



The Update



Serving God by Serving Others!

OUR YOUTH IN ACTION!

Whether serving in a food pantry, ensuring thousands would have food on their table; Serving with The Brotherhood of the Hammer and expanding another food pantry so more people could be fed; Serving with Widow's Harvest, and fulfilling the mandate of Scripture of caring for widows; or Serving by building relationships and listening to the stories of those who are considered by many as "the least of these"; Our youth saw Jesus working in their lives and reflected Jesus to others all week in Chattanooga, Tennessee while on this year's Mission Trip!

We can't thank you enough for your investment in this trip - whether financial, through prayer, or through providing help cleaning up the bus when they returned. Our youth are super excited about serving God by serving others, and we hope to leverage that excitement to begin engaging more in our local community throughout the year, and inviting you to join us in this new venture!

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming opportunities this Fall!

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Library News:

BY CAROLYN BAKER - LIBRARIAN

Summer is such a beautiful season and oh how quickly seasons can fly by. Last summer I became the librarian for HPC and what a joyful time I have had. I'm thankful for the smooth transition into the job and for the generous donors of books and puzzles and time and computer help! Some of those donors include Fran Ohlsen, Jan Demirgian, Eva House, Jane Waddell, Creative Beginnings, Carol Saluppo, Roy Hathaway, Fix-it Friends, and my wonderful assistants - Tanya Jones and Sara Emel. Even Caleb Reed has been helpful! We need the children to have a busy library! There are even others who drop off bags of interesting books and don't leave their names! I appreciate you all and many more who gave books or suggestions for books, and who check out books and puzzles or browse the fine collection of 4000 volumes. All these things are acts of friendship and caring for our church!!

A few books on the topic of friendship to look for are, "The Fine Art of Friendship" by Ted Engstrom, "Encouraging One Another" by Gene Getz, "The Five Languages of Apology" and "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. Another is "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. These books and others of interest are found in the section marked "Relationships with Others."

Enjoy your church library and check out a book to read this summer!

*"I can no longer
condemn or hate a
brother for whom I
pray, no matter how
much trouble he
causes me."*

LIFE TOGETHER - BONHOEFFER

Update
deadline is
August 16!

kidsCorner

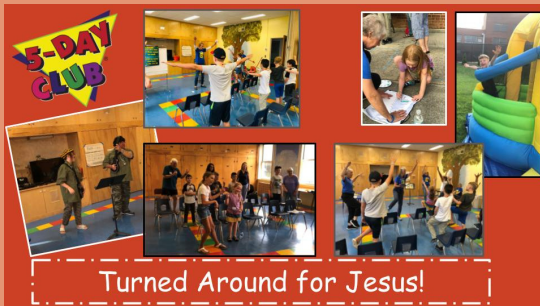


In August...

Join us in the kidsCorner on Sunday mornings as we look at how we are created in God's image to do great things!

Sundays, 11-12, Room #112

*The HPC Kids have enjoyed
ONE WACKY SUMMER!*



What an amazing 5-Day Club we just completed this summer! Children from HPC, Bruce Drysdale, and Edneyville heard all about how people in the Bible like Saul, Zaccheaus and Noah were turned around by Jesus.

They also heard about the amazing missionary, Lottie D Moon, and how God used her to reach people for Jesus in China.

A HUGE Thank you for the gracious help, food, and support from all volunteers!

Let's Celebrate!

August Birthdays!

Aug 1	Jan Demirgian, Ashley Reddy
Aug 3	Lynnette Stark
Aug 4	Leshea Durham, Brandea Reed
Aug 6	Gretchen Tritt
Aug 7	Barbara Henderson
Aug 11	Richard Johnson, Metta Luttmann
Aug 13	John Grady, Peggy Richardson, Laurel Wise
Aug 16	Tim Amnott, Lisa Burns
Aug 26	Carol Adams

Our Homebound Member of the Month!

Dona Mennella

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

***Send Dona cards and give her a call...
let her know we love and miss her!***

Creative Beginnings Update

The halls are once again filled with happy little voices as we are finishing up our art camp. It has been wonderful to have the kids and teachers back for these two weeks. Here are some pictures inside the classroom while they are hard at work with their imagination. Their colorful creations will be part of our art show at the end of the week. I will be sure to post some pictures of the show on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/creativebeginningschristianpreschool) for you to take a peek. If you would like to contribute to the color in the halls with a sewing project, I am looking for volunteers to sew curtains for each of our doors in the preschool. This would be a great scrap busting project for any quilters out there. If you are interested please contact me and I can give you dimensions and examples. Children will be back in school on Sept 5th. We have spots available in each of our classes. If you know of any bulletin boards around town that need a CBCP flyer, stop by my office and I will happily hand you a few to help get the word out about our wonderful program. It would be wonderful to share some love with new families this Fall.



Session Highlights:

In July, the Session had some exciting items brought for action. This is a bullet-point summary. Actual minutes can be found in the Fellowship Hall on the Session board, or in the front office.

The Session...

- Moved forward to rectify concrete issues with the steeple, and roofing issues on the portico.
- Approved a Capital Campaign, which will begin the planning stage this fall.
- Approved upgrading security in the Children's and Creative Beginnings wing of the church.
- Decided to financially support elder Robert Wallace as he attends Seminary in Greenville, SC. Robert came under care of the Session last year, and we have been prayerfully discerning Robert's call to ministry with he and his wife, Jessica.
- Called a Session Retreat to be held August 4-5 continuing the process of rediscovery of who we are uniquely created to be as a Church. This will be pivotal in a multi-year process to rediscover the purpose, mission, vision, strategy, and values of HPC, along with what Metrics we will use to discern healthy growth going forward as the Church.

Minutes are submitted by the Clerk of Session, Mimi Jamieson.

Summary of highlights are submitted by the Moderator, Pastor Rob, in conjunction with the Clerk.

What is Stephen Ministry?

This is a question often asked by people in our congregation. Stephen Ministry is a proven and effective program to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community in a confidential manner. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. They come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during their time of need. They meet with their individual who is going through a difficult time on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

Consider this diagram:



Does this sound like something you would like to be involved with? Would you or someone you know benefit from having a Stephen Minister? If so, please contact our church office, one of our Pastors, or Caryl Mobley to find out more about how we can involve you.

Music Notes

Rehearsal Schedule

Handbells rehearsal – Wed. at 3:00 pm
to prepare to play August 27 at 11:00 am

Choir rehearsal – Wed. at 4:00 pm

Announcement:

John Bayne will begin graduate studies this fall
at Furman. We wish him well!

A Month in Review!

BY ELOISE MURRAY



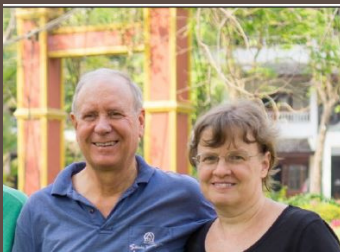
On Sunday, June 25th, at the 9:00 service, Pastor Charles was recognized on his One Year Anniversary with us here at HPC!

That same day, at the 11:00 service, Gayle Stepp was honored and recognized for Thirty-Five Years of faithful service to HPC. She has served as both Director of Music and Director of Worship. Her dedication to God's church is greatly appreciated. At the conclusion of worship, everyone enjoyed cake and fellowship at a reception to honor Gayle!



Larry and Gayle Stepp would like to express their gratitude for the gift, celebration, and fun cake honoring Gayle's 35 years of ministry at our church. We treasure your friendship and look forward to current and future years.

Meet the Dotys!



Steve and Margie Doty have made God accessible to many believers by giving them the written Word. A Wycliffe missionary takes on the difficult task of entering an area with no written language and with intense study and work brings about the translation of sounds into writing and composes a translation of the Bible from their local written language.

Our Church began partnering with Steve and Margie in 1997 while they were in Kenya. From there they were assigned to Thailand, their last assignment before Covid sent them to Houghton, N.Y. Steve and Margie met in the Philippines, where Steve was working. Once Margie graduated from Houghton, they were married and were given a joint assignment in the Solomon Islands. They have raised three children and been involved in translation tasks and translator recruitment.

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Operation Christmas Child

BY MAUREEN HEAPHY

This month, our focus is on school supplies, much of which is on sale! Pencil sharpeners, crayons, erasers, small or medium note pads, spiral notebooks are a few suggestions. Remember, no company/product/military type logos please, and no liquids.

The \$641.84 collected July 16 with pennies for shoeboxes will be used for shipping costs, which are now \$10/box. The \$10 pays not only for the shipping to over 100 countries and to Native American Indian Reservations, but also pays for "The Greatest Gift" gospel booklets, collection center and processing costs, training in local churches, and the Ministry Partner Guide.

Here is one of the many stories from Samaritan's Purse coming out of Ukraine. People are seeing Christians in action, caring for the physical and spiritual well-being of both adults and children. "Everyone's life has been shaken, in the east, as well as the west of Ukraine," said Halya, an OCC international field representative. "The war has brought a longing to hear God's Word to find peace. People's hearts have been softened." "This is the time. We sense these are the last days," she continued. "We have to share the Gospel and have the zeal to preach it as quickly as possible and to use every opportunity we receive." Please pray that God would give Ukraine's Christian leaders wisdom and vision to know how to minister to children during and after the war.

You may drop off any shoebox items in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your support. "For God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Steve and Margie continued...

In Thailand, the Dotys work with Payap University, the first Christian University in Thailand. Steve teaches students how to create a written language and to translate scripture into that language. He assists them through the entire translation process. He also oversees the coordinators in the departments of Linguistics, Literacy, Translation, Language Learning, Language Survey, and Computing. In 2012, Margie became the Linguistics Institute Director for Thailand, while continuing to teach phonetics to new missionaries. Due to the rising danger for Americans in surrounding regions, Steve and Margie selected and trained local students to go into these regions and conduct the initial "sound into written language" studies and then bring the data back to the University.

During the pandemic, Steve and Margie remained at Houghton University where they took on the task of resurrecting the linguistics program as a gratis effort. They report that the program has begun to show some growth! Join us as we support God's work through prayer for Steve and Margie.



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Return Service Requested

Blue Grass Bash!

On Sunday night, August 20, at 7:00 pm. Hendersonville Presbyterian Church is proud to welcome...

Mr. Jerry Salley!

Most recently, Jerry has won two IBMA awards in 2022 for Gospel Recording of the Year and Collaborative Recording of the Year!

Take a moment and read up on the accolades of Jerry Salley at JerrySalley.com/bio and then join us for an amazing evening of music on August 20th!

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 by Aug. 15. We are planning to use all of the tartans this year in the processional. Gayle is now contacting previous carriers and those who have expressed interest. We want to be sure everyone who wishes to carry a tartan has the opportunity!

Contact Gayle to express your interest.
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