

THE UPDATE!

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Summer Together



*A Summer of Faith
Growth and FUN!*

relevantPreach

We are hitting the half-way point in 2023 – can you believe that? As such, I want to focus us toward one of the things which is of utter importance in the Church. The idea of Genuine Community.

The quote this month comes from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, “Life Together.” Bonhoeffer writes, “The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, and for eternity.”

Christian Community is vital to the life and health of Christ’s Church. This Community Bonhoeffer writes of is simply sharing a common life in Christ. When we focus on Community, it moves us past self-centered interests in our private lives and past any superficial social constructs we have mis-labelled Christian fellowship in the past.

A Huge Thank You to:

Brenda Bradshaw!

For many years, Brenda has served as the Editor for the Update. She has volunteered countless hours to ensure that the events and ministries of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church are shared in a delightful way with the congregation. She has given selflessly and has served the Lord faithfully in her design and publication of the Update.

Brenda has decided to retire from doing the Update. Please take a moment and thank God for Brenda and all her gifts. And thank Brenda, too, for all her service!

Thank You, Brenda!

Pastor Letter Continued...

Scripture and especially the teachings of Jesus challenge us to become a community and to commit ourselves to life together as the people of God. It is very necessary in the maturing, or sanctification, process as a disciple.

We forget that the sanctification process or the maturing process is not one which only involves you individually. God created us for relationship, and through His relationship with us and our relationship with others, we are daily being sanctified.

If we have any questions about this being true, simply take a moment to look at the “other” language used in the New Testament.

Love one another!

 Regard others more highly than yourself!

 Forgive one another as I have forgiven you!

 Teach and correct each other.

 Pray for each other.

 Be kind, compassionate, and generous in hospitality.

 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

 Never give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing...

Serve one another!

When we value Christian Community, we make it a priority to do life together outside of Sunday mornings.

And when that happens, we see the health of the church grow, the maturity of the disciples in the church grow, and the love shared within the Body of Christ and with those outside the Body grow. Christian Community is a place for conversation, study, mentoring, and mutual love and growth to take place. It helps us individually and as the Church to grow deep faith roots so that when challenges, trials, or storms come our way, we will not be knocked around, or tossed to and fro. It protects us from false teaching. And as Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, it reveals the “fullness of Christ.”

This summer, take some time to invest in building more intentional Christian Community into your life. It will be a blessing and will prepare you for eternity within the Body of Christ!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rob

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HPC Family Outing to the Asheville Tourists Game!

Sponsored by the Member Life Team!



Dust off your favorite baseball cap and join us for a Church Family outing to McCormick Field on Sunday, July 30th to see the Rome Braves take on OUR ASHEVILLE TOURISTS!

We have reserved **Box Seats** and the **Ingles Pavilion** for a private picnic space for all-you-can-eat hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cookies and drinks!

We have chartered a bus, and reserved the HPC Minibus, to accommodate 56 people being transported to and from the game. We will coordinate carpooling for the rest! This is a great opportunity for families, couples, and singles to share in an afternoon of fun and fellowship together. We will have one combined worship service at 10:00am to make it possible for everyone to attend and not have to skip worship!

And you can't beat the bargain price of **\$20 per person** with a **\$50 maximum per family!**
Reservations begin in June!

Game time is 1:05 pm

Pastor Rob will be throwing out the first pitch! You won't want to miss that. Sign-ups will take place in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us!

Women in Ministry

Join Women in Ministry for "A Time Apart 2023" on Monday, June 12, at 10:00 am in the HPC chapel, with guest speaker, Stacy McClelland. Stacy will be speaking on our Hope in Christ, and will be joined by guest pianist, Rachel Everson leading us in hymns.

A special love offering will be collected. Proceeds will go to Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Hendersonville Rescue Mission.

Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP to Sherri Jones at sherri.l.jones@nd.edu or 574-261-0264. You can also sign up on the attendance sheet located on the WIM bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a special time of fellowship as we close out our year of programming and Bible Study.

NEVER LOSE HOPE:
Christ is our Hope

Join Women's Ministry for "A Time Apart"
with guest speaker Stacy McClelland

June 12th

10 AM
HPC
CHAPEL



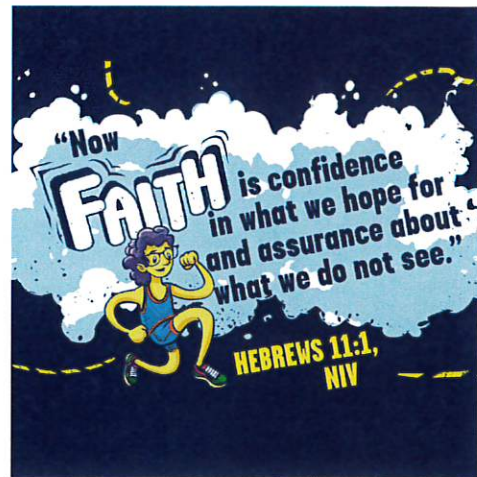
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June Events!

BY STACY MCCLELLAND

Join us Sunday mornings in June as we look at how knowing Jesus changes how we see things! We will take a closer look at our faith and what it looks like to live out faith in Jesus in our everyday lives.

Sundays, 11-12 pm in Room #112



Let's kick off summer together with a family potluck picnic!

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

at Jackson Park, shelter 4

Friday, June 9, from 5:30-8:00 pm

Wahoo for Summer Vacation!



Hey Kids!

Join us beginning
Wednesday, June 14th
for some WACKY fun!

2-4 pm on the HPC Playground!



Thirsty for God's Word?
Let's dig into the Bible together on
Thursdays in June and July
Starting June 15

Library News

It is so interesting to read about the lives of famous people and the lives of those you would like to know more about. The biography shelf is full of such books!

No church library is complete without a book about Billy Graham. Written by Franklin Graham, *Through My Father's Eyes* is the book that reflects on the tremendous life of Billy Graham. It talks about how he touched the lives of millions of people worldwide through his ministry. Filled with photographs, this book is a must read.

Next, *The Heavenly Man* is the story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun. It is a dramatic story of how God took a young poor village boy and how he became a house church leader in China. He suffered torture and imprisonment for his faith. He visited our church some years ago and gave his testimony to a packed sanctuary! This is definitely a good book to check out.

Next are 2 books about Corrie Ten Boom. *The Prison Letters*, an autobiography, shows how she endured being imprisoned in Scheveningen after arrest in Holland for helping Dutch Jews during WW2. Her whole family was arrested and confined, even in solitary confinement. Next she was sent to a concentration camp with her sister and they gave comfort to each other and other prisoners. Read this book for a firsthand account of WW2.

The second book about Corrie is *The Lives She Touched*, by Joan Winnill Brown. This book is a testimony to Jesus in her life and how nothing evil in this life can conquer us. There are many post war pictures of Corrie's travels in this book.

The final book this time is about a devout Muslim encountering Christianity, *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. It has won the Christian Book Award and gives a look into a loving Muslim home. The family discovers evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and claimed to be God. There were struggles and inner turmoil, which face Christians, Muslims, and all those who study the world's great religions. This book is thought provoking.

I hope many of you will enjoy the library and visit often to check out one or more of our fine collection of 4000 books.

Carolyn R. Baker, Librarian

June Birthdays!

June 2 - Isabelle Ashley, Richard Stewart Jr.
June 8 - Anne Ridings
June 11 - Janis Shane
June 14 - Joyce Jolly
June 15 - Cheryl DeMonte, Tom Haynes
June 19 - Jeani McGrath
June 22 - Eva House, Carol Lyons
June 25 - Linda Hollis, Mimi Jamieson, Monika Beck Ragan
June 26 - Conner Graves
June 27 - Roy Hathaway

Congratulations!

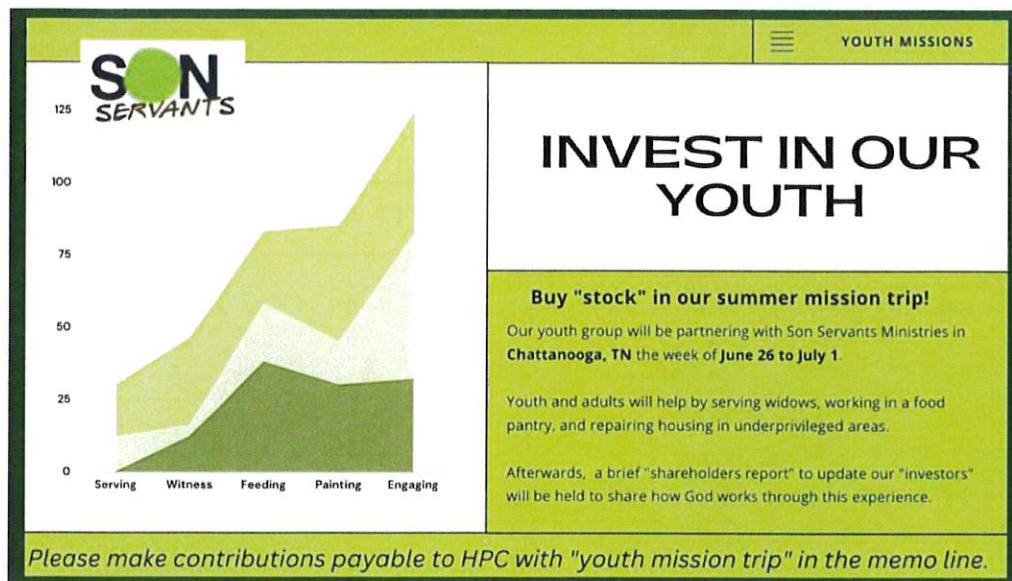
John Bayne graduated from Furman University in May with Summa Honors. Congratulations, John! We are so proud of you!

COME SUNDAY
June 18th

BLUEGRASS BASH

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Muley Holler Gang
Free Admission, Free Ice Cream and great Bluegrass Gospel Music!

Youth Corner



The Youth Ministry of HPC has many different connect points. We meet Sundays at 11:00 am, Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm, and throughout the summer for many special events. If you would like information about our ministry, are interested in getting involved, or feel led to volunteer, please contact Charles Reed at ckreed@hendersonvillepc.org. Thank you for your support of HPC Youth!

Session Highlights

May 15, 2023 Meeting

The Session would like to highlight the following:

- We made a one-time gift of \$1000 to EPC Missionaries Elias and Caris Yohannes as they leave for their placement in Ethiopia.
- Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 28.
- HPC will be hosting two fun outings this summer:
 - June 9, to the Henderson County Historical Museum with lunch to follow, and
 - July 30, to the Asheville Tourists game. Cost will be \$20/person with a \$50 maximum for families.
- Adopted a new minibus policy.
- Treasurer, Larry Mobley, reported that strong April giving brought us back up to our average income v. expense line trending with our last 5 years of giving and expenses.
- Adopted a new Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.
- Welcomed our newest staff member, Jessica Wallace, filling a new position as the Facilities and Communications Manager for HPC. Come by the office and say hello to Jessica!
- Approved spending monies for special giving to our local mission partners.

The Session meeting in June was cancelled, as it is the same week as the General Assembly in Denver, Colorado this year, and Elders Robert McClelland and Robert Wallace will be attending. The Session is also planning a July retreat to finish our work on the Vision, Mission, and strategies of HPC.

Complete Session Minutes are accessible on the Session bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Are you a bargain hunter? As you walk through a dollar store look for good deals. Our focus for the month of June is on balls beachballs, rubber balls, deflated soccer balls with an air pump any ball that would fit in a shoebox. Items may be left in the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) box outside of the church office.



April was a fundraiser month for us yielding the following:
 OCC part of rummage sale – \$1235.03
 Bake and plant sale - \$403.00
 Tea cup benefit - \$1272.50
 Total Dollywood ticket sales \$1100.00

The \$10.00 we include per box pays not only for shipping to over 100 counties, but also The Greatest Gift Gospel booklets, collection center and processing costs, training in local churches, and the Ministry Partner Guide.

Since 2009, more than 12.5 million children have reported decisions for Christ while taking The Greatest Journey. These children as well as those who hear the Gospel at shoebox outreach events share their faith with friends and family—who in turn disciple others. If you are interested in joining this outreach mission project, please contact Dale Stephens at stephed51@gmail.com.

We do welcome your donations of the items mentioned above in the first paragraph, plus hygiene items such as wash cloths, small mirrors, and children’s underwear; summer items like sunglasses and foldable hats; tee shirts and other small clothing items; and tools that will fit in a shoebox. Don’t worry about school supplies just yet unless you see a bargain; we’ll focus on those in August when the back-to-school sales occur. Thank you for your generosity and love.

“For God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Show some love to our shut-in members:

Nadine Dillon
 Accordius Health
 200 Heritage Circle
 Hendersonville, NC 29891

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

Jo Tyler
 The Bridge at Lake Pointe Landing
 334 Thompson Street
 Hendersonville, NC 28792

Dona Mennella
 The Bridge at Lake Pointe Landing
 334 Thompson Street
 Hendersonville, NC 28792

Marilyn Stark
 The Laurels of Hendersonville
 290 Clear Creek Road
 Hendersonville, NC 28792



Hendersonville Presbyterian Church
699 N. Grove Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792-3729
Tel. 828-692-3211
Email: office@hendersonvillepc.org

Return Service Requested



It's Coming!

**Mark your calendars for July 24-28, 2023!
6:00-8:00 pm at HPC!**

**All Children, ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for our 2023 5 DAY CLUB!
Kids can look forward to dynamic Bible stories * Fun Games * Laughter * Life-Changing Scripture
Memorization * Christian Songs * More Fun!**

Contact Stacy McClelland for more details - 828-692-3211 - dcm@hendersonvillepc.org

Music Notes:

The HPC Handbell Choir will resume practices on
July 12 at 3:00 pm.
The Handbells are preparing to lead worship on
August 27th.

Choir Rehearsals are Wednesday
afternoons at 4:00 pm.