

# Highlands Highlights



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## Important Dates this Month

- May 1 - Sunday School  
Worship, Puppet Show & Children's Church  
Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study
- May 3 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 3 - Blood Drive
- May 8 - Mother's Day  
Sunday School  
Worship & Children's Church
- May 9 - Soup Nite
- May 10 - Ladies' Bible Study
- May 10 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 14 - Congregational Care Mtg
- May 15 - Sunday School  
Worship & Children's Church  
Diaconate & Session Mtgs  
Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study
- May 17 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 22 - Sunday School  
Worship & Children's Church  
Community Cookout
- May 23 - Soup Nite
- May 24 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 29 - Sunday School  
Worship & Children's Church
- May 30 - Memorial Day



**April's Covered-Dish Luncheon was enjoyed by many!**

## **From the Pastor**

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18 ESV)*

One of the most sought-after answers in church life is found in the question “How do you grow a church?” To answer that question, we need to understand some important aspects regarding church growth.

The most important truth we need to grasp is that we don't grow the church, God does! Jesus said, “I will build my church!” Building a church is a super-natural process in which the hearts of individuals are transformed from being rebels against God to lovers of God. God must do the work of transforming the heart, not us.

However, we also need to recognize that God uses ordinary people like you and me to carry out His work. The Church is a unique blend of God's super-natural working as well as the very common aspects of our personal witness to the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But what is our involvement in God's work?

First, we need to pray! Nothing will ever happen in the spiritual realm unless we get on our knees seeking God's blessings on Highlands. Second, we need to get our own lives in order, living out the faith we claim, letting others see Jesus in us. Third, we need to be willing to get involved, both in the church and in our community. That means ministry where we use our gifts in service to others, building relationships with them that are based on a real concern for their welfare, both physically and spiritually, drawing them to the Savior and even sharing the gospel with them. Finally, we need to invite our friends, neighbors, families, co-workers, and yes, even those who might not be inclined toward us to come.

Sometimes those not familiar with the church are often nervous about coming. However, as we often do in May each year, we have what we call, a community cookout which is a great time to invite people within your circles of influence to come and get to know the people of Highlands. We'll not only have great food but will also have a water slide and other fun events for the children and the adults can sit while the children play and talk with each other. Perhaps God will use this fellowship time to deepen relationships so they might be open to attending worship where they will hear and maybe respond to the gospel.

I am convinced that God will continue to grow Highlands in His time and for His glory. But I also know that it will take a lot of work on our part to accomplish this task. Are you ready to go to work? How bad do you want to see Highlands grow? Well, let's get real with God and see how real He will get with us.

***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*



## Ladies Bible Study

MAY 10 AT 10:30AM



### THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Come and meet women from nearby ARP Churches. As Presbyterians, we desire to be in fellowship with other women in our denomination. So on June 11, we have invited women from Hopewell (Covington), Peachtree Corners and White Oak (Senoia) churches to join us for lunch, fellowship and learning more about Women's Ministries.

A picnic lunch will be provided in the pavilion. We need your response by **June 1st** in order to have adequate resources. Please email the church office at [highlandarp@gmail.com](mailto:highlandarp@gmail.com). Contact Vickie Fledderjohann with questions at [vfledderjohann@gmail.com](mailto:vfledderjohann@gmail.com).

### Welcome New Covenant Child

**Rhys Jameson Summers - Born March 19, 2022**

*Congratulations to parents Kristy & Ricky Summers,  
and siblings Zachary & Kayleigh!*



## MYSTERY SOLVED

On April 28th, our mystery destination for eight Highlands ladies was the iconic Matthews Cafeteria in Downtown Tucker.



Open in 1955, Matthews is known for their great Southern cooking, from biscuits and gravy for breakfast to their famous fried chicken. We sampled their turkey and dressing and chicken tenders as well as the fried okra, macaroni and cheese and green beans. And of course, we had to sample the desserts! We had a fun time

visiting with each other and enjoying Matthews' sweet tea – plan to join us on our next trip!





# YOUNG FAMILIES

## MINISTRY



We Love Vacation Bible School!  
June 13 - 17



**See you  
in  
Sunday  
School!**  
Sundays at 9 am



**See you at Worship!**

**Puppet Show**  
May 1 at 10am



**Family Fellowship**  
May 1 & 15 at 4:30pm

**Community  
Cookout**  
May 22  
4:30pm



Hope to  
see you!





Edward Akins is graduating from Brookwood High school and is planning to take a semester off from schooling to work. He is interested in doing a trade at first then returning to school and using the trade to help pay for college. Edward has been involved in robotics at high school the last 4 years, and has won the ability to go to World competitions two years in a row. He was also in the Brookwood marching band for four years playing the trumpet.

*Congratulations!*



Dear Youth,

April was a fun month for the youth! We enjoyed Easter Sunday together, hearing a missionary speaker, and joining the adults for their Sunday School class. We also volunteered at the first Parents Night Out which was a great success. Thank you to all who helped! We are looking forward to May where we'll have our last youth group meetings before the summer break. Join us Sundays at 4:30! Our last fellowship time will be a summer cookout on May 22. We will also be celebrating our graduating seniors in May. Pray with us for our youth as they finish this school year and for those students who will be graduating!

Thank you!  
Pastor Chris





Highlands' Family Retreat is scheduled for June 3-5, 2022. Make plans now to attend this weekend full of activities for the entire family. The Retreat is always an inspirational time of meditation and fellowship. Bonclarken's natural setting is ideal for many recreational activities, including a campfire area, volleyball and soccer fields.

Our guest speaker this year is Rev. Tommy Jordan, pastor at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Franklin, NC, a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

An insert will be available in the bulletin Sunday that covers prices for room and board. Please register as soon as you can so that we can let Bonclarken know our numbers. Check-in will be at 4pm on Friday, June 3 and check-out is at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 5. Contact Don Reinhardt at 770-712-1999 with any questions.

# Family Fellowship

May 1 & 15 at 4:30 pm

## MISSIONS

The HPC Missions Team is pleased and excited to announce that our church is beginning to support a new missionary family this year – Brian and Megan Moore and their four children: Madeline, Julia, Emma, and Andrew. Some of you had an opportunity to meet and hear Brian and Megan at a Family Fellowship gathering earlier this year. Their plans have come together and they will be returning to Germany in mid-June. The Moores seek our prayers regarding apartment and vehicle hunting, smooth transition for their kids, unity with their team, and wisdom in decision-making. Please keep the Moores, HPC's other supported missionaries, the Hornbys, and the McCoys in your recurring prayers for their service to our Lord and Savior.



# Children's Church



May 1  
May 8

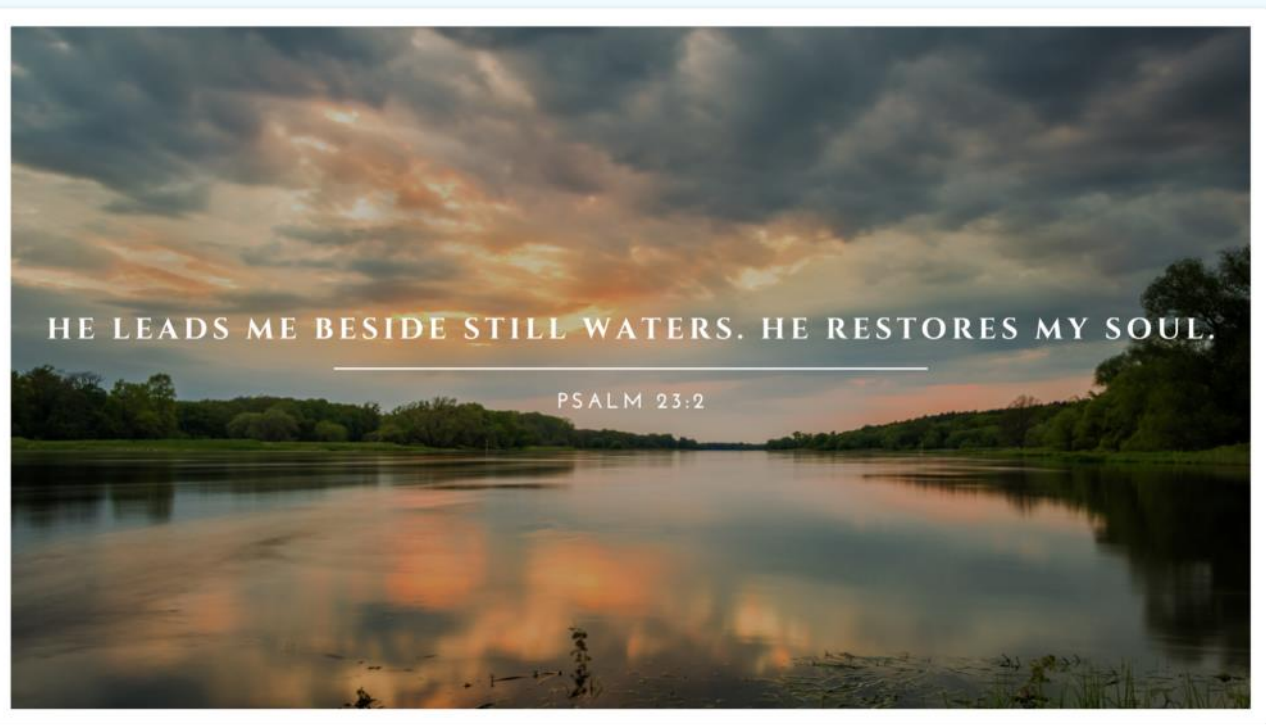
May 15  
May 22  
May 29

Corie Kuykendall  
Bonnie Hornby &  
Marie Bath  
Lynn Avitabile  
TBD  
TBD

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT







## The journey of a pint of lifesaving blood begins with YOU.

Blood products collected at the March drive have now delivered to patients in need of vital care! Distribution included the following local hospitals:



**NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER -  
GAINESVILLE**

**PIEDMONT ROCKDALE HOSPITAL INC**

**EMORY HILLANDALE HOSPITAL**

**EMORY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Each local drive is an integral piece of a puzzle to secure a healthy, readily available blood supply in your community and for every American in need. When collections exceed need for patients in local communities, we are able to expand distribution to areas with low supply due to weather, seasonal illness, and other challenges. Ensuring we don't waste a single drop of blood is our way of honoring your selfless effort and that of every generous donor.

We're so grateful for your partnership and hope you feel the pride of extraordinary service to your community and beyond.

**Our next three blood drives are ready for you to schedule your appointment – May 3, June 28 and August 30, all from 3pm – 7pm. As of April 27, 15 of the 19 slots for the May 3rd drive are filled, leaving one just for you. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and search for sponsor code "30017" or Highlands Presbyterian Church.**



# HIGHLANDS BENEVOLENCE FUND POLICY

Galatians 6:10 states *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* Highlands' officers used this verse, among others, as the basis for establishing a Benevolence Fund Policy to benefit our church family. They recognized that sometimes the need for charitable assistance seems overwhelming but they also were aware that the Lord says, *"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

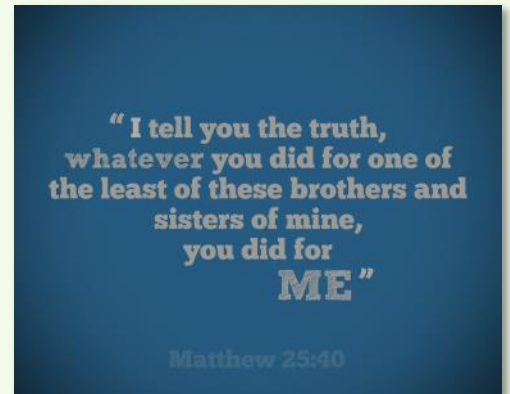
The Benevolence Fund Policy is administered by a team of three deacons, one from each class of officers, assisted by one Elder and having oversight from the Diaconate Chairman and the appointed Elder. The team has the responsibility of reviewing applications for assistance and either approving or denying those requests. They are also responsible for encouraging donations from the church membership for the Benevolence Fund.

Requests for assistance may be made by a church member, an immediate family member or regular visitors and the need should be of a critical nature that the requestor is unable to meet on their own. A request may be made of any active officer or one of the church pastors. One of these leaders may assist in the application process with the intention of turning over the request to a team member. It is the intention of the officers that these gifts

be a one-time gift, but it is also recognized that unusual circumstances do occur. Confidentiality and promptness in handling these requests are encouraged.

Gifts to the Benevolence Fund are given freely and unconditionally, without regard to a specific need and over and above the tithe. Members are encouraged to give generously as the Lord convicts you. Gifts from the Benevolence Fund are considered a gift from the Highlands church family and should not be construed as a loan.

This is an overall summary of the Benevolence Fund Policy. The entire document may be read online in the Members section of the website. Applications may be downloaded from the website and are also available in the church office. Questions may be directed to one of the Benevolence Fund Team members – Phillip Wallace, Deron Smith and Edward Spiller.



*The heart of man plans his ways but the LORD establishes his steps*

**MEETINGS**  
**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**  
**MAY 14 - 9:30 AM**

**DIACONATE & SESSION**  
**MAY 15 - 11:30 AM**

**PROVERBS 16:9**

# Hi All,

Wow, wow, wow. Even after closing down at 7pm on our first April serving, they kept on coming. Almost 200 meals were distributed on this Mac & Cheese Monday! It was a good one too, very creamy and definitely will use this recipe again. We also served green beans, a brownie and a corn bread roll. Thank you to all who helped prepare and serve. With Jane and me out of town the whole week before, Rachel rallied all the help we needed. There were 15 crock pots and we only had half of one left. You are much appreciated!!

On our second serving this month, we made Asian Chicken and Veggie Rice Bowls!! It was a restaurant worthy meal but a slow night. Therefore, we have enough for the next couple of senior meals! It's a blessing to serve whatever we can to whomever needs it. We have been asked by a gentleman to pray for him as he is having surgery to remove a kidney. Please remember him in your prayers so that he can recover quickly and become closer to God through it all.

There is a little blip in the senior meal bag distribution only because the seniors aren't returning the

new, color coded, insulated bags to the drivers nor leaving them on the porch to pick up. It will take a while to get into a routine, or maybe pause to come up with a better plan! We have lost three more seniors, as one has moved and two have cancer and are not eating at this time. Praying for more immobile seniors to come in contact with the Food CoOp so we can help.



Thank you to all who have prepared, served and prayed us through these past few weeks. Looking forward to our time together in the month of May. Our first May Soup Nite is on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and we are serving Italian Pasta Dinner. Come help us continue to be a blessing to the community.

In Christ,

*Carrie*



Highlands Presbyterian

## COMMUNITY COOKOUT

### MAY 22 4:30 PM

*Bring a dish to share!*



This is an offshoot ministry of Highlands' Soup Nite. Gwinnett County seniors have been identified by the SE Gwinnett Co-op as needing assistance in receiving food. Each week, four to ten people receive two or three boxes of canned goods and dairy items. Highlands assists the co-op in preparing hot meals for each group every week. Currently there are 32 seniors in need of assistance. Carrie Macaluso and Jane Statham are in need of people who can assist in preparing an entrée one week per month. Suggestions include lasagna, beef stew, chicken spaghetti or a hearty soup. Please contact Carrie or Jane at [soupnitehighlands@gmail.com](mailto:soupnitehighlands@gmail.com) if you can help once a month or on a one-time basis.



## Prayer Items

- Hazel Stephens is having knee replacement on May 26. Please pray that her spirit will be calm, the doctors' hands sure and her recovery quick.
- Norma and Temple Elam - Temple is still undergoing dialysis.
- Bill Wright continues his rehab but is in a lot of pain still. Pray that his discomfort will end and the therapy will be effective.
- Kaity Wright as she contemplates knee surgery.
- Karen Akins' sister, Paula, has a blockage in her colon and will be having surgery Monday morning. Please pray that all goes well.
- Joyce Jones will be having a procedure on May 9 to determine the extent of possible heart blockages. Pray that any blockages found can be easily treated with stints and surgery won't be necessary.
- Emma Caughman received the results of the MRI which thankfully showed no tear. It seems to be a sprain. However, she's still hurting and having difficulty with it giving out on her frequently. She's scheduling a follow up appointment with the GP to see what might help.
- Mary Ashe is still in a lot of pain from the necrosis of her jaw and will see the oral surgeon this week. Please pray for swift treatment, relief and an easy recovery.
- Michelle McCoy sends this update on her physical therapy - PT is a lot of pain management therapies which is really helping and some exercises to support my unstable joints. The therapist is also giving me tools for how to move through life without continuing to get injured. Thank you for all the support and prayer!

***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](mailto:highlandarp@gmail.com) address.***



## Easter Offering

A long standing tradition of ARP churches showing their care and concern through giving



*Even though Easter has passed, gifts can still be made by May 8th. Each year the offering provides support to several agencies of the ARP - World Witness, Erskine College, Bonclarken Conference Center and the ARP Foundation and Stewardship Ministries. Please give generously - gifts should be received by May 8.*

# Join Us for VBS



Highlands' 2022 Vacation Bible School "**Epic Explorers**" is approaching rapidly!! We will be exploring the life of Jesus in the book of Mark.

That said, we need the family of Highlands to come together to make this VBS happen from June 13th-17th from 9:30 to noon each day!

We need volunteers of all sorts: craft helpers to prep crafts and help the littler attendees, group leaders to walk our groups around from station to station, snack makers and helpers, Bible teachers, and scripture memory helpers.

Are you available to help the week of June 13th-17th? We need you!!

If so, contact Corie Kuykendall at [corieandrob@gmail.com](mailto:corieandrob@gmail.com) or at (678)787-0863 and we will find a position for you. Or you can talk with Bonnie Hornby.

# REGISTER ONLINE!



A photograph of a white cup of black coffee on a dark wooden table. Next to the cup is a spiral-bound notebook with the word "BUDGET" written on it. The notebook has a list with numbers 1, 2, and 3. A pencil is also visible.

## Highlands 2022 Operating Budget Update

March Gifts & Offerings	\$16,146.75
March Expenses	\$19,993.29
YTD Income	\$50,671.45
YTD Expenses	\$54,434.40

A photograph of an open book with a cup of coffee on top of it. The text "SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS AT 9AM" is overlaid on the image.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SUNDAYS AT 9AM

A photograph of a tree with pink cherry blossoms in the foreground and a green lawn in the background. The text "WORSHIP WITH US" is overlaid on the image.

# WORSHIP WITH US

## SUNDAYS AT 10AM



# May 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Corie Kuykendall</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Puppet Show & Children's Church 4:30pm Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Senior Meal Deliveries  3-7pm Blood Drive	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Bill Wright</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lauren Smith</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Kayleigh Summers</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church  <i>Mother's Day</i> 	<b>9</b> <b>4-7pm Soup Nite</b>	<b>10</b> 10am Ladies' Bible Study  Senior Meal Deliveries	<b>11</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Glenn Martin</i> <i>Madison Mobley</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Joyce Jones</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jessamy Jacques</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Gabsaga Tata</i>  9:30 am Congregational Care Meeting
<b>15</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Diaconate & Session Meetings 4:30pm Family Fellowship, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study	<b>16</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Cindy Bennett</i>	<b>17</b> Senior Meal Deliveries	<b>18</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Bonnie Hornby</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 4:30pm Community Cookout	<b>23</b> <b>4-7pm Soup Nite</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Linda Hunt</i> <i>Jane Statham</i>  Senior Meal Deliveries	<b>25</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jacob Blandshaw</i> <i>Norma Elam</i> <i>Vickie Fledderjohann</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>				



## Highlands ARP Church

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Pastor: Mark Hornby  
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Music Director: Bonnie Hornby  
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

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

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
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.*

## Ushers for May:

**May 1** Lee Hunt, Deron Smith, Edward Spiller, Gene Wade  
**May 8** John Avitabile, Rob Kuykendall, Charles Roberts, Jim Whitson  
**May 15** Omar Edmondson, Don Reinhardt, Bob Statham, Phillip Wallace  
**May 22** Lee Hunt, Deron Smith, Edward Spiller, Gene Wade  
**May 29** John Avitabile, Rob Kuykendall, Charles Roberts, Jim Whitson



*Please remember to wear your name tags at church each Sunday. They are located in the hallway just past the youth rooms. It helps those of us who need a gentle reminder of each other's names! When leaving after worship, just place your nametag in the clear boxes on the table – someone will return the tags to their rightful location.*

## Highlands ARP Church

### May 2022 Newsletter

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

