

FEBRUARY UPDATE

HPC News 2026

From the Pastor

Discipleship is important to who we are as followers of Jesus.

In fact, we use the word “discipleship” a lot around the church. But if someone were to ask you what “discipleship” means, would you be able to give them an answer? We know that the disciples were people that Jesus chose and invited to follow him, but what does that mean for us today?

The word, “**disciple**” comes from the Greek word, “**Mathetes**,” which means learner or student. A disciple is therefore someone who studies under or learns from the authority of a teacher, rabbi, elder, or a pastor. In the ancient Jewish tradition, it was said that a good disciple could taste the dust off their master’s sandals – meaning that they were following so closely that the dust stirred up from each step the master took was blowing in their face.

Then I was introduced to a definition of the word Disciple by a pastor-friend back in 2011. It was a definition by a theologian named Christopher Adsit, and says, “A disciple is a person-in-process who is eager to **LEARN** and **APPLY** the truths that Jesus Christ teaches him, which results in ever-deepening commitments to a Christ-like lifestyle. But it can’t be done alone.”

As Followers of Jesus, we are all in the process of sanctification – being molded and shaped by the Holy Spirit to look more like Christ each day. And it is a lifelong, messy journey to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And as it reminds us above, we can’t do it alone. Jesus did not have just one learner or follower. He called 12 to follow together. Discipleship – the learning and application process – happens in community. We are meant to grow in Christ **TOGETHER**.

I would encourage you to seek out opportunities to join with other disciples in the learning and application process, whether by joining a Sunday school class, a small group, finding an accountability partner, or serving together as part of a group.

My prayer for 2026 is that HPC will focus on discipleship and that we will challenge one another to join **TOGETHER** on this messy journey of life, as we grow in the learning and application process of following Jesus together.



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Upcoming Events

- **Remember:** No Women In Ministry meeting in February
- **Family Literacy Night** with CBCP on Thursday the 5th at 5:30pm in the Rec Room.
- **New Member/Inquiry Class**, Sunday, Feb 8, 12:30-4 pm
- **Healing/Intercessory Prayer**, Monday, Feb 16th, 6:30 pm, Parlor (call office for details)

Be on guard.
Stand firm in the faith.
Be courageous. Be strong.
And do everything with
love.
1 Corinthians
16:13-14

March Update Deadline:
Feb 16th

CREATIVE BEGINNINGS

Christian Preschool

Winter is here and we are having great fun talking about arctic animals, snowmen and love.

February is a time for us to talk about our community helpers and how to work together as a community that loves one another. And the kids are super excited to show Pastor Rob some love at Chapel Time.

The first Wednesday of every February is World Read Aloud Day and to help spread the love of reading, we will have a family literacy night on Thursday the 5th at 5:30pm in the Rec Room. Bring your kids or grandkids out and join us for some rhyming and name games as well as receiving a free book to enjoy at home.

Registration for Fall '26 is now open, so please pray for our enrollment and encourage friends and neighbors to come take a tour and see what we have to offer our community.



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Living in a country steeped in false religions, Phirun's faith in Jesus Christ is tested. But the teenager does not let that stop her joy from being complete.

Not that long ago—without God in her life—she lied, stole, and persistently bullied others. The change in her life began when she attended the lessons of The Greatest Journey—the Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship program for shoebox recipients.

Phirun heard about the 12-lesson discipleship course from her aunt, who attends the church where the classes meet. Wanting to know more about Jesus, Phirun started coming to classes out of curiosity.

"It's been a joy to be able to learn about the Lord and, in my daily life be able to praise Him,"

Phirun said. "I find myself singing worship songs, and when I have trouble sleeping, I feel more at peace now than I did before. Especially when I look into the sky, I feel as though I'm able to really see God and His beauty."

One of the key components of The Greatest Journey is learning how to share the Gospel, and the lessons inspired and motivated Phirun to boldly proclaim Jesus to her family and friends. She now celebrates gathering with believers for church services each week. Phirun's favorite Bible story is the feeding of the 5,000 because it shows the way that the Lord has compassion on people.

In the remote villages of Cambodia, where money, food, resources, and infrastructure are scarce, Phirun comes to the feet of Jesus, where she won't be turned away, but instead fed and left with an abundance, like the crowd with 12 baskets of leftovers.

"Jesus is my Lord and Savior who is always with me," Phirun said. "Let me bring the Bible to you and help share it with you so that you can experience it for yourself."

Please pray for millions of participants in The Greatest Journey around the world to come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and boldly share their faith with their friends, family, and community.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

You are loved!

Victor Luttmann	Feb 1	Kevin Reid	Feb 19
Bobby Currier	Feb 7	Ed Foster	Feb 21
Craig Raynor	//	Ana Morris	//
Meredith Hickson	Feb 9	Glenn Compton	Feb 22
Jerry Miller	Feb 15	Paxton Keever	//
Carol Saluppo	//	Charlie Prater	//
Keith Smith	//	Linda McClelland	Feb 23
Pete Hale	Feb 16	Mary Beth Walls	Feb 27
Norris Bond	Feb 18		
Darlene Davey	//		
Lynne Hemenway	//		

7 pm February 15th

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BLUEGRASS BASH

*Hightop Mountain
Harmony*

Fellowship Hall

CHOIR NEWS

★ MUSIC NEWS ★

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members!

WANTED



★ JOIN THE FUN ★

Wednesday nights 5:30–7:00 pm

Contact Linda

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LOCAL OUTREACH

Reach Global Community Dinner



It was an abundantly fun-filled evening as the communities of HPC, Reach Global, Boy Scouts, along with friends and neighbors from surrounding areas gathered for an indoor picnic!

An evening filled with celebration, the communities gathered to share a meal and hear more about the beauty of all God has done through the generosity of time, funds, and talent in bringing about Helene recovery.

Thank you to the many hands who came together to help make this memorable evening happen, and thank you for coming out to celebrate the gift of community!





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