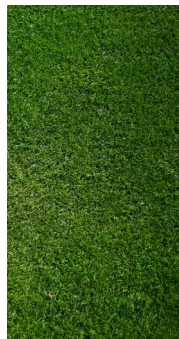
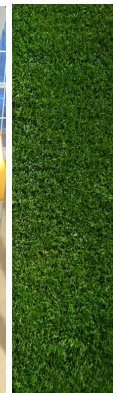


Highlands Highlights



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Special Points of Interest

- Mar 3rd - Blood Drive
- Mar 5th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Mar 5th - Ladies' Bible Study
- Mar 6th-8th - High School Retreat
- Mar 8th - Deacons' Meeting
- Mar 9th - Soup Night
- Mar 10th - Presbytery Meeting
- Mar 12th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Mar 12th - Adult Bible Study
- Mar 13th - 14th - Ladies' Retreat
- Mar 14th - Men's Bible Study
- Mar 15th - Hunger Walk Run
- Mar 17th - Session Mtg
- Mar 19th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Mar 19th - Ladies' Bible Study
- Mar 20th - 22nd - Middle School Retreat
- Mar 22nd - Puppet Show
- Mar 23rd - Soup Night
- Mar 24th - Taco Tuesday
- Mar 25th - Celebrate March Birthdays
- Mar 26th - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Mar 26th - Adult Bible Study

From the Pastor

"I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure." (Psalm 16:8 ESV)

We've been looking at the principles or Keys for Spiritual Growth on Wednesday nights as God has called us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). I firmly believe that one of the main issues in American Christianity is that of anemic believers—those who are saved by the mercy and grace of God—and yet don't have much of a grasp on the totality of all that God is calling them to be and to do. Now, in this article I want to share with you God's Master Purpose as to why we need to grow toward spiritual maturity after having been given new life in Jesus.

In the Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism Question #1, we're informed of the purpose for our existence when it asks: What is man's chief end? The answer is: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Some theologians say that we actually glorify God by enjoying Him and I certainly do agree with that modification to the answer. In our Scripture above, we see this being demonstrated by King David when he speaks of setting God always before him. In other words, he's telling us that his purpose in life is to glorify God and the result is his enjoyment of God. But what does it mean to glorify God and why is this so important for us to understand? Let me share with you five reasons that I presented on one of the Wednesday night Bible Studies.

1. God's Glory is Intrinsic to His Being. The glory of God is the very essence of His being, the radiance of Himself in splendor and majesty. It's the highest expression of Himself and the manifestation of His holiness. In other words, God is in a class by Himself. He has infinite perfections, infinite greatness, and infinite worth. (Isaiah 6:1-3; Psalm 24:7-10)
2. God's Glory is Displayed in His Creation. The Psalmist tells us: *"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork"* (Psalm 19:1 ESV). Everything that has been created, not only belongs to God, but also is made so that His glory will be revealed. (Romans 1:19,20)
3. God's glory is Reserved for God Alone. God will not give His glory to anyone or anything in all of Creation. If God were to give away His glory then He would no longer be God as that which receives His glory would then be equal with Him. (Isaiah 42:8; 48:11)
4. God's Glory is Expressed through His Son. Jesus, being God the Son, is the full expression of God's glory since He is also God Himself. He is the very image of the invisible God and through Him we can grasp even more the importance of God's glory. (John 1:1-4, 14; Hebrews 1:1-3a)
5. God's Glory is Required of His People. And this brings us back to God's Master Purpose, that we, having been made in the image of God, though fallen into sin, are being brought back into a relationship with God that we might honor, praise, and glorify Him. (1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17, Matthew 5:14a, 16)

Next time we'll look at God's Master Plan and how He's at work to bring us to the place where we can glorify Him. I do hope you can see the importance of our purpose, to glorify this God who has created us for His glory and His glory alone. If you would like to see more of this subject go to the Highlands website where you can access the Wednesday Bible Studies through the video links.

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*

A threat of wintry weather did not stop the fun at our Highlands' **Valentine's Banquet**! A big thank you goes to our emcee, the great Sal Macaluso, and to Pastor Mark for "singing us in" to our night and his rendition of "When I'm 64"! A good time with food, fellowship, and a great program, planned by Sal, was had by all!

Schedule for **March Bible study** of *Red Sea Rules*: March 5, Rule #7 (*Envision God's enveloping presence.*) and March 19, Rule #8 (*Trust God to deliver in His own unique way.*) Please join us at 10:30 on these days! Lunch will be served afterward on the 19th for a further time of fellowship!

Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays, March 5 & 19 at 10:30am





Highlands Women's Ministry

Women's Retreat *Serving God in Your Place Setting of Life*

Do you wonder how you can best serve God? What is your "season" of life? Are you a career woman, a mom raising children, an empty nester, a volunteer? God has called and will equip you to serve Him. Our speaker, Carol Arnold, will share godly wisdom and biblical insights she has learned through her different "place settings" of life.

We have a place for you! Join us for a time of spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun!

Date: March 13-14, 2020
Time: Friday, 6:00 - 8:30pm
Saturday, 8:30am (light breakfast),
9:00am - 2:30 pm
Location: Highlands Presbyterian Church
830 Grayson Parkway
Grayson, Georgia
Cost: \$25 (Friday supper, light breakfast, lunch
and snacks, and a copy of Carol's book)

Registration forms are in the hallway.
Deadline is March 8th.



Carol Arnold

Carol came to Christ through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ (now CRU) and the prayers of her Gamma Phi Beta Sorority sisters at UCLA. She became a pastor's wife and homemaker, serving with her husband, Jack, in churches in several states while raising their four sons.

Carol has served and represented Women in the Church for the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in several capacities. In 1997, Carol and Jack began Equipping Pastors International (EPI). Carol has traveled to six continents, speaking at conferences and seminars to both pastors and their wives, as well as to women serving in the church of all denominations. Since Jack's death in January 2005, she has continued as a missionary with EPI, teaching conferences on marriage, serving primarily in east African countries.

Carol enjoys spending time with her 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, art, reading, hosting guests in her home, and traveling.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MARCH 14 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

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT MARCH 6-8



March 1

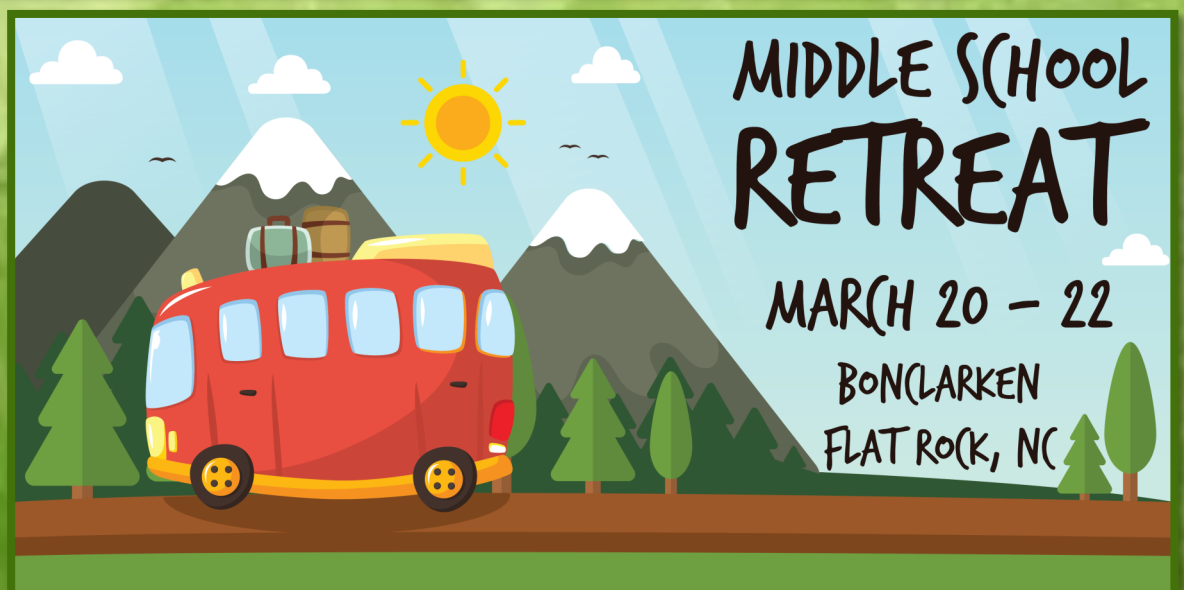
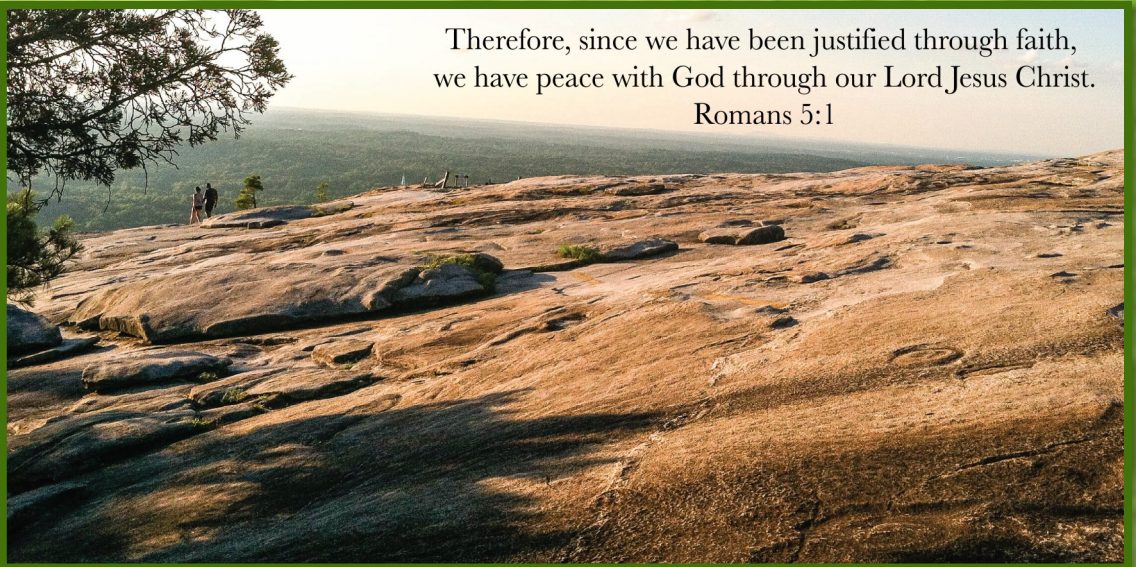


EASTER
the
LAST
week



Adult Bible Study
2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1



YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY



Highlands MMO & Preschool

March

Theme: Animals



This month we will be learning about "Animals," and we will be celebrating reading, and Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will also learn about letters "T, U, & V" and the numbers, "8, 9, & 10." We will have fun by bringing our favorite "Dr. Seuss" book to help celebrate his birthday!



Registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year has begun. If you know someone that might enjoy the program, please have them visit: highlandspreschoolandmmo.org and they can register online! Thanks!



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.

2020-2021
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

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Learn and laugh
with us this year!

Monday - Thursday
6 months - 3 years

Register online today!
www.highlandspreschoolandmmo.org



Children's Church Schedule

TODDLER NURSERY:

Mar. 1st — Rachel
Mar. 8th — Liezl
Mar. 15th — Kristy & Ricky
Mar. 22nd — Karen M.
Mar. 29th — Liezl

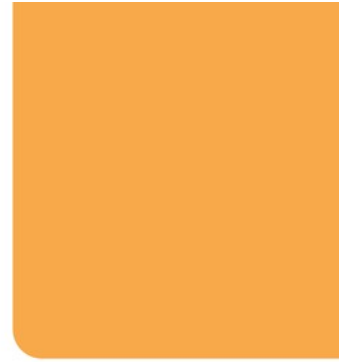
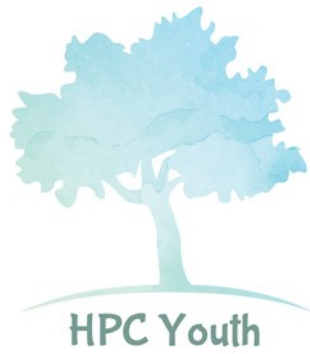
PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

| | <u>Adult</u> | <u>Youth Helper</u> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Mar. 1st — | Karen A. | Azaleae |
| Mar. 8th — | Stacie | Lena |
| Mar. 15th — | Lyna | Caralee |
| Mar. 22nd — | Chantal | Madison |
| Mar. 29th — | Michelle | Lena |

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

| | <u>Adult</u> | <u>Youth Helper</u> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Mar. 1st — | Vickie | Francina |
| Mar. 8th — | Vickie | Helen |
| Mar. 15th — | Vickie | Marisa |
| Mar. 22nd — | Vickie | Ailiah |
| Mar. 29th — | Vickie | Marisa |





February has been an exciting month for our youth. I want to thank all the youth who were able to help at the Valentines play date. We had a good time playing with the younger children while the adults had dinner. We also had a wonderful game night where we played a number of board games together and enjoyed good fellowship. Please be in prayer for the youth for our upcoming retreats to Bonclarken. These retreats are always refreshing and challenging for the youth. Please also be in prayer for us as we finish our study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and continue our study of the Bible during youth group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 6-8 – High School Retreat
March 20 – 22 Middle School Retreat

No Wednesday Night Activities –
April 1 and 8



Prayer Corner Update

- **Yvonne Wade** – Yvonne passed over into glory Feb. 27th after a long battle with MDS, a blood disorder. Please pray for Gene and the family as they grieve her absence. Visitation is March 1 from 5-7pm at Eternal Hills Funeral Home, Snellville. The funeral service is March 2 at 12 noon at the same location.
- **Carol Streng's Mom, Irene Graham** – Irene Graham, is now in hospice care in North Carolina. Please pray for peace for the family and that Irene will be comfortable.
- **Roger Lusby** - Roger is continuing his physical therapy at home and is seeing some improvement. Margot sends this note – *Many thanks for your compassion, prayers and thoughtful notes and cards to Roger and me at this "trying" time in our lives.*
- **Lee Ragas** – had a heart procedure on February 28. Everything went well—Please pray that she recovers quickly.
- Highland's members who continue to suffer from colds, flu and other chronic infections

Please send prayer requests to highlandarp@gmail.com

Please be in prayer for the
**STATED PRESBYTERY
MEETING**
MARCH 10, 2020



HUNGER WALKRUN

1 in 4 kids don't get enough to eat in Georgia.
YOU can make a difference.

GIVING SUPPORTS

Atlanta Community Food Bank & Highlands Soup Nite Ministry

Hi All,

What a rainy night our first serving in February was! Bob and Pastor Steve spent most of it escorting our guests, under an umbrella, to their cars! It was still a well attended Soup Nite with plenty of down time for our volunteers. We served breakfast for dinner which was a sausage, biscuit and egg casserole. We had enough left over to send to our shut-ins and also to the seniors on our Seasoned With Love program. Thank you to all of you who helped bring food in and also stayed to serve on such a wet evening. It was much appreciated.

Our second serving was on the 24th and yet another rainy, chilly evening! We served chicken fritter parmesan with garlic rolls, salad and cupcakes. We didn't plan on serving all that but Bob Statham and Philip Wallace made a Food Bank run and brought back lots of lettuce for salads and LOADS of food products to give away. We had turkeys, dairy items and breads, all from the grocery floor of the Food Bank. We are so thankful for them and to Bob and Philip for going down to Atlanta in the rain to pick up our order. While we did have a busy night, there were some things we need to keep in prayer about. Mr. Winfrey is in the hospital with congestive heart failure. Doctors changed his meds and he seems to be on the mend. Xavier has the flu and it seems the whole household is sick. Please pray for recoveries! Also, please be in prayer for Jennifer, a young woman who is just overwhelmed with life. To top it off, one of our guests was in an accident right outside of the parking lot. He has been to Highlands Soup Nite a few times now and although his truck was pretty beat up, he seemed to be fine. There was a lady involved in the accident with him, so please be in prayer for them and praise God that no one was injured. Despite the weather, we have to give praise to God for always providing for us and for giving us good health and His grace to be able to do this ministry every other Monday. So thankful for our volunteers who come out in the rain to cheerfully serve our community!

Next Soup Nite is March 9th, serving kielbasa soup and also on the 23rd, serving creamy chicken chili! I will be gone on the 9th, so please rally around Jane and the team if you can help prepare and serve.

In Christ,

Carrie



Highlands Presbyterian



American Red Cross

BLOOD
DRIVE

MARCH 3, 2020
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Our January Blood Drive was quite successful! While we only filled 17 of 20 appointment slots, several donors were Power Red donors which means their donation counted for 2 pints! We met our goal of 15 pints and actually had 19 pints collected. Our next drive is scheduled for March 3 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The drive is already available for scheduling and we have 17 of the 27 slots filled. Visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for sponsor code "HPC" or zip 30017 and sign up today!



iGive – a website that generates contributions for Highlands through online shopping. You can help every time you shop online, it's all free and so easy to participate. Sign up and start Giving #AllYearRound. All contributions received from iGive are split 50/50 with Soup Nite and Missions.

The stores make this possible because they want you to like them and continue shopping with them. There are over 3000 stores helping to make donations happen. The service is free to use and the donations are funded by the stores that participate. You can install the iGive button on your computer which makes it even easier to use the program.

Give it a try. Betsy Whitson can help you sign up if you need assistance. To learn more or sign up now, use this link: <https://www.iGive.com/2dBE2q>

Highlands 2020 Operating Budget Update

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| YTD Gifts & Offerings | \$ 32,083.99 |
| YTD Expenses | \$ 34,042.09 |
| Deficit | \$ 1,958.10 |
| Budget Needs each month | \$ 19,361.30 |



March 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 1 9am SS 10am Worship & Communion | 2 MMO | 3 MMO 3-7pm Blood Drive | 4 MMO 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Bible Study | 5 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30am Ladies' Bible Study | 6 <i>Happy Birthday Chris McCoy</i> <div>High School Retreat 6th - 8th</div> | 7 |
| 8 9am SS 10am Worship 11am Deacons' Mtg <div>High School Retreat Return</div> | 9 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Justin Jacques</i> Soup Night | 10 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Benjamin Badio</i> Presbytery Mtg | 11 MMO 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Bible Study | 12 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 13 <div>Highlands Ladies' Retreat</div> | 14 8:00am Men's Bible Study |
| 15 9am SS 10am Worship <div>ACFB Hunger Walk/Run</div> | 16 MMO <i>Happy Birthday John Mark Avitabile</i> | 17 MMO 7:00pm Session Meeting | 18 MMO 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth Game Nt 7:00 Dinner 7:30 Bible Study | 19 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Ken Fordham</i> 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30am Ladies' Bible Study | 20 <div>Middle School Retreat 20th - 22nd</div> | 21 <i>Happy Birthday Caridad Blandshaw</i> |
| 22 9am SS 10am Worship 11am Puppet Show <div>Middle School Retreat Return</div> | 23 MMO Soup Night | 24 MMO 6pm Taco Tues. @ The McCoys' | 25 MMO <i>Happy Birthday Bill Alimena Aaliah Mobley</i> 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Youth 7:00 Dinner & March Birthdays 7:30 Bible Study | 26 MMO 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00pm Adult Bible Study | 27 MMO | 28 <i>Happy Birthday Jon Jones</i> |
| 29 <i>Happy Birthday Chad Herring</i> 9am SS 10am Worship | 30 MMO | 31 MMO | | | | |

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Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

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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

Tuesday: 7:00 Pm Session Meeting—3rd Tuesday 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

Saturday: 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study-2nd Sat of the month

Candle Lighters:

Mar. 1 Nate Edmonson
Mar. 8 Thomas Kuykendall
Mar.15 Ethan Spiller
Mar.22 Sama Chifen
Mar.29 Jacob Blandshaw

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week:

Mar. 1 Jon Jones, Sal Macaluso, Stan Whitaker, Jim Whitson
Mar. 8 John Avitabile, Rob Kuykendall, Earl Thomas, Phillip Wallace
Mar. 15 Lee Hunt, Justin Jacques, George O'Farrell, Robert Whittle
Mar. 22 Glenn Martin, Paul McInnish, Charles Roberts, John West
Mar. 29 Bill Alimena, Zack Caughman, Don Reinhardt

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

