

Holy Neck
Christian Church
Newsletter
 May 2016



“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”
 Colossians 3:12

welcome everyone is
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

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!

HNCC Memorial Day
 May 1st at 11 AM Worship



Graduation Sunday will be June 5th.
 The church office needs names and information NOW about **graduates**. See the forms on the hall table and return to secretary. **Scholarship** applications are also on the hall table. They’re due May 15th!



On May 8th, we will be recognizing all **babies** born since last Mother’s Day!



Our bulletin’s “**Prayer Concerns**” list will be purged May 23, 2016. Let Lisa know if you wish a name or your name to remain on the list.



Mark your calendars for **Bible School!**
 Sunday June 19 – Thursday June 23 from 6 – 8:30 PM

VBS Volunteer Meeting:
 May 2nd at 6 PM.

Kick-off Family Cookout:
 June 19th at 4:30 PM
 Supper Monday-Thursday will be served at 6-6:30 PM
 See Brian Bass to volunteer!



(For all 6 – 12 Graders)

May 1	10 AM	<u>Set-up Tables</u>
	12 – 3 PM	<u>Potluck & Fishing!</u>
May 8	6:30 PM	<u>Youth Bible Study</u>
May 15	10/11 AM	<u>Usher</u>
May 22	6:30 PM	<u>Youth Bible Study</u>

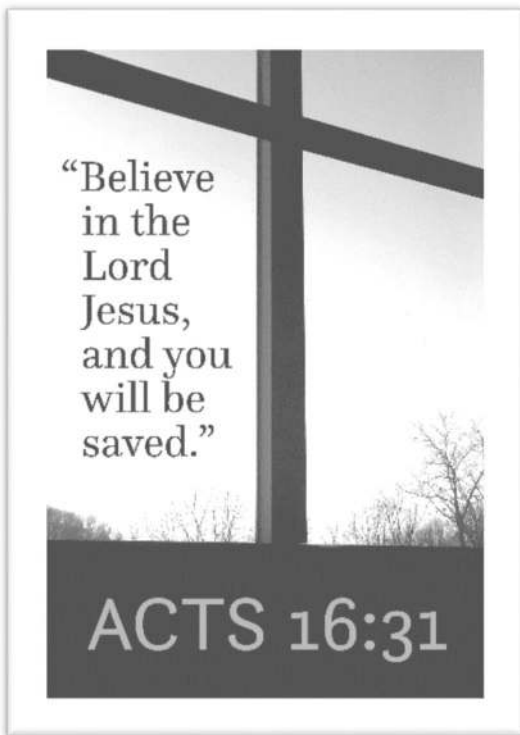
(See Lisa for info.)



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 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.

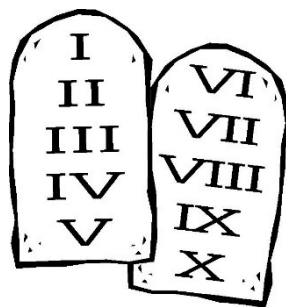
If you keep on saying things are going to be bad, you stand a good chance of becoming a prophet.

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.

Ten Commandments for Right Living



1. Thou shalt not worry, for by doing so thou shalt suffer the same disaster many times.
2. *Thou shalt not try to dominate or possess others, for each person is responsible to God.*
3. Thou shalt not desire after fame, for the burdens of greatness are an affliction unto the spirit.
4. *Thou shalt not desire after great wealth, for great wealth of itself does not bring peace.*
5. Thou shalt relax, for great tension is an abomination unto the flesh.
6. *Thou shalt have a sense of humor or thy years will seem much longer and more painful.*
7. Thou shalt love the beautiful and serve the good, for this is according to the will of heaven.
8. *Thou shalt harm no other person by word, thought or deed, regardless of cause; for to do so is to perpetuate the sorrows of this world.*
9. Thou shalt not be angry at any person for any reason, for anger injures most the one who is angry.
10. *Thou shalt remember that God is Creator and that you are a unique and important part of his created order, unlike any person who has ever lived.*



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*The future
is that time
when you'll wish
you had done
what you aren't doing now.*

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Our Community News

Holy Neck Ruritans

Meet Thursday, **May 5th** at 7 PM.

Friendly Fellowship

SATURDAY, May 7th at 11:30 AM here at HNCC
Everyone 50+ is invited to come for fun and fellowship!

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

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Mission and Service Opportunities



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!)

SIGN-UP at the hall table to volunteer;
or see Brian Bass for information.



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.

In support of upcoming mission work by Bobby and Karen Barnes in Tanzania, you will have an opportunity to contribute to this mission on May 1st and 8th. Please make checks payable to “HNCC” and designate “Teamwork Ministries (Barnes support)” on the memo line. (FYI: Any donations received after May 8th will be added to the Christian World Mission Fund.)

~ from the Christian World Mission Committee



Information and details of the Barnes’ ministry are on the foyer table. They ask us to become part of their support team with prayers and financial support. (Don’t know Bobby & Karen? Bobby grew up here at HNCC and is Howard Barnes’ brother!)



HNCC will have a parade float in the Holland Ruritan Founders’ Day Parade this year! (May 21st) We will decorate using our VBS Theme “Barnyard Roundup” and be prepared to pass out flyers inviting children to VBS! We’ll need lots of help and participation! To help or for information, see any Discovery Bible Class member or Lisa Reece.



‘Just Keep Swimming ...’

In Athens, the apostle Paul responded to the people’s worship of “an unknown god” by declaring, “[God] is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being’” (Acts 17:23, 27-28, NIV).

Author Diana Butler Bass echoes that sentiment: “If the water is invisible to the fish, is God, as the One in whom we swim, also invisible?” (Grounded: Finding God in the World, HarperOne).

I, in turn, am reminded of Dory, the blue tang fish in Finding Nemo. Feeling overwhelmed and alone, she chants to herself, “Just keep swimming, just keep swimming.” When we feel alone and can’t see God, it’s not that he doesn’t exist or can’t be known; rather, he surrounds us so closely that sometimes we miss the fact. God is the Living Water in which we swim. Sometimes we need to just keep swimming until we become aware of that again.

—Heidi Mann

*God doesn’t look for great ability
as much as He looks
for usability.*



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

May 2016 Reminders

THIS MONTH'S birthdays and anniversaries

Altar Flower Calendar

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

May 1 - Martha & Stanley Weaver
 May 8 - ??
 May 15 - ??
 May 22 - ??
 May 29 - Beverly Harrell
 June 5 - ??

Deacon News

	May	June
Meetings @ 7:30 PM:	May 22 nd	June 26 th
Greeters:	Drew Holland	Trudy Stevenson



Nursery

Nursery Attendants' Schedule

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

May 1 - Jill Fair & Hannah Bass
 May 8 - Doris Collins & Patsy Lewis
 May 15 - Beverly Harrell
 May 22 - Crystal Kramer
 May 29 - Jill Fair
 June 5 - Crystal Kramer

Potluck Sunday

May 1st

Teller Committee Schedule

May 1 - Pam, Pat
 May 8 - Trudy, Debbie
 May 15 - Jeannette, Helen
 May 22 - Pat, Joan
 May 29 - Martha, Linda
 June 5 - Pam, Pat

Women's Fellowship Meeting

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

Next Meeting: May 10th

May Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM Program: Guest Speaker!

May "Children's Moments" snacks: Patsy Lewis

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| 1 | Nancy Harcum
Rana Weaver
Amy (Johnson) & Joel Stadiem (2010) | Joan Sullivan |
| 3 | Natalie Sims
Katelyn (Smither) & Joseph Makeovec | |
| 5 | A.J. Foster | Zachary Edward Torok |
| 6 | Brenda Kizer
Melinda Stevenson | Millie Joanne March
Jimmy Weaver |
| 7 | LouEllen Bass
Jacob Hassell | Krystyn Goodwin |
| 8 | Chase Bell
Mary Linda & Kelly Crucey (1999) | |
| 11 | Bob Johnson | Robyn Mazzone |
| 12 | Heather Totty Butler
Brenda & Ricky Boothe (1990) | Mariah Varney Kyles |
| 13 | Layla Nicole Weaver | |
| 14 | John Thompson | Heather Widener |
| 15 | Melissa Boyce
Ronnie Yopp | Delma Jones |
| 16 | Emily Rountree
Lance Smith. IV
Dale & Jeannette Holland | Stephanie Sims |
| 17 | Amber Goodwin Hamilton
John "Jack" D'Amico | |
| 18 | Brian & Teresa Bell (1996) | |
| 19 | Wayne & Betty Duke (2000)
Drew & Lisa Holland | |
| 20 | Mary Katherine Grass | |
| 21 | Tara Robertson Joyner
Brian Rountree | J.W. Simpson |
| 22 | Amy Warren
Owen & Lisa Reece (1982) | Garry Holland |
| 24 | Russ Carrow
Mia Maria Grandados | David Epperson |
| 26 | Joel "Boots" Arnold | |
| 27 | Pam Goodman | |
| 28 | Daniel Goodwin | Owen Reece |
| 29 | Tommy Harrell
Darrell White | Ben Varney
James E. Worrell |
| 30 | Nelson Fields III | Shirley Talbert |
| 31 | Clifton Andrew Carr | Faye Chappell |

Early June Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Bill Frank | Patty Lewis Freeman |
| 2 | Laura Frank | |
| 4 | Lorain Henry Fly | |
| 5 | Debbie Estienne | |
| 7 | Karley Barnes Lester
Allan & Cindy H. Wallace (2003) | |

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

Pastor's Post

In Through the Looking Glass, Humpty Dumpty said to Alice: . . . "There's glory for you!" "I don't know what you mean by 'glory,'" Alice said. Humpty Dumpty smiled contemptuously. "Of course you don't-*till I tell you*. I meant 'there's a nice knock-down argument for you!'" "But 'glory' doesn't mean a 'nice knock-down argument,'" Alice objected. "***When I use the word,***" Humpty Dumpty said, in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what ***I choose it to mean***-- neither more nor less."

"The question is," said Alice, "whether YOU can make words mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "Which *of us* is to be **master?**--that's all!"

When I was a youth and I observed a disagreement in the church conference, I would pick sides and vote based upon which person in the argument I liked best, or whom I trusted. And, believe me, I had some struggles.

As an adult, I came to realize that I should not make decisions based on important people in my life. It dawned upon me that I was merely an extension of them and true to neither God nor myself. I decided that I wanted to be myself with God's help. I was going to have to make decisions based on what I thought God wanted from me. So, I turned to the book of Proverbs and devoured that book. I also depend upon The Holy Spirit for guidance, leadership and wisdom.

I have observed over the years, that Humpty Dumpty might just be correct when it comes to disagreements. Quite often in churches, discussions and disagreements may very well be settled over: "**which is to be master--that's all.**" Some folks want control no matter what God wants. Some folks will vote with them rather than pray and seek God's guidance.

In the church, the issue at hand could be anything that gets brought up. If taking sides with friends is the way you make decisions, then you have helped someone become the master instead of seeking the will of The Master. If that happens in the church, Satan is elated. Remember, our goal is always to find God's will so that He can be the Master.

It is never appropriate to follow the lead of anyone (including the pastor) when it comes to the decision making process in the church. Any church that is to survive in the 21st century must have strong mature Christians who individually seek God's will for ministry action and then give themselves habitually to accomplish that end.

In the congregational governed church, we have agreed that the way to find God's will is to discuss the fundamental worth and disadvantages of issues in church conference along with seeking the leadership of the Holy Spirit. That will lead us to find and do God's will. It should never have anything to do with influence or power of an individual or specific group of people in the church.

Would you like to be able to find God's will as you listen to people discuss issues in church conference? Would you like to know if the person speaking is someone interested in the future of the church? Would you like to know if the issue at hand is about religious tradition or fads because the speaker wants to be master? Ask yourself the following questions about the speakers: (1) Do they stand firm on what they believe is God's will? (2) Do they genuinely love you as you stand firm on what you believe is God's will while you are disagreeing with them? (3) Are they seeking God's will for the church without doing political caucus (pulling in their friends to get a majority vote)? (4) Do they continue to give time, money and energy to the ministries of the church even though the church decision made in church conference by majority vote is not in their favor? If the answer is yes, then they are mature Christians who have learned how to be God's Christ in a changing world as they relate to other humans. They have learned to place their focus upon kingdom work and not personal alliances or friendships.

The transition committee has begun its work. They will struggle with information that I bring them and come to a consensus that it is something they believe the church might want to consider. If there is no consensus on the team, it will be dropped or left for future discussions. Having reached a consensus, the team will present the matter to you the congregation at a special meeting. The congregation will choose to implement or reject the ministry actions, tasks or programs. Please be in prayer for the team as they struggle to follow God's lead and help you be as informed as possible

before you vote on anything. This is the way the intentional interim ministry process works.

Blessings, *Danny*



- May 1 "Willing Workers Get the Job Done"
Nehemiah 1:1-11
- May 8 "Ruth: A Great Example of One who Made A Commitment
and Stuck With It"
Ruth 4:1-15
- May 15 "You Are the Light of the World"
Matthew 5:13-20
- May 22 "Halfhearted Faith with Firm Commitment is Enough
to Build the Kingdom of God"
Matthew 14:22-33
- May 29 "Jonah: Proof that God Can Even Work Through Disobedient People"
Jonah 4:1-11

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Of Greatest Worth

Not what I get, but what I give,
this be the gauge by which I live.
Not merely joys that come my way,
but the help I give to those astray.
Not the rewards of money and fame,
but the loads I lift in mankind's name.
This be the pay at the end of the day,
not what I keep, but what I give away.

—Author unknown

give!

