

Highlands Highlights



Join us for Sunday Family Fellowship beginning September 12 at 4:30. We'll have a time of singing, study, and building community as we fellowship together over light snacks. We're kicking off Family Fellowship with a series on Pastor Chris' trip through Israel. We'll see the places he visited, hear what God taught him, and see how the stories in the Bible connect. Plan to join us on Sundays this fall!



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Special Points of Interest

- Sept 1 - Women's Pop-up Lunch
- Sept 5 - Worship & Children's Church
Puppet Show - Online
- Sept 6 - Labor Day
- Sept 7 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Sept 12 - Sunday School Resumes
Worship & Children's Church
Choir Practice Resumes
Deacons' Meeting
Family Fellowship
- Sept 13 - Soup Nite
- Sept 14 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Sept 14 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Sept 19 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Choir Practice
Session Meeting
Family Fellowship
- Sept 21 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Sept 26 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Choir Practice
Family Fellowship
- Sept 27 - Soup Nite
- Sept 28 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Sept 28 - Senior Meal Deliveries

From the Pastor

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." (Isaiah 26:3,4 ESV)

Peace isn't something that's often found in our world, either in the past or even today. There always seems to be something that brings about chaos and calamity whether within a nation or between nations that disrupts peace. We shouldn't be surprised at this since, as believers in and followers of Jesus, we know the root cause. Our world is under a curse and is filled with human beings who have fallen into sin and misery as the Scriptures certainly teach us. However, even though we may hear of troubles happening in our world and sometimes even in our own lives, there is a peace that passes all understanding available to us as God's beloved people as Isaiah tells us in this Scripture. So, let's take a brief look at this wonderful promise from our God.

First, we need to understand that God is the author of peace. Isaiah is speaking from God as he tells us: *"You will keep him in perfect peace."* God is the One who fills our lives with peace even though the world around us and the circumstances we may be facing might say otherwise. The peace of which God is speaking about here isn't, at least in this life, a cessation of troubling events that may come our way but is, instead, a deep, inner sense of calm in the midst of our storms. It's the kind of peace by which we know that God has us and the events that impact us. It's the kind of peace by which we know that regardless of what we might be facing our God has it all under His sovereign control and is working in and through what we're facing for His glory and our good. Now, that doesn't mean that it'll be easy for us as some of the hardships we face can be quite heartbreaking. However, it does mean that we know our lives are held in the grip of God's grace and that nothing can separate us from His love for us in Christ Jesus.

Second, we need to understand how this peace is brought about in us. Did you notice that Isaiah tells us that this peace comes as we focus our minds on the Lord? Now, we have to grasp the significance of what the prophet is telling us in order for us to live in the midst of our troubles with this perfect peace from God. This isn't about a casual glance toward heaven when we face times of difficulties. We're being told that our minds must be "stayed" on the Lord, that is, we keep our focus always on God and the life He calls us to live. Simply put, this is having a Kingdom mindset by which we're always under the authority of the Lord and His Word given to us. The Apostle Paul put it well when he said, *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* (Colossians 3:1-4 ESV). You see, instead of being overwhelmed with what's happening in our world or even in our lives we train ourselves to remember the promises of God and seek out those truths that help us navigate the storms of life.

Finally, we need to understand the trustworthiness of our God. Isaiah continues: *"because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."* Trust is that which will dictate how we feel and how we conduct ourselves. When we trust something or someone it affects everything about us. However, the problem with trust is that we often place it in areas that are always trustworthy. Let's be honest, as human beings we all fail at times and can betray the trust of our friends and families. However, there is One who has never failed to keep a single promise that He's made. God has always been faithful and is able to do abundantly more than all we could ask or imagine. He has proven His trustworthiness in the greatest promise ever made in the sending of Jesus to redeem us and restore us to fellowship with Himself.

So, when life tries to get the best of us and the world around us seems to be crashing down around us, remember that perfect peace is always ours as we keep our focus on the Lord.

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

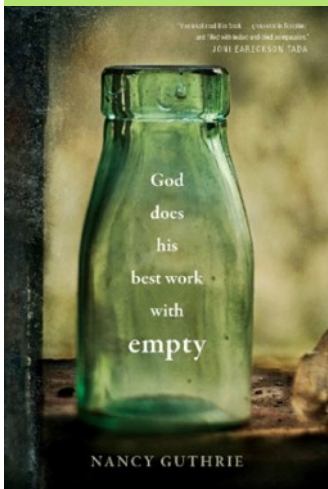


*"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.
The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

Highlands Women's Ministry Getting Reconnected!

After more than a year of pandemic related social distancing and isolation, the Women of Highlands were finally able to get together for a "Reconnect" Brunch on August 14, 2021. Bonnie Hornby opened our event with prayer and twenty-three attendees enjoyed a delicious brunch before our short program. Carol Streng presented a devotional that included a humorous look at the past year with "You Might Have Gone Through a Pandemic If...". Cindy Bennett introduced the Fall Bible Study, which will be led by Bonnie Hornby on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Next, Betsy Whitson talked about women's ministry opportunities and fellowship events for the 2021-2022 year. Each attendee was tasked with completing a survey that asked what types of activities they were interested in. Not surprisingly, having meals together, either at the church or at a popular restaurant, was the number one choice. Other popular categories were game and craft nights. Attendees wrote in suggestions that included painting parties, outlet shopping, retreats and ministry projects for students and community. Jane Statham closed with door-prizes and prayer. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are so grateful for God's blessings that brings us together.





Women's Bible Study

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10am! We will begin with a time of fellowship, praises, and prayer requests. At 10:30 we will enjoy a discussion style Bible study on the book by Nancy Guthrie: *God Does His Best Work on Empty*.

From the back of the book: It's amazing how heavy the weight of emptiness can feel, how much room it can take up in our souls, how much pain can be caused by something that isn't even there. But while we may see the emptiness of our lives as our greatest problem, that's not how God sees it. When God looks into the empty places of our lives, He sees His greatest opportunity. Join Nancy Guthrie in discovering why emptiness has never been, and never will be, a problem to God. As

Nancy pulls back the curtain on God's work to fill up emptiness as revealed throughout the Bible, you'll experience page after page of grace and hope that your emptiness can and will be filled. You'll begin to see that God really does do His best work with empty -- as he fills it with Himself.

Women's Ministry Pop-up Lunch

Join us on Wednesday, September 1 at 11:30 am
for lunch at Sam's on Main.

2135 Loganville Hwy Suite 420, Grayson, GA 30017



Parking is available behind The Railyard. You may either drive there and meet us or, if you want to carpool from the church, let us know when you respond.

Please RSVP via text to Betsy Whitson (404-790-8936), Vickie Fledderjohann (208-860-8989) or Faith Wallace (770-315-1919) no later than Tuesday, August 31st. (There is a slight chance that the restaurant may be closed due to staffing shortages, so it is important that we know who is coming in the event that we have to switch locations at the last minute.)

We'd love to see you there!

Ladies Bible Study

God Does His Best Work With Empty
2nd & 4th Tuesdays - Begins Sept. 14





YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

Sunday School



Resumes Sept. 12

Join us for
Worship
Sundays
at 10am



Puppet Show



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

YOU'RE INVITED TO IN-PERSON

KINGDOM CUBS

SUNDAYS AT 4:30 PM

Each week starting Sept. 12

Puppet Show

Online September 5 after Worship

New



Choir Members
Welcome!

Choir Practice Resumes Sept 12

Be still and know
that I am God.

PSALM 46:10



I am so excited that the school year has started for our youth and that our youth activities start back soon. Things are going to look a little different this year, so I want to outline the changes that are taking place.

Sunday School Resumes September 12th - I want to invite all of our middle and high school students to attend Sunday School at 9AM each Sunday beginning September 12. Sunday School is a time where we can dig deep into God's word together. It's a great place to learn more about our God and how he has called us to live as Christians.

Youth Group Sunday Evening 4:30PM - Over the summer, I enjoyed our youth groups on Sunday night. It was great to be together on the Lord's day and to have the time to talk and learn together. This year, instead of meeting on Wednesday nights, the church is meeting on Sunday evenings from 4:30 - 6:00PM. This is called Sunday Family Fellowship and will typically begin with a time of singing all together - after this we will usually break up into the adult and youth groups. However, for the fall meetings, I am going to be presenting lessons from Israel and will be teaching the adult and youth groups together. I was blessed to be able to visit Israel this summer and am so excited to share pictures, stories, and Bible lessons with the church. Visiting and learning about Israel really connected so much of Jesus' story and I can't wait to share those connections with you!

- Pastor Chris



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resumes Sept. 12 at 9AM

Sunday School will resume on Sept 12th at 9:00 AM. Please adjust your schedule accordingly so you can be present. If you are unable to attend please watch the live stream, which will allow you to ask questions in real time as long as you are signed into your VIMEO-Livestream account. The live stream will also be recorded for future viewing.

The topic of Worship will be addressed, so I am calling this a "Worship Workshop". This class will seek to ask and answer many questions surrounding the subject of Worship, including:

Class #1	Sept 12th	Why do we worship?
Class #2	Sept 19th	Whom do we worship?
Class #3	Sept 26th	What constitutes worship?
Class #4	Oct 3rd	When do we worship?

See you there! ~ Sal Macaluso

ELDER & DEACON

NOMINATIONS

It is time to nominate Elders to serve us in the class of 2025. If you are a member of Highlands please fill out the nomination form in the narthex. According to the ARP Form of Government, the office of elder as set forth in the Scriptures is ordinary and perpetual in the Church. In both the Old Testament and New Testament church, God ordained elders to govern and discipline his people. To this office of elder should be chosen men of wisdom, discretion, sound faith and godly life, and who are qualified under the standards recorded in Scripture. An elder shall be a member in good standing of the congregation, actively sharing in the worship and service of the Church and giving particular emphasis to the duties of his office. It is the responsibility of elders, both individually and jointly, to guard and promote the spiritual welfare of the congregation. Although ruling elders do represent congregations by election, they are to seek the will of God in all church court decisions.

We also need to nominate Deacons to serve in the class of 2024. If you are a member of Highlands please fill out the form in the narthex. According to the ARP Form of Government, the office of deacon as set forth in the Scriptures is ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office of deacon is one of sympathy and service after the example of Christ. To this office should be chosen individuals who are faithful and diligent Christians of good character, of honest repute, exemplary life, brotherly love, sympathetic nature and sound judgment, who are qualified under the standards recorded in Scripture. A deacon shall be a member in good standing of the congregation, actively sharing in the worship and service of the Church and giving particular emphasis to the duties of his office. Unless otherwise determined by the Session, the Diaconate shall be chosen from male members of that congregation. The session of each congregation shall determine whether women may serve as deacons in their own particular congregation. In either case, the Church shall not neglect the raising up of qualified men to serve in this position

Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate – **nominations close on October 10th.**

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

DEACONS

SUN., SEPT. 12TH

11:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

SESSION

SUN., SEPT. 19TH

11:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

COVID-19 Update

Bob Statham, for the Highlands Session

At the August 15th meeting, the Session considered the recent spike of COVID variant cases in the community. While some churches and schools have discontinued in person gatherings, we have determined that our corporate worship services should continue in its present form: masks are optional and separate video streaming rooms remain available: one room being masks only and the fellowship hall allowing social distancing. Additionally, temperature checks are available if needed.

We continue to encourage those who don't feel well to stay home and participate in the service online. As always, we want our church to stand strong in the faith as we pray for an end to this pandemic.

Christian Education Update

By Don Reinhardt

WANTED - Substitute and reserve fill-in teachers wanted for our elementary and adult classes. While rarely needed, they are important to have.

REMINDER - Join us on Sept. 12th at 9am Adult Bible Study, as Sal Macaluso explores the topic of Worship, an important aspect of our Christian lives, over a 4-6 week period.

Suggestions for future topics and speakers are always appreciated.

I give blood
because _____.



American
Red Cross

Our August 31 Red Cross Blood Drive is almost filled. We have 2 slots open, one at 3pm and one at 6:15pm for you to participate. If you would like to be called in case someone is unable to donate at the last minute, please contact Betsy Whitson at 404-790-8936 - we always need standby donors. Thanks to all who donate!



PRAYER CORNER

Please continue to pray for these church family members –

- Emilia Coker and her sons Benjamin and George, as they mourn the loss of her mother, Mrs. Rose Loko Litumbe, who passed away in Cameroon on Saturday, August 14th at the age of 91
- Those in our fellowship who are dealing with chronic illness
- Bonnie's sister, Martha, as she struggles with COPD
- Jackie Rice as she recovers from her broken arm
- Frank and Carole Sexton as they recover from COVID
- Deron Smith as he recovers from COVID
- Mary Ashe as she continues her cancer treatments
- Kaity Wright as her doctors determine her cancer treatment options
- Hazel Stephens' daughter as she continues to recover from surgery
- Other members who are dealing with the recent loss of loved ones

PLEASE SEND PRAYER REQUESTS TO
highlandarp@gmail.com



WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Hi All,

August was HOT! Was it this hot last summer? Probably, but it seems like forever ago. So now we are almost in September and coming up on our 9th year Anniversary!

At our first Soup Nite in August, we served Asian chicken and vegetable dumplings with fried rice. It was a restaurant quality meal, to be honest. Jane and her team stayed in the kitchen the entire day making "healthy" fried rice and boiling dumplings. We gave out a whopping 178 meals to 39 families. Praise God! Gayle is home from the hospital and NO cancer. She thanks us for praying. Keep praying for Dionne Robinson's family and the loss of Orbit. This family has been a part of Soup Nite since we started so it hurts greatly.

On our second Soup Nite, we served our classic, Pizza in a Pot, with buttered rolls. Our team of volunteers worked so hard, preparing crock pots, working the oven, setting up the drive thru, serving and cleaning up. It was busy! We ran out of food shortly after 6 pm but managed to give out 204 meals! There were cars that came through the line after 6 and we didn't have anything to give them. I have to remind myself that the people who needed a meal, got a meal. We have been getting sweet compliments about our meals. It's all good!

We were able to pick up 30 fresh produce boxes from Gwinnett County and added some food pantry items and frozen foods to make a great distribution drive thru on the 19th. We gave away over 1,200 lbs. of food in half an hour. It breaks our hearts to turn away cars, as we did this time. We are going into planning mode to be able to get more to our families.

Our delivery meal program continues to provide meals to the Seasoned With Love seniors. If you would like to make senior meals, please let me know. The greatest amount would be a meal for 10 for any given week. Something that could be frozen would work as well!

We have applied for a grant through our friends, Friends of Gwinnett Seniors. Please be in prayer for the application to be accepted so we can continue to grow and serve our community's families.

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve and continued support. We cherish your prayers and look forward to seeing the Lord's blessings in the days ahead.

In Christ,
Carrie



Highlands Presbyterian

Highlands 2021 Operating Budget Update

July Gifts & Offerings	\$16,115.45
July Expenses	\$16,765.36
YTD Gifts & Offerings	\$126,009.46
YTD Expenses	\$120,365.63



September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 <i>Happy Birthday Jan Wingfield</i> 11:30am Women's Ministry Pop-Up Lunch	2	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday Hansen Nkefor</i>
5 <i>Happy Birthday John Jacques</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Puppet Show	6 <i>Happy Birthday Emma Caughman Paul McInnish Zachary Summers</i> 	7 Senior Meal Deliveries	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Happy Birthday Jackie Keoho</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:15 am Choir Practice 11:30 am Deacons' Mtg 4:30pm Family Fellowship	13 Soup Night	14 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday Gus Bartenfeld</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday Margot Lusby</i>	18
19 <i>Happy Birthday Dennis Bennett</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:15 am Choir Practice 11:30am Session Mtg 4:30pm Family Fellowship	20 <i>Happy Birthday Sonja Woodham</i>	21 Senior Meal Deliveries	22	23 <i>Happy Birthday Linda Chesney</i>	24	25 <i>Happy Birthday Leah Avitabile</i>
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:15 am Choir Practice 4:30pm Family Fellowship	27 <i>Happy Birthday Malaika Tata</i> Soup Night	28 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	29 <i>Happy Birthday Jim Whitson</i>	30 <i>Happy Birthday Keegan Jones</i>		

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Pastor: Mark Hornby
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
11:15am Choir Practice
11:30am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)
4:30pm Highlands Family Fellowship

Weekly activities*

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

Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study
Senior Meal Deliveries
3-7pm Blood Drive (every other month)

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

Candle Lighters:

Sept 5 Ethan Spiller
Sept 12 Sama Chifen
Sept 19 Jacob Blandshaw
Sept 26 Nate Edmondson

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week

Sept 5 Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones
Sept 12 Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall
Sept 19 Robert Whittle, Edward Spiller, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques
Sept 26 Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED