



JULY UPDATE

Pastor's Letter:

Let's do a Mid-Summer Check In. How has the summer been going for you thus far? It has gotten hot, quickly. I know that has not stopped vacations, with people heading to the coast, to the mountains, or to visit family. I know that our youth are enjoying their summer break, with different sleep schedules and different plans each day. I know many teachers who are also enjoying their summer break, with different sleep schedules and different plans each day. How is the summer going for you? Summer can be a time of change. So what is changing for you?

Are you slowing down? Are you relaxing? Are you spending time reading a good book? Playing golf? Getting time with friends? Are you being intentional with your days? Are you spending time in God's Word? Are you investing in relationships with those who are far from God? Are you praying for a friend who does not know Jesus and looking for opportunities to share the Good News with them? Are you practicing Sabbath Rest? Summer is a great time for change to occur - healthy change. It is an opportunity to invest in your self, to invest in others, and to invest time in serving God.

For example, our summer Bible Study is a great way to intentionally grow, and to intentionally build community. Or maybe you took the challenge to Praise God this summer - to rest in His peace, a peace which can calm your soul, to reflect on the majesty of God as you become aware daily of all the beauty God has created around you, or to spend time in prayer in a different way this summer. Change is good. I hope you will be intentional with your days.

Stacy and I are trying to be intentional in thanking everyone for their love and support during our 9 month journey to restore our home following the Hurricane in the Mountains. As such, we want to say thank you to HPC and Reach Global for all of their support, work, and love during the restoration process. We enjoyed the ribbon-cutting ceremony and are thankful for all who came to celebrate with us. Thank you!

Thank you for growing with us here at HPC, and we look forward to seeing what God has done by the end of the summer!

Pastor Rob

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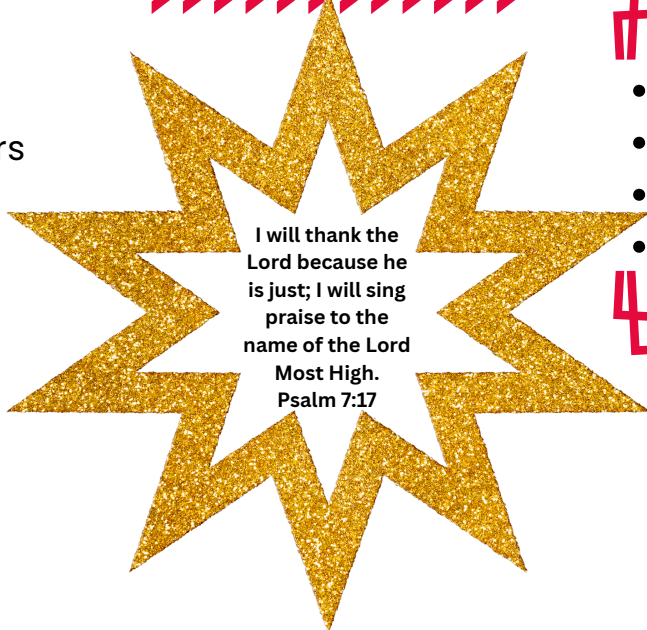
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**Thank
You!**

A HUGE thanks to Pastor Rob McClelland, Facilities Manager, Larry McCreary, and our Family Fellowship Team for an AMAZING BBQ dinner in June!

Thank you for all your hard work, delicious food, and special recognition of HPC's class of 2025!
It was an evening to remember!

**Upcoming
Events**

- **July 14-25** CBCP Art Camp
- **July 19** Reach Global Work Day
- **July 21** August Update Deadline
- **July 27** River Tubing (youth)



July Birthdays!

John Dorsey	July 1	Carolyn Baker	July 16
Becky Haskins	"	Roslyn Bauer	"
Travis Ginn	July 6	Jill Kutsch	July 18
Dwayne Durham	July 7	Harold Gilbert	July 22
Michael Kostigen	"	Kathy Reid	"
Yorke Pharr	July 9	Rená Johnson	July 23
Robin Matulich	July 11	Linda Ander	July 25
Mel Collins	July 13	Frank Felsburg	"
Robert Burns	July 14	Anthony Jackovich	July 28
John Walls	"	Neil Wise	"
Don Haynes	July 15		
Brenda Holmer	"		

Stephen Ministry

Are you struggling with a crisis situation?

Are you experiencing loss, sadness, and/or grief?

All of us experience these situations differently.



A **Stephen Minister** is available to walk with you through these trying times, listen to how they have affected you, and pray with you for God's healing power.

Stephen Ministry can help:

Call the church office at 828-692-3211 or talk to our Pastor, a Deacon, or an Elder to get connected with a Stephen Minister and learn more about how we can help.





YOUTH NEWS



A TIME TO REBUILD

As we step into the summer months, the youth are working hard to rebuild, renovate, and refresh their space! Come check out the fresh paint and renovations taking place on the second floor! Thank you to all those who helped in making this transformation possible!

Check out these upcoming fun, summer events:

- Youth Serve with Reach Global, July 19th
- River Tubing at 2 p on July 27th
- Rock the Smokies at Dollywood, August 23rd

Contact Danielle for additional details or to sign up today!

828-692-3211



NEW MEMBERS

2025



James & Jeanne Gordon

Welcome James & Jeanne!

The Gordons moved to Hendersonville after both retired, Jeanne in Dec. 2016, and James in July, 2017. They lived in Lexington, S.C for over 40 years but always enjoyed the mountains and it was always our dream to retire and actually move where we could enjoy the beauty of the mountains.

James starting working with Habitat for Humanity in 2017 and had the privilege of getting to know and work with Ed Frenier. Through Ed, they met his wonderful wife, Marilyn, who invited them to come visit Hendersonville Presbyterian Church. They started visiting in January of 2024 and just fell in love with the Sunday School class and the worship service.

The Gordons enjoy visiting the surrounding towns, trails and waterfalls, working on home and yard projects, and volunteering work (James with Habitat and Jeanne with Johnson Farms). They have two children who both live in South Carolina. One of their greatest joys is having the time to spend with their grandchildren. They have been welcomed so warmly at HPC and look forward to many years of worshipping with everyone.

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Library News

By Carolyn Baker

During a recent visit to The Cove for a seminar by Dr. Don Wilton, I was inspired by his words about God's praying. His book "When God Prayed" is a new acquisition in the library.

This adds to our collection of his books which include the popular "Saturdays with Billy," which tells about his personal relationship with Dr Billy Graham serving as his pastor and close friend. Also, I hope you'll take a look at the profound study of prayer by Dr. Wilton. Both these books will be shelved in the *Relationships* sections of the library.

Another new book that came from the Cove bookstore is "Jesus Followers." This book is by Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright. This hard cover book is the companion to the study being offered here at HPC this summer. The study guide and DVD are available at the Cove bookstore and can be ordered through the website.

Please enjoy these very impressive new books that have been added to the 4000 volumes in your church library! Look for all the Graham family books together in a section near biographies. The card catalog is always available as well when searching for a book.

Bluegrass Bash

Sunday, July 20th, 2025
7 p Fellowship Hall



High Top Mountain
Harmony Band





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

By Maureen Heaphy

In 2024 over 5.5 million children participated in the Greatest Journey after receiving a shoebox and 3.2 million made a decision for Christ.

“What a blessing it is when people come to Christ as children. But how can they hear this message without someone to tell them?”

Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

Christmas in July! This is a wonderful time to buy flip flops, tee shirts, and small toys. 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.

PENNIES FOR SHOEBOXES

Please start saving your coins for the special “Pennies for Shoeboxes” collection that will take place at the church service on Sunday July 13. The monies collected will be used for shipping costs which is still \$10/box. The \$10.00 pays not only for shipping to over 100 counties, but also The Greatest Gift Gospel booklets, collection center and processing costs, training in receiving churches, and the Ministry Partner Guide.

Check the Sunday bulletins 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.

Homebound Members

Barbara Byrd
Carolina Village Care Center
703 Carolina Village Rd
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Janet Briner
334 Thompson St, Apt 236
Hendersonville, NC 28792



www.hendersonvillepc.org



Local Outreach

By Jan Demirgian

A Great Year for Child Evangelism Fellowship and School Clubs!



Want some good news? Read on to hear about the wonderful results of HPC's partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) in 2024 -25!

The Greater Asheville Chapter of CEF serves 6 counties: Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, and Transylvania. In 2024, CEF reached over 3300 people with the Gospel, and more than 2000 of those were children. There were 298 decisions for Christ. By the end of the 2024-25 school year, our CEF Chapter was sharing the Gospel in 26 After School Good News Clubs (GNC).

We have plans to add 4 to 6 more schools next Fall. Our church sponsors a team of adults that leads a weekly GNC at both Upward (on Tuesday) and Edneyville (on Thursday) Elementary Schools. Our team saw growth in our students as they asked questions, sang songs, learned memory verses, and shared prayer requests. A total of 15 children made decisions to trust Jesus as Savior!! Glory to God!

There are many ways to partner with this exciting gospel-centered ministry. You may serve on a club team, pray for our team members and students, provide money for snacks, prepare take-home bags, or financially support CEF.

Contact Jan Demirgian, jandemirgian@gmail.com, for more information.

Welcome! New Members 2025



Sharon Ferrell

Sharon joins HPC because two of her daughters and their families live in Hendersonville. Sharon's daughter, Katrina, is the preschool director. Their family loves the outdoors and they all garden and enjoy nature.

David, Anna, & Garrett
Hawthorne



Scott & Linda Smith

Scott & Linda have lived in the Hendo area since 1992, with both of their children being born and raised here. HPC is overjoyed to have Linda join us as our new Worship Director.

Scott and Linda have a son and a daughter. Their daughter is married and a 2nd grade dual language teacher at a local elementary school.

Their son and his wife are currently living in London, where he serves as a global technical impact advisor for World Vision International.



The Hawthorne family has been involved with HPC through Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool for the past several years. Their son, Garrett, is a graduate from the preschool and is currently in elementary school within our local community. Anna works as a Preschool Assistant with CBCP's director and teachers, and David has been playing bass guitar during our first worship service.

We are so happy to have you as part of our church family!



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Children's Ministry Announcement:

In order to provide our volunteers with a bit of rest, please note that there will not be any Children's Hour during the month of July from 11-12 pm.