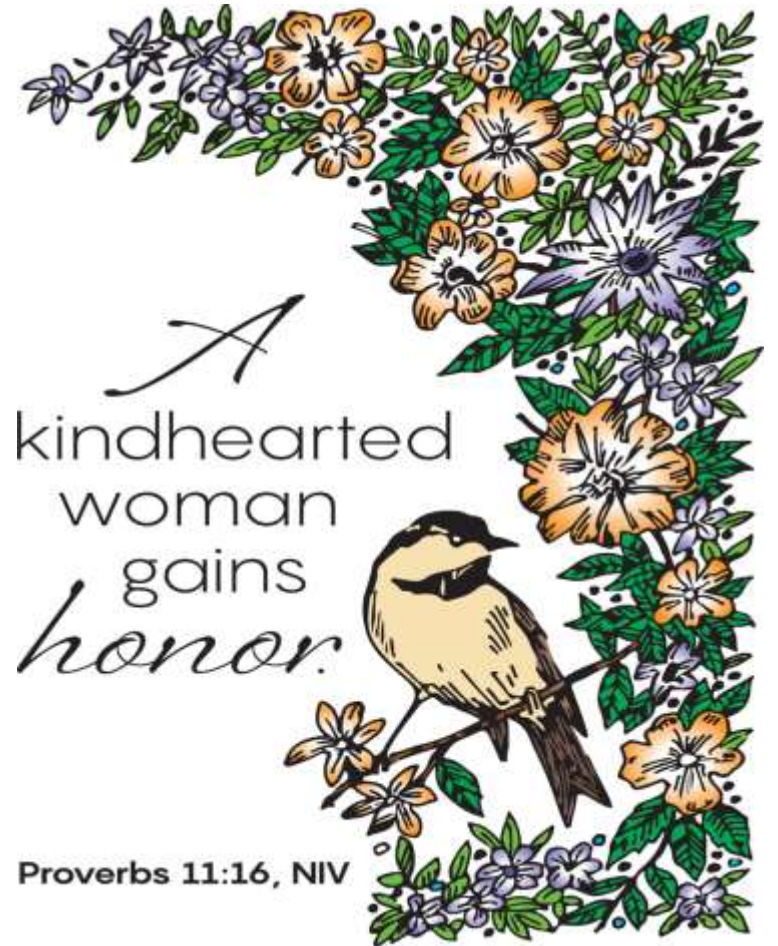


HIGHLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

May 2017



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A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

The month of May brings us lots of celebrations: Graduations, Mothers' Day, and Memorial Day. There will be a lot of memories made this month and we will also stop and remember those lives that impacted our past.

It has been said that Hebrews 11 is the "Faith Hall of Fame." In this great chapter we find a listing of the great people of faith throughout the history of Israel. It is important to note, "All these people were still living by faith when they died." (13)

Hebrews 12: 1 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

As you reflect on your own life of faith, I challenge you to make a list of the cloud of witnesses that have impacted you along the way. Your list could include a parent, a teacher, a pastor, or even a stranger that impacted your life for Christ.

Think about the life of this church. This church is only two generations old. All of the 35 charter members who founded the church are gone. But many of us can still remember them and the impact they made on us. Some of you can tell stories about the "good ole days" when.... (you fill in the blank). Each one of us has a cloud of witnesses around us.

Have you ever stopped to think that YOU are one of a cloud of witnesses in the church today? A decade or two from now what stories will be told about this church? When those who worship here then reflect on those who have gone before, what will they remember about us?

It is important that we remember the past. It is more important that we impact the future by the way we live and work for Christ today.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses – let us become a part of that cloud for others.

Pastor John

PUZZLE PAGE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:
To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.

"Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV



We will recognize our graduates Sunday May 7th during our morning worship hour. Invite your friends and family as we wish them well.

The Youth Department invites the whole church to continue celebrating our Class of 2017 with appetizers and cake in the fellowship hall after morning worship!



Baccalaureate Service for Saint Albans High School Seniors will be held Sunday afternoon, May 7th at 3:00 PM

Baccalaureate Service



**Saint Albans High School
Graduation Ceremony
Saturday May 20th
Charleston Civic Center**

2017 *Graduate* *The Future is Yours*

We congratulate all of our 2017 graduates and extend our best wishes for a bright future!

Morning Worship for april



May 7 -- "A GROWING CHURCH" ACTS 2: 42-47
Communion Sunday and Senior Day to recognize graduates

May 14 -- "THE LIVING STONE" 1 PETER 2: 1-10
Mothers' Day

May 21 -- "DO YOU LOVE JESUS?" JOHN 21: 15 - 19

May 28 -- Special Guest Speaker-Dr. Maxwell Hill



Christmas Shoe Box Capaign
Toy Item Needed for the month of
May



Sunglasses
Yo-Yo's
Harmonica



Please place donated toys in the box located in the foyer



Celebrate Mom!
Join us for Morning Worship
On Mother's Day
Sunday May 14th
At 10:30 AM



This Month's Needed
Snack Bag Item's...



Small Boxes of Cereal
and
Juice Boxes



2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 Building & Grounds	3 6:30 AWANA Club 6:30 Youth Fellowship 7:00 Bible Study	4 9:30 Building & Grounds	5	6 9:00 Intercessory Prayer
7  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Morning Worship-Senior Recognition/Reception following worship 3:00 Baccalaureate/Kings River Church 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 STARZ Puppet Team 6:00 Youth Fellowship 6:00 Faith Cafe	8	9 9:30 Building & Grounds	10 6:30 AWANA Club 6:30 Youth Fellowship 7:00 Bible Study	11 9:30 Building & Grounds	12	13 9:00 Intercessory Prayer
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