

Holy Neck
Christian Church
Newsletter

June 2016



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39



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

Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you're badly deceived. ~ Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

Galatians 6:1-5 (Message Bible)

Monday Night

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Danny leads **Bible Studies** on Monday evenings.
We start promptly at 7 PM and finish by 8 PM.
(Childcare is provided.) ~ Join us!



Our
Church
Family
News

Congratulations to:

Recipients of Davis Scholarships and Nathan Peace Scholarships: Will March and Matt March

We extend our deepest sympathy to those who grieve:

The family of Clay Brock
(Cheryl's son, Carolyn Megginson's grandson)
The family of Holmes Carter (Foy Gwaltney's Brother)



Mark your calendars for
Bible School!
Sunday June 19 –
Thursday June 23
from 5:30 – 8:30 PM

VBS Kick-off Family Cookout:

June 19th at 4:30 PM

Supper Monday-Thursday will be served at 5:30-6 PM
See Brian Bass to volunteer!



(For all 6 – 12 Graders)

June 5 12 – 4 PM Lunch & Roller Skating
June 19 10/11 AM Usher
June 19-23 5:30 PM Help with Bible School

(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 or to volunteer.)



The next Day Trip will be to see a Norfolk Tides game! The exact date is yet to be decided. See Lisa with a suggestion.

Be somebody that makes everybody feel like a somebody.

-Kid President

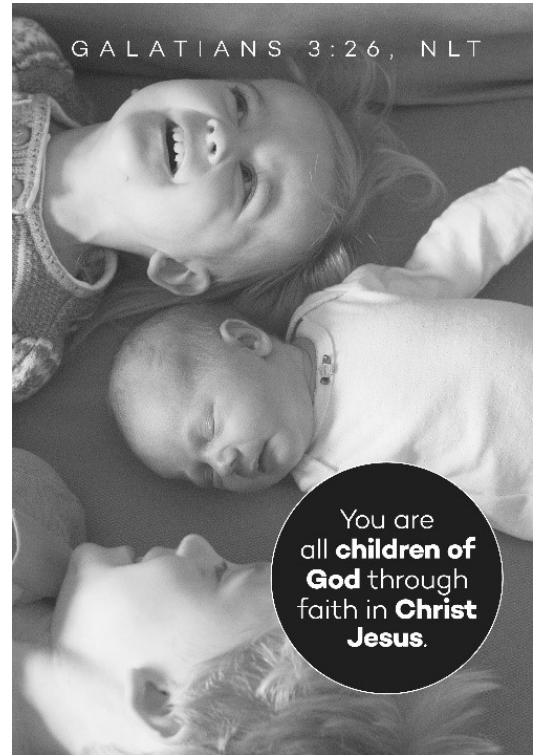
Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA



Plan now to go on our Oct. 21-22 trip to the next **Sight and Sound Theater** production (in PA) of "**Samson**"! You may invite and include friends and family. The itinerary

& reservation/ deposit envelopes are on the hall table.

The **1st deposit is due August 7th**. Balance due Sept. 4th.



... that anyone is welcome and invited to put out and bring in the **church trash cans**? Training is available! (Our trash pick-up time is Wednesday mornings.)

... that thanks to at least 11 of our members, the April **Kitchen Clean-Up** Month was a success?! Thanks to all those who volunteered! ☺

... that the average **Bible Study** attendance In April & May was 28? *Come join us!*

... that Heather and Lindsey Widener did a super job **cleaning the nursery** and putting batteries in all the toys? Thanks!

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

... that our **Revival Services** this year will be held September 18 – 20?

... that the HNCC **Transition Team** has begun their important work? Keep them in your prayers!



Congratulations to our 2016 Graduates

High School Graduates

Chad Goodman: from Lakeland High; to Glover Construction, Washington, D.C.; with plans to enter Norfolk Navy Yard Apprenticeship program; Parents: Pam & Tommy Goodman; Grandparents: Wilbur & Shirley Rountree. Address: 4009 Manning Road, Suffolk, VA 23437.

Matthew March: Honor Graduate from Lakeland High; National Honor Society; to James Madison University. Parents: Hunter & Jennifer March; Grandparents: Mills & Sharon March. Address: 4321 Vicksburg Road, Suffolk, VA 23437.

William March: Honor Graduate from Lakeland High; National Honor Society; to Old Dominion University. Parents: Hunter & Jennifer March; Grandparents: Mills & Sharon March. Address: 4321 Vicksburg Road, Suffolk, VA 23437.

Christopher “Grae” Taylor: from Isle of Wight Academy; to P.D. Pruden to study Welding. Parents: Dave & Chris Taylor. Grandparents: Shirley & Jimmy Weaver. Address: 3686 Labrador Lane, Suffolk, VA 23434.

College Graduates

Mariah Varney Kyles: Honor Graduate from Liberty University; Associates of Arts Degree; employed by Wells Fargo as a Personal Banker; will continue her education towards a B.S. Degree. Spouse: Ian Kyles. Parent: Josh Varney; Grandparents: J.B. & Faye Varney. Address: 740 Long Island Rd, Gladys, VA 24554.

Jessica March: from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; B.S. Degree in Human Resource Management with a Minor in Communication; employed by Target Distribution Center, Suffolk. Parents: Hunter & Jennifer March; Grandparents: Mills & Sharon March. Address: 4321 Vicksburg Road, Suffolk, VA 23437.

Mike Estienne: from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Parent: Mark Estienne & Debbie. Parent’s Address: 2248 Holland Corner Rd, Suffolk, VA 23437.



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Our Community News

Holy Neck Ruritans

Meet Thursday, **June 2nd** at 7 PM.

Pancake Supper

June 4th at 7 PM at Holland UCC

Friendly Fellowship

Thurs, **June 9th**; meet at 11:30 AM at Doris & Rogers
Everyone 50+ is invited to come for fun and fellowship!

Somerton Friends Meeting

A Highway Marking Ceremony will be at Somerton Friends Meeting on **June 11th** at 10:30 AM. See the hall bulletin board for information and RSVP instructions.

Red Cross Blood Drive

June 18th from 2:30 – 7 PM
Sponsored by the Holy Neck Ruritans

*It is not our abilities
that show what we truly are.
It is our choices.
-Albus Dumbledore*

Mission and Service Opportunities



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Mark your calendars
and Volunteer!
Bible School
 will be held
 June 19-23 from 6-8:30 PM.

What can YOU do?
 Pray for VBS program,
 children and for volunteers.

Consider volunteering for this ministry!
 Invite children to VBS! (and transport if you can!)
 See Brian Bass for information or to volunteer.



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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.



Spring Mission Project: We will be collecting items until June 19th for the EDMARC Children’s Hospice. A collection box is in the hallway. Below are some items they need. (Detailed list on hall table.)

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Juice boxes | Diapers |
| Paper products | travel size toiletries |
| Cleaning supplies | canned goods |
| Tall kit. trash bags | “AAA” batteries |
- (Sponsored by the Women’s Fellowship)



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Saturday, June 11th
 If you’d like to help with the next Soup Kitchen meal, see Georgie Copeland.



Reflecting His Love

My prayer to God is that you see his presence when you look at me. His steadfast love has set me free, and his reflection I can be when God is shining bright in me.

—MaryAnn Sundby



June 2016 Reminders

Altar Flower Calendar

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

June 5 - ??
 June 12 - ??
 June 19 - Sharon March
 June 26 - ??
 July 3 - Emma Gardner

Deacon News June July

Meetings @ 7:30 PM: June 26th July 24th
 Greeters: Trudy Stevenson Hunter March



Nursery Attendants' Schedule

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

June 5 - Crystal Kramer
 June 12 - Adele Warren
 June 19 - Jill Fair
 June 26 - ??
 July 3 - ??

Potluck Sunday

June 19th (most 3rd Sun. at Noon)

Teller Committee Schedule

June 5 - Pam, Pat
 June 12 - Trudy, Debbie
 June 19 - Jeannette, Helen
 June 26 - Pat, Joan
 July 3 - Martha, Linda

Women's Fellowship Meeting

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

Next Meeting: June 14th at 7:30 PM

Program: Georgie C. ~ **Hostesses:** Jeannette B., Linda C., Helen C.
June "Children's Moments" snacks: Shirley Weaver

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Holy Neck Christian Church's Newsletter is published monthly. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Send news to Lisa Reece at 8344 Pineview Rd., Suffolk, VA 23437 / E-Mail: packbcker@aol.com



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Bill Frank Patty Lewis Freeman
 2 Laura Frank
 4 Loren Henry Fly
 5 Debbie Estienne
 7 Karley Barnes Lester
 Allan & Cindy H. Wallace (2003)
 8 John Lewis, Jr.
 10 Gavin Foster Ben Goodwin
 11 Mike Estienne
 12 Jimmie Copeland Becky Jones
 Vicki Thompson
 15 Kevin Beale Bonita Ashley Bertero
 Zachery Steven Simpson Lucille Wade Stadiem
 Walter & Barbara Worrell
 16 Kevin & Kim Katula (2007)
 David & Jeanette March (2001)
 17 Brian Bell Dave Taylor
 Josh Widener
 18 Beth & Kevin Beale (1994)
 Josh & Heather Widener (2005)
 20 Kaitlin Walter
 21 Jennifer March
 Wally & Sonja Adkins (1986)
 23 Ryder Conwell Ellen Frances
 Corey Sherlock Michael Weaver
 Brian & Amy Fowler
 24 Don Robison
 26 Delores Adams David Peace
 27 Sarah Leigh Jones
 Tommy & Pam Goodman (1987)
 28 Keaghan O'Brien Dail Simons
 29 Cera Grace Forehand Martha Greene
 Jocelyn Hope Totty
 30 Alexis Trinity Goodwin
 Don & Paulette Robison

Early July Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Brittany Turner
 Ben & Carol Lewis (1961)
 2 Luke Adkins Sonja Adkins
 3 Trever Russell Gardner Reid Taylor
 4 Walter Worrell
 Heather (Lewis) & Kyle Munyan (2013)
 5 John & Patsy Lewis (1963)
 6 Kruze Carter McPherson
 7 Tonya Robertson Quimby

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

Pastor's Post

This letter is to all members of Holy Neck church and yes it is for those who are not presently attending! Holy Neck church is a family of believers (and this includes you). We have decided to strive to understand God's call to reach the lost because God cares about lost people. We will seek to find how he wants us to share his love in the community to win people to Christ, minister better to our church family, to help them grow to spiritual maturity, to minister to the community, grow in fellowship with each other and worship. This is a fundamental part of the intentional interim ministry which Holy Neck church has called me to lead.

So if you are one who has dropped out of Holy Neck; would you reconsider and help us move toward the future being God's Christ to the community and world? I hope you will evaluate your spiritual maturity and seek God's calling to serve him in the local church with us.

Did you leave Holy Neck because you became disillusioned about church when you saw believers fail to be less than the most positive spiritually mature people? If so, do you remember that Simon Peter (the one Jesus called the rock upon which he would build his church) also failed Jesus miserably? In Matthew 26:74, Simon Peter even cursed and swore that he did not know Jesus. Do followers of Jesus in the 21st century still fail him miserably? Yes we do! Some will admit to failings, and some won't, but the scripture says there is none perfect, no not one (Romans 3:10). We are made right with God through Christ and the Christian lifestyle is a work in progress until the day we die. The more we mature spiritually, the more we live like Christ, but we will never be totally blameless in this world.

Is our failing FATAL? No, but it may hurt others around us and it is our responsibility to make that right whether we are the **offended** or the **offender**. That is why we who are attending Holy Neck church are deliberately studying to show ourselves approved workers (II Timothy 2:15). I hope you will come and study with us so that together we can make a significant spiritual impact upon this community and surrounding area and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Holy Neck has selected a transition team to help us evaluate every facet of the life of the church so we can focus upon being who God wants us to be. This team is going to lead us through a pilgrimage of celebrating our heritage, understanding our mission, evaluating our leadership, making conscious decisions about connections and seeking the pastor who will lead us to make a significant spiritual impact on the community and world in the future. The church will hear the transition team's recommendations and determine the course of action to take.

Would you say that your faith is central to your life and you are trying to grow to be a spiritually mature follower of Christ? That is what we are striving to do. Would you say that you want more of God, but your church has let you down? We regret that! However, you may be in the majority in America when it comes to people who have left their churches. According to a Barna research study concerning churches in America, "...a growing proportion of people leaving the church (perhaps the majority) are deeply committed believers who leave their churches because they want more of God but are not getting it in their local church." (A faith revolution is redefining church: Barna research online) from: p. 43 Strategic Discipleship by Aubrey Malprus.

Malprus goes on to say "*What a sad commentary on churches in North America! Apparently far too many are proving a detriment to discipleship. It is most likely that such caustic churches do more harm than good to the faith of their congregations.*"

Holy Neck church has determined to become a healthy church and would like you to partner with us since you have been an integral part of the ministry here.

We have learned about spiritual gifts, and taken spiritual gifts inventories to determine how God has gifted us individuals to do ministry. We have just finished The Contagious Christian study to learn how to win lost people to Christ. We have begun a study on the Holy Spirit and how he will teach us, help us, bear witness through us, guide us and judge us as followers of Christ.


I hope you will come and help us be a healthy church worshipping together, studying together, fellowshiping together and ministering to the community and world together.

Blessings, *Danny*



- June 5 "Halfhearted Faith with Firm Commitment is Enough to Build the Kingdom of God"
Matthew 14:22-33
- June 12 "Job: God Is Present Though Sometimes It Doesn't Seem Like It"
Ruth 4:1-15
- June 19 "A Word of Thanks To Our Heavenly Father"
Psalm 103:1-22
- June 26 "Daniel: Keeping the Faith No Matter What Happens"
Daniel 3:13-18

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Other Offering</u>	<p style="margin: 0;">May 2016 Attendance and Stewardship Report</p> 
May 1, 2016	40	132	\$ 2,527.00	\$ 575.00	
May 8, 2016	38	90	\$ 2,289.75	\$ 50.00	
May 15, 2016	48	76	\$ 2,368.85	\$ 10.00	
May 22, 2016	41	88	\$ 1,881.61	\$ 45.00	
Average per Sunday	42	97	\$ 2,241.81		
2016 Budget- amount needed /week			\$ 2,559.00		
Amount received is/ week surplus "+" OR debit "-"			\$ (-317.19)		

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*“By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you
have love for one another.”*

JOHN 13:35. ESV



The Gift of Yourself

*If you could only sense
how important you are
to the lives of those you meet;
how important you can be to the
people you may never even dream of.
There is something of yourself
that you leave at every meeting
with another person.*

—Fred Rogers