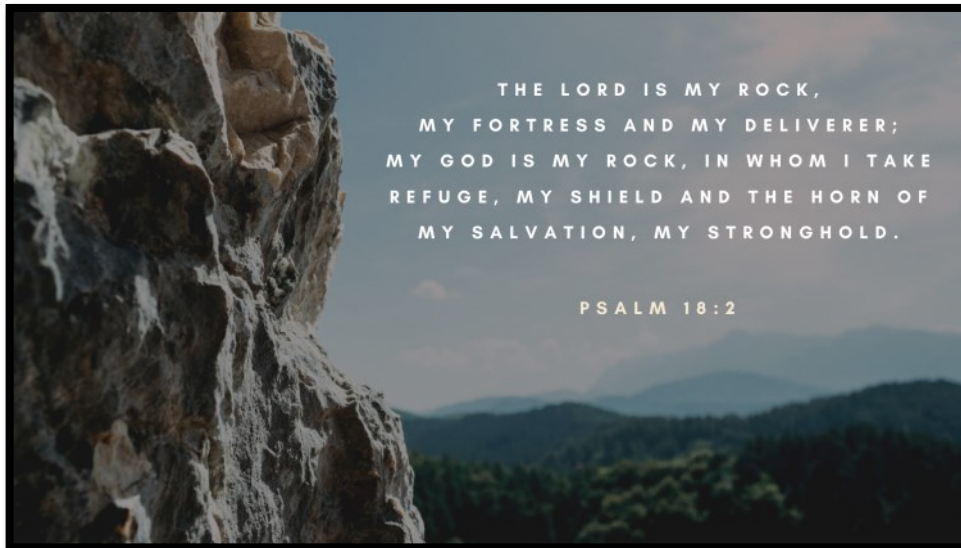


Highlands Highlights



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Special Points of Interest

- Aug 1 - Worship & Children's Church
- Aug 1 - Puppet Show
- Aug 3 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Aug 8 - Worship & Children's Church
- Aug 8 - Deacons' Meeting
- Aug 9 - Soup Nite
- Aug 10 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Aug 15 - Worship & Children's Church
- Aug 15 - Session Meeting
- Aug 17 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Aug 22 - Worship & Children's Church
- Aug 23 - Soup Nite
- Aug 24 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Aug 29 - Worship & Children's Church
- Aug 31 - Blood Drive
- Aug 31 - Senior Meal Deliveries

Our July Blood Drive has come and gone. Our donors were able to snag a \$10 Amazon gift card for their efforts. We collected 12 pints, which included a first-time donor. 12 pints means 36 potential patients were helped. Our next drive is scheduled for August 31 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The drive is already available for scheduling and we have 8 of the 17 slots filled. Visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for sponsor code "HPC" or zip 30017 and sign up today!



From the Pastor

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

(Isaiah 55:10, 11 ESV)

We’ve been looking at some of the promises in Scripture that God has given us for life as His beloved people. It occurred to me that perhaps it might be good for us to look at one the foundational promises God has given us regarding His Word since that’s where we look to find the promises our Lord has given to us. In the passage above from Isaiah, the prophet has been communicating to God’s ancient people (and us) about the covenant He made with King David and how the promised Messiah would restore all things. The main emphasis is especially in regard to the restoration of fellowship with God and the forgiveness of our sins. And it’s in that context that God tells us that He is faithful to His Word and keeps the promises He’s made. So, let’s take a look at this wonderful statement and let it be the foundation of why we can trust in God’s Word.

First of all, did you notice the illustration used in conjunction with the promise of God’s ever abiding truth as revealed in the Scriptures? He talks about the rain descending upon the earth and how the rain has a purpose and fulfills its purpose. Most of the time many of us aren’t really fond of rain showers, especially when it comes at times that affect our plans. We much prefer sunshine, or at the very least partly cloudy skies, so we can do those outside things we want to do. However, if we really think about it, if there’s no rain, all we’ll have is a very dry desert. We need the rain, and the good effects of the rain, so that life in this world will continue to flourish.

Secondly, we need to recognize that the rain comes down and doesn’t return but fulfills its purpose in watering the earth. We all know this and were probably taught this in grade school, but I wonder how often we forget how important it is when it interrupts our plans. Rain is how God has expressed His benevolent love for us as we strive to flourish in a fallen and cursed world. Without rain the plants would die and so would our food supply. If the rain suddenly stopped, it wouldn’t be long before a food crisis began, and water shortages would abound. We’re seeing some of this beginning with water shortages even now during the current drought out west.

Thirdly, we also need to understand that God is the One who sends the rain. The prophet communicates this from the Lord Himself who tells us that the “rain and snow come down from heaven.” Some might say that the writer is only referring to the clouds. However, Jesus tells us that “God sends His rain on the just and unjust” (Matthew 5:45) which tells me God is in charge.

Now, having said all that what we need to understand is that this is an illustration of the much greater truth regarding the Scriptures and how we can trust in all that God has said. God is the One who sends forth His Word with such power that it’ll perfectly accomplish everything God intends and will never fail because God Himself is faithful to His Word. Everything God has said has a purpose regarding the lives of His people and is meant to bring us to saving faith, grow us to spiritual maturity, guide us in our decisions in life, as it teaches us all about who God is and all that He requires of us. You see, Scripture is there so that we can truly flourish and not just get by from day to day. I hope you make the time every day to read God’s Word so that you will continue to flourish as a child of God.

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

Women of Highlands

Have you missed our gatherings, our Bible studies, our lunches, each other? The Women's Ministry team certainly has, and wants to reconnect with you! Please join us on Saturday, August 14 at 9:30 a.m. for brunch and an opportunity to visit and discuss plans for the 2021-22 year of ministry. Food and beverages will be provided for you – we just want you to come! (Dads, this is a great time to show your wife how important fellowship is and encourage her to attend.) You should receive an invitation in the mail and we hope that you will RSVP to anyone on the card. We'll see you on the 14th!

WORSHIP WITH US
SUNDAY AT 10 AM



YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

Join us for a Puppet Show

Online August 1 after Worship



Let your light shine!



JOURNEY TO ISRAEL



The Sea of Galilee



View west from Jericho

These were the mountains the spies hid in when scouting out the land for Joshua.



Trip Details

I was blessed this summer by being able to join my Father, Grandfather, Step-mother and their church group on a 10 day journey to Israel. We traveled with Educational Opportunities, a Christian tour company. We stayed 3 nights in the city of Tiberias, on the coast of the Sea of Galilee. We then traveled to Jerusalem for the remainder of our time. Each day was filled with visiting areas all across Israel including: Capernaum, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Qumran, Masada, the Dead Sea, Caesarea, and Nazareth.



Panoramic view from the top of the Mount of Olives, looking into Jerusalem



What I learned

While in Israel, I was blown away by all that I learned and saw. Each place we visited was connected in one or more ways to Jesus' life and ministry. We read from the Scriptures the stories and events that occurred, while standing in the place they actually happened. Much of the trip focused on archaeological finds of the last hundred years. We saw the remains of what is believed to be Peter's house in Capernaum. We walked the path of Jesus' triumphal entry from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. We sat, read, and prayed at the Garden of Gethsemane - where there are two thousand year old olive trees. We celebrated communion at the garden tomb, a location that matches all the descriptions of where Jesus was buried.

While visiting these places and learning the particulars of the geography, history, and archaeology, my appreciation of the Scriptures grew immensely. Being able to point across the Sea of Galilee or look to Bethlehem from the Shepherd's Field connects the dots in a profound way. Thank you for your prayers for me on this trip. I am greatly looking forward to sharing more with you on Sunday nights beginning in September.



The Caves of Qumran

This is a view of Cave #4, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947 by a shepherd boy



The Garden Tomb

This is the garden tomb - one of two sites that is thought to be where Jesus was buried and raised from the dead. We celebrated communion and read the Resurrection story here

Prayer Corner

Please continue to pray for these church family members –

- Sharon Edmondson expresses her appreciation for all the prayers, beautiful cards and well wishes supporting her family during this time of grief in the loss of her sister.
- Frank Sexton has contracted COVID-19. Please pray for him and Carole that his symptoms will be minor and she will not come down with it.
- Mary Ashe as she continues her cancer treatments. God has answered prayers and her white blood cell count is back up and she will resume her treatments at a lowered dosage. Additionally, the injury to her back is a pulled muscle and not a broken rib.
- Those in our fellowship who are dealing with chronic illness.
- Sarah Whitson Mitchell, Jim & Betsy Whitson's daughter, as she recovers from recent surgery.
- Bill Alimena's family as they celebrate his father's life.
- Jackie Rice, her confusion from a week ago may be related to surgery she had about 14 years ago. The doctors have prescribed medication that seems to be helping. Additionally, she fell at home and may have broken her right arm. Her daughter Julie, a nurse, was there and was able to help her up and put her arm in a sling to immobilize it. Chuck is taking Jackie to the doctor tomorrow to see what else they can do. (Julie has a broken wrist and rib and is not able to help very much.) Jackie is Bobby's main caregiver and will be unable to do much until her arm heals. They may need help with meals. Please reach out to Betsy Whitson if you are able to provide any meals. Pray for their family as they face new challenges.
- Kaity Wright was informed by her doctor that she has a cancerous ulcer in her colon. She is having a CT scan and an MRI to determine the extent. Please pray for a good result and that it can be treated quickly and easily.
- Jan and Marian Wingfield ask for prayers for a close friend. In a recent eye appointment with a retina specialist, it was discovered that a freckle on her retina had grown since her last exam. She will be going for further evaluation on August 4th. Please pray that there are no alarming findings and that it is nothing abnormal.
- Hazel Stephens is grateful for the prayers during her surgery; please continue to keep her in prayer as she recovers.
- The family of former member John Louis Evans Jr., who passed away on July 7th.
- Members who are travelling.

Please send prayer requests to

highlandarp@gmail.com

Hi All,

Can you believe school starts in a couple weeks and it's AUGUST!! It's crazy to think that July is over, but for Soup Nite, it is. Thank you to our volunteers as this month gets us over the hump and we are now into the 2nd part of the year. We did well in the 1st part!

On our 1st Soup Nite in July, we served Tamale Pie. It was a huge hit and had a very steady flow of guests, never overwhelming us and before we knew it, there was no more tamale pie left! Jane and the kitchen crew quickly made up some more meals and they were given out. Just enough to end the evening at 7pm.

On our 2nd Soup Nite in July, we served a cold chicken salad pasta. Alongside that dish was either a croissant or crackers. We also served a box of Girl Scout cookies to each family. We picked up cases of cookies in all the favorite flavors at the Food Bank! What a treat! Please pray for a Ms. Gayle. She is a regular now since COVID and her daughter and friend came through saying she was in the hospital and her cancer may have come back. Miss Ann had to have a 2nd mammogram and gave praise to God that the results came back fine. To top off the night, a guest came back shortly before 7pm to tell me that her meal was the best chicken salad that she had ever had. She went on to say that it was straight from a restaurant! (She was new because she didn't know that most of our meals are restaurant quality). LOL. Wasn't that just the best thing to hear at the end of a long day???

Bob did a Food Bank run as we desperately needed drinks and desserts. We always need donations of water because we can't shop on the grocery floor where we would pick up water and such at the Food Bank since COVID has happened. We did not do a Distribution Day this month. We will wait until the Produce Boxes come in August.

Our Senior program is doing fine. We are using the last of our Friends of Gwinnett money to buy meals. This month we did Kentucky Fried Chicken and Dairy Queen. It's always a treat for our seniors to get a little bit of fast food. Anytime you would like to make a senior meal, let me know and I can tell you how many seniors to prepare for given what route we are on. Highlands makes meals every Monday for the Tuesday deliveries at the Food CoOp.

In August, on the 1st Soup Nite, the 9th, we are serving Asian chicken and vegetable dumplings.

Well, that's all for now. Many blessings this month. Please keep Soup Nite in your prayers as we go into our 10th year come September. Jane and I are still looking to share the leadership with a 3rd person. Thank you for your willingness to serve continually!

In Christ,

Carrie



Highlands 2021 Operating Budget Update

June Gifts & Offerings	\$16,440.62
June Expenses	\$16,981.39
YTD Gifts & Offerings	\$109,894.01
YTD Expenses	\$103,600.27





DECONS' MEETING

Sunday, August 8th
11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall

SESSION MEETING

Sunday, August 15th
11:30 AM - Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Puppet Show	2	3 Senior Meal Deliveries	4	5 <i>Happy Birthday Faith Wallace</i>	6 <i>Happy Birthday Ajavon Tarpeh</i>	7 <i>Happy Birthday Ethan Spiller</i>
8 <i>Happy Birthday Ryan Mobley</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30 am Deacons' Meeting	9 Soup Night	10 Senior Meal Deliveries	11	12	13 <i>Happy Birthday Jerita Hunt Bobby Rice</i>	14 <i>Happy Birthday John West</i>
15 <i>Happy Birthday Temple Elam</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Meeting	16 <i>Happy Birthday Lena Tata</i>	17 Senior Meal Deliveries	18	19 <i>Happy Birthday Karen Caughman</i>	20	21 <i>Happy Birthday Karen Mobley</i>
22 10am Worship & Children's Church	23 Soup Night	24 <i>Happy Birthday Melvin Crook</i> Senior Meal Deliveries	25	26 <i>Happy Birthday Sharon Edmondson</i>	27	28 <i>Happy Birthday Gene Wade</i>
29 <i>Happy Birthday Paul Akins</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church	30 <i>Happy Birthday Bill Keoho</i>	31 3-7pm Blood Drive Senior Meal Deliveries				

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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)

Thursday: 7:00pm Adult Online Bible Study

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

Candle Lighters:

Aug 1 Ethan Spiller
Aug 8 Jacob Blandshaw
Aug 15 Nate Edmondson
Aug 22 Thomas Kuykendall
Aug 29 Sama Chifen

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week

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

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED