

# THE HERALD

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## A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN *Brian Stephens, Lead Pastor*

We have two very special Sundays planned for you this month.

On February 18th, we will be observing Men's Day. This will only be for the 10:00 service. Our men will be leading in all parts of the service. Three men will be sharing their testimonies as well as lay-men leading in the service. I so appreciate our men!

On February 25th, our ladies are going to step up and share in our morning service. Our women will be greeting, singing, leading in prayer, and sharing testimonies. I expect it to be a service people will be celebrating for years to come.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers. My prayer is New Holland will bring blessings and praise to our Lord for who He is and all He has done for us.

God Bless, *Pastor Brian*



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### Generosity Fund Update 2020-2023

Given to Fund .....	\$18,656.50
Total Dispersed .....	\$12,705.30
Balance .....	\$5,951.20
32 people helped since 2020!	

## A MESSAGE FROM MARK *R. Mark Russell, Associate Pastor*

What an amazing time of worship we're having each week. The HOLY SPIRIT is moving in our midst in ways we've not seen in quite some time. People are joining, guests are present, and attendance is starting to rise. Such days as these don't happen everywhere! There's a warm family feeling for all who attend!

Don't miss Men's Day on February 18, followed the next week by Ladies Day on February 25. Great testimonies and good words of scripture, good singing, praising, and spiritual inspiration. Plans are being made now, and you will be very disappointed if you miss it!

Our youth group had a wonderful time at the LOCK-IN! They stayed busy all night while enjoying the Wii, two movies, hot cocoa, and a trip to Buford for bowling. The next big thing we have will be D-NOW, United Weekend March 1-3.

Music ministry is doing well and currently in days of renewal. The choir and band are both involved with learning new music. I've purchased several new selections for Sunday services and I expect to follow suit with more as we maintain a fresh repertoire next to our favorite numbers. I do have a specific request: we need 1st soprano voices as well as tenors. We've added basses and altos to strengthen these parts. Now's the time to join the choir!!

Thank you for getting involved!

In Christ, *Mark*



## March 1-3

**See Mark to sign up!**

### A MESSAGE FROM RICK Rick Taylor, Ministry Pastor

Another January is almost complete and in the books as we round the corner and start the month of February---the month of LOVE. Valentine's Day is just around the bend on February 14th. It is a time when we express to our wife, husband, family, or others within our sphere of influence our love for them. It is a time when we send flowers, cards or even a box of chocolates to the one we love.

As I thought about God and His love for us, I couldn't help but think that everyday is Valentine's Day for God. He expresses His indescribable love for each of us through His Son, Jesus Christ. God may not send you flowers or a box of chocolates, but He did send the very best that He has in His Son, Jesus. Rather than allowing us to experience His unimaginable wrath --- God sent His Son into the world and placed the wrath that we deserve fully upon His Son. It is hard for us to imagine how someone could love us that much. It is God's desire to have a close and intimate relationship with each and every one of us. Our finite minds really can't even begin to comprehend the depth of God's love for us. The wonderful news is there is nothing that exists that can separate us from the love of God. His love for all of us is eternal. He loved us from before the foundation of the world.

Although this article does not contain news for the month of February in the traditional sense, it does contain the greatest news of all time --- GOD LOVES YOU. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 God has a question for each of us. "WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?" Turn to Jesus now while there is time. He is waiting for you with His open arms.

Be Blessed, *Rick*

### Laundry Items Needed!

Deborah will be taking laundry items (detergent, softener, etc.) to the Children's Home this month. Please leave your donations in the Welcome Center or give to Deborah Palmer. Thank you!



### FEBRUARY SHOEBOX ITEMS

New Holland is taking up donations throughout the year for Operation Christmas Child. For February, please bring **washcloths, soap bars and combs**. There are boxes around the church that say "Christmas Shoebox Donations" where you can place these items. March will be spoons, clothes, & socks. Thank you!



**Sunday  
February 18**  
*men's  
DAY*

**Sunday  
February 25**  
*Women's  
DAY*

Please join us on  
**Sunday, February 18**  
worship led by the men of New Holland

**Sunday, February 25**  
worship led by the women  
Testimonies, choir specials, and more!

**The family of  
Bill Dale**

<i>Happy Anniversary</i>	
Marvin & Ann Martin .....	Feb. 01
Daniel & Denise Parson .....	Feb. 09
Larry & Mickie Emmett .....	Feb. 14
Adam & Andrea Thompson .....	Feb. 22

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS	
2/03	Conley Dale
2/04	Katy Parson
2/05	Phil Long
2/06	Marleigh Henson
2/08	Max Henson
2/09	Poly Smith
2/11	Patra Elder, Penny Ellis
2/12	Randall Little
2/13	Karen Craven
2/14	Phyllis Keyse, Barbara Stevens
2/15	Chase Ballard, Carla Swearingin Hal Ray
2/17	Tony West
2/20	Sandra Bartlett
2/25	Donald Bennett, Jerry Stover
2/27	Chuck Reed
2/28	Linda Martin, Ron Phagan

### A MESSAGE FROM LANCE Children's Ministry

#### Navigating Life's Path: Discovering God's Will Through Scripture

In the quest to understand God's will, turning to scripture becomes a transformative journey. Philippians 4:6-7 encourages believers to seek God through prayer, fostering a connection that brings insights and discernment. Psalm 119:105 underscores the power of God's word as a guiding light, urging individuals to meditate on scripture for clarity in life's choices.

Obedience to God's commandments, as emphasized in John 14:15, aligns individuals with divine principles, shaping ethical decision-making. Proverbs 15:22 highlights the significance of seeking godly counsel, emphasizing the role of wise advisers in succeeding in life's plans.

Patience, echoed in Psalm 27:14 and Isaiah 40:31, is a virtue that allows individuals to trust in God's timing, aligning their desires with His plan. The Holy Spirit, as a guiding force (John 16:13), aids in discerning God's will, emphasizing the importance of a receptive heart.

Proverbs 3:5-6 teaches the value of surrendering to God's sovereignty, trusting in Him wholeheartedly. These are key scriptural principles that guide individuals in discovering and fulfilling God's will, offering a roadmap for purposeful living. *Lance*

## CRAFT DAY

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11 to 5**

**Bring a craft to work on or just come to fellowship.**

**For more Info see Laura Wilson. Meet In Blq Brothers Room.**

Dec. & Jan. Offerings & Info.	
<b>Dec. 31 .....</b>	<b>\$5,417.54</b>
<b>Jan. 07.....</b>	<b>\$7,733.89</b>
<b>Jan. 14.....</b>	<b>\$5,187.02</b>
<b>Jan. 21.....</b>	<b>\$3,945.76</b>
<b>Jan. 28.....</b>	<b>\$5,842.78</b>
<b>Dream Fund.....</b>	<b>\$407,739.69</b>
<b>Generosity Fund.....</b>	<b>\$5,991.20</b>
<b>Average Attendance in Jan.....</b>	<b>112</b>

**DEACONS MEETING**  
**FEB. 4 AT 3:00 PM**