

Highlands Highlights



Family Fellowship
Adult Bible Study
Sundays at 4:30pm
RESTORING OUR JOY
 Philippians: The Epistle of Joy
 "Rejoice in the Lord always;
 again I will say, rejoice."
 Philippians 4:4 ESV

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Special Points of Interest

- Mar 1 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Mar 6 - Sunday School
Worship & Communion
Children's Church
Puppet Show
Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study
- Mar 6 - Hunger Walk/Run
- Mar 8 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Mar 8 - Blood Drive
- Mar 8 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Mar 13 - Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church
Deacons' Meeting
Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study
- Mar 14 - Soup Nite
- Mar 15 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Mar 18 - Ladies' Game Night
- Mar 20 - Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church
Session Meeting
Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study
- Mar 22 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Mar 22 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Mar 27 - Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church
Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study
- Mar 28 - Soup Nite



American Red Cross

We Need You!

Our March Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Our schedule allows for 19 appointments, 10 of which are already filled.

Our drive in January was cancelled due to staffing issues so your donation is more critical than ever. We all have our own reason for donating. Whatever yours is, know that the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life.

Our goal for this drive is 16 pints. The drive is available for online scheduling. You can visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for "30017" and March 8 and sign up online to get your preferred slot. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Whitson at 404-790-8936 or bjwhitson@bellsouth.net.

Without A, B and O, we can't save anybody.



Only **3** out of **100** people donate blood in the U.S.



Blood types typically go missing during the **summer**.



Every **two seconds**, someone needs blood.

From the Pastor

“And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

(Philippians 1:6 ESV)

Being a Christian and living out the Christian life to its fullest is something we should all aspire to be and do. However, we don't always fulfill our calling in that regard as we can, at times, be tripped up by our own sinful desires and behaviors and we may wonder if the battle with remaining sin will ever be won. The Apostle Paul was no stranger to this issue as he tells us in his letter to the Romans:

“For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.”

(Romans 7:19, 20 ESV)

Perhaps you often feel much the same as he did and as believers throughout the ages have felt as they continue this battle against indwelling sin. Not only does the Apostle Paul tell us in Romans 7:25 that Jesus is the One who'll free us from bondage to sin, but He also encourages us in his letter to the Philippians in how that's accomplished. So, let's look at the truths in this one Scripture.

First, we need to remember who has begun this work of grace in us. It shouldn't surprise us that God is the author of our salvation, and He is of sufficient power to help us overcome our sinful tendencies. That's why the Apostle Paul calls this work of God a good work in that it brings about a change in our disposition which, in turn, affects our behavior as we live our lives as well. In fact, the Apostle Paul tells us later in this same letter:

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

(Philippians 2:13, 14 ESV)

You see, even though we're called to work out our salvation, that is, to strive in overcoming our sinfulness so that our practice in Jesus more greatly matches our position in Jesus, we're told quite specifically that God is the very One who is empowering us to do so for His good pleasure. In other words, God's work is such that we'll be those who bring pleasure to the Lord by our lives of holiness that ultimately glorify Him and result in His blessing on us.

Second, we need to recognize the hope that's ours in God's continuing work of grace in us. Did you notice that God will *“bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ?”* In other words, this is a process of transformation, begun by God through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, that will only be fully completed when Jesus returns to consummate His Kingdom. You see, God doesn't start something and then not complete it. We can often start a project and then tire of it and leave it for another day, and another day never seems to come. However, God has promised that this work of grace He's begun at our salvation will continue throughout our lives and be finally completed, totally finished, on that day when our Lord comes to usher in His eternal Kingdom.

Listen, for all who believe in Jesus, we have every reason to rejoice each and every day because we have a God who'll never cease to make us who He wants us to be.

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*

We had a fun evening on February 18th with a game night. Those who attended brought snacks to share and we rotated between 3 different games – it's interesting to start playing someone else's hand in the middle of a round! We look forward to having another game night soon.

Women's Bible study will resume on Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 with a time of fellowship and the study beginning about 10:30. Our study for that day is Chapter 5, *"An Unquenchable Thirst – God Fills Our Emptiness with His Life"* from the study book *"God Does His Best Work with Empty"*. On Tuesday, March 22nd, we will continue our study with Chapter 6 *"A Vanishing Breath - God Fills Our Emptiness with Meaning"*.



Peachtree Corners ARP Church has invited the women of Highlands to attend their annual retreat at the Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, Georgia on April 1-3, 2022. The speaker is Dr. Kim Nichols who will be speaking on the topic *"Writing Your Story Well"*. Several of us attended PCARP's retreat last year and the conference facilities are lovely. Please contact Betsy Whitson at bjwhitson@bellsouth.net



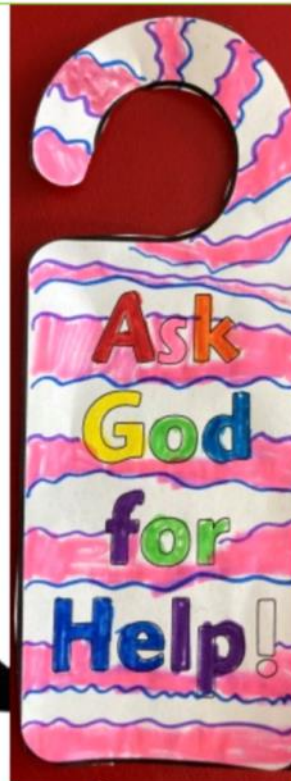
YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY



Sundays
at 10

Worship With Us



each week at 9am!



Join Us
for

Sundays at 4:30pm



★ PUPPET SHOW ★
March 6



Dear Youth,

I am so excited that we have begun to get back together for Sunday School and soon will be getting back together for Family Fellowship as well. I have enjoyed our study of Mark in Sunday School. We will be beginning a new study for our Sunday Night Youth Group. Youth Group will take place during the Sunday Night Fellowship time - we will worship in song all together with the adults and then head into the youth room for a time of fellowship and Bible study. Please be in prayer for the Youth Group and the church as we begin to meet back together again. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Pastor Chris



Christian Education

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many thanks to Dennis Bennett for very interesting and well-developed Advent, Christmas and post-Christmas presentations and explanations - insights into the Bible and the story of Jesus' coming, Jesus and the Magi. Dennis, thanks from all of us.

Mid-month March we will be starting a 4-part series entitled "Our Christian Journey on the Highways, Byways and Narrow Paths of life with Jesus," led by Don Reinhardt. This will be followed in mid-April and May by Sal Macaluso who will be presenting his outline next month.

We thank all our Sunday school people for their efforts, and also the good work that's done with the young people by Bonnie, the older youth by Chris McCoy, and the great website work of Michelle McCoy. For Betsy Whitson's solid and consistent input also a big thank you.

Finally, in these needful and stressful times, pray and study the Word regularly, invite neighbors, friends and strangers to come worship and be with us here at Highlands, for we all need Jesus now more than ever, and without Jesus where would we be?

In Christ's love to you all,
Don Reinhardt



Mar 6	Corie Kuykendall
Mar 13	Bonnie Hornby
Mar 20	Lynn Avitabile
Mar 27	Lyn Alimena

Hi All,

We are finishing up our winter menu ideas as March is now approaching quickly. Our Soup Nites in February are still happening as we only have completed one meal at the time of this printing for the newsletter. On Valentine's Day, we served Italian Pasta Fagioli with garlic bread and chocolate chip muffins for dessert. We also passed out Valentine Goodie Bags to the kids!! It was great fun! Our next Soup Nite is on the 28th and we are serving ham and potato soup. It should be a good one and sure to warm lots of tummies.

The senior meal delivery program is going strong. We are down to only 36 seniors now and hoping the Food CoOp will increase their program so we can get back to our original number of people. Thank you to all who continue to make meals for these routes. If you would like to help with this part of our ministry, please see me. These immobile seniors are very grateful for these ready-made meals that we make for them. It's rewarding in so many ways! We will soon have the insulated bags personalized with the Soup Nite logo ready to use in March's deliveries for the Senior Meals. A huge shout out to the Friends of Gwinnett Seniors group for the grant.

They also gave us the funding for our new reach-in refrigerator! You can find it in the Fellowship Hall!!

The Food Bank is sponsoring the Hunger Walk Run again on March 6th. Info to donate for this fundraiser is on Highlandsarp.org and in the Friday emails. The monies raised for this go toward our account at the Food Bank to pay for the food items we order from them. For the past two years, we haven't paid out from a single statement as it all has come out of our Hunger Walk donations! Yay! What a blessing!!

Our March Soup Nite dates are on the 14th, serving Chili Mac! I will be out of town for this Soup Nite so please help Jane as much as you can!!! On the 28th, we will be serving Spinach & Cheese Quiches. All good meals to look forward to! Thank you so much for your willingness to serve. We appreciate you!

In Christ,
Carrie



Highlands Presbyterian



In-Person and Virtual Event: Sunday, March 6, 2022

Dear family and friends,

I am excited to share that I will be participating in Hunger Walk Run, 2022! I can't wait to raise much-needed funds for hunger relief in our community.

I am asking you to help by supporting my fundraising efforts with a donation. **My goal is to raise \$1500.00 this year** so that **Highlands Soup Nite** can help feed more children, families, and seniors in need. Highlands Soup Nite serves Hot, Nutritious Meals in our community. More than 1 in 5 Georgia kids live in homes where hunger is a regular worry. Seniors have to decide to eat or get their medicines. We must change that, but we need your help.

It's fast and easy to make a gift on my behalf. Just click on the link at the bottom of this message to go to my personal fundraising page.

Whatever you can give will help – it all adds up! I greatly appreciate your support and will keep you posted on my progress.

Sincerely,

Carrie Macaluso

[Click here to visit my personal page.](#)



[Click here for Highlands Soup Nite page](#)



Prayer Items

- Bill Wright's surgery on his knee was successful. He will finish physical therapy after the first week of March and will be returning home. Pray for continued recovery.
- Kaity Wright has two more chemotherapy treatments remaining and will finish in April. Pray for her to experience relief from the fatigue and nausea and that she will have the energy to do what she needs to considering Bill's knee condition.
- Lyna Nkefor and her family in the sudden death of her younger sister. The funeral is set for March 12th. Please pray for God's peace and presence to be near.
- Joyce Jones has a brace on her arm and will begin physical therapy soon. She appreciates our continued prayers.
- Michelle McCoy saw the cardiologist, and she received a good report. They think it was her medication that caused the problem. Please pray for continued healing for her body.
- Ken Fordham's vision has deteriorated in recent days. Pray for Ken and Barbara as they navigate this latest setback.

Praise Items

- Mary Ashe's cancer markers have decreased over the past few months. Praise God for his care for her.
- Bonnie's nephew Caleb Byland's surgery was successful and the tumor was completely removed. Thank you for praying

If you have a prayer need, please contact your shepherd or email the office to let the congregation know. Please use the highlandarp@gmail.com address.

**We have peace with God
through Jesus Christ.**

ROMANS 5:1



Highlands 2022 Operating Budget Update

Jan Gifts & Offerings	\$13,140.77
Jan Expenses	\$16,595.89



WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays at 10am

March 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Senior Meal Deliveries	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Happy Birthday Esther Chofong Chris McCoy</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Communion Children's Church & Puppet Show 12pm Hunger Walk/Run 4:30pm Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study	7	8 10am Ladies' Bible Study 3-7pm Blood Drive Senior Meal Deliveries	9 <i>Happy Birthday Justin Jacques</i>	10 <i>Happy Birthday Benjamin Badio</i>	11	12
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20 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Mtg 4:30pm Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study	21 <i>Happy Birthday Caridad Blandshaw</i>	22 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	23	24 <i>Happy Birthday Gertha Billington</i>	25 <i>Happy Birthday Bill Alimena Aaliah Mobley</i>	26
27 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 4:30pm Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study	28 <i>Happy Birthday Jon Jones</i> Soup Nite	29 <i>Happy Birthday Chad Herring</i>	30	31		

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Pastor: Mark Hornby
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Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2022 Lee Hunt
2022 Don Reinhardt
2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham
2025 Rob Kuykendall

Deacons:
Class of 2022 Class of 2023
Omar Edmondson John Avitabile
Phillip Wallace Fru Chifen
Betsy Whitson Deron Smith

Class of 2024
Edward Spiller
Gene Wade

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
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 (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Senior Meal Deliveries
3-7pm Blood Drive (every other month)

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.*



Highlands ARP Church

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