

# Highlands Highlights



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## Special Points of Interest

- Feb 1 - Choir Practice  
Adult & Youth Bible Study
- Feb 5 - Sunday School  
Worship, Children's Choir,  
Children's Church,  
Congregational Care  
Team Mtg, Called Session Mtg
- Feb 6 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Feb 12 - Sunday School  
Worship, Puppet Show &  
Children's Church  
Deacon's Mtg
- Feb 13 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Feb 14 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Feb 15 - Choir Practice  
Covered Dish Dinner  
Adult & Youth Bible Study  
Kingdom Cubs resumes
- Feb 19 - Sunday School  
Worship & Children's Church  
Session Mtg
- Feb 20 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Feb 24 - Ladies' Game Night
- Feb 26 - Sunday School, Communion  
Worship & Children's Church
- Feb 27 - Prep & Deliver Senior Meals
- Feb 28 - Ladies' Bible Study



As we begin a new year, please be aware that our operating budget has increased 2% over 2022. While that seems like a small amount, the officers of Highlands Presbyterian Church encourage you to increase your giving if possible. We ended 2022 with a \$7979 deficit and, had all budgeted expenses been incurred, we would have needed to dip into our reserves. Please consider how the Lord has blessed you and help Highlands be a blessing to others.

## Congregational Care Meeting

**Vickie Fledderjohann, Deacon of Congregational Care, has called a meeting after church on February 5, 2023. Anyone who is interested in joining Congregational Care, but did not have a chance to add your name to the Sign Up Sheet, is welcome to join us.**

## *From the Pastor*

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."* (John 14:15 ESV)

Have you ever thought much about your love for God? Most of us would say that we love the Lord and if someone asked, we would certainly respond with a hearty, "you bet I do!"

But let's dig a little deeper. Let's ask a more revealing question. How do I know that I love the Lord? In other words, what are the practical ways that my love for Jesus is being revealed as I live each day? Now you may be saying, "how in the world can I do that?" Well, there are three barometers that reveal how deep our love is for Jesus.

The first is in the area of our time. How do you spend your time each day? Do we use our time well, not only for ourselves but also in service to others? Are we making sure that what we do with our time ultimately is pleasing to the Lord? And what about spending time with the Lord in personal worship with prayer and Bible reading and certainly with making corporate worship a priority in our lives? The Apostle Paul tells us: *"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil"* (Ephesians 5:16-17 ESV). The way we use our time will indicate our priorities in life. Even if we have to spend most of our time at our work, we can do so out of love for Jesus if our heart's desire is to glorify him.

The second barometer that measures our love for Jesus is in the use of our talents. God has made us all unique and every one of us has a place and a purpose in his creation. What are you doing with your abilities? Can you sing? Can you teach? Can you sit with the children in the nursery or help with Children's Church? The Apostle Paul tells us: *"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good"* (1 Corinthians 12:7 ESV). What abilities and spiritual gifts do you have and what are you doing with them? Are you giving them completely to Jesus to be used to build up the body of Christ, whether it's in the Church itself or out in the world around us? Some gifts are Church focused while others can be used to help others which can point them to the Lord.

The third indicator is in the use of our treasures. This is perhaps the most difficult area for a pastor to touch on and yet Jesus himself said, *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matthew 6:21). Jesus understood that the thing most important to us would be the use of our finances. He is simply saying, "look at your checkbook because it will reveal where your heart is." The Scriptures are very clear about being generous – not only with our money – but also with everything else we have received. Jesus also tells us: *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38 ESV).

What we do with our time, talents, and treasures will reveal how deep our love is for God. It's really a matter of obedience to the commands of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When you look at these barometers, and evaluate what they say, how deep do you find your love to be for Jesus? Over the next several months, we're going to look at what we call the Ten Commandments so we can see how they express genuine love for the Lord as well as for each other.

*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*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**APRIL 28TH and 29TH**  
**Women's Retreat**

Clayton, GA

*Sponsored by*  
*Peachtree Corners ARP Church*



**COME HAVE FUN WITH US!**  
**Ladies' Game Night**  
**Friday, February 24th**  
**at 6:00 pm**

Please bring your favorite  
snack to share.  
Drinks will be provided.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

**"Prayers of the Bible: Equipping Women to Call on God in Truth"**



The Lord is  
near to all who  
call on Him, to  
all who call on  
Him in truth.

*Psalm 145:18*

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. Please join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. We invite you to join us for lunch on the fourth Tuesday. This month we will cover Chapters 3, 4, and 5. Lunch will be at a local eatery on February 28th.

February 14th

Chapter 3, Sanctify  
Chapter 4, Unify

February 28th

Chapter 5, Nearness  
Lunch



# YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY



HOPING YOU CAN  
JOIN US FOR  
Sunday School  
& Worship

Sundays at  
9am & 10am

## Puppet Show



February 12 during Worship

*New Day & Time*

## KINGDOM CUBS

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm

## Children's Choir Singing Feb 5





Feb 5 - Liezl  
Feb 12 - Rachel  
Feb 19 - help needed  
Feb 26 - Ricky



Feb 5 - Corie  
Feb 12 - Ale  
Feb 19 - Bonnie  
Feb 26 - Holly

If you would like to help with children's church, please contact Bonnie.

**WE LOVE BECAUSE HE  
FIRST LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 14:19



## Adult Choir

meets 1st and  
3rd Wednesdays  
at 6:00 - 6:30pm.  
Please join us!



# Sunday School Each week at 9am

Thank you for praying for our Youth Group students! We are enjoying our continued studies in Sunday School and Youth Group. In Sunday School we are learning what it means to be a follower of Jesus and what it means to be a member of the church. In Youth Group we are studying the story of the Bible as a whole and seeing evidence of Jesus throughout. Please plan to join us for Sunday School each week at 9am and Youth Group at our new date and time - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. Save the dates for the Middle and High School Retreats at Bonclarken! The High School retreat is March 3-5 and the Middle School retreat is 17-19. Please continue to pray for our students as they grow in their faith and in life!

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Chris



*Worship with us  
Sundays at 10am  
highlandsarp.org*

**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS!**

**1st & 3rd at 7pm**

Bible study for all ages

## **FEBRUARY MEETINGS**

**- Diaconate -**

*Feb. 12th, 11:30 am*

**- Session -**

*Called Meeting - Feb. 5th, 11:30 am  
(to receive new member)*

*Regular Meeting - Feb. 19th, 11:30 am*

*Hi All,*

Happy New Year! Eunice threw a huge celebration party at Highlands on the 16th. We celebrated each other and 10 years of great memories of Soup Nite. Remember getting all the crock pots mixed up and not knowing what cover went with what bottom??? Remember running out of food and climbing into the chest freezer to see what we could serve??? It's all good and so many fun times to remember.

We are still in the midst of growing pains for our senior meal program. Everyone on the team has a partner and that has worked out well. We are doing two meals per senior with snacks included. Meals are then packed up and delivered over to the CoOp. The CoOp will store them in

their walk-in refrigerator overnight. They will then pass them out to the volunteers to deliver on their routes on Tuesday mornings. We are in need of snack items like pudding, applesauce, fruit cups, crackers, rolls and most importantly, drinks. We were giving out Ensure but even apple juice or another fruit juice, low in sugar would be fine, or a protein drink. These must be a drink box. There is now a calendar up in the pantry to see who is doing meals and when. If interested in helping out, please see a person on the list. Thank you for all you do and your willingness to serve.

In Christ,

*Carrie*



*Senior  
Meal  
Delivery*





## Prayer Items

- Our guest speaker, Ben Kirkpatrick, who was scheduled to preach on Sunday, January 29 was unable to come due to a family emergency. He and his wife took their 3-month-old daughter, Beatrice, to the ER with breathing issues. Please pray that God will take care of this problem and the parents and older sister, Elizabeth, will be comforted during treatment.
- MaryBradley Bayne's shoulder surgery is approaching on February 10th at Northside Gwinnett hospital. Please keep MaryBradley and Elliott in your prayers as they prepare for this procedure..
- Joyce Jones is having surgery on February 2nd to repair a leaking artery. This is an outpatient procedure at Northside Gwinnett.
- Mary Ashe's cancer markers have gone up more. The doctors will determine a course of action following her bone scan in the spring. Thankful that her pain is under control.
- Emma Caughman's cardiologist reports went well. She has further tests scheduled for the upcoming weeks. Her doctor feels they are dealing with a connective tissue disorder, but are having difficulty getting approvals for needed tests. Prayers that the way be made clear, answers will be found and that insurance will cover whatever is needed.
- Church members who are experiencing financial hardships.

***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.***

## Highlands 2021 Operating Budget Update

Jan Gifts & Offerings	\$19,760.90
Jan Expenses	\$17,488.36
YTD Gifts & Offerings	\$19,760.90
YTD Expenses	\$17,488.36

I give blood  
because \_\_\_\_\_.



American  
Red Cross

**JOIN US! Highlands Blood Drive**  
**Tues., March 7, 3:00 - 6:45pm**

The 2023 Blood Drives kicked off on January 3 at Highlands. We had 12 donors, collected 10 pints of blood which in turn assisted 30 people. Since we haven't had a blood drive since May 2022, it will take a few months for people to get back in the swing of donating on a regular basis. If you haven't donated in a while, now is a great time to start!

Our next drive is scheduled for March 7 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. The drive is already available for scheduling so visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), search for sponsor code "HPC" or zip 30017 and sign up today!

# February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6pm Choir 7pm Adult & Youth Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Choir Sings, Children's Church 11am Congregational Care Team Meeting 11:30am Called Session Meeting	6 Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	7	8	9	10	11
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Puppet Show & Children's Church 11:30am Diaconate Meeting	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Richard Akins Mccoscar Ngoh Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	14 10am Ladies' Bible Study 	15 6pm Choir 6:30pm Dinner (RSVP Please) 7pm Adult & Youth Bible Study, Kingdom Cubs	16	17	18
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Meeting	20 Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mia Nkefor	22	23	24 6pm Ladies' Game Night	25
26 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Rusty Smith 9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Communion, & Children's Church	27 Prep & Deliver Senior Meals	28 10am Ladies' Bible Study & Lunch				

# Highlands ARP Church

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Music Director: Bonnie Hornby  
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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.*

# Highlands ARP Church

## February 2023 Newsletter

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED