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## HIGHLAND PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To bring glory to God by winning people to Christ, developing them to Christ-like maturity, and in every stage of their lives, equipping them to be ministers in their worlds.



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## Pastor's Paragraphs



C.S. Lewis once said, "The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is."

Some people fear the future. Others may even find themselves at a point of despair over the future, thinking that God has forgotten them. Perhaps God hasn't done what they hoped He would. Maybe they had certain plans, certain expectations from God, or certain goals they had hoped to reach at a particular stage of their lives, but they haven't reached them.

If you've ever felt like God has forgotten you or that God was against you, or if you've ever been frightened about your future, then the words God spoke to the Israelites so many years ago during the Babylonian captivity apply to you as well: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:11-13 NKJV).

These words are directed

toward the person who has put his or her faith in God. Only the one who has a relationship with the Lord can claim these words personally. Notice that God does not say in Verse 11, "I know the thoughts that I have thought toward you," which is past tense. Rather, He says, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you." It's present tense. Thinking about His people isn't something God has done only in the past. It's something He is doing in the present and will continue to do in the future.

Although God is always thinking about you, His thoughts are not necessarily your thoughts, and His ways are not necessarily your ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). Sometimes God doesn't work the way you want Him to. He may lead you in a path you didn't expect. That's where faith comes in. That's when you must fall back on the love of God and remember that whatever He does in your life—or fails to do, in your estimation—is based on His love.

Maybe you thought the Lord was going to do a certain thing in your life. You're saying, "It's obviously not going to happen. I'm getting on in years. It's too late." But is it?

Moses didn't really get going until he was 80 years old, an age when most would be slowing down. But God said, in effect, "I just got you whipped into shape. It took me a long time. You're ready to go now."

Who knows what the Lord will do? It isn't over until He says it is.

God may have been preparing you all of this time for something yet in your future. You may be thinking, "It's too late. My friends have already reached these goals." But you are not your friends. You are you. God has a plan for you—something specific in mind just for you.

There is a future for each of us when God says, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." That word future could be translated "an expected end" or "a ground of hope" or "things hoped for." There will be an outcome, a completion, in your life. God will tie up the loose ends.

I know there are things you don't understand—things that have happened in your life that don't make sense. I don't have all the answers for you, but one day, you will stand before the One who does. Until then, you must believe that God's thoughts toward you are good. His plans for you are good. He has an expected end in mind.

For the Jews living in Babylon, their "expected end" was to find deliverance from the control of a pagan nation and return to their homeland to worship God. For us, ultimately, it's to be free from the effects of sin and to live forever in the presence of God Almighty. What it means

specifically on a day-to-day basis, time will tell. Whatever His plan is, it's better than anything you could plan for yourself. God has a future for you. Don't be afraid to commit your life to Him. Never be afraid to commit an unknown future to a known God. You may not know what tomorrow holds, but you do know who holds tomorrow: it's your Father, who has a perfect plan for your life. So commit this New Year to God. It will be the wisest and best thing you did.

## HBC STAFF

**Jesse Lott**  
Senior Pastor

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Music & Senior Adults

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Associate Pastor  
Student Ministry & College

**Charlie Sisti**  
Associate Pastor  
Children & Education



## 2011 Weekly Budget Needs: \$13,739.38

### November 20

Weekly Total Rec'd .....\$10,949.66  
Weekly Budget Rec'd.....\$10,142.99  
"Our Sacrifice, His Miracle".....\$250.00  
Received to Date .....\$50,771.12

### November 27

Weekly Total Rec'd .....\$16,747.15  
Weekly Budget Rec'd.....\$15,399.85  
"Our Sacrifice, His Miracle".....\$50.00  
Received to Date .....\$50,821.12

### December 4

Weekly Total Rec'd .....\$23,175.01  
Weekly Budget Rec'd.....\$19,632.51  
"Our Sacrifice, His Miracle".....\$35.00  
Received to Date .....\$50,856.12

### December 11

Weekly Total Rec'd .....\$12,869.51  
Weekly Budget Rec'd.....\$9,358.00  
"Our Sacrifice, His Miracle".....\$40.00  
Received to Date .....\$50,896.12



Thank you for the cards, gifts and visits for my 88th birthday celebration. Your presence made the day truly special for me.  
With Love, Pearl Sherrill



November 20 ..... 224  
November 27 ..... 269  
December 4 ..... 261  
December 11 ..... 258



## Remember Our Homebound Members

**January 1**.....Evelyn Martin  
Springs of Catawba  
2010 29th Ave. Dr., NE  
Hickory, NC 28601

**January 8**.....Lib Teague  
3531 Chapelwood Drive  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**January 15**.....Nora Parsons  
Camelot Manor  
100 Sunset Street  
Granite Falls, NC 28630

**January 22**.....Dwanda Roberts  
Lutheran Home of Hickory  
1265 21st St., NE  
Trinity Manor, Room 216  
Hickory, NC 28601

**January 27**.....Mable Pollard  
3411 Turkey Run Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37931



### Music Ministry 2012 is here!

holds the future... Amen. The MUSIC MINISTRY at Highland Baptist is rolling up its sleeves for a glorious year of growth, praise, and worship. Sundays, Wednesdays, special events – all will be saturated with God's music performed by God's musicians. There is quite a number of you who are considering participation in this year's music. NOW is a great time to begin!

**PRESCHOOL CHOIR**  
Sunday Nights at 6:00  
(Beginning January 8)

**GRADED CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
Sunday Nights at 6:00  
(Beginning January 8)

**WORSHIP CHOIR**  
Wednesday Nights at 6:30  
(Beginning January 4)

**SENIOR JOYMAKERS**  
Tuesday Mornings at 9:30



Isn't it good that we have the blessing of looking forward to God's provision, blessing, protection, and guidance. As the old saying goes, "We don't know what the future holds, but we know Who

### SENIOR ADULTS FRIENDSHIP CLUB 2012

Tuesday, January 17 - 10:30am

Bring PLBS!! (Pot Luck Breakfast Stuff)

Bring your breakfast goodies, and we'll put it all together for a fun breakfast feed. *This ought to be interesting...!*



JoyMakers Singing at Brian Center East  
Tuesday, January 24



Welcome New Members

Letter  
Johnathan Elder  
Baptism  
Katherine Perry

### HBC INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

1. Sunday services and activities will be canceled when traveling conditions are hazardous. Cancellations will be decided by the staff, in conjunction with the deacon executives and the Sunday School director. (When Sunday morning activities are canceled, the afternoon and evening activities also will be canceled.)

*Winter*  
2. Notice of cancellation of Sunday activities will be posted on the church website ([highlandbaptisthickory.org](http://highlandbaptisthickory.org)) and on the church voicemail, as well as on TV stations WSOC-Channel 9, WCNC-Channel 36 (cable channel 6) and on radio station WMIT-Black Mountain 106.9 FM.

3. Weekday activities will be canceled when the Hickory City Schools are closed. If school is not in session or bad weather comes on a Saturday, the procedure found in (2) will be followed.



### As We Start the New Year

On Sunday, January 1st, worship will take place at 10:00am in the Worship Center. Sunday School will be dismissed that day, and there will be no evening services or programs.



### QUARTERLY Business Meeting

Sunday Evening, January 15, 6:00pm

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



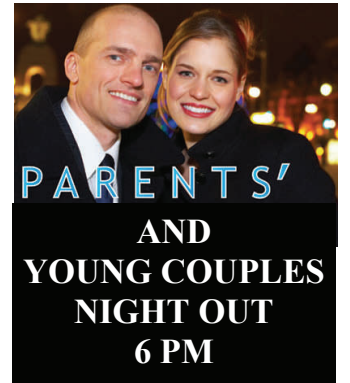
It has been a long time coming, but we will enter the world of Narnia once again.



It's a new year, and we are excited. See you here Wednesday, at 6:30pm!!!



**Kids and Parents Trip to Pineville Ice House**  
January 21  
Leave at 4pm, Skate 7-8:30ish  
Back by 10:30ish  
Sign up at the Welcome Center now!



**PARENTS' AND YOUNG COUPLES NIGHT OUT**  
6 PM

Friday, January 13  
Sign up at the Welcome Center so we'll know how many children will be here for dinner that night.

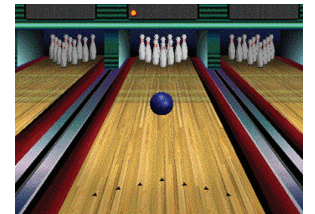
### STUDENT MINISTRY



The Student Ministry will be having our annual New Year's Eve Party on December 31 from 9pm 'til 12:15am at the church. Come and ring in the New Year with food, fun, fellowship, and a special New Year's Bible Study.



**G2 Small Groups**  
Small groups will restart on January 23 at 6:45pm. We will still meet on Wednesday during January even though small groups will not start until the 23rd.



### College Ministry Trip to Bo's

The College Ministry will be going to Bo's for games, laser tag, and bowling on Saturday, February 11. We will leave the church at 6pm and return by 10pm. Cost will be \$15 per person. Please let Bryan know if you want to go.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Kenworth Ministry on Saturday, January 14, 10:00-11:30am

Many senior citizens and disabled people live at Kenworth Hall and are in need of hearing the Gospel message. Join us as we minister with food, devotions, and prayer. For more information, please call Nita Greene at 324-7873 or email [nngreene@cconcepts.com](mailto:nngreene@cconcepts.com).

### Handyman Ministry on Saturday, January 14

Contact Terry Short for additional information.  
Lunch Provided By Seeker's Sunday School Class

