



The Newsletter of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

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WARNING!

**Please ensure that you are wearing steel-toed footwear
when reading this article!**



As I begin writing my article for our February Update, I was reminded that no matter how much I push the envelope, it will always be stationery. I thought that a dad joke just might break the tension after the warning above.

There is so much happening in our world which is bringing tension into our lives, isn't there?

- We are coming off a holiday spike in COVID-19 cases, which has caused schools to remain virtual, churches to meet virtually, and work to be done virtually.
- The UK just announced another lockdown after having more Covid cases per capita than any other country.
- We had a group of people turn a protest in Washington DC into an act of sedition and treason, as they stormed the Capital Building.
- We lost a Baseball Legend as "Hammerin" Hank Aaron passed away at age 86.
- Dr. Dre was hospitalized after suffering a brain aneurism.
- The 45th President of the United States might be the first President impeached for a second time.
- We inaugurated the 46th President of the United States. Congratulations, Mr. President.
- And, for the first time ever, we have a female Vice President in our nation's long history! Congratulations, Madam Vice President.

And we are only four weeks into the New Year! At least Australia, Colorado and California are no longer burning!

There is tension and chaos abounding in the world today, in our Nation today, and in our hearts and minds today. But amidst the tension and the chaos, God is still God. God is still faithful. God is still in charge. God is God and we are not. And that truth should calm the tension and chaos facing those of us who follow Jesus Christ as Lord.

Now, I know that I will possibly offend some of you from this point forward, if I have not already with that bad dad joke at the beginning...but I do so unapologetically.

We are studying the truth in worship that we are part of an Unlikely Kingdom—a Kingdom that has no geographical boundary, no earthly president, ruler, king—a Kingdom that stretches around the world, is growing daily, but is not recognized by any sovereign nation in the world. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are citizens of God's Kingdom! And as citizens of God's Kingdom, we are called to worship God, no matter the tension we might feel in this nation, or amidst the chaos we might be living in. Worship is the response of faithful disciples to what God has accomplished on our behalf, which we could not accomplish ourselves. This is a necessary reminder which needs to precede the rest of this article.

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Session Highlights - January 18, 2021

The complete minutes of session meetings are posted on the Session Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall as soon as they are approved.

The stated meeting of the session was held via ZOOM with outgoing elders and all the officers-elect present for their examination. Outgoing elders Ralph Mitchell, Marvin Thomason and Charles Young were thanked for their service. Incoming elders: Deanna Crawford, Clay Haskins, Louis Haynes, Mimi Jamieson, Andy Morris, and Eloise Murray; along with the incoming deacons: Sherri Jones, Mark McGrath, Priscilla Rouse and Jan Stewart were welcomed and examined by the session. Ordination and/or installation of the new officers was tentatively approved for February 14.

Minutes for December 21 and January 7 were approved. New ministry assignments were approved as follows: Administration—Clay Haskins; CE—Deanna Crawford and John Van Wagoner; Finance with Treasurer Larry Mobley, and Mimi Jamieson; Member Life with Sara Emel and Marge Hever; Outreach—Brenda Bradshaw and Louis Haynes; Worship—Carol Broyles, Robert Burns, and Andy Morris; and Personnel—Eloise Murray.

Deacon Sherri Jones discussed the calls the deacons will be making to the members about getting their correct information entered into our new Realm software. Finance people, Mimi Jamieson, Larry Mobley, and Bookkeeper Rick Stewart will help the deacons understand what they need to convey to members.

The Finance Ministry reported on the end of the year financial situation as follows: Praise God we finished this COVID year with \$165,969 in the General Fund account up from \$88K at the end of 2019, and in the best shape at the end of the year we have seen for a number of years.

Outreach, Administration, Personnel, and Member Life Ministries had not met during January and had no reports due to the church closing through January.

Christian Education Ministry received approval for youth gatherings — indoor and outdoor, but not to be held at the church due to the current church closure for COVID-19

Worship Ministry received approval for the hiring a part-time technician for the King Street worship.

Presbytery commissioners for the meeting on January 30 via ZOOM were elected as Mimi Jamieson and Ralph Mitchell. Church Rolls were reduced by four for people who had moved and/or requested their removal.

The time together was completed with a continuing discussion of the book *Who Stole My Church?*

Respectfully submitted by Mimi Jamieson
Clerk of Session

Deacon's Meeting - Feb 15, 6 pm
Session Meeting - Feb 22, 6:30 pm

TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Don Bentzen

December 22, 2020

*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to his
family and friends.*

UPDATE DEADLINE

Deadline for the UPDATE is the 21st of each month. If you have information or articles for the March UPDATE, please get them to us by February 21.

You can leave written copy/photos in the Communications mailbox in the Church office, or send electronically to the church office or direct to Brenda Bradshaw :
BrendaBrad@aol.com

Thanks for your cooperation!

UPDATE

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As the Swearing in of our 46th President took place, some Bible-believing, Jesus-following Christians were rejoicing—finally we are rid of Trump! Trump was the Devil. Now we can work to see real justice and real progress made.

At the same time, some Bible-believing, Jesus-following Christians were lamenting—God appointed Trump! Our country is doomed. God's will has somehow been thwarted due to corrupt politicians. Judgment is coming!

I know and love people on both sides of that scenario. In fact, we have people within this church who might identify with one of those sides or the other.

So, as we conclude our first month of 2021, I want to take a moment to remind Followers of Jesus on both sides of the aisle of this overarching truth—Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we might reside within the United States, but we are FIRST and FOREMOST citizens of God's Kingdom. We do not bow before an earthly leader, nor do we worship an earthly ruler. And when we allow our disagreements on politics to divide the Body of Christ, we are not being salt and light in the world. We look no different than the non-believers. We are not wooing anyone to follow Jesus.

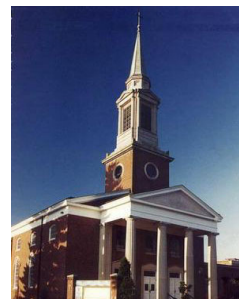
Jesus always, always comes before the President of the United States. Jesus always comes before the people and ways of government in the United States. And though we long to have governmental policies and politicians in place, which support the principles and precepts of God, the Kingdom of God and the work of the Church are not contingent upon that. Please read that again.

Whether Nero or Constantine are in power, the Church still has a job to do—as an outcropping of worship, we are called to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them all that I have commanded you, and I am always with you to the very end of the age.

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Some of us are grieving and anxious about the new Administration. But we need to remember that as followers of Jesus, as citizens of God's Kingdom first, we still have a job to do—as an outcropping of worship, we are called to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them all that I have commanded you, and I am always with you to the very end of the age.



Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

*at the corner of 7th Avenue
and Grove Streets.*

*Parking lot is accessible from
Grove Street, King Street
and 6th Avenue (64 E).*

We have a place for you!

*Saturday Contemporary Service:
King Street Worship
5:00 pm - Fellowship Hall*

*Sunday Traditional Service:
11 am - in the Sanctuary*

Pastor Rob –Continued

We, as the Church, have been given a mission to accomplish. Some years it might be easier than others. Some years it might be more difficult than others. But in either case, we still have the mission before us. Let's focus on accomplishing the Mission together, and in doing so, show the world that we can love one another well, even if we disagree on the worldly leader elected within the country in which we reside.

And let me give you a spoiler alert. God's Church will be victorious in the end!

Knowing that, let's join together in doing the work we have been given as followers of Jesus, loving each other well, showing grace to one another as freely as it was shared with us, and seeking to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed until Jesus calls us home!

Have a wonderful Day!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rob

MEET DEACON PRISCILLA ROUSE

PRISCILLA ROUSE is a native of Hendersonville. Her parents joined this Church when she was a young child, and she and her husband Chuck both grew up attending Sunday School together.



After many years of living away, Priscilla returned to Hendersonville in 1990 and once again became a member. She and Chuck are heading up the Ushers for the next several months and are learning the enormous amount of support it takes to keep a loving Church thriving. Chuck is a past Elder and presently serves on the finance committee.

"Being raised by parents who loved our Lord and brought me to love him as well, has been a constant source of joy in my life, and I am so thankful for them giving me such a gift. I consider it a true honor and blessing to serve as a Deacon in this Church that has been such a great part of my life already."



When "Pull Yourself Together" Doesn't Work

You've heard it time and time again,

"Pull yourself together . . . Cheer Up . . . Tough It Out!

Perhaps people have said this to you, or perhaps you have said it to yourself, but it hasn't stopped the hurting. Things are coming apart, not coming together.

Here's the good news: You do not have to face your struggles alone. Help is available.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will listen to you and provide confidential one-on-one care as you search through the pieces and find your heart.

Covid-19 continues to rule our lives and is stopping in person visits with one another, phone visits are our alternative, face- to -face visits will come back later. Call Caryl Mobley and she will assist in setting up caring phone visits for you.

Call Caryl Mobley: 828-891-9709.

*Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ
God forgave you.*

— Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you wish to keep
receiving the UPDATE
by mail, you must
act now!**

Just a reminder, that if you would like to receive the Update newsletter in hardcopy form going forward, you will need to alert the Church Office. We realize that there are some of our congregation who do not have access to the digital version of the newsletter, and we want to continue sending that to you as a resource to remain connected to the family of faith here at HPC. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you do not mind receiving the Update digitally. Thank you in advance.

Register for Wednesday evening Bible Study

Beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, and running through March 31 (the last Wednesday of the season of Lent), Pastor Rob will be hosting a live ZOOM Bible Study on Hope. It will begin at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join this Bible Study, please contact Susan Thompson in the Church office to RSVP. You will need a device which can access the internet to participate. You will also need a ZOOM link to access the class, which is why we are asking you to rsvp. The link will be sent out each Wednesday morning to all who register. We look forward to having you join this study!

MUSIC NOTES

A message from Gayle

Many of you have expressed interest in hearing about John Bayne, who graced us with beautiful organ and piano solos and accompanied events during his youth at Hendersonville Presbyterian.

John is hoping to complete his sophomore year during May at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Driven by a life-long love for learning, John's plans are to double-major in both Music Performance (concentrating on Pipe Organ) and Philosophy. As a music major, John adheres to a rigorous and disciplined routine of classes, homework and daily organ practice. He feels that he is blessed with professors with high expectations, expertise, and genuine kindness who are qualified professionals willing to help.

A member of the American Guild of Organists, John is on the rostrum for rotating as organist on the pipe organ for the currently virtual Sunday services at the beautiful Daniel Chapel on the Furman campus. John considers this an honor after attending programs and services there during his childhood and youth.

In September 2020, due to Covid-19, John began virtual classes from home for a month. Desiring to enjoy campus life and the company of fellow students who have been so thoughtful, kind, and who have displayed good character, he opted to finish the Fall 2020 semester on campus while following strict Furman protocol regarding Covid caution. John has had six nostril/throat Covid tests to be able to continue with this routine. All Covid tests have shown negative. Furman randomly tests their students throughout the on-campus time and any student who tests positive, even if asymptomatic, must go into quarantine.

Apart from his studies, John works part time as a waiter at Tryon Estates near his home in the summer. The friendliness and encouragement of the senior citizens is exhibited when the residents and other staff persuade him to play piano music after dinner.

When opportunity allows, John spends time hiking, hanging out, playing video games and eating out with both Staff at Tryon Estates and fellow students at Furman. John has found his classmates to be respectful, well-behaved, and of high character. Most of John's friends at Furman are serious students. Music majors have a rigorous schedule and devote much time to practice and studies.

After having been homeschooled K-12, John has adjusted to classroom academia quite well and has been on the Dean's List each semester. His most enjoyable courses overall probably have been Spanish during his freshman year, and Music Theory, his sophomore year. Qualifying, John was invited to join the Phi Eta Sigma (honor society) at Furman. He has a challenging year of studies ahead.

Being a serious Christian, keeping focused on his faith in Christ, John tries to be "salt" along the way. He is encouraged by the sermons from church when he can view. John and his parents are grateful for the role the church family has in his life and for the continued prayers of our congregation.

— Submitted by Gayle Stepp



PLEASE JOIN US ONLINE
IF YOU CAN'T BE WITH US
IN PERSON

Go to our website, click on Worship and follow simple instructions. Also available on our Facebook page: (#hendersonvillepc).

Video of past services are available on our website and on YouTube.

If you do not have a computer or phone or other device with which to hear and see our worship service, we would love to discuss options available for you.

Please call the church office and someone from the Communications Committee will contact you.



Hello Friends:

What better way to get a small issue fixed then to have a fellow church member visit your house. You may even make a new friend. So—

When to correct a problem is unclear,

With Fix-It Friends you have not a fear.

They will correct. your issue; Make it work as if brand new.

All you have to do is clap and cheer.

**Call Roy Hathaway at
828 676-8788**

LOOKING

FOR SOMETHING TO DO
... OR, NEED SOME HELP?

There are some members of our congregation who fall into the "at risk" category of the coronavirus and really shouldn't go out at all. If you are in that category, we have volunteers willing to run essential errands for you (groceries, medications, etc.) This service is available to our congregation Monday through Friday from 9AM till 3 PM. Please call Ragen at 828-458-8229 if you have a need.

If you are not in the "at risk" category and would like to help run errands, or if you are a prayer warrior willing to call those in need of prayer, give Ragen a call or email at:

ragenawhite@gmail.com

CHURCH BAZAAR

to benefit
Operation Christmas Child

OCC is accepting donations of used items for its annual sale, tentatively set for April 24. All items must be clean and in good working order.

We cannot take the following:

- Clothing (will take handbags, scarves and shoes only)
- Electrical items that do not work
- Old TVs (will take only slim models)

Call Ragen White, 828-458-8229, if you have any questions or need any help.

Creative Beginnings



We will be enrolling our current children for fall 2021 in February. Afterwards, it will be open to our community for new enrollees. Private tours are now available for anyone interested in touring our preschool (masks are required to enter the preschool). Please invite friends, family and neighbors who might be interested.

We thank you for your continued support of giving to our scholarship fund and preschool support fund. Your gift allows children in our community to know the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are planting the seeds that the staff at CBCP nourish daily.

We covet your prayers for this enrollment event. We are asking God to bless the preschool with new growth, dedicated teachers, and a love that reflects the love of our Lord Jesus. Continue to pray for continual protection against the Covid virus among our staff and families.

Thank you again for all your support, and for loving the preschool.

Michele Revis

Director of Creative Beginnings



*Jesus said, Suffer little children,
and forbid them not, to come
unto me: for of such is the
kingdom of heaven.
– Matthew 19:14 (KJV)*

WORSHIP WITH US!

King Street Contemporary Worship

Saturday, 5 pm • Fellowship Hall (when church reopens)

Children's Bible Study • Saturday 9 am • via Zoom

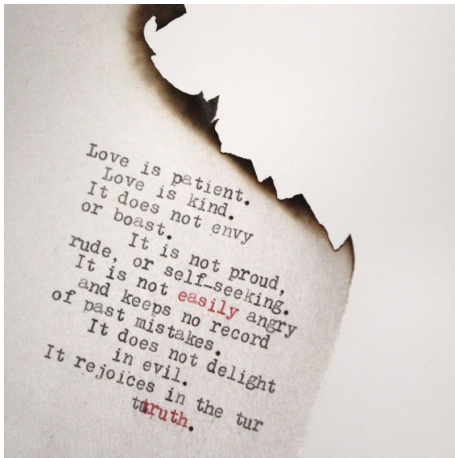
Youth Meeting • Saturday, 1–3 pm

Traditional Worship

Sunday 11 am in the Sanctuary (when church reopens)

Otherwise, JOIN US ONLINE!

Website: Hendersonvillepc.org • Facebook: [#hendersonvillepc](https://www.facebook.com/hendersonvillepc)



What to look forward to in February

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17. This is a season of reflection and preparation as we look toward Easter, thinking about the sacrifice that Christ made for us.

Pastor Rob continues his sermon series on worship. If you missed any of the timely sermons, you can access those on the church website.

For those of you who know Ms. Margaret, she will be turning 99 on February 9. Send her a card, if you get a chance. (See photo story below.)



Children's Ministry

The children are meeting via Zoom for our Saturday morning class at 9:00 A.M. This month we are chasing God. We are learning what it means to seek God and how to draw closer to Him. We will be discovering what we should do to feed our spirit. Contact Lorna at Kids@hendersonvillepc.org for password information on joining the Zoom call.



Student Ministry

Student ministry meets weekly to connect and to talk about Jesus. In January we had a bonfire, played putt-putt and went for a family hike. Our meeting time will be Saturday from 1-3 until further notice.



We look forward to continuing our study of Mark indoors when we are able to do so.

We will send out weekly texts with information regarding upcoming events. If you would like to be added to that text chain, please email Laura at students@hendersonvillepc.org.

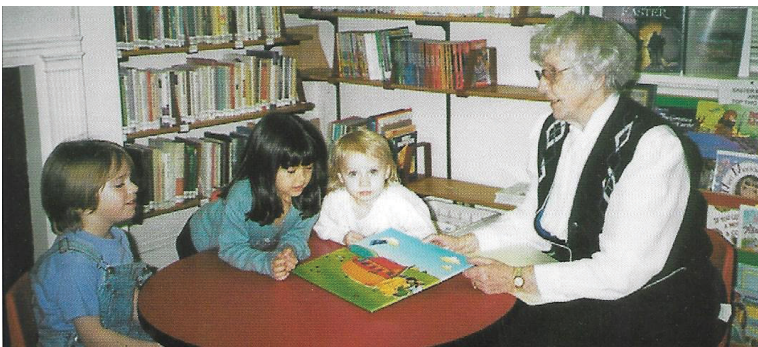


Ms. Margaret Regeness has a birthday soon!

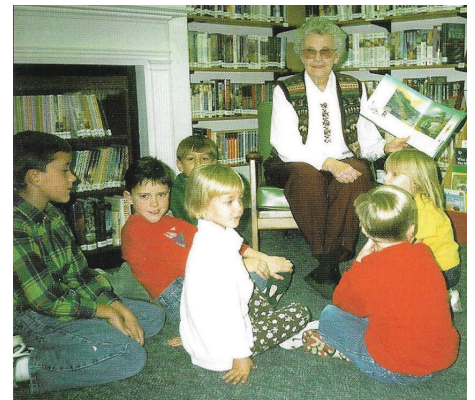
Ms. Margaret, who served many years as our church librarian, will celebrate her 99th birthday on February 9th!

A great lover of youngsters, Ms. Margaret could often be seen over the years sharing her love of books with groups of children gathered in the library.

We love you Ms. Margaret!



These photos were scanned from old Church Directories. The one on the left is from 2002, and the one on the right is from 2000.



LIBRARY NEWS



Being unsure about having a book to review this month, you can understand the delight I felt when my good friend and church member, Betsy Price, gifted me with a book written by a dear friend of hers. The author, Barbara Spell, wrote and taught a women's Bible study on marriage for many years. Betsy had been a part of these studies when she lived in Houston, Texas.

This book, *The Exceptional Wife*, won my heart with its well written words for wives of any age. I have never looked at the Bible story of Adam and Eve as Barbara writes, "Even in a perfect world with a perfect spouse, Adam and Eve acted without regard to God and His words. They violated every principle addressed in this book. The helper didn't help. The head didn't lead. The head didn't follow his Head. The wife listened to a strange serpent rather than her husband. Reverence for God, respect for the husband, and protection of the wife were missing". . . read this book and see how your spousal relationship can grow and blossom after one year or more than fifty.

In this Valentine's month, let the words in this book remind you of the love, joy, anticipation and hope you were filled with on your wedding day. Let it also remind you that we need the Lord's help for a good marriage takes three.

In *The Exceptional Wife*, author Barbara Spell shares what God says about a wife's role in marriage. They are words that can change us and the way we look at our husbands. They are words that help us make sense out of

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Victor Luttmann, Carol Stewart |
| 3 | Ginny Woodham |
| 6 | Donna Dalton, Ed Henderson, Vivianne Henry |
| 9 | Meredith Hickson, Margaret Regeness |
| 13 | Ellen Bashore-Elley, Paula Bonner |
| 14 | Cathey Gilbert, Sarah Walrath |
| 15 | Ralph Miller, Carol Saluppo, Keith Smith |
| 16 | Pete Hale |
| 18 | Norris Bond, Darlene Davey, Lynne Hemenway, Kim Justice |
| 19 | Kevin Reid |
| 21 | Ed Foster, Ana Morris |
| 22 | Glenn Compton |
| 23 | Ed Smith |
| 24 | Bob Mackay |
| 27 | Mary Beth Walls |



LOOKING

for something to do?

Let's make the most of the time we have on our hands these days. Would you make it a point to pick up your church directory or your homeowners directory—whatever) and call someone just to chat and see how they are doing?

It is so important during these times that no one feels alone or forgotten,

And, if you should find that an HPC member you call has a special need, whether for transportation or errand running, or for prayer, be sure and let the church office know about it.

You can call or email your concerns to:

office@hendersonvillepc.org • 828-692-3211

Library News—Continued

the most difficult aspects of marriage. They are words like helper, headship, submission, and respect.

What do these words mean in today's world? Why do we naturally resist the very words that can give life to our marriages? *The Exceptional Wife* addresses these issues with practical and powerful examples. God's love and encouragement speak in every chapter. Read this lovely book yourself or better yet, consider using it as a small group study.

Call me for access to library books, I miss seeing you!

—Sara Emel
713-882-0413

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER



Frank Ahern
Jean Austin
Ray and Beverly Barstow
Jeanie Beinert
Carol Broyles
Lloyd and Sharon Candell
Teresa Compton
Deanna Crawford
Nadine Dillon
Jahneil Durham
Chuck Emel
Nancy England
Jim Finch
Marilyn Haynes
Ed and Barbara Henderson
Charlie Horne
Bob Hollis
Ginger Houlton
Mark Lemelman
Nancy Payne
Bobbie and Dave Radcliffe
Joanne Radman
Ed Smith
Irene Solbakken
Geri Sorrell
Tim Starke
Linda Stephens
Larry Stepp, Sr
Dave Stewart
Jack Townsend
Bob and Sarah Walrath
Heidi Weicker
Paul and Anita Weinert
Jan Alford's brother Jake
Rick Austin's mother
Clara Baynes mother-in-law
Gil & Carol Broyles grand-daughter Kristen and Jeff

Deanna Crawford's friend
Eddie Youngblood
Donna Dalton's grandson Ryan
Maureen Heaphy's sister
Lynn Moore
Bob and Linda Hollis' son Scott
Don and Brenda Holmer's son-in-law Mitch
Eva House's family in loss of cousin Robin
Eva House's daughter-in-law's Richard and Mary Wolfe
Dick and Eva House's friends: Evelyn Douglas, June Beddingfield, Becky Knapp, The Hollers, Ray and Christie Strickland and neighbor Charlene Harris
Ben and Willie Johnson's grand-daughter Kathryn
Tanya Jones' friend Diane Gardner husband and grandson
Nancy Lindsay's mother Pat
Betty Muller's granddaughter Chelsey Mossberg
Nancy Payne's son Chris
Glenn Richardson's friends Jeff and Renee Wuff
Peggy Richardson's friends Roger and Brenda Peters
Dale and Anita Rozell's son-in-law Danny
Lynette Stark's mother
Bette Lee Taylor's friend Barbara's daughter Carolyn
Bette Lee Taylor's daughters Kristin and Julie
Bob Thrower's friend Doug Bowles

And All Those in Military Service

The Matthews' son Nick and wife Alaura in South Carolina; their son Pete and wife Laura in Arizona, and their son Sam in Virginia; and John Woodham's son Tee

Hospital Visitation Schedule

Feb 7	John Van Wagoner	832-647-7880
Feb 14	Priscilla Haynes	772-979-2624
Feb 21	Ragena White	828-458-8229
Feb 28	Judy Van Wagoner	713-582-5114

Thanks to all involved in hospital visitation

Let's show our love to our shut-ins with cards, prayers and visits.

Nadine Dillon
Accordius Health
200 Heritage Circle
Hendersonville, NC 29891

Rosie Pardue
Wesley Court Assisted Living
916 Wesley Court
Boiling Springs, SC 29316

Irene Solbakken
Carolina Reserve - Laurel Park
1825 Pisgah Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28791

*** At Home**
See Church Directory

*** Ray and Beverly Barstow**
*** Geri Sorrell**
*** Ardie Steven**



For prayer chain concerns, please call:

Tanya Jones at 692-8678 or the church office.

IAM
INTERFAITH
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (IAM) helps citizens of Henderson County who are in financial need.

The IAM pantry focus for FEB - (based on last year's requests) canned fruit, dry cereal, coffee, baby wipes, paper towels and toilet paper

Clothing needs: Big need right now is warmth for winter - blankets, coats and shoes for children and adults, all sizes, and winter gloves for adults. Also girls clothing sizes 0-24 mos.

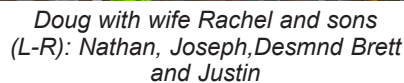
Another need now is for queen size bed liners.

You can leave your donations at the church.



**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
USA – NORTH CAROLINA**

Doug is now part of a new EPC church plant in Asheville. He is on the leadership team. It is exciting to have another EPC church in the area!



Both committees thank you.



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Tracking David aboard the Logos Hope

It's a new year and some of you may be wondering where David and the crew of the *Logos Hope* are docked now. Currently the ship is in St. Vincent and the Grenadines Islands.

The ship and its crew spent almost three months in the Bahamas, traveling between Freeport and the northern island of



Abaco. They waited for governmental permission to travel and loaded up with supplies in Freeport before sailing to North Abaco Island to do relief and reconstruction work on homes devastated by Hurricane Dorian in 2019. Teams from the ship were ferried ashore to join another ministry, the *Pacific Hope*, bringing eye glass testing and fittings, dental care, and home repair. What a change from the bookstore and aboard-ship ministry that the crew ordinary does. What an eye-opening experience. But the outcome was the same – sharing the hope and love of Jesus Christ.

The crew traveled on to St Vincent in early December. Still under lockdown orders, the crew celebrated the month of December with weekly Advent services, seasonal performances, singing carols, and sharing traditional holiday foods and other traditions.

The crew was cleared to go ashore beginning Christmas Day. They had Christmas week off, so David went ashore with a group of his friends to hike to a volcano. Another time, David and several other crew members took some vacation time to rent out an Air B&B for several days. They went into the city to talk with people, but social distancing made it difficult to connect and share.

The country is once again under voluntary lockdown, so there is no off-ship ministry happening now. David spends his time welding, training other crew members, participating in praise and worship, maintaining intimacy with the Lord, and learning lots of patience.

David extended his ministry tour until the middle of February. However, he surprised us by telling us his supervisor asked him to stay a couple extra weeks to train a recruit coming aboard with the next wave of recruits. David hopes to introduce him (or her) to the welding responsibilities aboard the ship. He had an experienced welder 'hand off' to him, and he wants this new person to have the same opportunity.

Some prayer requests for David and the crew – pray for the safe arrival of 40+ new recruits joining the ship. God's direction in planning for visits to ports in 2021. Despite the pandemic, God would bless the ministry to people of St. Vincent. Give wisdom, direction to David as he nears end of his term.

Submitted by Jan Demirgian

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON OR VIA LIVE STREAMING

INVITE A FRIEND
to share our Saturday
or Sunday service in person
or join us online for
11 am Sunday Worship.

Go to:

hendersonvillepc.com
click on "Worship" and follow
the simple instructions.

Also available on our
Facebook page
(#hendersonvillepc).

Video of past services are
available on our website,
Facebook and on YouTube.



LOOKING



for something to do?

It's so disappointing to go to the mailbox and all you find are bills and political post cards.

Why not send a "thinking of you" card or other note to any of the folks listed on page 9, or to anyone you know who is shut in for any reason.

On Page 8 is a list of all our church members who have a birthday in February. Because of the pandemic, It might be lonely day for some of them. How about sending a birthday card! A birthday phone call would be nice too.



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Support Operation Christmas Child throughout the Year

This year our church shoeboxes went to the countries of Honduras, Madagascar, Mali, and Tanzania. It is always interesting to read about the countries our boxes go to and imagine what life must be like for a child living there. Each country has its unique beauty and mystique and each one has its own problems.

We would like to share a story from Samaritan's Purse of a child that lives in one of these countries:

Finoana, 9, received a shoebox gift in Madagascar and especially appreciated the small red car in his box. He went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program, and there accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. After also learning how to share His faith with others, he gathered some children near his home and preached the Gospel to them. Today, he goes door-to-door with a notebook asking people how he can pray for them. He records the requests in his book, and prays for them fervently. "I sometimes wake up at 2 or 3 a.m. and pray for these people. I also lead a small prayer group with my grandmother," he said. Finoana is now on his second prayer notebook and wants to become a preacher when he grows up.

This is just one of the many stories we receive of how a simple shoebox can change not only a child's life but those around them. Please continue to pray for the children receiving our shoeboxes and for this ministry in the coming year.



OCC February Needs Socks • Underwear • T-shirts

Collecting Used Christmas Cards



We can use your old Christmas cards to make bookmarks to put in each shoebox for children to use with their New Testament and the booklet, "The Greatest Journey."

Also Milk Bottle Tops

Any color - we use them to make Tic-Tac-Toe game pieces. Be sure to rinse them first!



Hang onto these things and bring them to church when you can.