



# Highlands Highlights

## Digital Learning Assignment: Write your thoughts on quarantine: The Coronavirus

The world is coming to an end because all the toilet paper is gone. Everybody panicked but not my family because we have God to trust.

Many things changed when quarantine had come. We have to order toilet paper online instead of going to the store. We have to do church online instead of going to the building. We have to do school online instead of going to the building and classrooms and doing car rider, bus rider, and day care.

The sad things of quarantine are that I don't get to go finish second grade, and don't get to see my friends nor my teacher, and we have to do DLD... digital learning days.

The happy things of quarantine are I get to spend more time with my family and I get to play more with my dad. I feel happy about quarantine, but I also feel super duper sad about quarantine.

~ Daniel McCoy



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### Special Points of Interest

- Daily Prayer - 10 AM, Mon - Fri
- May 3rd - Worship Online
- May 3rd - Puppet Show Online
- May 5th - Blood Drive
- May 6th - Digital Youth Lesson
- May 6th - Midweek Message
- May 7th - Adult Bible Study
- May 7th - Ladies' Bible Study Email
- May 10th - Worship Online
- May 10th - Mother's Day
- May 13th - Digital Youth Lesson
- May 13th - Midweek Message
- May 14th - Adult Bible Study
- May 14th - MMO Graduation & End of Year Program
- May 15th - VBS Registration Begins
- May 17th - Worship Online
- May 20th - Digital Youth Lesson
- May 20th - Midweek Message
- May 21st - Adult Bible Study
- May 21st - Ladies' Bible Study Email
- May 24th - Worship Online
- May 27th - Midweek Message
- May 28th - Adult Bible Study
- May 31st - Worship Online

## *From the Pastor*

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

(Ephesians 3:14-19 ESV)

Do you realize the reality of just how much God loves you? Sometimes I wonder if we’re a little bit too quick to answer that question in the affirmative. If I were to ask you whether or not you knew God loves you, you would probably tell me that you did understand it and even accept His love as a reality in your life.

As believers we certainly should understand that our redemption is the direct result of God’s love for us as God the Son came into this world in the person we know as Jesus in order to redeem us from sin and it’s impending consequences. We also should know there’s no greater love that could ever be expressed than the love of our Savior who fully gave Himself, sacrificing His own life, not for any reason of worthiness in us, but simply because He chose to love us. In fact, there is no greater love than that of one person giving up of his or her life for another. As we’ve often heard “it’s the ultimate sacrifice.” However, in light of all that, and even so much more, we can sadly understand it from a purely intellectual point of view, knowing the facts about such acts of love, without really understanding it fully.

It’s interesting to me how the Apostle Paul prays for the believers in Ephesus that they would “have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” These were believers who had come to faith in Jesus and certainly should have knowledge that their salvation was the result of God’s love toward them. And yet he still prays that they might have strength to comprehend that love which surpasses knowledge.

Now, think about that for a moment. How can we comprehend that which surpasses knowledge? The truth is, we simply can’t. So, what is the Apostle Paul getting at when he asks this of God in his prayer? I believe it’s about a continual aspect of our growth in grace by which we experience the reality of God’s great love for us as we mature in our faith. You see, in this lifetime we’ll never truly comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of God’s love for us, but we can grasp more and more of His wondrous love through Jesus as we continue our growth in spiritual maturity. Listen, the love of which the Apostle Paul is speaking is the love that’s ours in Jesus which is more greatly understood as He becomes more preeminent in our lives through the continual increase of God’s fullness in us.

It’s been several weeks since this pandemic brought about our time of isolation in which we have had the opportunity to express love for one another by staying away from one another. That sounds kind of strange, doesn’t it? However, we all know how this is an act of Christian love. And it’s in this time while we’re sheltering at home that, perhaps, we may wonder about God’s love in the midst of this crisis. But I believe that it’s in the midst of crisis that God’s people can more readily grasp His love because it’s in the midst of our struggles that we look to Him and experience the greatness of His love for us. We can experience it through the contacts of friends and family. We can experience it in the answering of prayer. We can also experience it in our loss as He comes to comfort us.

It’s my prayer as well that all of us will grow in our understanding of God’s love and just how broad, high, long, and deep is this love for us in Jesus Christ.

*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** continues! Bonnie will conclude our study of *The Red Sea Rules* this month. Watch for an email lesson on May 7 (#9—*View your current crisis as a faith builder for the future.*). The final chapter (#10—*Don't forget to praise Him!*) will arrive on May 21.

## Ladies E-mail Bible Study

May 7 - Lesson #9 & May 21 - Lesson #10



AND NOW  
THESE 3  
REMAIN  
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE  
BUT THE  
GREATEST  
OF THESE IS  
LOVE.  
1 Cor. 13:13

*Invite family  
and friends to  
Worship Online With Us*  
[www.highlandsarp.org](http://www.highlandsarp.org)

*He leads me beside quiet waters,*

*He refreshes my soul.*

*Psalm 23:2*

## **Adult Bible Study**

### **Thursdays at 7pm**

For the next few weeks we will be looking at the resurrection. Not Jesus' resurrection but ours. What can we expect? What will happen? What changes we need to be made to our bodies to enable us to live in the spiritual world? And, what about the believer's judgment and rewards? Lots of great topics we need to know about.

**To join the ZOOM meeting, please contact the church office at 770-978-3001.** The meeting will open at 6:45 pm. and the study will begin at 7:00 pm. We should be finished about 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call Dennis Bennet at 678-313-6534 or email at [dbennett@pcanet.org](mailto:dbennett@pcanet.org).



Dear Church Family,

**We will continue to meet every Monday - Friday at 10AM.** If you haven't joined us yet and would like to participate or simply log in and listen and pray silently, I'd love to invite you to join us weekday morning at 10AM.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at 770-978-3001.

I hope that you all are well and that the Lord is giving you strength, comfort, and peace in this trying time. We are praying for you! If you have any concerns or questions please reach out!

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## Digital Prayer Meeting

*Weekdays  
at 10am*

Contact Pastor Chris  
for details.



Look for and share a  
*Midweek Message*  
from Pastor Mark





# YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

## Join us for a Puppet Show

*May 3 following Worship*



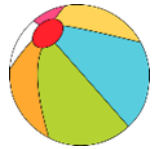
Highlands MMO & Preschool

# May

Theme: Summer Fun



You are invited to join us for the Graduation and End of Year Program on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The students have worked hard all year to learn many wonderful new things! We are very proud of each and every one of them. You can join us online!



We will finish the school year with digital learning about "Summer Fun!" We will have Teacher Appreciation Day on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be talking about all the fun things to do and places to go on summer vacation. We will also be reviewing all our letters and numbers. We will have a fun



month making beautiful whiteboard drawings, silly chalk drawings, and looking at our yearbook!



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.

Join our Online Safari to Discover that God is Good!

**ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 15-19**  
Register Online!  
**ROAR!**  
Life is Wild God is good  
Students watch live each day at 10:30am!

When life is unfair...God is good!  
When life is sad... God is good!  
When life is good... God is good!  
When life changes... God is good!  
God loves you!  
When life is scary... God is good!

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***Plan to join us this year for Online VBS!!***

During this crisis, and the struggles of digital learning, our VBS is bound to encourage your child! We will have a blast exploring God's goodness when life gets wild.

We will learn that When life is unfair, and you can't go to school and see your friends, God is good! When life is sad, and you miss your grandma and grandpa, God is good! When life is good, and Dad and Mom take time to play with you, God is good! When life changes, and you wish you had your normal routine, God is good! When life is scary, and you are afraid that you or your parents or your grandparents might get the virus, God is good! Yes! God is Good!

***Register online beginning on May 15!***





# YOUTH GROUP: DIGITAL EDITION

Understanding the Bible [Posted Online Each Wednesday]

Find the lessons online at [www.highlandsarp.org/youth](http://www.highlandsarp.org/youth)

Dear Youth,

For the past 6 weeks, life has been very different than it was before. Many of you have been quarantined at home. Some of you know someone who is sick with COVID-19, and some have lost loved ones to this virus. On top of the fear, sorrow, and frustration you face daily because of these life circumstances, you have also been tasked with completing this school year at home. This has provided an all new set of struggles and challenges as you do all of the hard parts of school without any of the blessings of being together. I can imagine that many of you are feeling weary and tired, and especially worn down.

In youth group, we often talk about trials and temptations, struggles and sorrows – and I know many of you now know the pain of life’s trials in a much different way. Things that you thought would never change have suddenly changed. Adults in your life who once seemed certain about the world and the future are suddenly uncertain and sometimes fearful. Even my four year old has expressed this feeling recently with a bedtime speech about everything that has changed and a cry of “*Why does everything change?*”

But I want to assure you that in all of this there has been one thing, one person, that has not changed – the Lord your God – the Father who loves you, the Son who died for you, the Spirit who dwells in you. The Lord is one, and He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. All of his promises of hope and encouragement are for times like these because He is active still. He is at work in ways that we cannot see, and His actions are driven by His love for us, for you. Jesus Christ, our Lord, has some words of encouragement for us from the gospel written by John.

*“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:31*

We do not have to lose heart because the world is strange. Our hope is not in this world but in the Creator of this world. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. He is our peace. During this time, persevere with school, be kind to your family, look for how God is at work in good ways, and open your heart to God – share your struggles, failings, hopes, dreams, fears, *everything* with Him. Watch what He will do! Because we can be sure of one thing – that the Lord our God loves us. I miss each of you dearly and hope to see you soon.

Pastor Chris

*Hi All,*

What a treat it was to serve so many meals this month. Right when you think.....how are we going to get people fed when there is a pandemic going on and we are not gathering together? God always has a way!!!



Highlands Presbyterian

Early in the month, on the 13th, we brought over 200 gift cards from McDonalds to the Food CoOp to hand out for us. These were \$5 gift cards and McD's threw in a free sandwich card. What a blessing to so many families that I heard people were literally crying! Donations were so generous last year that only the Lord knew we would need that money for an occasion such as this. Additionally, on the 13th, we delivered meals to five Soup Nite families in our area. We also made senior meals to be delivered as well as getting a large donation of chicken dinners from Outback Steakhouse in Swannee that were made just for our seniors. We picked up another round of meals from them again last week. They came to reach out to us from the word getting out from the Friends of Gwinnett Seniors program. Thank you to those of you for picking up these meals and for those of you who made senior meals these past two weeks!

On the 27th, we delivered meals to nine (number increased) of our Soup Nite families in the area, which made 39 meals for this group. On Tuesday, the 28th, we delivered senior meals again without Outback's meal as this route is small. We hope to get meals again next week from Outback as long as they are still willing to make them. On Wednesday, the 29th, several of our members made the Chicken Pasta Salad for us to serve over at the Food CoOp. They supplied the tent, table and gloves for

us. Cars started driving thru at 9:45 and by 11:15 we handed out 254 meals with cookies! So AMAZING! There were still cars coming in and I'm sure that we could have served another 100 easily. Feeling bad about the people who didn't get meals, LaShawn, the pantry manager at the Food CoOp says, "People who needed to get a meal, got one. People who didn't get a meal, didn't need to get one this time." Yes, God knows all things and we did our very best. We answered a call and what blessings did we get in return! Just got to say that while I don't like to tell numbers, we served over 500 meals this month, including the gift cards, Soup Nite meals and senior meals. Not going to lie, I'm crying right now.

Thank you to ALL who picked up ingredients to prepare, those who bought their own to prepare, those who prepared senior meals and Soup Nite meals, those who picked up gift cards and Outback meals, those who defrosted nasty, block hard chicken for days, those who packed up coolers and containers, those who served, those who made deliveries and for the prayers!

It was a busy, busy month. Take next week off to breathe. I will keep you posted about May's Soup Nite and SWL senior meals! We have no plan yet, but God does. Laura Drake, director at the Food CoOp, calls the volunteers God's Army. I think Soup Nite's volunteers are God's Regiment, small but mighty. Jane and I appreciate all that you do to serve our Lord and our community.

*Carrie*



*Thank You*

*The outpouring of cards, flowers and condolences from our church family has been an overwhelming comfort through all of this. My entire family is so grateful for you all. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice in the name of Aida Francavilla.*

*Lea Whittle*



**BONCLARKEN**  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
*Christian Inspiration & Renewal*

**Family Retreat**  
**CANCELLED**

# Prayer Corner

- Continue to pray for Lea Whittle's sister, Barbara, who is still in the hospital in New Jersey with COVID-19. Barbara is doing well and if she can maintain her blood oxygen levels without the oxygen, they will release her. We have every reason to believe she'll make a full recovery.
- Cheryl & David Kerney, Barbara Fordham's son & daughter-in-law, who have moved back to GA (David also has health issues and is in need of prayer)
- Kristy & Ricky Summers, and their baby girl who is due in mid-May
- Praise! Debbie Kemp, Kristy Summers' mother, has been doing physical therapy & was able to walk several steps for the first time since June 2019!
- Our members who have lost loved ones
- Our members and their families/friends who have COVID-19
- Our Congregational Care Team
- Our members who are at home by themselves
- Our members who work in the medical field
- Our At-Risk members
- Our members who have lost jobs
- Our Soup Nite ministry and the families they serve
- Our parent members as they juggle work requirements & home-schooling children
- Our civic leaders – local, state and federal – as they seek to protect the American population in an ever-changing situation
- Our first responders – medical, fire, police and EMTs – that they have the necessary equipment to keep themselves safe
- Our non-medical essential workers, those who are ensuring we still have power, water, groceries; the farmers, shippers, deliverers, restaurant workers, etc., and to help the public to remember to treat them with kindness

Please send prayer requests to

[highlandarp@gmail.com](mailto:highlandarp@gmail.com)

# SHARE YOUR HEALTH

As coronavirus concerns intensify, we need healthy blood donors more than ever.



## Is it safe to give right now?

Donating is a safe process and healthy individuals should schedule a blood or platelet donation to help maintain the nation's blood supply.

## Safety at Blood Drives

Red Cross employees implemented added precautions to ensure blood drives and donation centers are safe for donors and staff.



Using Sterile Collection Sets



Spacing Beds 6 Feet Apart Where Possible



Having Hand Sanitizer Available



Using Aseptic Scrubs on Arms



Donor and Staff Temperature Checks Before Entering Drives



Wiping Down Donor-Touched Areas



## What if a donor becomes sick after donating?

We provide a call back number donors should call if they become sick with any illnesses days after their donation.

If you're healthy and well, we're urging you to make a blood appointment.

Visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org).



# American Red Cross

Dear Valued Red Cross Donor,

The news seems to be a constant barrage of information about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). It's easy to react to this news with fear and a feeling of uncertainty about the news you do see. Please know that the American Red Cross is monitoring and adapting daily to the evolving situation.

**ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY** – Many organizations have limited “nonessential activity”, but the blood drive scheduled at your location in May is an essential activity, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It is imperative that we continue to maintain our national blood supply – there continue to be cancer treatments, critical surgeries and accidents. A large part of community health and public preparedness depends on our continuing ability to collect blood. **For more from the CDC on the urgent need for blood collection, [watch this video](#).**

**NO TRANSMISSION BY BLOOD** – There have been no reported cases of any respiratory virus being transmitted by blood, including this coronavirus (COVID-19). Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give blood.

**NEED NEVER STOPS** - The Red Cross' commitment to our nation undergoes tests every year - weather and illness. This is when we need our volunteers the most – houses can be built and food donated but it takes those like your donors to give the life-saving gift of blood. Thank you for your steadfast support. For updates on our responses, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

## Highlands Red Cross Blood Drive

**MAY 5, 2020**

**3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
and search for sponsor code “HPC”  
or zip code 30017



## Online Giving

## Supporting Highlands

Please consider continuing your regular giving even though we are not meeting in person. You can give online at <https://highlandsarp.org/give> or send your check to the post office box at P O Box 847, Grayson, GA 30017. Our financial needs continue even though we are not meeting together.

Additionally, using AmazonSmile, Kroger Community Rewards and iGive.com while you shop provides additional donations for Highlands. Just select us when signing up.

Thank you for supporting our church!



## YOUTH GROUP: DIGITAL EDITION

Understanding the Bible Online Devotional

Read Scripture. Use these questions to help you further understand this text and apply it to your life. Discuss your answers with your family and/or write them down.

Find the lessons on the Highlands Youth Page  
[www.highlandsarp.org/youth](http://www.highlandsarp.org/youth)



## Highlands 2020 Operating Budget Update

March Gifts & Offerings	\$ 15,952.00
March Expenses	\$ 19,251.96
YTD Income	\$ 48,035.99
YTD Expenses	\$ 53,277.87
Deficit	\$ 5,241.88

# MAY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting	2 <i>Happy Birthday Corie Kuykendall</i>
3 10am Worship Online 11am Puppet Show Online	4 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting	5 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting 3-7pm Blood Drive	6 <i>Happy Birthday Bill Wright</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting Midweek Message Digital Youth Lesson	7 <i>Happy Birthday Lauren Smith</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting 10:30am Ladies' Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	8 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting	9
10 10am Worship Online  <b>Mother's Day</b> 	11 <i>Happy Birthday Glenn Martin Madison Mobley</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting	12 <i>Happy Birthday Joyce Jones</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting	13 <i>Happy Birthday Jessamy Jacques</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting Midweek Message Digital Youth Lesson	14 <i>Happy Birthday Gabsaga Tata</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting 11am MMO Graduation Program 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	15 <i>Happy Birthday Roger Lusby</i> 10am Daily Digital Prayer Meeting  <i>VBS Registration Opens</i>	16 <i>Happy Birthday Cindy Bennett</i>
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31 10am Worship Online						

# Highlands ARP Church

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Pastor: Mark Hornby  
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:

May 3 Jacob Blandshaw  
May 10 Nate Edmonson  
May 17 Thomas Kuykendall  
May 24 Ethan Spiller  
May 31 Sama Chifen



### Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week:

May 3 Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones  
May 10 Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall  
May 17 Robert Whittle, Lee Hunt, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques  
May 24 Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West  
May 31 Bill Alimena, Zack Caughman, Don Reinhardt

## Highlands ARP Church

### May 2020 Newsletter

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

