
JULY UPDATE

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A MID-SUMMER'S NIGHT...UPDATE

Summer is in full swing! Families are traveling to and fro. Guests are visiting. People are relocating. And God is still at work right here in Henderson County, right here at HPC, right here in your life and mine.

As I write this, I am finishing an amazing tour of Greece, following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. We have been to Philippi and stood where Lydia was confronted with the Gospel, surrendered, and was baptized. She helped plant a church in Philippi and later planted another one in her hometown of Thyatira.

We stood outside the prison where Paul was held when he sang praise to God in Philippi. It is easy to understand why the jailer would have thought everyone was gone when the door opened up due to the move of the Holy Spirit. We stood before the platform Paul would have been brought to in Corinth, when they were trying to arrest him for the Gospel. This was a city that had the Temple of Aphrodite which employed 1000 temple prostitutes. To "Corinthianize" was a phrase which meant you were partaking in sexual immorality. And yet, the Gospel was at work there.

We travelled to Ancient Ephesus, and saw the lasting impact of the Gospel at work in such a key place in the first century. We visited Berea where the intellectual believers took what they heard preached and held it up to the plumbline of Scripture. We visited Rhodes where Titus was placed in charge of a congregation there, sharing the Good News of Jesus with people coming to port from trade ships.

On this trip, I was reminded that our country and our culture is becoming more and more and more like the culture of the 1st Century, and we need to take note of the power of the Holy Spirit at work here in our midst so we have the power and courage to share Jesus with others, as we seek to transform the culture and our country.

Gone are the days where we can look to politics to support and encourage the Church.
Gone are the days where we can expect to receive favor from the local community.
Gone are the days when people will show up because you have a church on every corner.

The time has come once again to do things we have not had to do in the 172 year history of HPC. The time has come once again to build authentic community within the Body of Christ, to become outwardly focused - seeking to reach those who don't know Jesus as well as those who have walked away from the institutional Church. The time has come to BE THE CHURCH - the called out and sent people of God, whose primary responsibility is to Worship God, and our primary Mission is to Evangelize the World! We have to reach one more for Jesus!

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JULY NEWS & EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- Trinity Class meets in Rm 210: studying James, then Philemon, and then a Moses' Discourse through July
- Digging Deeper/Special topics Class will meet again on Sunday, July 14th in Room 206
- Conversations class meets in Fellowship Hall and delving into the building blocks of what it means to be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
- Spanish only class led by Undas family focusing on basics of the faith meets in room 208

9 to
9:45 AM

Children 4
thru 11
join us from
9-9:45 AM for
Children's
Hour on
Sundays



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday Night Supper: Picnic Style!

JULY 17, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

(more details page 8)

Children's Ministry

We had a great week in June sharing with our church and local community about Peter's encounters with Jesus and God's great love for us at 5 Day Club!



Thank you for everyone who helped make 5 Day Club the BEST ever!

Wacky Wednesdays:
July 3rd
July 10th & 17th
July 24th & 31st

Save the
DATE!

We have been having some
WACKY
fun on Wednesdays in June!

Join us for more wackiness
in July!

For our **FINAL Wacky Wednesday** on
July 31st,
join us from
1-4 p
to have fun on the
Midnight Mountain
water slide!





Creative Beginnings Preschool

By Katrina Bowen, CBCP Director

Summer is a busy time of organization at the preschool. I have cataloged all of our library books and they are ready for their new labels.

If you are interested in spending a little time in the new space and helping with this project, instructions are on the table in the preschool library room 116.

Thank you for taking the time to help with this project.

I feel our library is moving away from a place to simply store books and coming together to be a space for students, as well as for parents and siblings to have a great time exploring the magic of books.

We will be welcoming back teachers for summer art on July 11th and the children will be returning on July 15th. Our art program will run Monday -Friday and conclude on July 19th. The children will be able to show you all they have accomplished with their creativity on Friday July 26th with our Art Show. This will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and open to parents as well as the congregation to stroll through at your leisure before noon. Please stop by and check out their hard work. Our teachers have planned to explore Picaso, Seurat, Chihuly, O'Keeffe and more!



Update
Deadline
July 15th

Let's Celebrate JULY Birthdays!

July 1 John Dorsey, Becky Haskins
July 6 Travis Ginn
July 7 Dwayne Durham, Barbara Green
Michael Kostigen
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,
Roslyn Bauer
July 18 Jill Kutsch
July 19 Jo Tyler
July 22 Harold Gilbert,
Kathy Reid
July 23 Rená Johnson
July 25 Linda Ander
Frank Felsburg, Jr.
July 28 Neil Wise, III

From Our Library:



By Carolyn R. Baker,
Librarian

“You are God’s poem, chosen into the family of God, and you are a child of the King.”

Pastor Rob McClelland

These words from our pastor brought to mind the two poetry sections in the church library.

The first section, **Poetry in Art**, contains a beautiful poetry book by Helen Steiner Rice, “Somebody Loves You”. It shows her mastery of words to capture human emotions by writing about faith, love, family, friendship. There is a personal focus and understanding.

Another lovely book is “As I Have Loved You” by Ronald Schlegel. His poems are a collection of some of his favorites which convey the Christian message of God.

The next section is **Poetry in Wisdom**. A beautifully illustrated book, “Songs from Green Pastures,” features selections from Psalms. For instance, Psalm 27:

“the Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear.”

Jill and Stuart Briscoe give their insight for each Psalm. Jan Karon also has a poetry book, “Patches of Godlight”, which has many quotes of famous sayings like, “Whatever you would do, begin it. Boldness has courage, genius, and magic in it”, quoting Goethe.

Another is, “There are three stages in the work of God: impossible, difficult, and done”, by James Hudson Taylor, English Missionary.

These books along with many other titles make up two interesting sections of the library. Take a look, you may find an inspiring poetry book to enjoy!

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

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OCC News:

By Maureen Heaphy

Pack a
Shoebox,
Change a
Child's Life.

In 2023 over 5.1 million children participated in the Greatest Journey after receiving a shoebox and 2.9 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.

Check the Sunday bulletins in July for an insert 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.

Please start saving your coins for the special “Pennies for Shoeboxes” collection that will take place at the church service on **Sunday, July 21.**

The monies collected will be used for shipping cost which is still \$10/box. The \$10 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.

HELLO
JULY

Bluegrass Bash!

Sunday, July 21st 2024

7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall



Hightop Mtn
Harmony Band



Reminders & Opportunities:



Wednesday Night Supper: Picnic Style!



\$10.00 donation with
\$2.00 of each donation
going to Youth Mission
trip



JULY 17, 2024
5:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall



Come and say "farewell and
travel mercies" to our youth
and adults leaving for their
mission trip to the Dominican
Republic.

**Sign up online with office, call office Monday and Tuesday, sign up in bulletin June 30 and July 7 and
in Friendship book.**

**Do you know someone
who might
be interested
in working
in our nursery
Sunday mornings
through July and August?**

**Please have them contact
Stacy McClelland at
dcm@hendersonvillepc.org
or
828-692-3211, ext. 106**





- \$25/HOUR
- NEEDED FOR JULY/AUGUST
- 9:45-11:30 AM ON SUNDAYS
- MUST BE 18 YRS OR OVER

Nursery Staff Needed!

Contact Stacy McClelland if interested!



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