

Holy Neck Christian Church Newsletter

March 2016



Our invitation to you...

*We warmly invite all to come and worship
in our growing and caring fellowship
as we seek to serve Christ
both here and around the world.*

*Sunday Church School: 10 AM
Worship: 11 AM*



Our
Church
Family
News

Congratulations to:

Katelyn (Smither) and Joseph Makeovec on the birth of their son, Blake Patrick, on February 8, 2016 (8107 Wisteria Place, Norfolk, VA 23518). Grandparents are Daniel & Donna Smither-Waller. Great-grandparents are Jean & Bob Johnson.

We extend our deepest sympathy to those who grieve:

The family of Richard Rhodes (Patsy Lewis' cousin from MD)
The family of Samuel Davies (Chuck Sims' Uncle)
The family of Pam Horsley (Clara Worrell's daughter)



Holy Week



March 20 11 AM Palm Sunday Worship
Noon Easter Egg Hunt
Noon Potluck Meal

Monday Night

BIBLE STUDY

March 21 7 PM Bible Study (each Monday)



March 24 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service
@ Holland Baptist



March 25 7:30 PM Good Friday Service
@ Mt. Sinai Baptist
Pastor Danny preaches!

March 26 4:30 PM Oyster Roast



March 27 6:45 AM Sunrise Service & Breakfast
11 AM Easter Worship

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SCHEDULE

(For all 6 – 12 Graders)

Mar. 6	5 – 8 PM	<u>Youth Movie Night</u>
Mar. 12	11:30 AM	<u>Soup Kitchen</u>
Mar. 13	6:30 PM	<u>Youth Bible Study</u>
Mar. 20	10/11 AM	<u>Set-up Tables/ Usher</u>
Mar. 20	12 – 1 PM	<u>Potluck & Quick Planning</u>
Mar. 26	6 PM	<u>Set-up & Practice!!!</u>
Mar. 27	6 AM	<u>Sunrise Service & Breakfast</u>
Apr. 3	12-3 PM	<u>Out to Eat @ Joe's</u>

(See Lisa for info.)



Children's Church (K-2 Gr.) & Willing Workers (3-5 Gr.)

Worship activities each Sunday following the Children's Moments.
(See Brian Bass or Susan Sims for info.)



March 6	"Joseph: An Example of One Who Stayed Steady in the Midst of Adversity"
	Genesis 37:1-11; 45:1-8
March 13	"Mary: One Who Gave Extravagantly Unto the Lord" John 12:1-11
March 20	"Everyone Had a Good Day for All the Wrong Reasons, but Jesus Won the Victory" Luke 19:28-48
March 27	"On What Evidences Should I Believe in the Resurrection and Eternal Life?" 1 Corinthians 15:12-28



The March "Day Trip" will be to the Rocky Hock Opry on Friday, March 11th at 7 PM. Sign-up! The first 10 to sign-up get tickets for \$10.00.

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

Marcus Aurelius



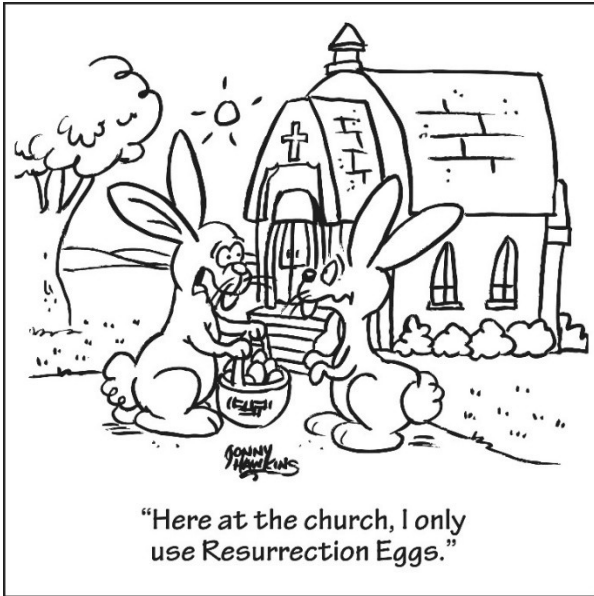
LOCAL MISSIONS

C.A.P.S. is program that helps the **homeless** in Suffolk and the Women's Fellowship is helping to provide some meals for them. If you are interested in helping prepare or serve some of these meals, see Shirley Weaver or Lisa Reece.



Volunteers are needed to work with our "**Willing Workers**" group (grades 3 – 5). This group meets 2 times per month following the "Children's Moments". Suggestions regarding their meeting schedule and activities are welcome! Please see Lisa for info or to volunteer.

If you can help prepare or donate toward the **Sunrise Service Breakfast**, please see Hunter March or Mills/ Sharon March. Thanks in advance!!



(Signing up is NOT a commitment.) You may invite and include friends and family. (We need at least 30 on the bus to go.) The itinerary & reservation/ deposit envelopes are on the hall table.

Easter Lily Orders

Easter Lily order envelopes are on the hall table (\$10.00 each). All orders are due by Mar. 20th. Plants may be taken home after worship on Mar. 27th.



The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds.

It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere.

James 3:17 (TLB)



Crosswords and Ink Pens

I found a new young doctor for my 90-year old mother, whose family physician had died. After examining her, the doctor called us into his office and, ignoring Mother, proceeded to give me the results.

Mother interrupted and said, "Doctor, do you do crossword puzzles?"

"Yes, I do," he replied.

She then asked, "Do you do them with pencil or pen?"

"Why, with a pencil," replied the doctor.

"Well, I do mine with a pen," said Mother. "So you can talk to me."

(copied; by Jim Brademas)



Oyster Roast

Saturday, **March 26** at 4:30 PM.

Everyone's invited!

Sponsored by the HNCC Men.



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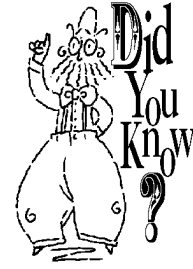
planning a trip
Oct. 21-22 to the next **Sight and Sound Theater** production (in PA) of "Samson". Sign-up in the hall book if you are interested in going.

God does not
 call the qualified.
 God qualifies the called.



"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

MARK 8:34, NIV



Taking Up the Cross

"That's her cross to bear," it's said of someone's hardship or inconvenience. The challenge might be as serious as poverty or as trivial as crabby neighbors. However, when Jesus called people to "take up their cross," he didn't mean it that way. Nor was he referring to anyone imposing suffering on another.

When Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24 and parallels), he spoke of a radical new way to engage a society that more often called people to take up swords and fight for self-preservation. He called people to peace, not violence — and from being self-focused to following him.

That is also Jesus' call today. The cross isn't a euphemism that lets us dismiss someone's suffering. We don't appoint someone else to bear it. When we choose the cross, we do so for ourselves in response to Jesus' invitation that, one way or another, ultimately leads through death to new life.



... that the average attendance at our February **Bible Studies** was 28?

... that Emma Gardner has **Operation Smile dolls** and **comfort pillows** ready to be stuffed? *(They're in the church office on the file cabinet.)*

... that your next opportunity to help at the **Soup Kitchen** is March 12th? *(See Mills March to help!)*

... that those with allergies thank you in advance for not wearing lots of **perfumed products** to worship. ☺

... that if you did not get **offering envelopes** and wish to have some, see Lisa!

... that an "AED" **emergency defibrillator** is located in the church hallway (at the hall kitchen phone)?

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Our Community News

Holy Neck Ruritans

Meet Thursday, **March 3** at 7 PM.

BBQ Dinner

Saturday, March 19th at 4:30 PM.
Sponsored by the Holy Neck Ruritans.

Friendly Fellowship

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, March 22nd
at 11 AM at Bethlehem Christian Church
The Friendly Fellowship meets with the Bethlehem group. They meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. (Catered meals are \$9.00) See Shirley Weaver to carpool.)

Womanless Beauty Pageant

Saturday, March 5, 2106
Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM, Show at 7 PM
At Liberty Baptist Church Recreation Center
Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance.
Sponsored by the Nansemond River Pilot Club. See Nancy Rountree for tickets or information.

March 2016 Reminders



Altar Flower Calendar

(Please note: It is YOUR responsibility to inform Lisa concerning the bulletin dedication by Thursday.)

March 6	- Shirley & Jimmy Weaver
March 13	- Jill Fair
March 20	- Sharon March
March 27	- (Lilies)
April 3	- Wilbur & Shirley Rountree

Deacon News

	March	April
Meetings @ 7:30 PM:	March 27 th	April 24 th
Greeters:	Mike Griffin	Kevin Katula



Nursery Attendants' Schedule

(During Worship, always having at least 1 adult present. ©)

March 6	- Crystal Kramer
March 13	- Everett and Dianne Whitley
March 20	- Jeannette Baker & Helen Carson
March 27	- Jill Fair
April 3	- Doris Collins & Patsy Lewis

Potluck Sunday

March 20th (most 3rd Sun. at Noon / Sept. - May)

Teller Committee Schedule

March 6	- Jeannette, Helen
March 13	- Pat, Joan
March 20	- Martha, Linda
March 27	- Pam, Pat
April 3	- Trudy, Debbie

Women's Fellowship Meeting

All Women are invited! (2nd Tuesday of most months @ 7:30 PM)

Next Meeting: March 8, 2016

Program: Lisa Reece Hostesses: Joan H, Ann Firman M, Sharon M
 March "Children's Moments" snacks: Joan Huddle

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1	Billy Chappell	Robert Gray
	Mariah (Varney) & Ian Kyles (2014)	
2	Gerald Hobbs	Brayden Reese
	Abigail Jo Vick	
5	Jon Morris	Alexa Reese
6	Colby Adamson	
8	Nancy Copeland D'Amico	
9	Daniel Crick	Ashton Carrow
	Wyatt Duke	Lois Smith
10	Kay Weaver Hurley	Carla Jones
	Lynn Smith	
	Kristin (Oliver) & Philip Chavis (2012)	
11	Molly Owens	Glory Stratton
12	Nathan Carr	Carol Lewis
	Bert Walton	Amanda Warren
13	Emily Harper Warren	
14	Greg Fair	Heather Walton Baggett
16	James Brinkley	Emily Mountcastle
21	Jesse Adamson	Pat Holland
	Jesse & Patricia Harcum (2003)	
23	John & Timothy Baldwin	Kathy Gardner
24	Bill Kizer	Martha Ann Weaver
25	Kayla Hope Carr	Richard Worrell
	Sam & Cathy Bass (2006)	
27	Donald Worrell	
	Brian & Donna Rountree (1993)	
28	Beverly Harrell	Hunter March
	Tucker Beau Sidwell	
29	Madison Weaver	

Early April Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Sydnee Jordan Pearson	
	Mills & Sharon March	
4	Wilbur Rountree	
5	Carroll "Sonny" Quimby	Anna Conwell Wagner
6	Ashley Walter	
7	Jackie Worrell	
8	Justin David Carr	
	Nathan & Alison Carr (2006)	
	Trudy & Clinton Stevenson (1963)	

(Please let us know birthdays and anniversaries we've missed! We depend on YOU to share this information!)

Where will you be and what will you be doing ten years from now if you keep on doing what you are doing now?

Pastor's Post

Reflection of the Church

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I am your church. Make of me what you will. I reflect you as clearly as a mirror. If outwardly my appearance is pleasing and inviting, it is because you made me so. If within; my spiritual atmosphere is kindly, yet earnest; reverent, yet friendly; worshipful, yet sincere; sympathetic, yet strong; divine, yet humanly expressed; it is but the manifestation of the spirit of you who constitute my membership. You are the church: you know!

But if you should, by chance, find me a bit cold and dull, I beg of you not to condemn the rest of us, for I show forth the only kind of life I shall receive from you. I have no life or spirit apart from you.

Of this may you always be assured: I, your church, will respond instantly to your every wish practically expressed, for I am the reflected image of your own soul! Make of me what you will. (copied)

In Romans 12:6-11 Paul says: We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. ⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

I truly hope you are excited about the possibilities available to Holy Neck Church as we work through the Intentional Interim Process. I will be leading the Transition Team to examine many aspects of ministry the church is performing and to consider many new actions. The team will lead the congregation to consider ministry actions to project Christ through the Holy Neck ministry into the community presenting God's love to all people. They may ask you to consider some new ministry they envision and try it in order to reach people we have not been reaching. The outcome of intentionally examining the church and the resulting actions is totally up to the Transition Team and you the

congregation. I am only to be the facilitator for thought, contemplation and consideration of ministry while I am serving as your intentional interim pastor.

If you desire for Holy Neck to reflect God's love both within and into the community, I would ask that you prayerfully consider the ministry ideas the transition team will bring before you and ask yourself: "Is it possible that this just might be what is needed to get my wayward family members, neighbors and friends back into church for spiritual growth and fellowship? Is this possibly something that will truly make a significant spiritual impact upon our community or the world?"

If you believe it has value; give it your best effort. I cannot give you a guarantee that this approach will do the job, but I can assure you that the intentional interim ministry process is working in many churches that have been struggling. Also, it shows promise of being a pivotal experience that will help you (personally and corporately as a body) make a spiritual impact upon the community for Christ.

So then, pray for and discuss each possibility when the team brings it to you. They will have discussed, questioned, and prayed about it long before you hear about it. Decide if it is right for you personally. If it isn't, but it could possibly have potential for cutting edge ministry to others, then commit to encourage the church to try it though you personally have no interest. The Holy Spirit will lead in the process and that which will make Holy Neck a shining light of God's love to the community will happen.

Most of all remember this. The only difference between success and failure is that success got up one more time than it fell. Both success and failure fall many times. If we have never failed at something, then we have never tried anything new.

I have had my share of failures in life and in ministry proposals. I have set my heart upon Christ and learned that when I let Him lead, I learn!

Failings have often made me stronger, more humbled, and brought me closer to Christ. If in the midst of struggles, you find yourself overwhelmed by adversity then say ABC to yourself. (Adversity Builds Character). If we don't let God build our character through adversity, then we are likely to allow adversity to bring cynicism.
Blessings, Danny

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Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa

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