



# The Newsletter of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

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## Almost Here!



I have been talking with people who have been visiting the Church since we have been reopened and each of them asks, "Is your family here?" To which I give the same response, "They will be soon." But that has been the same answer on and off for almost 9 months. "They will be soon." But soon is a relative term. 9 months ago, soon was within the year. In January, soon was within 6 months. Now, soon is by July. It is so close! I am slightly excited, as is my wife, Stacy. She said to me this week, as I was showing her the flowers and buds which are blooming already and she was sitting by the fire with snow coming down again, "I am excited to be there! I have been in an Eight Year Freeze! I am looking forward to thawing!" I said to her, "Well, it is almost here!"

Almost here. I cannot wait. But again, that is a relative term. Christmas is almost here.

As I write this article, I will be leaving tomorrow to begin a 2-month transition. When I was called to be your new pastor, the Search Committee approved me returning to Colorado to coach my girls' last season of High School soccer. So, I will have one foot in Colorado and one foot in North Carolina from now until July. I will be back for many weekends at HPC but gone throughout the week days. As such, each week one of our elders will be on call in case you need a visit, prayer, or someone to be there because of something going on in life. Susan Thompson, in the church office, will be able to put you in contact with that person. It will also be in the bulletin beginning in May. Please pray for my family as we conclude our time in Colorado and begin the transition to North Carolina as a family this time.

The weekends I am with you, we will be looking at more of the Minor Prophets. We will begin Jonah in May. Take some time to read the story of Jonah...the one from the Bible, not from the VBS memories you have or from the flannel graph in the Sunday school class you attended. Take some time to read the entire prophesy of Jonah and look for God's grace being shown prior to the earthly arrival of Jesus Christ. One thing we will find is that Almighty God is a God of Second Chances!

God is a God of do-overs, as we discussed a few weeks ago. God is a lover of souls, and God loves you and me, and longs for us to reciprocate that love. We show our love for God in the way we love, serve, and show grace to others around us. My prayer for this time in the life of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church is that we might become known as people of Grace—loving, serving, and sharing grace with those within this faith family, within this community of Henderson County, and within our spheres of influence where we live and do life regularly. Be salt and light in this world! Because the truth is, the Kingdom of God is at hand! And I believe that Jesus is Almost Here!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Rob*



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## Session Highlights - March 15 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 session met in-person with all twelve elders for the first time in a year and with Deacon Judy Van Wagoner.

Great news! The bus running for the 11:00 service will again be picking up members at Carolina Village and on its previous route beginning shortly.

The Finance Ministry reported that April appears to be a very strong month and we are in a very strong position going into the summer which is usually our weakest giving period, as we had a \$20,000 net positive after paying March quarterly benevolences payments

The Pastor reported on several positive and joyful events over the Lent through Easter season. The church office will officially be closed 11:30 - 12:30 Mondays through Wednesdays but the building will be open with volunteer staffing.

Personnel Issues from the Pastor: Kate Hurley, the King Street worship leader, is currently working on a week-by-week contract basis until after her marriage and relocation is worked out. Rick Stewart, bookkeeper, is planning to retire between July 1 and August 1. Lorna Bashore, children's ministry, is moving, and has tendered her resignation effective May 22. Session reviewed the hiring process to be followed for their replacements.

Outreach, Personnel and Administration Ministries had no action proposal, but all are up and working diligently behind the scenes.

Discipleship Ministry (formerly Christian Education) requested an addition to the "Protecting Children, Youth, and Adults During Church Activities" policy to cover the safe process to be used in mentoring youth and children for both the children and the adults involved.

Member Life Ministry will reserved The Ranch for September 19 date for our Annual Church Picnic.

Worship Ministry will return to serving communion on the first Sunday of the month for both worship services, continuing to use little packets. The King Street Worship service will move back to Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on August 1. Phone calls will be made to those who participated in the previous 8:30 service to very intentionally invite them to join either the new 9:00 service or the 11:00 service,

Two Commissioners to the presbytery meeting on Saturday, April 24, were approved as Mimi Jamieson and Andy Morris. General Assembly will be June 22-25 in Memphis. Elders were requested to start to think about whether they might be able to serve as one of our two commissioners. Both of these meeting will be available via ZOOM.

The class of 2023 volunteered the second elder for the Officer Nominating Committee. The second elder, unanimously approved, was Deanna Crawford, who will serve as Vice Chair this year and Chair next year. The current Chair will notify the groups who nominate members of the committee to put forward their nominees for the ONC.

There was a closing roundtable of prayer followed by laying on of hands and prayers for healing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mimi Jamieson, Clerk

**Deacon's Meeting - May 10, 6 pm**  
**Session Meeting - May 17 6:30 pm**

## TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**Charles (Chuck) Emel**

**April 23, 2021**

**Thomas (Tom) Books**

**April 30, 2021**

*Our Christian sympathy  
is extended to their  
families and friends.*

## UPDATE DEADLINE

Deadline for the UPDATE is the 21st of each month. If you have information or articles for the June UPDATE, please get them to us by May 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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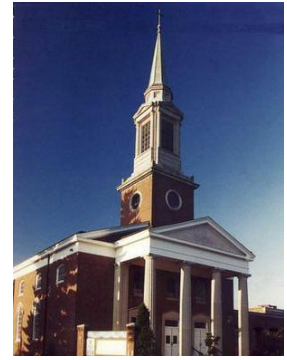
## Prayer Wall during Holy Week



Above (1) (L-R): Priscilla, Bill, Bob and Lorna with the finished wall.

Below (2): Bill and Lorna lovingly apply the finishing touches.

During Holy Week, a prayer wall was erected under the portico. This provided members of the congregation and the public the opportunity to submit prayers of thanksgiving, prayers of repentance, and prayers of supplication to the Lord. About 60 prayers were submitted through the wall. Following Easter Sunday service, the prayers were gathered, blessed in prayer, along with an appeal for God to bend His ear toward us. A fire was lit and the prayers were burned along with some frankincense and myrrh, creating a sweet aroma for the Lord.



### **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

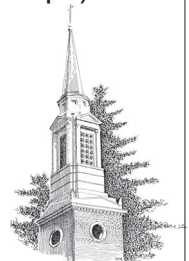
## **INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON OR VIA LIVE STREAMING**

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

Go to:

hendersonvillepc.org  
click on "Worship" and follow  
the simple instructions.  
Also available on our  
Facebook page  
(#hendersonvillepc).

Videos of past  
services are  
available on our  
website and on  
Facebook .





**A Memorial Service**  
for  
**JACK TOWNSEND**  
will be held  
**Sunday, May 16**  
**2:30 pm**  
in the Sanctuary.  
**The Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell**  
will officiate.

**Please come and help  
celebrate Jack's life.**



## The Great Commission

After His resurrection Jesus commanded his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20:

*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."*

## Good News Club - UPDATE

Despite the restrictions of Covid-19, Good News Club (GNC) and its' parent organization, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), are alive and well. The Good News Clubs have not been present in the schools since March of 2020; however, our area CEF organizations have remained creative. A 5-week online Zoom GNC was presented in the spring of 2020. As schools and childcare centers began to open, CEF offered 6-week clubs to whomever would allow them in.

Currently there are six clubs functioning in Henderson and Buncombe Counties. There's a thriving club at Leicester Elementary in Buncombe County. The rest of the clubs are now being offered at alternative locations—churches, childcare centers, and a personal home. Holding a club at a church facility has provided an opportunity for the church members to connect with club families and invite them to attend services.

Two of the clubs are ministering to African American communities, with a heart to bring racial reconciliation. The GNC hosted at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Asheville has children ranging from young elementary to middle school. They have seen 10 children pray to receive Christ as Savior. PTL! Christine Avery Learning Center in Asheville is another multi-racial and multi-age facility to open to a Good News Club. Little Blessings Childcare Center is the only Henderson County club now running, presenting three back-to-back clubs on Wednesday afternoons for five weeks. There is a 3-year-old club, 4-5-year-old club and an elementary-aged club. It makes for a lively and varied afternoon.

Another exciting change is the development of the Mini Spectacular ministry. In years past, HPC has supported the Spectacular held at the Ag Center in Fletcher. CEF provided free snow cones, popcorn and drinks, puppet shows, bounce houses, and one-on-one gospel presentations to all who attended. Since mass gatherings have been prohibited, CEF has planned to present Mini Spectaculars at various locations in the area. CEF purchased a van, popcorn and snow cone machines, and the bounce house equipment.

CEF hopes to offer up to six Mini Spectaculars this year. Three are scheduled for this spring. Stay tuned for announcements and volunteer signups. (See next page.)

In past years, HPC has budgeted money and provided volunteers to host a Good News Club at Bruce Drysdale Elementary. Because of the virus, the Bruce Drysdale GNC will not open until this Fall. The principal has enthusiastically invited us back. Since we are not hosting a club now, some of our Club funds will be reallocated to help fund the Mini Spectaculars and to provide summer camp scholarships for two club children at CEF's Camp Good News in Fairview, NC.



*Good News Club at  
Rock Hill Missionary  
Baptist Church in  
Asheville*



# Child Evangelism Fellowship presents Good News Mini-Spectaculars

**May 15, 10 am-1 pm**

Calvary Chapel  
Mills River, NC 28759

**June 19, Time TBA**

Mud Creek Baptist Church  
Hendersonville, NC 28739

## **100% Free, Family, Fun Day**

Based on the CEF mega outreach events, the Mini Spectaculars utilize inflatables, entertainment, and refreshments to reach children with the Gospel of Christ. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, mega events are not feasible now, but smaller venues are offering a safe alternative. They will be utilizing a highly effective procedure to cleanse all the bounce surfaces of the virus.

HPC Outreach and Evangelism Ministry supports CEF and has sponsored its Good News Club at Bruce Drysdale School for several years. Again, because of the pandemic, Good News Clubs are not currently meeting, so HPC has diverted some of the funds that would have paid for club activities to these mini-spectacular family events.

If you are interested in bringing your family (and all the neighbors' kids) to enjoy a few hours of fun and fellowship please feel welcome! And, if you'd like to volunteer to help, that would be welcome as well.

Contact Jan Demirgin or Brenda Bradshaw if you have questions or want to help!



## **WORSHIP WITH US!**

Our regular schedule is as follows:

**King Street**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
**Saturday, 5 pm • Fellowship Hall**

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

**Youth Bible Study**  
**Saturday, 4 pm • In Youth Room**

**Traditional Worship**  
**Sunday 11 am • in the Sanctuary**  
**or**

**JOIN US ONLINE**

**Website: [Hendersonvillepc.org](http://Hendersonvillepc.org)**

**Facebook: [#hendersonvillepc](https://www.facebook.com/hendersonvillepc)**

# MUSIC NOTES

## A message from Gayle



Music, the love of music, composing and writing music, listening to and enjoying music is a gift from God. Each genre contains good music. Each style has a beauty. I have often reflected, "the music of heaven will be so glorious, we have never heard a sound which would compare." In Psalms, we are encouraged to "make a joyful noise," "praise God with the sound of the trumpet," "praise God on the stringed instrument and flute," and to "dance for joy." Knowing God gives us the joy to praise him in such appropriate and exuberant ways.

Music, I believe, does not have to be "church" music to be inspirational. Each singer is anointed with their special presentation; God inspires art of all types and music of all styles. I'll list some music I enjoy.

Some popular music I have found inspirational include: "I Whistle a Happy Tune," by Oscar Hammerstein and Richard Rogers; "I Hope You Dance," by Mark D. Sanders and Tia Sillers, "Angels Among Us," by Don Goodman and Becky Hobbs; "Everything is Beautiful in Its Own Way," by Ray Stevens; "Que Sera, Sera," by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans; "Great Day," by Roger Edens; "Shout Hallelujah, Come on, Get Happy," by Harold Arlen and Ted Koehler; "The Shadow Proves the Sunshine," by Jon Foreman; "April Showers," by B.G. DeSylva and Louis Silvers; "Make Your Own Kind of Music," by Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil; "No One Like You," by Andra Willis Muhoberae as sung by Jon Denver in 1983 to Kermit's nephew Robin on the Muppets Special; and "Count on Me," by Phillip Lawrence, Ari Levine, and Bruno Mars. These are not centered on God; but can be enjoyed in our daily life for their encouraging messages for daily living; even though we would not sing them "in church." God delights in our merry heart.

Some newer Christian music with lyrics to lift our spirits includes "Friends are Friends Forever," by Michael W. Smith; "How Can I Keep From Singing," by Robert Lowry; "Bring Back the Springtime," by Kurt Kaiser; "Because He Lives," by Gloria and William Gaither; "Freely, Freely," by Carol Owens; "They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love," by Peter Scholtes; "Above All," by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc; "Somebody's Prayin'," by John G. Elliott, "Spirit of the Living God," by our own Daniel Iverson for whose memorial service I played at this church in the seventies; "O Rejoice in the Lord," by Ron Hamilton, who presented a workshop at my request sponsored by Covenant Presbyterian in the eighties; and "When Memory Fades," by Mel Bringle, a staff member at Brevard College, who has presented hymn workshops for our Blue Ridge Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Some older hymns with an everlasting message are "Count Your Blessings," by Edwin O. Excel; "The Love of God," by Frederick M. Lehman; "God is Working His Purpose Out," by Arthur Campbell Ainger and Martin Shaw; "Father, I Know That All My Life," by Anna L. Waring and Charles Steggall; "At the Name of Jesus," by Caroline M. Noel and Ralph Vaughan Williams; and "May the Mind of Christ My Savior," by Kate B. Wilkinson and A. Cyril Barham-Gould. The last is public domain- allowing me to share the words:

"May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and power controlling all I do and say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his power. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self-abasing, this is victory. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him."

—Gayle Stepp

## Creative Beginnings



This year has flown by! It is hard to believe that our Four and Five-Year-olds will soon be leaving us.

Please pray that all the seeds of the Gospel that we have planted will come to full fruition. For most of the children, this will be their one and only Christian school. We are not able to extend an invitation to our graduation program that will be held in Jackson Park in May due to the restrictions of outdoor gatherings, but we want you to partner with us in prayer that the children will thrive in public school and in our community as the children that God has created them to be.

During the month of April, we had a fabulous Day Apart with our families. They attended the ECCO Aquarium and the Pisgah Gem Mine, which are both located on Main Street. We had the Hendersonville Police department and the Hendersonville Fire department come to visit us on April 26th and 27th to teach the children about Community Helpers. (See photos on next page.)

We are excited about our upcoming Summer Art Fun program and the upcoming fall semester. We still have spaces available for both, so if you know someone seeking a loving, Christian, school family, please refer them to Creative Beginnings.

Thank you so very much for your outpouring of love, support, and prayers for the preschool. Continue to pray about our enrollment, our scholarship program, and three new teachers that need to be hired for the fall.

Thank you for the outpouring of scholarship donations from the Easter Giving Tree. Your money will be used to bless a family who would like to enroll their child in our loving Christian preschool family.

Blessings,

Michele Revis

## Creative Beginnings



*The Creative Beginnings students learn about the Fire Department!*



*And a very nice officer talked with them and showed them his specially-equipped police car.*

## HELP WANTED

### CAN YOU HELP with Live Streaming?

We need a few more helpers who are able to sit in the balcony on a Sunday morning (probably only one Sunday a month) to help with the Live Streaming of our 11 am service. It isn't difficult, and training takes just a short while. Please contact Maureen Heaphy to volunteer: [heaphym813@gmail.com](mailto:heaphym813@gmail.com) or 828-513-1363

**LIGHTS  
CAMERA  
ACTION !**

## Children & Youth & Families



Photo by Kevin Butz on Unsplash

### Thank you, Lorna!

Lorna Bashore has served as the Director of Children's Ministry at HPC for 2-1/2 years.

This year, she has faithfully hosted Children's Sunday school online every Saturday morning. Each week, the children worship, learn, and pray, learning about God's heart for each of them and how to pursue God. She has decided to retire from this position to more fully pursue her calling to prayer ministry.

Help us thank Lorna for her time in ministry by having your child(ren) write her a letter. Bring your letters to church by May 22.

### Children's Ministry



The children continue to meet via Zoom on Saturday mornings at 9:00am. By the end of May, they will conclude the adventure of Chasing God and discovering the Secret Place.

The children are finding out where the Secret Place is, how they get there, and what they do there. They are learning to listen to the voice of the Lord, appreciate His goodness and love for us, and how to spend time with Him.

If you desire to participate, contact Lorna for the special super secret code.

Contact Lorna—  
[Kids@hendersonvillepc.org](mailto:Kids@hendersonvillepc.org)  
for the Zoom code to join the class.

### Student Ministry



Students meet on Saturday afternoons at 4pm in the youth room. We are studying the book of Mark. Youth also meet once a month to worship together in order to help lead worship at King St.

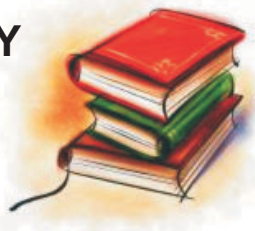
If you know a youth who would be interested in participating, let Laura know.

### Dates to look forward to:

**April 24, 3–5 pm--Game afternoon.** This event was postponed due to many of our students being unable to participate. We will meet at church, outside on the playground if the weather is nice and inside in the game room if it is raining.

**May 29--River fun.** Let's hope the sun is shining bright for an afternoon on the river. More information to come.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### The Prodigal Son

On Sunday, March 24, Pastor Robb gave us a powerful sermon, based on the scriptural story of the Prodigal Son. During this sermon, he reference three books which alerted the librarian in me. I was delighted to find two of these books on our shelves, both located in the Christian Living section. Both small books, they approach this story in very different ways.

The first book I will highlight for you, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, is by a well known writer, Henri J.M Nouwen. This charming book will wash over you with the story of his seeing a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting of the Prodigal Son and thus beginning a long spiritual adventure. It led him to discover the place within him where God has chosen to dwell.

Read this book and enjoy his beautiful descriptions of the effect the painting had on his personal life journey.

The second book, *The Prodigal God*, written by Timothy Keller, imparts how we as Christians are to find the message in this story of the Prodigal Son. He uncovers the essential message that God gives grace to both the irreligious and those who are more moralistic. He breaks down the story into parts where each of us can find ourselves and be assured that we have God's grace upon us.

Small books. . . yes!  
—amazing interpretations, yes!

—Sara Emel

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Shannon Stevens
- 2 Bill Campbell, Bill Neuenschwander
- 5 Pat Jurima
- 9 Lloyd Candell , Al Manfre
- 11 Barbara Norris
- 12 Rosie Pardue
- 14 Terry Crawford
- 15 Kathie Hunter, Caleb Stephens, Cole Stephens
- 16 Gil Broyles, Klaus Conrad, Joy Mast
- 17 Clay Haskins
- 19 Martha Guice, Irene Solbakken
- 20 Barry Macdonald
- 21 Carolyn Cavallone
- 22 Maureen DiRienzo, Fran Ohlsen
- 24 Marlene Jiminez, David Demirgian
- 25 Dick House
- 29 Nadine Dillon
- 31 Eloise Murray



### An Invitation

SCRIPTURE AWAKENING

## Legacy Dinner

Scripture Awakening (SA), a supported mission of our church, invites you to a "Legacy Dinner" on May 20 to share the excitement about programs being developed and the variety of ways individuals and organizations within the community can support SA. Because of early interest, a second identical event has been scheduled for June 22.

Led by Dr. Bill Campbell, SA has recently enhanced programs you may already be familiar with, such as Bible in 90 Days, and is in the process of developing entirely new concepts of building scriptural awareness and discipleship. All these programs will be featured at the event. It will be an enjoyable gathering with a number of informative displays and presentations as well as appealing and varied dinner selections. Social distancing will be observed.

The Legacy Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 20, (and again on Tuesday June 22) beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Cascades Mountain Resort in Hendersonville. Seating is by reservation only. Cost is \$50 per person. Tables for eight may be reserved at a discounted price. Pick up your invitation on the literature table in the elevator lobby, or visit [scriptureawakening.com](http://scriptureawakening.com) and click on "Legacy Dinner" to make your reservation.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his  
one and only Son, that whoever believes in him  
shall not perish but have eternal life.*

—John 3:16

# 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  
Reva Dixon  
Jauhneil Durham  
Len and Ruth Dykstra  
Nancy England  
Marilyn Haynes  
Ed and Barbara Henderson  
Charlie Horne  
Bob Hollis  
Ginger Houlton  
Willie Johnson  
Mark Lemelman  
Wendy and Dennis McConville  
Betty Muller  
Nancy Payne  
Bobbie Radcliffe  
Don and Joanne Radman  
Glenn and Peggy Richardson  
Fran Rochester  
Ed Smith  
Irene Solbakken  
Geri Sorrell  
Linda Stephens  
Dave Stewart  
Bob and Sarah Walrath  
Heidi Weicker  
Paul and Anita Weinert



.Jan Alford's brother Jake  
Rick Austin's mother  
Gil & Carol Broyles' granddaughter  
Kristen and Jeff  
Deanna Crawford's friend  
Eddie Youngblood  
Donna Dalton's grandson Ryan  
Reva Dixon's daughter and son-in-law  
Bob and Linda Hollis' son Scott  
Don and Brenda Holmer's  
son-in-law Mitch  
Dick and Eva House's friends:  
Evelyn Douglas, Cathy Easterbrook,  
Charlene Harris, the Hollers,  
Becky Knapp  
Tanya Jones' friend Bobby Gardner  
Nancy Lindsay's mother Pat  
Larry Mobley's friend's daughter-  
in-law Jordan King  
Betty Muller's granddaughter  
Chelsey Mossberg  
Nancy Payne's son Chris  
Glenn Richardson's friends Jeff  
and Renee Wuff  
Dale and Anita Rozell's  
son-in-law Danny  
Lynette Stark's mother  
Lynette and Tim Stark's  
daughter Wendy  
Linda Stephens' friend's baby Hudson  
Dale & Linda Stephens'  
granddaughter Poet  
Bette Lee Taylor's friend Barbara's  
daughter Carolyn  
Bette Lee Taylor's daughters  
Kristin and Julie

## And All Those in Military Service

Chris and Beth Matthews' son Nick and wife Alaura in SC,  
their son Pete and wife Laura in AZ, and son Sam in VA,  
and John Woodham's son Tee

## Hospital Visitation Schedule

May 2	Donna Dalton	828-674-0335
May 9	Judy Van Wagoner	713-582-5114
May 16	Deanna Crawford	828-513-7272
May 25	John Van Wagoner	828-647-7880
May 30	Scott Perry	828-696-5764

Thanks to all involved in hospital visitation

*"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills,  
from whence comes my strength."  
—Psalms 121:1*

**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  
\* Sylvia Honeycutt  
\* Geri Sorrell**

**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 FOOD focus for MAY-** peanut  
butter & jelly, pasta sauce, fruit  
juice, dry milk, Raman noodles,  
canned fruits and vegetables..

Also toilet paper, deodorant  
diapers, especially sizes 4,5,6, and  
baby wipes. Other foods and per-  
sonal care items are always wel-  
come.

**CLOTHING** needs: new children's  
clothes (boys & Girls) Newborn-5T;  
new mens undershorts/briefs, LG-  
2XL; women's underwear, M-L;  
Men's shoes, 7-9; Adult men &  
women's socks all sizes, new boys  
shoes, size 2. Casual skirts &  
Dresses for girls and women.

Leave your donations at the church.  
Or, use the drive thru at IAM to  
drop off your gifts.



## It's never too early to think about Christmas!

There are some important dates for you to know for Operation Christmas Child mission work.

- Pennies for shoeboxes July 18 & November 21
- Pack-A-Box Party: October 30, November 6 & 13
- Collection Week: November 15 - 22

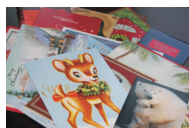
It is never too early to start shopping for items for OCC shoeboxes. As you see great buys on small toys, hygienic items, hats, flip-flops or other items routinely put in these shoeboxes, please purchase them as you are able.

**The focus in May is hair accessories and combs.**

### OCC can use . . .

#### Your old 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.*

**The 2020 annual summary from Samaritan's Purse reports:**

*"The pandemic didn't impede our efforts to disciple children in 2020 through The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson Bible course for shoebox recipients that teaches kids how to become faithful followers of Jesus and how to share Him with others.*

*"In all, over 3.5 million children participated in The Greatest Journey in 2020 and over 1.3 million came to faith in Jesus!"*

*"Over in Uganda, boxes were handed out to over 300 refugee children and 250 of them completed The Greatest Journey. At the graduation ceremony there was just enough food to feed the graduates, but hundreds of other children showed up. Our ministry partners didn't turn away a single child. They trusted God, and 750 children were fed from the food that had been prepared. Praise God!"*

Remember that each box reaches not only a child, but also reaches out to his or her family and community. Blessings are multiplied. Isn't God an amazing God in how He works through all of us?

## David's Return from the Logos Hope

You may have seen a tall, bearded young man sitting in the traditional service. Yes, that is David Demirgian, recently returned from his 2 year-plus mission (915 days to be exact) aboard the Logos Hope.

When he left on March 15th, the ship was docked in Willemstad, Curacao. COVID lockdown on the island had been off and on, so ministry off-ship was sporadic. Crew members participated in prayer walks around town. David led a small group of new crew members in sharing with people they met to demonstrate the To-the-Street ministry (TTS). The last 2 weeks aboard ship, David spent training James, the replacement welder. James wasn't a welder by trade, but he had some welding experience and an aptitude to pick up the skills quickly. Please pray for James to develop skill and confidence as he takes on this new responsibility.

After David left the ship, he heard that the ship had returned to St. Vincent so the crew could all receive COVID vaccinations. While they were there, the crew handed out

water to residents who had been displaced by the volcanic eruptions that have been ongoing on the island. The crew used the ship's desalinization equipment (called reverse osmosis) to make drinking water. They were able to share literal 'living water' and encouragement with victims in need. The ship sailed back to Curacao where they will stay to complete drydock maintenance. Those crew members not involved in drydock will be temporarily reassigned to ministry in Curacao.

David is unsure of his future plans, but he is seeking the Lord to show him his next assignment. For the time being, he is living at home, working on construction projects, cleanup, and gardening jobs that require a strong back and good attitude. Praise the Lord, David has both. In the evenings, he is reconnecting with friends and cataloguing the thousands of photos and Whats App postings he accumulated over the two-plus years. He will work on



*David building garden beds*

making a presentation to the church in the future.

David is so grateful to the many friends and family that supported him. This ministry opportunity would not have been possible without the prayers and financial support that he received from members and friends of HPC. Please continue to ask the Lord to give clear direction to David about his future work. Pray for the crew of Logos Hope during dry dock, and the offshore crew as they minister and encourage the people of Curacao.

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# MISSIONARY CARE COMMITTEE

**DR. CHRISTOPHER AND  
DR. BETH MATTHEWS**  
Liebenzell Mission of USA  
SPAIN

Just last year, the Matthews moved to a new mission board, Liebenzell Mission of USA, under which Chris serves as general director as well as rector of Sevilla Theological Seminary in Spain. He also spends time researching the needs of the Spanish-speaking diaspora throughout Europe. Much traveling is involved as Chris ministers and leads education in Spain, Ecuador, Central America, England, Germany, Guam, Japan, and Zambia. Beth's doctoral degree in professional counseling enables her to help other missionaries with crisis situations, and to teach counseling at the seminary in Seville. When she's in Spain she helps Spanish ladies with difficult situations; and when she's back in her home state of North Carolina, she counsels Spanish-speaking people.

Chris recently traveled to Ecuador and was greeted at the airport by Kevin and Kathy Bruce, longtime Liebenzell Mission Ecuador missionaries. They drove Chris, along with videographer Renatto Abrego and Global Ministries Director Mike Branch to Iberra, elevation 7,300 feet, to meet members of the Liebenzell area council and learn more about their work. While in the area they met with other Liebenzell missionaries and traveled to the Liebenzell Conference Center in nearby Lita, where hundreds of children and adults have heard the Gospel over so many years and been saved.

Later, the Bruces drove Chris, Mike and Renatto to their home in Rio Verrde, among the Awá indigenous people.



Kevin and Kathy serve one church in their carport and another one in Palmira, 10 kilometers down a mountain road. At a combined church service in Palmira, Kevin preached and Chris spoke from Colossians 2. Afterwards they all enjoyed a delicious meal cooked over an open fire beside the church building. One day, they hope to construct a kitchen there.

Chris then had an opportunity to travel with missionary Rainer

Kroeger up and down the Andes mountains to visit the Afro-Ecuadorian people in their villages. These people had escaped slavery 300 years ago in Colombia and fled south to hide out in the mountains of Ecuador. Life has been hard for them ever since, as many still live in squalor, raise crops with difficulty on mountain slopes, and are dominated by fears of evil spirits in the trees, the rivers and the mountains. Some practice forms of voodoo, calling on witchdoctors to cast spells on their enemies.

Chris says that one of the more interesting moments came when he spoke with the 20 national missionaries, all native Ecuadorians, who serve in Liebenzell Ecuador. They identified strong need for further Bible and theological training, so Juan Burgueño of the Sevilla (Spain) seminary met with the entire group via video. He answered their questions and now a dozen of them have begun auditing seminary classes online to see if this is the kind of training they seek.

Among these 20 national missionaries, some serve Kichwa indigenous people by riding on motor bikes to get to their remote villages



## Designated Fund for Missionary Care and Local Missions

These two funds were established in September 2013 to replace the no longer available, long-standing Lovett Fund. The only source of monies now for missionary transportation costs for Table Talks or to preach; shortfalls; or special needs not covered by the church's annual Benevolence support, is from the Missionary Care Designated Fund.

When Henderson County organizations our church supports through Local Missions are in need of extra monies for their support, the only source is the Local Missions Designated Fund.

This is a reminder that, should you want to give to either of these accounts, please write your check to the church and on the bottom state either "For Missionary Care DF" or "For Local Missions DF."

Both committees thank you.

## 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 May. Because of the pandemic, it might be a lonely day for some of them. How about sending a birthday card! A birthday phone call would be nice too.



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*To all our Mothers . . .*

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she  
laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth  
with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness  
is on her tongue. She looks well to the  
ways of her household and does not eat  
the bread of idleness.

*—Proverbs 31:25-28*

*Happy Mothers Day  
with love and  
heartfelt thanks !*