One of the ways is through personal evangelism where we build friendships with people who don't know the Lord. We can invite them to come with us to worship where they will hear the gospel, or we can share the good news ourselves and help them to know and love Jesus.

Another way in which we can carry out the mission that Jesus has given us is through the various programs the church offers. Some of you have probably wondered why we have the Mother's Morning Out program, Vacation Bible School, the Fall Festival, Soup Nite, or any of the other programs we offer throughout the year. Well, we have them because they are avenues of ministry through which we can get the news out that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and that God will forgive any and all who will come to Him in humble repentance and genuine faith. They provide an opportunity through which we can meet people in the community and share the wondrously good news of salvation.

And let me just add something. Every one of us at Highlands has a part in these programs. God has given some of you the time and the talents to be an active participant and you need to do that. God has given some of you financial resources and you need to use them to further His purpose through these programs. But God has given all of us free access to the throne of grace and we need to pray every day that the Lord will continue to bless the programs we offer so that this world will know that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

I'm really excited about 2020 and am looking forward to what God is going to do at Highlands. But the truth is, He does His work through His people. We should be living with such hope-filled lives as we minister to our community that those with whom we interact would see God's work of grace in us and ask us why we have such hope. Of course, we must then be ready to tell them the wondrous news of the gospel.

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

*"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.
The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

Bible Study: Our next lesson from the *Red Sea Rules*, Rule #5, "Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work," will be on Thursday, January 23, from 10:30-12. This is such a great study! Plan to attend, even if you haven't come before. Please contact Faith Wallace or Betsy Whitson if you need a book.

Save the Dates: Saturday, February 8, 2020, 6:00 pm, Valentines Dinner with entertainment. This is a fund raiser for Women's Ministry. Come enjoy a fun evening. More details to come.

In-House Women's Retreat Saturday, March 14, 2020 (and maybe Friday evening March 13). We are still finalizing our plans, but a wonderful guest speaker, Carol Arnold, will be leading us in this uplifting retreat. Please plan to attend this inspiring event to fill your soul and feed your spirit with God's love as we grow closer as women. More information to come later.

Ladies Christmas Night



Ladies Bible Study

Thursday, January 23 at 10:30am

Red Sea Rules, Rule #5: "Stay calm and confident, and give God time to work."



Get plugged into our ministries.

Join a ministry team today!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

JANUARY 11 AT 8:00AM

BREAKFAST AND COFFEE PROVIDED

Highlands MMO & Preschool

January

Theme: My Five Senses



This month we will learn about "My Five Senses." We will have many fun activities that the students will be able to see, hear, taste, touch, and smell. We will also learn about letters "N, O, and P." Parents and friends are invited to join us to "see, smell, touch, and taste" donuts on January 16 at 9:45 am! On January 23rd we will have a silly fun day where we wear our pajamas to school day!



The students did a great job on their Christmas Program! They sang songs and performed "The Christmas Story." A pizza party in the fellowship hall was enjoyed by all after the program.



Highlands MMO & Preschool is reaching out to our community to provide quality Christian childcare and instruction for families with young children. Please pray for this outreach ministry of Highlands ARP.



MMO Program & Party





YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

Join us for a Puppet Show

January 12 at 11 am



Kingdom Cubs
Children's
Ministry

Wednesdays at 6:30!



Join us for Snow Tubing

Jan 18



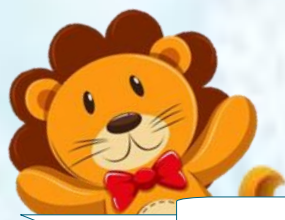
Taco Tuesday Fun



Children's Church SCHEDULE



	Nursery	Preschool	Elementary
Jan 5	Rachel Bratley	Karen Akins	Lynn Avitabile
Jan 12	Liezl Spiller	Stacie Edmondson	For month of January
Jan 19	Ricky & Kristy Summers	Lyna Nkefor	
Jan 26	Karen Mobley	Chantal Chifen	



Puppet Training School

JOIN US

January 11th

Learn how to:

- ♦ Work with the puppets
- ♦ Dress the puppets
- ♦ Put together a puppet skit
- ♦ Write the scripts
- ♦ Plan the stage set
- ♦ Record the voices

Seeking committed, soon-to-be puppeteers! Classes will be held once a month at the church at 10:30am. Ages 12 to adult welcome to attend. Sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fellowship Hall.





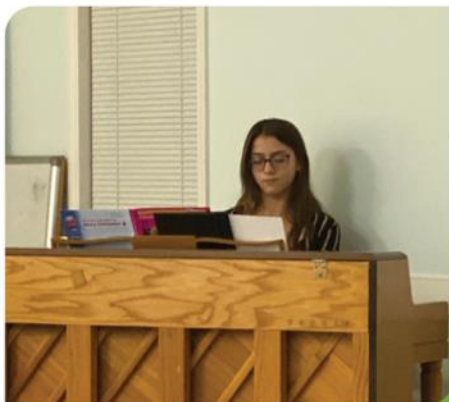
December has been such a fun month for our youth group! It is also one of our busiest months. This month the youth participated in the Talent Show, Christmas Nativity Program, and celebrated together with a Christmas Party. We had a wonderful month of fellowship and worship as we learned together in Sunday School. We are continuing our study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and the students are benefiting from our study of each question and answer. It is our goal that this will help lay a strong foundation for these students as they grow. Please continue to pray for the youth group going into the New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School resumes Jan. 12

Youth Group resumes Jan. 8

Snow Tubing – Jan. 18 at 11am





Thank you to everyone who cooked, attended, supported or donated to the Thanksgiving Breakfast this year, which raised almost \$800 for the Youth and Youth Mission Trips that day!



snow tubing

January 18 at 11am at Stone Mtn.



S'mores & Hymns



If you wish to have a copy of the Ministry Team Handbook, please contact the church office.

It is the desire of the officers of Highlands Presbyterian Church that each member finds their passion for ministry and serve on that ministry team. The church is most effective when each member does his or her part toward making the Kingdom of God known. Please prayerfully consider what your part will be in 2020.

The Highlands Ministry Team Handbook states God's Word tells us that all things are to be done "decently and in order" (1 Cor 14:40). The Handbook is a means to help us minister to each other, to our community and to the world. The handbook contains guidelines for each ministry team, both leaders and members, enabling them to have a clear vision of their task at hand. Without structure and guidelines, how do we access the impact of our ministries?

The biblical basis for Ministry Teams is found in Ephesians 4:7, 11-13 - *But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

There are 4 basic scriptural principles that are our basis for ministry –

- Our beginning in ministry must be God and not human activity.
- Our guide for ministry must be the Bible and not human understanding.
- Our focus in ministry must be people and not programs.
- Our goal for ministry must be a mature church and not a social club.

Two types of Ministry Teams correspond to the offices of the church - spiritual ministry of the church (under the direction of the Session) and physical ministry of the church (under the direction of the Diaconate). Both are an absolute necessity for successful ministry in the church and extreme care must be undertaken not to focus on one at the exclusion of the other. All Ministry Teams shall be under the authority and direction of the Session who shall have the final say regarding any matter that pertains to the spiritual and physical ministry and well-being of Highlands ARP.

Some of the duties of each team include meeting on a regular basis, establishing goals based on the needs of the congregation and the community and evaluating programs every year. Each team should also prepare a budget each year and recommend ideas to the Session for new programs.

We have seen throughout 2019 a brief description of the different teams, but here's a brief recap -

Spiritual –

Worship & Music - promote the full and well-rounded worship of God by the congregation of Highlands ARP.

Christian Education - equipping of the members of Highlands to serve Jesus Christ and His Church through Christian ministry that will enable people of all ages to grow in their relationship with Him.

Missions & Evangelism - promote the gospel in Grayson, the local communities & beyond.

Physical –

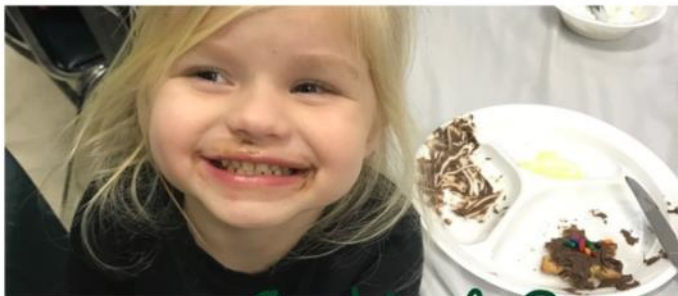
Administration & Supplies - to ensure that all the necessary materials are available for use by the programs and ministries of the church.

Building & Grounds - maintenance of, and improvements to, the physical property of Highlands ARP. The team seeks to ensure good stewardship and witness of the church building and grounds through proper care and maintenance.

Stewardship & Finance - all matters relating to the financial aspects of Highlands ARP. It shall strive to encourage faithful stewardship of all the resources that God so graciously provides.

Congregational Care - ministering to the physical needs of our congregation through personal contact and care, solicitation of prayers from the congregation, and expressions of sympathy.

Community Involvement - ministers to the needs of our community, promoting the name/programs of the church in the community, and facilitate personal contact with those who visit Highlands ARP.



Cookie & Ornament Decorating





2019 Children's Nativity





Highlands Family Christmas Dinner

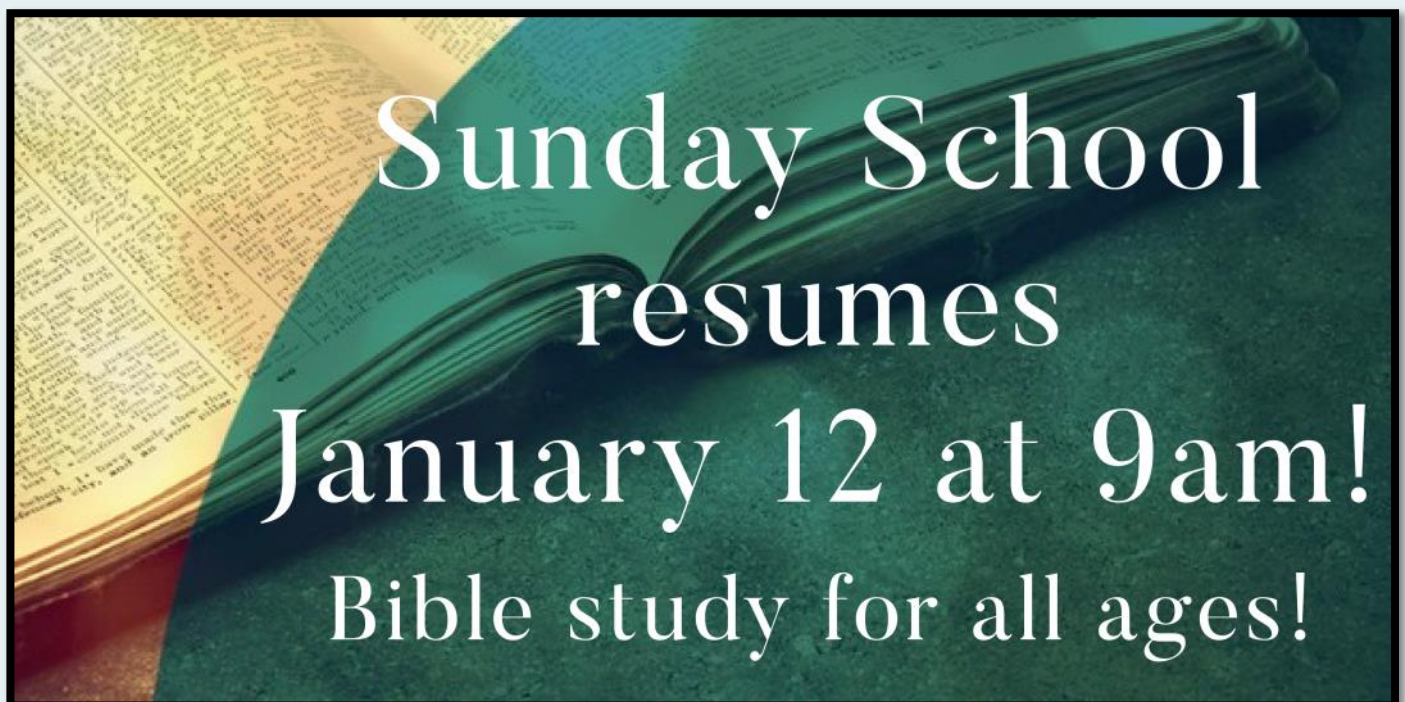




Christian Education Substitute Teachers Needed

Be a substitute teacher, when needed and when you are available, for a day or two during the academic year. See Don Reinhardt, indicate your grade/age comfort/zones and get involved as a helper by being added to our Highlands Teacher list.

Don will instruct, help, assist any volunteer. It would be an honor to add your name to the Highlands substitute teacher list.



Hi All,

Our first Soup Nite in December, I was not present and you served 207 people! The most we have ever had. Chicken Fajita Soup was the menu and who knew that it was a game changer! LOL Our 2nd Soup Nite was lunch at the CoOp and we served Chicken Pot Pie and when that ran out, we served Beef Stew Pie. (it was just left over beef stew with a biscuit on top). The CoOp was very busy and people were very grateful. Now that the year has ended, we served a total of 3,543 on Monday's Soup Nites. We served 368 meals for Seasoned With Love. Totalled, it is just shy of 4,000 meals! WOW. I have no words.



Jane and I have always said, "Well, we can only do what we can do." Somehow, we did more. This little church in Grayson, Georgia did more. We have been so blessed. God has always provided for us and we have learned to trust Him in the good and the not so good. Going forward, please pray for more volunteers to prepare meals and to help in the kitchen. Please pray for a 3rd person to assist Jane and me in planning and preparing. We would like someone who has a heart for serving and stopping hunger. I continue to pray for you all...that your desire to serve increases and that you all stay healthy and looking towards Jesus!

In January, our 1st Soup Nite is on the 13th and we will make it an easy one, because Jane will be out of town, so it's Sloppy Joes! On the 27th, we will serve our famous New Years Soup, so save those Christmas ham bones! Put those dates on the calendar! I look forward to the New Year and working with you all over again. Thank you for your willingness to serve! I am excited to see how God will work in 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Christ,

Carrie

Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:7





In Loving Memory of Charles Haywood Hunt

August 11, 1937 – December 6, 2019

Haywood Hunt departed this life with his family and friends knowing that he is now in the hands of his loving God. Haywood is survived by his dedicated wife Linda, and his children Lee, Mark, and Jill, 5 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Haywood served tirelessly as an Elder at Highlands Presbyterian Church. He always showed up early whenever anything needed to be done whether it be building & grounds projects, BBQ fund raisers, or just talking with someone who needed calm level headed advice or spiritual nourishing. He was honored with the Barnabas award for his selfless service to the church and also as an Elder Emeritus for the Highlands congregation.

Haywood made this world a better place. He worked hard, but he enjoyed the journey. He had great accomplishments, but never sought individual credit. Everyone received a priceless example of how to live a life worth living. He was true to his God and his wife and loved them both with all his heart.

Prayer Corner Update

- Roger Lusby—Roger is at home following a brief hospital stay with an infection. He is receiving physical therapy at home. Please continue to pray for Roger and Margot.
- **Debbie Kemp** - Kristy Summer's mother, was diagnosed with leukemia several months ago. Kristy gave us this update - Mom's bone marrow biopsy has come back cancer free! She will be completing one more round of chemo, and they have told her that once she is mobile, she can go home! She will still have maintenance and probably some rehab, but this is truly a Christmas miracle!
- **Yvonne Wade**—Gene and Yvonne travelled on Christmas Day to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville FL for treatment for internal bleeding that she has been experiencing. The procedure was successful and after a day of rest in Jacksonville, the Wades travelled back to Loganville for Yvonne to continue her recuperation.
- **Lynn Avitabile's mother**—recovering from a stroke at Thanksgiving.
- **Raylena Embry**—Jerita Hunt's niece—recovering from double pneumonia.

*If you have a prayer request for the congregation, please send to:
highlandarp@gmail.com*

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of Highlands through
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TIME FOR AN UPDATED
**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**

**REVIEW YOUR INFORMATION
CONTACT MICHELLE MCCOY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NEW DIRECTORY PHOTO**



February 2 following worship

**Undecorate from Advent
Jan 4 at 2pm**



***Join us as we celebrate the
January birthdays on Jan 29***

JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 No Wednesday Night Activities	2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Laura Daniel	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Lyna Nkefor Linda Whitaker 2pm Undecorate from Advent
5 No Sunday School 10am Worship	6 MMO	7 MMO 3pm Blood Drive	8 MMO <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rachel Bratley Zack Caughman 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm Children's & Youth Ministry 7pm Dinner & Adult Bible Study	9 MMO <i>Happy Birthday</i> Henry Kurtz 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7pm Adult Bible Study	10	11 8am Men's Bible Study 10:30 Puppet Training School
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Puppet Show 11:15am Deacon's Meeting	13 MMO Soup Nite	14 MMO	15 MMO <i>Happy Birthday</i> Karen Akins 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm Children's & Youth Ministry 7pm Dinner & Adult Bible Study	16 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	17	18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Betsy Kuykendall Carole Sexton 11am Snow Tubing
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	20	21 MMO 7:00pm Session Meeting	22 MMO 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm Children's & Youth Ministry 7pm Dinner & Adult Bible Study	23 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30am Ladies Bible Study	24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mark Hornby	25 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Deborah Akins
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	27 MMO Soup Nite	28 MMO	29 MMO <i>Happy Birthday</i> Deron Smith 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm Children's & Youth Ministry 7pm Dinner & Adult Bible Study <i>Celebrate Birthdays</i>	30 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7pm Adult Bible Study	31	Save the Date for Officer & Family Luncheon on Feb. 2 at 11am

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Pastor: Mark Hornby
Associate Pastor: Chris McCoy
Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Pianist: Kristy Summers
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2020 George O'Farrell
2021 Lee Hunt
2021 Don Reinhardt
2022 Charles Roberts
2022 Jim Whitson
2023 Bob Statham

Deacons: Class of 2020

Justin Jacques

Jon Jones

Earl Thomas

Class of 2021

Omar Edmondson

Phillip Wallace

Betsy Whitson

Class of 2022

John Avitabile

Fru Chifen

Deron Smith

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Deacons' Meeting - 2nd Sunday of the month

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Youth & Children Fun & Games
7:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday: 8:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:30 am Ladies' Bible Study - 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month
7:30 pm Session Meeting - 3rd Thurs. of the month

Saturday: 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study - 2nd Saturday

Candle Lighters:

Jan 5 Ethan Spiller
Jan 12 Sama Chifen
Jan 19 Jacob Blandshaw
Jan 26 Nate Edmondson

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week

Jan 5 Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones
Jan 12 Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall
Jan 19 Robert Whittle, Edward Spiller, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques
Jan 26 Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED