

HPC January Update 2026

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2026



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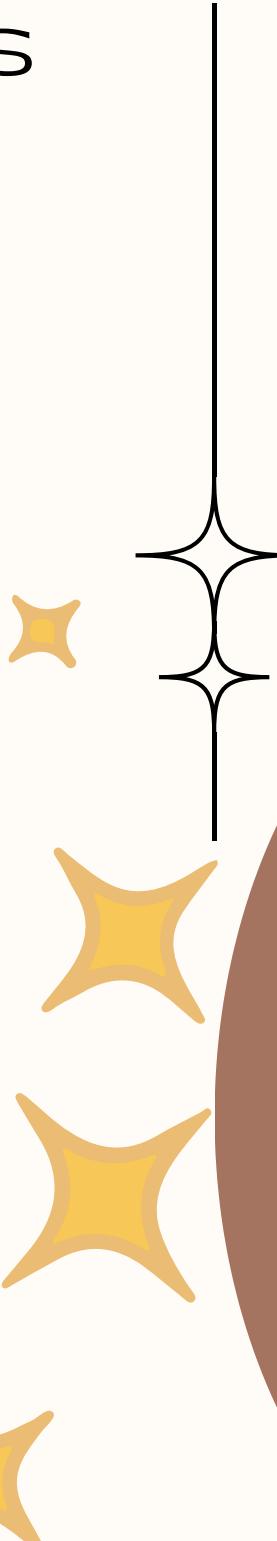
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 7th**: First choir rehearsal of 2026
- **January 12th**: Women In Ministry Meeting, more info on page 3
- **New Members Class**, February 8th



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,11

**FEBRUARY UPDATE DEADLINE:
JANUARY 19TH**

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

The Women in Ministry January program will be on Monday, January 12 in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with fellowship and refreshments starting at 9:45, followed by devotions and the program at 10:00. For the program, we will continue our DVD Bible study on the Prayers of Jesus. Remember to bring your participant guide and invite a friend.

Nearly 40 women attended our lovely Christmas program and luncheon in December when we learned the history behind our favorite Christmas Carols including “Jingle Bells,” which was the first song to be broadcast on the Moon, “Joy to the World,” which was never intended to be a Christmas song, and “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,” which originated as a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, written on Christmas Day, 1863, during the American Civil War.



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Roberta Swanson
Carolina Village Center
703 Carolina Village Rd #4226
Hendersonville, NC 28792

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for your ongoing support of Operation Christmas Child. Our church has been involved in Operation Christmas Child for over 25 years. It is a program of Samaritan's Purse, an international evangelical Christian disaster relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Many people buy items throughout the year when something is on sale for our Pack-A-Box party in November. If you want more information about Operation Christmas Child or to get involved, contact Maureen Heaphy (heaphym813@gmail.com) or Dale Stephens (stephedi51@gmail.com).

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Rhoda Suesz	January 2	Tim Stark	January 16
Caryl Mobley	January 3	Dorothy Pickens	January 17
Steve Byrd	January 4	Gayle Emery	January 18
Larry Grubb	"	Don Holmer	"
Sam Elliott	January 5	Barbara Pharr	January 20
Mary Sizemore	"	Jeanne Gordon	January 21
Linda Stephens	"	Brenda Bradshaw	January 23
Cathey Gilbert	January 8	Patty Collins	January 24
Lin Campbell	January 9	Bill Jones	"
Bob Murray	"	Judy Van Wagoner	"
Nan Rich	"	Marcia Elliott	January 25
Ruth Dykstra	January 13	Roberta Swanson	"
Dianne Speese	January 15	Rodney Gilliam	January 26
		Georgia Spencer	January 27
		Tressa Prater	January 30

BLUEGRASS BASH



**JOIN US
IN 2026!**

★ MUSIC NEWS ★

The Chancel Choir is looking for new members!

WANTED



A group of approximately 15 people, mostly older adults, are posing for a group photo. They are holding small signs with various Christmas-related messages such as "Merry Christmas", "Wish it was Bright", "Blessed", "Joy", and "Peace". They are dressed in winter clothing like sweaters and jackets. The background features a blue banner with the words "Merry Christmas" and a small nativity scene.

★ JOIN THE FUN ★

Wednesday nights 5:30–7:00 pm

Contact Linda dow@hendersonvillepc.org

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (CONTINUED):

The Struggle to Grow in Cambodia*

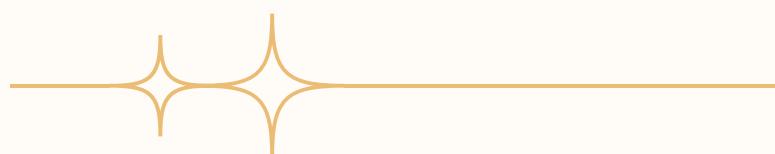
Obedience to the call of God was far from glamorous for Pastor Ponleu. The first Sunday his church met, there were just three adults in attendance as they gathered in the home of one of the members. In the face of depressing odds, he stood firm on the Lord's calling to plant a church in this village; the majority of the population who followed other religions needed to know God.

Kids were an immediate focus in the planning for this church, but provision for a children's ministry was lacking. Partnering with Samaritan's Purse, children delight in receiving The Greatest Gift Gospel booklet along with their shoebox gift. "I believe children are not only destined to be in the church, but destined to be strong believers in Christ who will work in government and in different areas where they can continue to share that faith with other people," Pastor Ponleu said. "And I know that it starts with our ministry, it starts with right now, and the rest, we leave up to God."

"When it comes to the Gospel, when it comes to the story of Jesus, it's not just for one child, it's for the family. It's for the community, it's for everybody," Pastor Ponleu said. "One child receives one shoebox, but when it comes to the Gospel, when it comes to the story of Jesus, it's not just for one child, it's for the family. It's for the community, it's for everybody," Pastor Ponleu said.

Using what they've learned through The Greatest Journey classes, he says children are the ones truly growing his church by sharing their faith in Jesus with friends and family. In faith, Pastor Ponleu believed God called him to plant the church that has grown to include 50 people. A church in Cambodia is a rare find in a landscape dotted with temples and altars at every turn. With God's help, Pastor Ponleu has created a sanctuary where people gather together in fellowship hours after services end.

*<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/god-uses-shoebox-gifts-to-grow-a-church-in-cambodia/>



CREATIVE BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

We hope you all made some wonderful Christmas memories at the end of the year. The Staff of CBCP and I wish you a wonderful new year full of blessings. Here at the preschool, we are gearing up for fall 2026 registration. We will open registration to new families in February. Please invite any neighbors, friends and family to take a tour of the preschool to see what we are all about. We accept ages 20 months to 5 years. You can also check us out online at the Creative Beginnings Website:
www.hendersonvillepc.org/preschool





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