

Highlands Highlights



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Special Points of Interest

- Jan 1 - Worship & Children's Church
- Jan 3 - Blood Drive
- Jan 4 - Bible Study
- Jan 8 - Sunday School
Worship, Communion,
Children's Church, Puppet Show
Diaconate Mtg
- Jan 9 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Jan 10 - Ladies' Bible Study & Luncheon
- Jan 15 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Session Mtg
- Jan 16 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Jan 18 - Covered Dish Dinner
Bible Study & Youth Group
- Jan 21 - Women's Ministry Brunch
- Jan 22 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Officers' Luncheon
- Jan 23 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Jan 24 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Jan 29 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
- Jan 30 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals



Welcome New Officers!

Omar Edmondson, Elder

**Bill Alimena, Elliott Bayne, Vickie Fledderjohann
& Stan Darmochwal, Deacons**

All the officers and their families are invited to stay for lunch and an officer training session on January 22nd following the worship service. There will also be time to meet with your fellow ministry team leaders to plan out your goals for 2023! Please save the date, and we hope to see you on January 22nd!



From the Pastor

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (Mark 16:15 ESV)

Have you ever asked yourself the question why is Highlands here and why am I a part of it? Many of us probably don't even think about such things or ask ourselves such questions. We just go about our daily routines, doing the things we need to do, and never give it much thought. The church is here because the church is here and that's that! Well, as you have probably guessed, I would like us to consider that question because your answer to it will affect the decisions you will make throughout the course of this year.

You and I, and all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, make up his church. As the church of Jesus Christ, we have a purpose to pursue, a mission to carry out. Jesus calls us to bring the good news of salvation to all who will hear and accept it. What better task could he give us than to be the bearers of such good news that God will forgive sin and guarantee us a place in heaven with Him?

Now there are a number of ways in which we can carry out the mission that Jesus has given to his church, especially to all of us who make up Highlands. One of the ways is through personal evangelism where we build friendships with people who don't know the Lord. We can invite them to come with us to worship where they will hear the gospel, or we can share the good news ourselves and help them to know and love Jesus.

Another way in which we can carry out the mission that Jesus has given us is through the various programs the church offers. Some of you have probably wondered why we have Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, the Fall Heritage Sunday, or any of the other programs we offer throughout the year. Well, we have them because they are tools through which we can grow personally as well as means by which we can get the news out that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and that God will forgive any and all who will come to Him in humble repentance and genuine faith. They can provide an avenue through which we can meet people in the community as we invite them to come with us.

And let me just add something. Every one of us at Highlands has a part in these programs and other events. God has given some of you the time and the talents to be an active participant and you need to do that. God has given some of you financial resources to use to sustain Highlands and its efforts. However, most of all, God has given all of us free access to the throne of grace and we need to pray every day that the Lord will continue to bless all that we offer so that this world will know that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

I'm really excited about 2023 and am looking forward to what God is going to do at Highlands. But the truth is, He does His work through His people. Consider what you might do this year for the Lord at Highlands.

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*



START YOUR NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT! *Live an Abundant Life Through Christ*

Please join us on Saturday, January 21, at 11:00 am for Women's Ministry 2023 Brunch featuring good food and fellowship and tips on preparing spiritually for the New Year. We may even play a game or two. We hope to see you all there!

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON JANUARY 10TH **"Prayers of the Bible: Equipping Women to Call on God in Truth"**



This is a Bible study for women that establishes foundational biblical principles of true womanhood and then explores prayers recorded in the Bible with the objective of equipping women to call on God in truth.

Prayer is our direct means of communication with God. Yet many people are unsure how to pray. Is there a specific way to do it? Any examples we can study? Just where do you go to learn about prayer? Go to the Bible; specifically, to the prayers in the Bible.

In this 12 session Bible study, Susan Hunt guides women to explore prayers from the Bible, highlighting the overarching story of redemption that shapes these prayers, and equips you to call on God for yourself.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 10th, at 10:00 am. Study materials will cost \$8.00. A hot soup lunch will be provided.



YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

Puppet Show

January 8 at 10am



JOIN
★ us at ★
**Sunday
school**

Join us for Worship

Online or In Person



the LORD has done
GREAT things
& we are filled with **JOY** for US

Psalm 126:3





Jan 1	Leizl Spiller
Jan 8	Bonnie Hornby
Jan 15	Corie Kuykendall
Jan 22	Ale Dickinson
Jan 29	Holly Kulp

Sunday School

RESUMES JANUARY 8

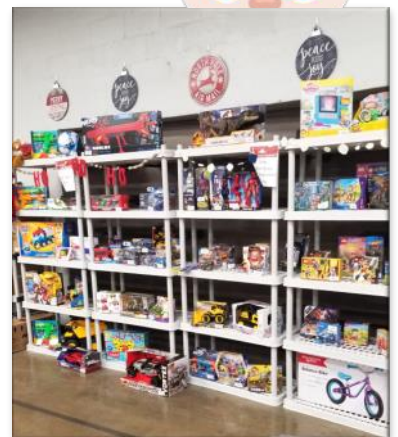
Toy Drive

Thanks to Highlands' generosity, we were able to donate 150 toys to the Toy Drive in South Atlanta!

Thank You!



Thanks Gift Wrappers Brenda, Liz Darmochwal, Betsy Whitson & Kelly.



PARENTS'

NIGHT OUT





YOUTH GROUP

1st and 3rd
Wednesdays at 7 pm

December was a fun month for the youth group as we continued our Communicant Class during Sunday School. It has been great to go through the basics of the faith and church membership with the youth and we have had a lot of great conversations. Thank you to all the youth who were able to participate in the Children's Nativity and to all who helped with Parents' Night Out! Youth group is moving to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm - the same time as the adult Bible study.

Happy New Year!
Pastor Chris



Advent at Highlands



Cantata & Dinner





It is the desire of the officers of Highlands Presbyterian Church that each member finds their passion for ministry and serve on that ministry team. The church is most effective when each member does his or her part toward making the Kingdom of God known. Please prayerfully consider what your part will be in 2023.

The Highlands Ministry Team Handbook states God's Word tells us that all things are to be done "decently and in order" (I Corinthians 14:40). The Handbook is a means to help us minister to each other, to our community and to the world. The handbook contains guidelines for each ministry team, both leaders and members, enabling them to have a clear vision of their task at hand. Without structure and guidelines, how do we access the impact of our ministries?

The biblical basis for Ministry Teams is found in Ephesians 4:7, 11-13 - *But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

There are 4 basic scriptural principles that are our basis for ministry –

- Our beginning in ministry must be God and not human activity.
- Our guide for ministry must be the Bible and not human understanding.
- Our focus in ministry must be people and not programs.
- Our goal for ministry must be a mature church and not a social club.

Two types of Ministry Teams correspond to the offices of the church - spiritual ministry of the church (under the direction of the Session) and physical ministry of the church (under the direction of the Diaconate). Both are an absolute necessity for successful ministry in the church and extreme care must be undertaken not to focus on one at the exclusion of the other. All Ministry Teams shall be under the authority and direction of the Session who shall have the final say regarding any matter that pertains to the spiritual and physical ministry and well-being of Highlands ARP.

Some of the duties of each team include meeting on a regular basis, establishing goals based on the needs of the congregation and the community and evaluating programs every year. Each team should also prepare a budget each year and recommend ideas to the Session for new programs.

Here's a brief description of each of the teams:

Spiritual –

- **Worship & Music** - promote the full and well-rounded worship of God by the congregation of Highlands ARP.
- **Christian Education** - equipping of the members of Highlands to serve Jesus Christ and His Church through Christian ministry that will enable people of all ages to grow in their relationship with Him.
- **Missions & Evangelism** - promote the gospel in Grayson, the local communities & beyond.

Physical –

- **Administration & Supplies** - to ensure that all the necessary materials are available for use by the programs and ministries of the church.
- **Building & Grounds** - maintenance of, and improvements to, the physical property of Highlands ARP. The team seeks to ensure good stewardship and witness of the church building and grounds through proper care and maintenance.
- **Stewardship & Finance** - all matters relating to the financial aspects of Highlands ARP. It shall strive to encourage faithful stewardship of all the resources that God so graciously provides.
- **Congregational Care** - ministering to the physical needs of our congregation through personal contact and care, solicitation of prayers from the congregation, and expressions of sympathy.
- **Community Involvement** - ministers to the needs of our community, promoting the name/programs of the church in the community, and facilitate personal contact with those who visit Highlands ARP.

Spark HOPE this year

2023

Join a Ministry Team



THANK YOU

for your love and support this year.

Blessings, Pastor Mark and Bonnie

Pastor Chris and Michelle



Hi All,

This incredible journey has ended but another one is just beginning! Our last Soup Nite was on December 12th with 150 meals served and loads of ham and hashbrown casserole left to serve our seniors. It was a yummy meal. Including the casserole there was a Mediterranean salad, cranberry English muffins, green beans and chocolate pie. We hugged a lot of our guests and said goodbye until we meet again. We were given so many kind words of appreciation. Our fabulous team of volunteers are sad to see it over but looking forward to celebrating together in January. Stay tuned for more information on that.

The week was a big one as we also had a Distribution Day of fresh produce boxes and pantry items on the 15th. We gave out baking hens and pancake mix along with other yummys! We served from 11am – 1pm and at five minutes before 1:00 we loaded our last car with groceries. It all totaled over 1,800 pounds of product. The dear family of Mr. Winfrey came on this day. Xavier was humbled by the outpouring of

love. Dionne Robinson came through with plants and greens for everyone. Please continue to pray for these guests. Life is super hard for them, and they have been with us since we started our Soup Nites.

Our Senior Meal Program had a meeting on Sunday to go over procedures in serving the immobile seniors in the Seasoned With Love program at the CoOp. If you could not attend but would like to be involved please contact me at 770-510-3835. It's a process of meal making and packing up meal bags. We would like 2 people each Monday for this program to work efficiently. I will send out an email regarding this meeting later. Jane and I are excited to see what God does next! Praise Him for these past 10 years of growth and success in serving our neighbors and community. Thank you to all our volunteers over the years too! It's been an adventure!

In Christ,

Carrie



Join Us for Wednesday Night Bible Study



At our next Wednesday night Bible study, we will continue to work our way through the Gospel of John. We are not working through the book verse by verse. Rather, we are studying the different themes John brings out, so you won't be joining us in the middle of something. We are going to be looking at the seven "I am" statements and comparing them to the seven miracles showing how the miracles demonstrate Jesus' I ams. We will also be learning how much Jesus taught about the Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Come join us at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month. Some weeks we even meet at 6pm to eat together.

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

WORSHIP WITH US



WASH ME AND I WILL BE WHITER THAN SNOW.

PSALM 51:7

JANUARY MEETINGS

Diaconate
Sun., Jan. 8th
11:30 AM

Session
Sun., Jan. 15
11:30 AM

Prayer Items

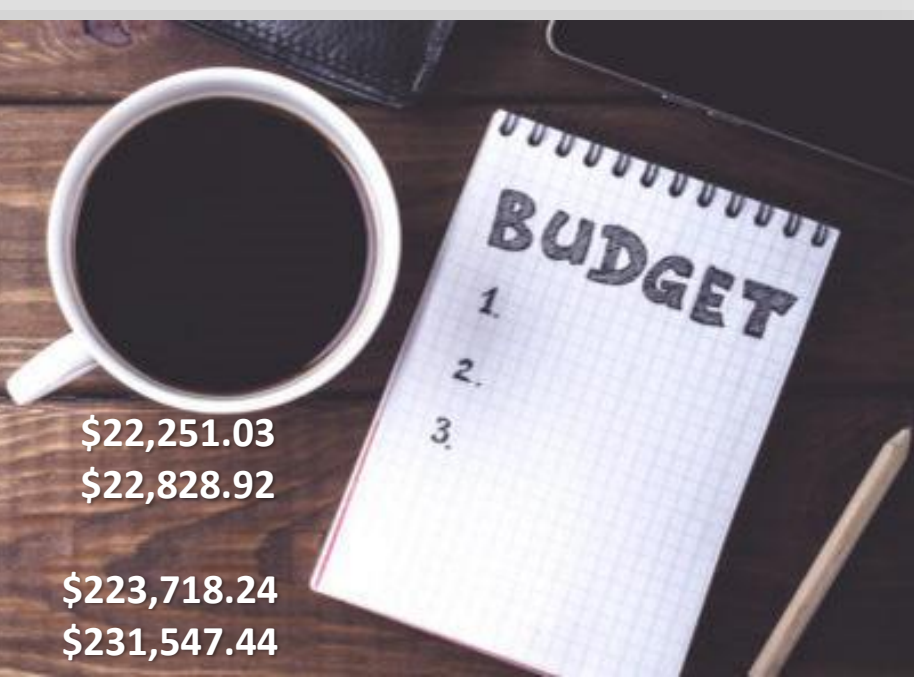
- Austin Kulp and family, who have recently lost his grandmother and great-uncle (with whom he was very close). Additionally, his grandfather, who has an advanced case of Alzheimer's, as Austin's grandmother was the only person he recognized and who kept him going. Pray for them during this difficult time, as well as for travel mercies for Austin while he goes to Indiana with his family the week of Jan. 1st to attend the funerals.
- Brett Weaver, son of Stan and Linda Whitaker's neighbors, who was diagnosed with non-small cell adenocarcinoma. He had surgery scheduled to remove the lower left lung lobe, and to begin chemotherapy soon. However, he has been diagnosed with COVID so they have had to postpone his surgery. Please pray for Brett, his wife and three children, as well as his doctors, caregivers, and the rest of the Weaver family.
- Joyce Jones is home after a recent stay at Northside Gwinnet Hospital. Pray for her continued recovery.
- Ken Fordham was released to a rehab facility. Pray that he will be able to recover well from his long battle with a UTI and COVID. Ken was in the hospital for almost two weeks and Barbara has been with him about 14 hours a day. Please pray for her stamina as well as Ken's recovery.
- Vickie Fledderjohann continues her rehab for her broken ankle and will see her doctor for next steps in her recovery.
- MaryBradley Bayne reports that her shoulder surgery has been scheduled for February 10 at Northside Gwinnett Hospital. Please pray that she can be comfortable until that time.
- Mary Ashe's cancer markers are up a bit. She is scheduled for a bone scan in the spring.
- Emma Caughman has an appointment with a cardiologist at the end of December and is awaiting the results of her recent bloodwork.
- Church members who are experiencing financial hardships.

Praise Item

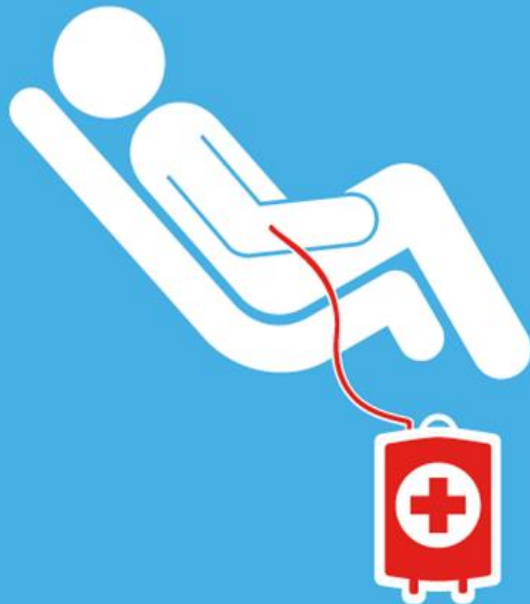
- Lyn Alimena is home and is doing well after her surgery. She thanks everyone for their prayers and is thankful for Highlands' prayer warriors.
- Zack Caughman's friend Jacob and his family - his mom has stabilized and the doctor's say the complications she was experiencing were due to side effects from her treatment. They have made some adjustment in her treatment and she has been able to return home.

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.

Highlands 2021 Operating Budget Update



Dec Gifts & Offerings	\$22,251.03
Dec Expenses	\$22,828.92
YTD Gifts & Offerings	\$223,718.24
YTD Expenses	\$231,547.44



American
Red Cross

Sit back. Relax.

Bonus:

You can help save a life.

JOIN US! Highlands Blood Drive - Tues., Jan. 3rd, 3-7pm

Highlands has been given the “all-clear” to resume our bi-monthly blood drive, beginning with the first one on January 3. It’s available for scheduling with 22 slots. The drive runs from 3pm – 7pm with appointments available every 15 minutes. Our goal is 15 pints, so I hope that you will come and support Highlands’s first blood drive of 2023. Visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for sponsor code “HPC” or zip 30017 and find your place today!

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Helen Tata</i> 10am Worship & Children's Church 	2 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Ethan Chofong</i>	3 3-7pm Blood Drive	4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lyna Nkefor</i> 7pm Adult Bible Study	5	6	7
8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Rachel Bratley</i> <i>Zack Caughman</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Communion, Children's Church & Puppet Show 11:30am Diaconate Meeting	9 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Henry Kurtz</i> Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	10 10am Ladies' Bible Study & Soup Luncheon	11	12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>MaryBradley Bayne</i>	13	14
15 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Karen Akins</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Meeting	16 MLK Jr Day of Service Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	17	18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Betsy Kuykendall</i> 6pm Covered Dish Dinner 7pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Group	19	20	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Liz Darmochwal</i> 11am Women's Ministry Brunch
22 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Officers' Luncheon	23 Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Mark Hornby</i> 10am Ladies' Bible Study	25 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Deborah Akins</i>	26	27	28
29 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church	30 Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	31				

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Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham
2025 Rob Kuykendall
2026 Omar Edmondson

Deacons: Fru Chifen
Deron Smith
Edward Spiller
Gene Wade
Bill Alimena
Elliott Bayne
Vickie Fledderjohann
Stan Darmochwal

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)

Weekly activities*

Monday: 4-7pm Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Wednesday: 6:00pm Covered Dish Dinner (3rd Wednesdays)
7:00pm Adult Bible Study & Youth Group (1st & 3rd Wednesdays)

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.*

Ushers for the month:

Team 1 Omar Edmundson, Don Reinhardt, Bob Statham, Phillip Wallace
Team 2 Lee Hunt, Deron Smith, Edward Spiller, Gene Wade
Team 3 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.

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January 2023 Newsletter

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