



Highlands Highlights



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Special Points of Interest

- Feb. 1st - Puppet School
- Feb. 2nd - Puppet Show
- Feb. 2nd - Officer Luncheon & Mtg
- Feb. 6th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Feb. 6th - Ladies' Bible Study
- Feb. 8th - Men's Bible Study
- Feb. 8th - Valentine's Dinner/Play Date
- Feb. 10th - Soup Night
- Feb. 11th - Shepherding Dinner Group 1
- Feb. 13th - Men's Prayer
- Feb. 13th - Adult Bible Study
- Feb. 18th - Session Mtg
- Feb. 19th - Youth Game Night
- Feb. 20th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Feb. 20th - Ladies' Bible Study
- Feb. 20th - Shepherding Dinner Group 2
- Feb. 24th - Soup Night
- Feb. 25th - Shepherding Dinner Group 3
- Feb. 26th - Celebrate February Birthdays
- Feb. 27th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Feb. 27th - Adult Bible Study

Shepherding Groups at Highlands

The officers of the church have been called by God to shepherd and care for His Church. It is an awesome responsibility and a great privilege that brings with it much joy. Elders and Deacons are to work together as a team with each office ministering according to the requirements set down in Scripture and the ARP Form of Government.

Church growth experts have said that "healthy, growing, churches love one another and spend time with one another" and that "often one of the major reasons people leave a church is because they're searching for significant relationships that the church doesn't provide." Someone said that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

God, through Jethro, encouraged Moses to select capable men to help serve as Elders so that Moses would not have to do the work alone (Exodus 18:14-26). In addition, the Elders of the New Testament church added the office of Deacon to assist them in the ministry (Acts 6:1-7).

The Form of Government (FOG VIII, B) states that "together with the ministers, they oversee... It is the responsibility of ruling elders, both individually and jointly, to guard and promote the spiritual welfare of the congregation." In addition the Form of Government (FOG VII, B) states that "It is the duty of a deacon to be a faithful and diligent Christian, actively sharing in the worship and service of the Church..."

The goal of Shepherding Groups is to build up the body of Christ and make each member feel connected, loved, and a vital part of the fellowship at Highlands. The congregation is divided into Shepherding Groups so that there can be a division of labor and quality care for each member. The new Shepherding Group list for 2020 is located on the members page on our website.

From the Pastor

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

Growing up is certainly something we all recognize as a very important aspect of life. We all came into the world the same way, as little babies, and our parents expected us to grow into mature adults. While it's true we've grown into adults, there are always some who lack in maturity. How many times have you heard someone say, or perhaps said it yourself, “awe grow up?” We know what it means as it points out those who may be acting a bit childish in their behavior. What's true in the physical realm is often true in the spiritual realm as well.

The Apostle Paul makes this clear in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13 verse 11 when he writes: *“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.”* It seems the Church at Corinth was having difficulties acting like mature adults and they needed a bit of Apostolic encouragement. Even though they had come to faith in Jesus, and the process of sanctification had begun, they were still not behaving as those who had come to faith in Jesus.

The Apostle Peter in the closing of his second letter also talks to us about the need for our growth in the faith. As he closes out this letter to the church he talks about the coming Day of the Lord, which refers to the eventual return of Jesus, and how there were many false teachers proclaiming serious theological errors. In Chapter 3 verse 17 he tells them: *“Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.”* In other words, they must be discerning about what's being explained by the many false teachers so they can reject the error and embrace the truth. At that point he tells them how they can become discerning which is only as they *“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

Of course, what was necessary in the early church is even more necessary today. With all the media that's available for propagating and promoting falsehood, believers need to be far more discerning. Sadly, many today get their beliefs about life from TV, books, magazines, internet, blogs and other such places instead of building their lives on the only real solid foundation that God has given us, His written word.

You see, that's exactly what the Apostle Peter is telling his audience and us as well even today when he says, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we're to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” As God's beloved people, we're to move forward in the faith, growing spiritually, from the moment we become believers right up until the day when we see Jesus face to face. Spiritual growth is a process in which there are no quick short-cuts. It takes our whole lives to grow and we never fully arrive in this life. However, through reliance on the grace of God and personal effort in the reading and studying of the Scriptures, we grow in this grace and knowledge of Jesus.

During our Wednesday night fellowship and Bible Study we're looking at the Keys to Spiritual Growth as our loving God has “given us all we need for life and godliness” (1 Peter 1:3). I do hope you grasp the importance of using these Keys to Spiritual Growth and that you'll make an effort to join with us as we learn what they do and how they help us mature in the faith.

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

We are excited to share special events planned for the women of our Highlands family (and your friends!).

Bible Study: We continue the study *The Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times*, based on Exodus 14. Each lesson is unique, so even if you haven't attended, you can join in at any time of the study. We start at 10:30 with a short fellowship time and end at noon. On February 6, we'll study Rule 6: *When unsure, just take the next logical step by faith*; February 20 is Rule 7: *Envision God's enveloping presence*. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Valentines Dinner: February 8, 6:30 pm Enjoy some Italian cuisine at "Tony's," just like Lady and the Tramp in the movie! Don't miss this night of music and dancing, guided by Highland's world-famous emcee! A Children's Play Date has been planned at the church, so you don't even have to get a babysitter. **Sign up for both the dinner and childcare by February 2.** Cost of dinner is \$12.50 per person; make checks payable to HPC. **Talent needed! If you play an instrument or sing, please consider participating in our program.** Contact Vickie Fledderjohann or Betsy Whitson (church office).

Women's Retreat: March 13-14 Save these dates and **watch for details!** The Ministry Team has become more and more excited as plans come together for this in-house retreat! We recently met our speaker, Carol Arnold, who will be speaking on *Serving God in Your Place-Setting of Life*—biblical and godly insights to encourage and help you grow as you maneuver through whatever stage of life you're in. We'll begin at 6:30 with supper on Friday evening; Saturday will begin at 8:30 for light breakfast (9:00 for first session), ending in the afternoon (lunch included). Plan to come and bring a friend! Sign up and cost will be announced.

Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays, February 6 & 20 at 10:30am





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**FEBRUARY 8 AT 8:00AM
BREAKFAST AND COFFEE PROVIDED**

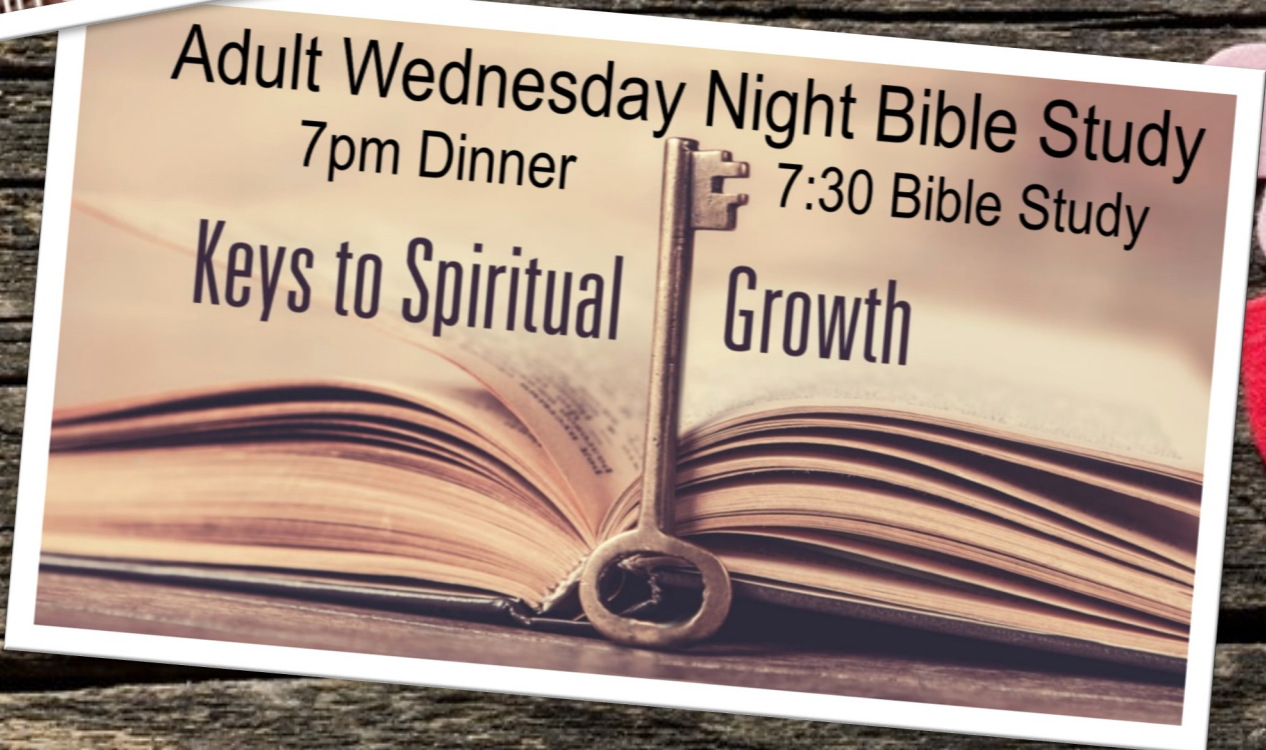


Thursday

8:30 am

**MEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

Main Street Cafe on 78 in Grayson



Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study
7pm Dinner

7:30 Bible Study

Keys to Spiritual

Growth



Valentine's Day dinner
February 8 - 6:30 pm
Cost \$12.50/person
Reserve your seat today!

Valentine's Dinner - Join us for a fun evening of great food, good music & dancing. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 2nd. Please call the office to register your child(ren) for the play date during dinner.

Vacation Bible School

Get ready to go on a Safari this year at the Highlands 2020 Vacation Bible School!
June 15th - 19th

We are looking for volunteers to fill all sorts of positions. Contact Bonnie Hornby if you are interested and available to help! We would also appreciate your prayers for this event: that our children's hearts would be transformed by God's love through this week together!



YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY

Join us for



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
and WORSHIP!**

Valentines Play Date

February 8

at Highlands
during adult Valentines Dinner



Join us for a Puppet Show February 2



Shepherding Group Dinner
February 20

Wednesday Nights

6:30pm Fun & Games 7-Dinner 7:30 Bible Study
Preschool - 5th Grade



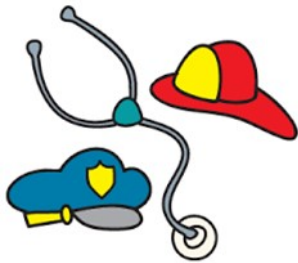
TREASURE SEEKERS!



Highlands MMO & Preschool

February

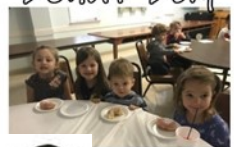
Community Helpers



This month we will learn about "Community Helpers." We will talk about the many ways that people from our community help us. We will have a visit from firemen, and will see a fire truck. We will also learn about letters "Q, R, & S" and the numbers, "5, 6, & 7." We will have a "Hero Day" where the students can dress up as their favorite hero!

Last month the children had lots of fun with their 5 senses, and they also had a great time on Pajama Day!

We have space available now in our 2 year class. Call or email for more info.



Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year will begin in February. Register online!



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 Church.

MMO announces SPACE AVAILABLE NOW IN OUR 2 YEAR CLASS

CALL OR E-MAIL TODAY

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2020-2021
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

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Highlands ARP Church

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Learn and laugh
with us this year!

Monday - Thursday
6 months - 3 years

Register online today!

www.highlandspreschoolandmmo.org

PUPPET SCHOOL

Next Class
Feb. 1st
10:30am - 12:00pm

Sign up in the
Narthex or speak to
Sharon or Carrie.



Children's Church Schedule

TODDLER NURSERY:

Feb. 2nd — Rachel
Feb. 9th — Liezl
Feb. 16th — Kristy & Ricky
Feb. 23rd — Michelle

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth Helper</u>
Feb. 2nd —	Laura	Azaleae
Feb. 9th —	Lyn	Lena
Feb. 16th —	Jessamy	Caralee
Feb. 23rd —	Bre	Madison



ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth Helper</u>
Feb. 2nd —	Linda & Stan	Francina
Feb. 9th —	Linda & Stan	Helen
Feb. 16th —	Linda & Stan	Marisa
Feb. 23rd —	Linda & Stan	Ailiah





Happy New Year! The youth have had a fun start to our year! We thoroughly enjoyed our Snow Tubing Day at Stone Mountain. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and have fun with us! In Sunday School we are approaching the end of the Westminster Shorter Catechism. On Wednesday Nights we have been studying how to read the Bible and are now putting our new skills to the test as we look at individual passages throughout the Bible and learn what they say about God, us, and our lives. Please continue to pray for the youth this year as they grow. Pray that they would grow in their faith and do well in school! Thank you

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School – Sundays at 9:00
Youth Group – Wednesdays at 6:30

Serve at Valentine’s Play Date –
 February 8 – 6:30 – 8:00pm

February 19 – Game Night
 March 6-8 – High School Retreat





Celebrate the February Birthdays
with us on February 26 at 7pm!



YOUTH ROOM
FEBRUARY 19
6:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT MARCH 6-8



Prayer Corner Update

- **Yvonne Wade** – Yvonne will be going home from Eastside on Monday. Gene and the family feel that she will not be able to recover from her current problems. Please continue to be in prayer for Yvonne and Gene and pray that the Lord would show his mercy to their family.
- **Roger Lusby** - Roger is continuing his physical therapy at home and is seeing some improvement. Roger and Margot can watch the service on Sunday mornings and enjoy visits from their church family.
- **Debbie Kemp** (Kristy Summer's mother) – Debbie is finishing up another 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.
- **Bill Wright** - had a heart catheterization on January 22. They inserted one stent and he is feeling better. Thank you for your prayers.
- **Lee Ragas** – upcoming heart procedure.

Thank You...

I want to thank the members of the church for the food, cards, letters and calls after the passing of my husband, Haywood Hunt. Haywood loved this church and had been a member for 63 years. I appreciate the caring and support I have been given.

~ Linda Hunt



Hi All,



Highlands Presbyterian

The beginning of a new year! Our first serving this month was on the 13th. Our Sloppy Joes were a big hit! There was an abundance of Sloppy Joe mix, so we froze the left overs for those times that we run out of food and need a meal to give out to our families. Thank you to all who prepared it for us. It was a blustery, rainy day and still lots of guests came. The Lord held off the hard rain until after 7pm. We had a couple of new guests come out too! Mr. Winfrey and Xavier came and prayed over us. I was so blessed to have a moment all to myself this meal. Thank you to the kitchen help for just taking over and letting me take care of my eye mishap. I was so relaxed and at peace knowing that all was well with Soup Nite during those minutes. You all were amazing and knew how to keep it running smoothly on such a busy night. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We missed some of our regular volunteers and hope that they will be back with us next time.

The last serving in January was our famous New Year's Day Soup, just a bit late. We also made a huge run to the Food Bank in Atlanta. Thank you to Bob Statham and Jim Whitson for doing this. They picked up over 1,300 lbs of food and food products! We had so much to offer our guests on this day. There were a couple of new faces and they said that the SE Gwinnett Food CoOp recommended they go over to Highlands to get a delicious meal. Don't we love to hear that! It's been a record month and a perfect way to start the New Year! So excited to see how God works in the months ahead.

Thank you to all our volunteers, Jane and I love each of you for your willingness to serve our Lord and our community!

Next month we are serving on the 10th, Breakfast for Dinner. On the 24th, we are serving Chicken Fritter Parmesan! Yummmmm.....it's going to be EPIC!

In Christ,
Carrie



**Highlands Soup Nite &
Atlanta Community Food Bank
Walk to End Hunger**
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020
The Home Depot Backyard

It's a new year to fight hunger in Georgia. So many seniors and children have not had proper nutrition for so long that they don't know what it's like to not be hungry or healthy. Highlands Soup Nite, a partnering agency with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, has been serving hot meals in the Grayson, Georgia area for seven years. Even though we have made good progress, demand has still increased. Let's do something to hinder the numbers from going up in 2020. We need your help to serve more. Follow the link below to our donation page and make a difference today. We greatly appreciate your support!

**To make a donation or
to join our team,
click on the link below:**

[http://engage.acfb.org/site/TR/
HungerWalkAtlantaCommunityFoodBank/HungerWalk?
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**Church Officer
& Family
LUNCHEON**
February 2 following worship



**Highlands
2020 Operating
Budget Update**


Jan Gifts & Offerings	\$ 16,544.00
Jan Expenses	\$ 17,081.79
Deficit	\$ 537.79
Budget Needs each month	\$ 19,361.30



*We love because
he first loved us.*

1 JOHN 4:19

February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 10:30am Puppet School Registration for MMO begins online!
2 9am SS 10am Worship 11am Puppet Show 11am Officers' Lunch & Mtg	3 MMO	4 MMO	5 MMO 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Bible Study	6 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30am Ladies' Bible Study	7	8 9:00am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Valentine's Day Dinner
9 9am SS 10am Worship	10 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Chad Edmondson</i> Soup Night	11 MMO 6pm Shepherding Group 1 dinner at the McCoy's	12 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Fin Daniel Michelle Miles</i> 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Bible Study	13 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Richard Akins</i> 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16 9am SS 10am Worship	17	18 MMO 7:30pm Session Meeting	19 MMO 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth Game Nt 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Bible Study	20 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30am Ladies' Bible Study 6pm Shepherding Group 2 Dinner at the McCoy's	21 <i>Happy Birthday Mia Nkefor</i>	22 <i>Happy Birthday George Coker</i>
23 9am SS 10am Worship	24 MMO Soup Night	25 MMO 6pm Shepherding Group 3 dinner at the McCoy's	26 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Rusty Smith</i> 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth 7:00 Dinner & Feb. Birthdays 7:30 Bible Study	27 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	28 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Lillie Rankin</i>	29

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Associate Pastor: Chris McCoy
Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
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
11:00 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 Tues. of the month

Saturday: 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast (periodically)
Men of the Church (MOC) meetings (periodically)

Candle Lighters:

Feb. 2 Thomas Kuykendall
Feb. 9 Ethan Spiller
Feb. 16 Sama Chifen
Feb. 23 Jacob Blandshaw

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week:

Feb. 2 Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones
Feb. 9 Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall
Feb. 16 Robert Whittle, Lee Hunt, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques
Feb. 23 Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West

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February 2020 Newsletter

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

