



THE UPDATE

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FREEDOM

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During July, we celebrate Freedom! As a nation, we have read these words for years: "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

FREEDOM

The Declaration of Independence begins with those powerful words. And we know that the enacting of those concepts have come at a great cost. Freedom is not Free. It comes at a great cost!

It seems very clear to me that one of the greatest core values we hold as Americans is freedom.

From the large shadow cast by Lady Liberty to the even larger shadow cast by all of the elementary school children standing with hand over heart reciting the words of the Pledge of Allegiance; from the singing of the National Anthem to the flying of Old Glory; from the smell of good BBQ to the smell of fireworks being set ablaze; from the laughter being shared to the reminder of the "rocket's red glare" as we watch the sky emblazoned with color from the fireworks show; we are reminded by the images that we live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. What a privilege and honor it is to live with such a gift.

As wonderful of a gift that is though, as a Christian, we have been given something even more important and more valuable. We have been given freedom in Christ. For Christ has freed us from the tyranny and shackles of sin in our lives! And because of that gift, we are free to live as God created us to live - in fellowship with Him! We have been born into a sinful and broken world, and we have been born slaves to sin. In Romans, we are reminded that the "wages of sin is death...

...but, the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." In Christ, we have life. And because of Christ, we are truly free.

May we never forget the real cost of freedom, which was paid by Jesus on our behalf! I would encourage you to read the closing stanza of the Star Spangled Banner, by Francis Scott Key. Mr. Key espouses the truth that only through the sovereign power of God Almighty, could we truly be free! To that I say, "Amen! and Amen!"

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Our Prayer List
is available through
the church office.
You can pick one up
outside the office, or
request one from the
office
828-692-3211

Update
deadline is
July 19!

UPCOMING EVENTS



HPC Family Outing to the Asheville Tourists Game - Following the
Combined Worship Service - 7/30 Worship - 10:00 am
Lunch at the stadium - 12:00 pm
Game time - 1:05 pm
Tickets for Lunch and the Game - \$20/per person - \$50 max/family

THE KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS IS COMING!

The Kirkin' of the Tartans is scheduled for October 22 at 11:00 am. Anyone interested in carrying a tartan please let Gayle Stepp know. We are planning to use all of the tartans this year in the processional. Gayle will begin the process by sending letters to the previous carriers and those who have contacted her expressing interest in participating. We want to be sure everyone who wishes to carry a tartan has the opportunity!
Contact Gayle to express your interest.
lgstepp@att.net

LET'S CELEBRATE!

July Birthdays!

- July 1 Becky Haskins
- July 3 Linda Palmer
- July 5 Richard Cole
- July 6 Travis Ginn
- July 7 Dwayne Durham, Barbara Green
- July 9 Yorke Pharr
- July 11 Robin Matulich
- July 13 Mel Collins
- July 14 Robert Burns, John Walls
- July 15 Don Haynes, Brenda Holmer
- July 16 Carolyn Baker, Rosalind Bauer
- July 18 Jill Kutsch
- July 19 Jo Tyler
- July 22 Harold Gilbert, Kathy Reid
- July 23 Rena Johnson
- July 25 Linda Ander, Frank Felsburg
- July 27 Nancy Payne
- July 28 Neil Wise III

CONGRATULATIONS!

John Bayne graduated from Furman University in May with Summa Honors! John, we are proud of you!

We are also grateful for all the beautiful music John has provided HPC through the years!



KIDS CORNER

In July...

Join us Sunday mornings as we look at how Jesus is a gift for everyone! We will continue taking a closer look at our faith and what it looks like to live out faith in Jesus in our everyday lives.

Sundays, 11am - 12pm, in room #112



We have enjoyed some Wacky Wednesday Fun!

Upcoming dates for more fun:

July 5th, 12th, and 19th
2-4p on HPC Playground!

Thirsty for God's Word?

We are busy digging into the Bible on Thursdays in July!

Upcoming dates:
July 6th, 13th, & 20th



Get Ready for HPC's 5-Day Club 2023!

5-DAY CLUB

COMING TO HPC
July 24th-28th, 2023
6:30-8:15 p

**Bounce House!
Fun & Games!
Like Vacation
Bible School!**

**All rising
K-5th
graders!**

Register Today!
www.hendersonvillepc.org
(click Children's Ministry)

CEFF
CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP
Reaching children worldwide

Calling all Volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the 2023 5-Day Club!

We need help with registration, Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, and help with the lessons each evening! If you are interested, please contact Stacy McClelland or sign up in the Fellowship Hall to offer your gracious time and talent! dcm@hendersonvillepc.org

Show Some Love to our Homebound Members:

Nadine Dillon
Accordius Health
200 Heritage Cr.
Hendersonville, NC 29891

Jo Tyler
The Bridge @ Lake Pointe Landing
334 Thompson Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

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

Dona Mennella
The Bridge @ Lake Pointe Landing
334 Thompson Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

LIBRARY NEWS

Carolyn R. Baker,

Summer is upon us and what a good season to sit and read a good book. The library is featuring more Graham family writings this month including Ruth Bell Graham, and 2 daughters of Ruth and Billy, Ruth and Gigi. These books are found in the Christian Living section of our library.

First, by daughter Ruth is "Fear Not Tomorrow, God is Already There". This book features the fear we may face during times of change, uncertainty, and crisis, and how we can turn to hope and anticipation. This is timely for the climate of today's world.

Next by daughter Ruth is "A Legacy of Faith". This is a daughter's inside look at the famous Billy Graham. She writes about his love for the world, his Father, humility, and grace. What a loving book about her Daddy.

Daughter Gigi Tchividjian Graham wrote the next book, "Passing It On". This one is full of pictures for easy browsing, and we learn about her growing up as one of the five children in the Graham family. Gigi herself was a mother of seven so their picture story tells of generations of an American family.

Finally the poetry book by Billy Graham's wife, Ruth Bell Graham, "Sitting by My Laughing Fire", is beautiful reading, as she was a very talented poet. She wrote poetry throughout her life. This book includes photos as well.

Our church library has been enriched by the inclusion of the many books written by the Graham family. Choose one to enjoy this summer.

A MONTH IN REVIEW!

A FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS TO FRED AND NANCY LINDSAY!

On Sunday, May 28th, our congregation celebrated the many years of service and friendship Fred and Nancy Lindsay gave to our church. With cake, cards, hugs, and tears, we said goodbye to this beloved couple. Who will forget the delicious meals Nancy prepared on so many occasions? Or Fred's excellent guidance as a Stephen Minister? Their love and dedication will be sorely missed! We wish them much joy as they move closer to family in Indiana. Their new address can be obtained through the church office.



HENDERSON COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM OUTING:

We had a beautiful day on Friday, June 9th, to enjoy visiting the Heritage Museum on Main Street. There were many exhibits to explore that show Henderson County's part in the history and culture of our area. Sara Emel and Barbara Greene, HPC members and Museum docents, guided about 20 of us through the museum. After the tour, we traveled to Laurel Park for lunch at Sol Y Luna!



OCC UPDATE:



Join us on July 30, at the combined 10:00 am Worship Service. We are excited to host Irina Creek, who will share her testimony about receiving a shoebox as a little girl living in the former Soviet Union.

In 2022, Samaritan's Purse continued to declare God's glory in more than 100 countries and territories through Operation Christmas Child - including among many unreached people groups - the very ends of the earth. We praise God that more than 9.3 million shoebox gifts were distributed to children in need at over 81,000 outreach events.

"Every shoebox represents an opportunity to reach one more child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."
- Franklin Graham



It's Christmas in July!
This is a wonderful time to buy Flip Flops, Underwear, and Soap for OCC.

Once School supplies are on sale, those items are needed too. Think of the excitement of sharing gifts and God's blessing with children all over the world!

After receiving a gift-filled shoebox, some of the children are invited to participate in "The Greatest Journey," a 12-lesson course where they are taught about Jesus. They typically share the good news of Jesus with 9 other people! If we don't do something, they hear nothing.

Please start saving your coins for the special "Pennies for Shoeboxes" collection that will take place at HPC during worship on July 16th. The monies collected will be used for shipping costs, which is now \$10/box. The \$10 pays not only for shipping to over 100 countries, but also for The Greatest Gift Gospel booklets, along with collection center and processing center costs, training in local churches, and the ministry partner guide.

Check the Sunday bulletin in July for an insert for information regarding "Buy a Box" and "Ship a Box". Also, you may drop off any shoebox items you purchased in the bin outside of the church office. Thank you for your consideration.



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Return Service Requested

SUNDAY
July 16th

BLUEGRASS
BASH

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Hightop Mountain Harmony Band

MUSIC NOTES!

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Handbells resume July 12 & will play on Aug. 27th.

Choir Rehearsal is Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.
All are invited!