

Highlands Highlights



Highlands Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 6th, 3 - 7 p.m.



Our May Blood Drive was successful! While we had all 20 slots filled, several people were unable to attend, yet we made our goal of 15 pints plus one extra! All donors who were successful received a \$5 Amazon gift card.

Our next drive is scheduled for **July 6 from 3pm – 7pm.** Red Cross ball caps will be available for donors so be sure to sign up. The drive is already available for scheduling and we have 10 of the 18 slots filled. Visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for sponsor code “HPC” or zip 30017 and find your place today!



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Special Points of Interest

- June 1 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- June 6 - Worship & Children's Church
- June 6 - Puppet Show
- June 8 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- June 13 - Worship & Children's Church
- June 13 - Deacons' Meeting
- June 14 - Soup Nite
- June 14 - 18 - VBS Online
- June 15 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- June 20 - Father's Day
- June 20 - Worship & Children's Church
- June 20 - Session Meeting
- June 22 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- June 27 - Worship & Children's Church
- June 29 - Senior Meal Deliveries

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 4 - Worship & Children's Church
- July 4 - Puppet Show
- July 6 - Blood Drive
- July 6 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- July 11 - Worship & Children's Church
- July 11 - Deacons' Meeting
- July 12 - Soup Night
- July 13 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- July 18 - Worship & Children's Church
- July 18 - Session Meeting
- July 20 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- July 25 - Worship & Children's Church
- July 26 - Soup Night
- July 27 - Senior Meal Deliveries

From the Pastor

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:31-33 ESV)

God has given us many promises in His Word that are meant to encourage us and give us comfort as we continue our journey in life. In this particular promise, Jesus is telling us that we can count on our heavenly Father to take care of those things we need in order for us to live in this world.

Sadly, we think that if we could just get all this or all that then we would be happy, content, and able to sit back and relax as we then can enjoy life. So, we fill our lives with worry and anxiety as we passionately pursue worldly wealth, possessions, and pleasure. Jesus says we have it all backwards and is telling us that our focus is all wrong. Jesus says that if we make the Kingdom of God and His righteousness the priority in our lives our Father in heaven will take care of us. If we'll just focus on God and obey His Word, believing that His way is really the best way to enjoy this life He's given us, not only will we be taken care of, but we also won't need to worry about the future, what may or may not happen, because we'll have experienced God's faithfulness firsthand as He proves His capability and willingness to care for our needs.

In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul tells us: *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all, how will He not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:31,32 ESV)*. You see, at a great and profound cost, God has redeemed His people through the sacrifice of His one and only Son. And since God has gone to that extent to save His people then wouldn't it be absurd for God to abandon His people in their time of need? George Muller once said: *“The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.”* You see it all boils down to faith. Will we believe God, or won't we? Will we trust Him or not?

You know, we spend more time and energy worrying about things than we do in simply trusting and obeying God. We spend more time and energy trying to pursue a life that we think brings contentment instead of finding our contentment in God. Saint Augustine once said: *“God is more anxious to bestow his blessings on us than we are to receive them.”* God wants to bless you. He wants you to live in security and peace. He wants you to experience all that He has for you. He doesn't want you to worry about your life and then work yourself into a frenzy as you try to build your own little empire of security. He says *“I will bless you. I will take care of you. I will give you what you need. Stop worrying about it. Just seek after Me.”* The cross of Jesus is God's guarantee that His love is real, unconditional, and eternal. The cross tells us that our Father in heaven loves us so much that He will do whatever is necessary to care for our needs.

You know, life in this fallen and cursed world isn't going to be easy. In fact, we'll never find contentment and satisfaction that lasts if we look for it in this world. It's only as we look to the Lord, trusting in His unfailing love for us, that we'll experience the peace, joy, and lasting contentment we so desperately desire. That's why Jesus tells us: *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

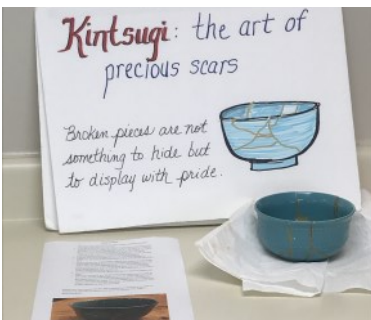
CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



Women's Retreat

On April 30 and May 1, 2021, Peachtree Corners ARP held a Women's Retreat, at the beautiful Pinnacle Retreat Center, in Clayton, GA. Three ladies from the Highlands Women's Ministry team attended this retreat of about 40 women, Vickie Fledderjohann, Betsy Whitson, and Rachel Bratley. Kirby King was the main speaker. She inspired us with her life story, and she introduced us to Kintsugi, the art of precious scars. Two of the Peachtree Corners attendees also gave testimonials that were inspiring. It was a great weekend filled with great food, fellowship, and feeling close to God.

We were asked if Highlands would consider joining with Peachtree Corners for a picnic or a combined Women's Retreat at a location to be decided. If you would be interested in attending either of their events, please call or text Vickie Fledderjohann at (208) 860-8989, or contact our church secretary, Betsy Whitson, at the church office. We would be happy to make these events happen as we get back to normal life next year, as long as we have enough of you interested in attending. We know for our younger Moms to get a weekend away is a challenge, so we request that you men help support our Moms in making this important time away with God to happen, by helping with your children.





YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

Join us for a Puppet Show

Online June 6 & July 4 after Worship



Worship
the LORD
this week at 10am

I ♥ VBS

Online - June 14-18

YOU'RE INVITED TO IN-PERSON

KINGDOM CUBS

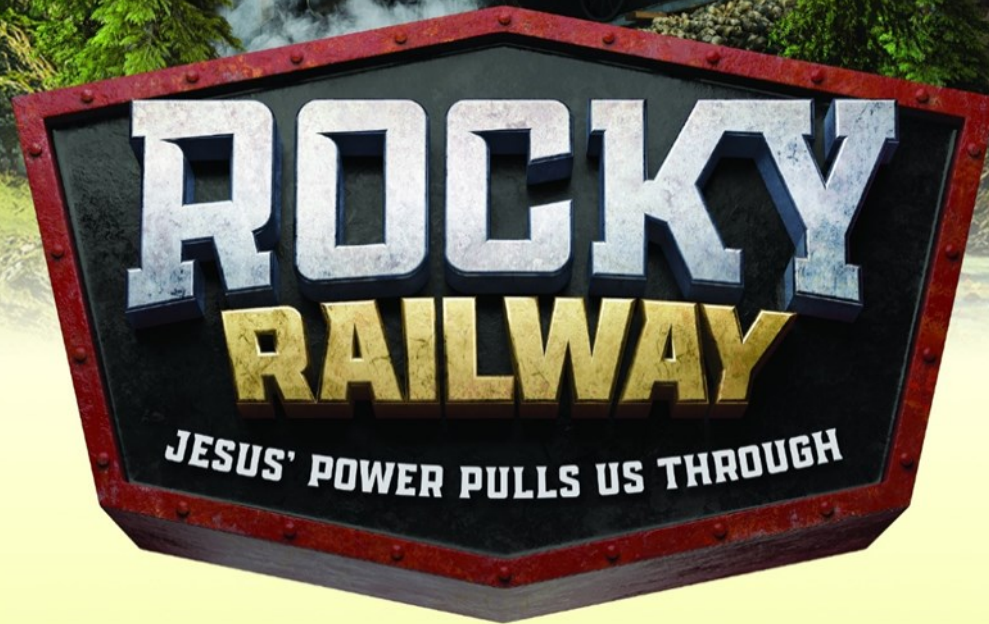
JUNE 13 FROM 4 - 5:30PM

AT THE CHURCH PLAYGROUND





Online Vacation Bible School



Plan to join us this year for Online VBS June 14 – 18 at 10:30 am!

We hope you will be able to join us for Virtual VBS this summer for a week of encouragement for the whole family! We will learn the different ways that Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

This summer we will learn:

- Jesus' Power Helps Us Do Hard Things
- Jesus' Power Gives Us Hope
- Jesus' Power Helps Us Be Bold
- Jesus' Power Lets Us Live Forever
- Jesus' Power Helps Us be Good Friends

**Register online and pick up your crafts on Sunday June 13
at Kingdom Cubs from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.**



Youth Fellowship

JUNE 13 4-5:30PM
CHURCH PAVILLION

May was a fun and exciting month for the youth as we continued to meet in person on Sunday afternoons. We played games, had a fire, sang worship songs, and had good discussions about how life has changed during Covid - but God has not. It was such a blessing to gather together and enjoy fellowship again. All of our youth are doing well! Please continue to be in prayer for them as they finish up the school year and enter into the summer. Our weekly meetings are finished for the summer, but we will meet on June 13th for a time of outdoor fellowship and devotion.

Pastor Chris



DECONS' MEETING

JUNE 13 & JULY 11

11:30 am - Fellowship Hall

"THE LORD IS MY PORTION," SAYS MY SOUL,
"THEREFORE I WILL HOPE IN HIM."

LAMENTATIONS 3:24

SESSION MEETINGS

JUNE 20

11:30 AM

JULY 18

11:30 AM

Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for these church family members –

- Ken Fordham and his care at the Cancer Treatment Center of America
- Karen Caughman's mom, Mary Ashe will receive her biopsy results this week and find out about cancer treatment options.
- Other church members who have cancer.
- Michelle McCoy with her continued recovery from ankle surgery and follow-up physical therapy.
- An update on Hudson Hornby from Bonnie - *Hudson had his follow up appointment. The doctor said that when he broke the second bone in his leg he also fractured 3 bones in his ankle!!! So 5 bones total. However, Hudson has healed enough to be approved for light duty!!! No more brace!! Two weeks no trampoline, jumping off things, no hard impacts on his legs, feet, etc. Hudson is very active, so you can pray for his parents, that they can keep him calm to follow those doctors instructions!*
- Emma Caughman, safe travels as she returns home for the summer from Ireland.
- A local young man who is in need of a job.
- Jan & Marian Wingfield, that God would provide the right buyer for their property.

Please send prayer requests to
highlandarp@gmail.com

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, was a stranger and you welcomed me,” Matthew 25:35

Hi All,

We are well into Spring now and it's starting to get a tad warmer out on the drive thru. On our first Soup Nite in May, we decided to buy Dairy Queen hamburgers with fries to give to our guests. This Soup Nite was right after Mother's Day and we felt that our meal team could use some time with their families and not have to cook for Monday's Soup Nite. Two Hundred meals went by in an hour and a half. We could have ordered another 100 to pass out as we had to turn cars away. I always dislike that part. On top of this meal, we also gave away food items such as frozen veggies, chicken and hot dogs! Therefore, our Distribution Day was done early, and we had another couple of free weeks to plan menus.

On our second Soup Nite, we served sausage and peppers over pasta. It sure did fill the kitchen with an Italian aroma! Maybe it was the garlic? It was a bit of a slower evening, but we passed out 164 meals and were able to freeze the tiny bit left over. It was nice to talk to some of our guests. I love that they are so willing to share their stories with us. Allison, from the

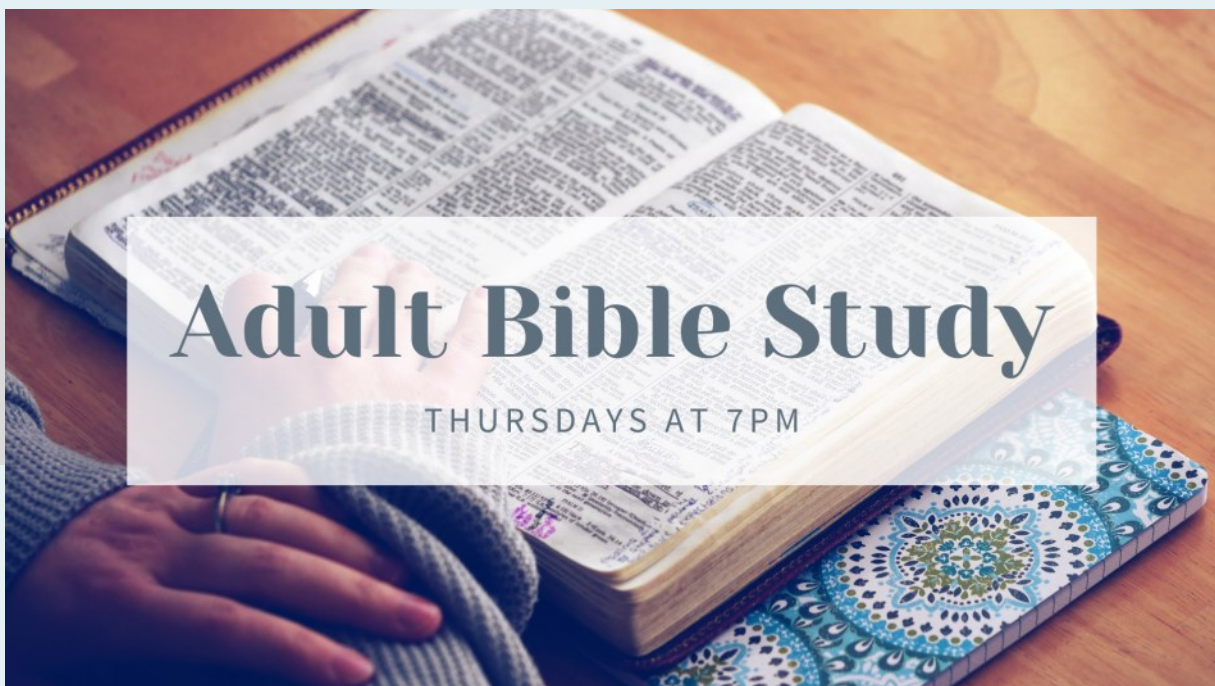
Atlanta Community Food Bank, came to see how Highlands Soup Nite does their thing. She spent a couple hours with us and asked many questions as to how they can help us to make serving better and easier. I will keep you posted on what transpires.

We had a great month for senior meals. There is a new list of seniors in the kitchen if you would like to see how many we need to make each week. Let me know if you would like to make/freeze a meal for this program.

Our next Soup Nite is June 14th, and we are serving Tuscan chicken. On June 28th, we are serving chili dogs, and Jane and I will be out of town. Pray that all goes well for those in the kitchen and on the serving line. Pray as we go forward that we will do only what God wants us to do. Pray for decisions we need to make to go forward as we continue to serve our guests. Pray that our volunteers don't grow weary in doing good. Jane and I so much appreciate all that you do!

In Christ,

Carrie



A top-down photograph of a white mug filled with dark coffee, a spiral-bound notebook with 'BUDGET' written on it, and a wooden pencil, all resting on a dark wooden surface.

Highlands 2021 Operating Budget Update

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| April Gifts & Offerings | \$18,806.35 |
| April Expenses | \$17,394.15 |
| YTD Gifts & Offerings | \$71,019.56 |
| YTD Expenses | \$69,388.93 |

A photograph of a lawnmower cutting grass, with the text '2021 Lawn Mowing schedule' overlaid in a white script font.

2021 Lawn Mowing schedule

It's that time of year! The Men of the Church need your help cutting the back lawn at the church this spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex. You may also respond to this email to sign up for every other week starting through September 19th. Please let Bob Statham know if you are available.

JUNE 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Yeluma Tata</i> Senior Meal Deliveries | 2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Nyla Nkefor</i> <i>Anna Wimer</i> | 3 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Caralee Whittle</i> <i>Robert Whittle</i> | 4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Erin Mueller</i> <i>Marian Wingfield</i> | 5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Ron Wimer</i> |
| 6 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Ruthie Hunt</i> <i>Lea Whittle</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Puppet Show | 7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Ricky Summers</i> | 8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Elisabeth Badio</i> Senior Meal Deliveries | 9 | 10 | 11 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Matt Hunt</i> | 12 |
| 13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Trent Smith</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30 am Deacons' Meeting 4-5:30pm Youth & Kingdom Cubs | 14 | 15 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Omekah Edmondson</i> | 16 | 17 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Taylor Jacques</i> | 18 | 19 |
| | Soup Night | Senior Meal Deliveries | | | | |
| 20 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Meeting  | 21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Pascale Tata</i> | 22 Senior Meal Deliveries | 23 | 24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lynn Avitabile</i> | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10am Worship & Children's Church | 28 Soup Night | 29 Senior Meal Deliveries | 30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Rob Kuykendall</i> | | | |

10:30am "Rocky Railway" VBS Online • June 14th - 18th

JULY 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | | | 1 <i>Happy Birthday Millie Kuykendall</i> | 2 <i>Happy Birthday Edward Spiller</i> | 3 |
| 4 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Puppet Show  | 5 | 6 <i>Happy Birthday Carolyn Crook</i> 3-7pm Blood Drive Senior Meal Deliveries | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 <i>Happy Birthday Lynsey Edmondson</i> |
| 11 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30 am Deacons' Meeting | 12 <i>Happy Birthday Phillip Wallace</i> Soup Night | 13 <i>Happy Birthday Nathaniel Edmondson</i> Senior Meal Deliveries | 14 | 15 <i>Happy Birthday Marissa Spiller</i> | 16 | 17 |
| 18 <i>Happy Birthday Alicia Avitabile Barak Badio Benji Badio</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Meeting | 19 <i>Happy Birthday Bob Statham</i> | 20 Senior Meal Deliveries | 21 <i>Happy Birthday Liezl Spiller</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>Happy Birthday Francina Akins Sal Macaluso</i> |
| 25 10am Worship & Children's Church | 26 Soup Night | 27 <i>Happy Birthday Kaity Wright</i> Senior Meal Deliveries | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>Happy Birthday Joe Bath</i> |

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Associate Pastor: Chris McCoy
Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2021 George O'Farrell
2022 Lee Hunt
2022 Don Reinhardt
2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham

Deacons: Class of 2021
Justin Jacques
Jon Jones
Earl Thomas

Class of 2022
Omar Edmondson
Phillip Wallace
Betsy Whitson

Class of 2023
John Avitabile
Fru Chifen
Deron Smith

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 10:00am Worship
11:00am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)
4:00pm Kingdom Cubs & Youth Fellowship
(1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)

Weekly activities*

Monday: 4-7pm Soup Nite (2nd & 4th Mondays)

Tuesday: 10:00am Online Prayer Time
Senior Meal Deliveries
3-7pm Blood Drive (every other month)

Wednesday: 12:00pm Midweek Message from Pastor Mark

Thursday: 7:00pm Adult Online Bible Study

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations. Some activities are halted during the summer months.*

Candle Lighters:

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| June 6 | Jacob Blandshaw | July 4 | Sama Chifen |
| June 13 | Nate Edmondson | July 11 | Jacob Blandshaw |
| June 20 | Thomas Kuykendall | July 18 | Nate Edmondson |
| June 27 | Ethan Spiller | July 25 | Thomas Kuykendall |

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week

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| June 6 | Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones | July 4 |
| June 13 | Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall | July 11 |
| June 20 | Robert Whittle, Edward Spiller, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques | July 18 |
| June 27 | Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West | July 25 |

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June & July 2021 Newsletter

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED