

OCTOBER UPDATE

October 2025

Can you believe that it was just over a year ago that Hurricane Helene changed the landscape of Western North Carolina forever? At times it seems like it was much longer ago. At other times it feels as though it was just a few weeks ago. Yet again, we have been called to live and serve through a large, catastrophic event. Just over 5-years ago, we were dealing with the Covid pandemic, and as a church, torn by how to respond. The same is true today. Many in this community have moved on. Many were not dramatically impacted by the storm - more inconvenienced than anything...but some...some had damaged property, some lost cars, parts of their homes, rooms full of memories, some lost homes, and some lost loved ones.

I have listened in the wake of this anniversary and heard people say that they lost, "everything." But the beauty of the Gospel message is that we do not lose everything. Christ is always with us. He will never leave us or forsake us. We might be made to walk through a Valley of the shadow of death or we might be made to walk through a season of Lament. We might have to let go of life as we thought it would go. But no matter what, God is with us. God is in control. Even when it does not seem like God is there. The fullness of the Gospel reminds us that as Followers of Jesus, we are blessed to be called His Beloved.

God is Good! All the Time! And, All the Time, God is Good!

As such, we, as the Church, still have so much work to do. God has given us a mission to complete, and that mission did not go away because of a pandemic, and it did not change because of the Hurricane in the Mountains. That Mission was given to the church by Jesus, and we are still called to work to accomplish it together, with his help. We are called to GO, and MAKE DISCIPLES, baptizing and Teaching, and to do it together with the Holy Spirit. So, let's get started this month! Take a moment and invite someone to join you in worship. It might take a few times, but know that God is inviting droves of people back to the Church in America right now. All the studies show that we are on the brink of something we have not seen in our lifetime. Let's reach out and care for those who are far from God and point them to the Lord through our love, care, and friendships. Remember, God uses Ordinary people like you and me to accomplish His Extraordinary plans! See you Sunday!

Pastor Rob

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Upcoming Events

- **October** is Pastor Appreciation month!
- CBCP Dance Party, **Oct 2nd**
- Women in Ministry meeting
Monday, Oct 6th, Fellowship Hall, 10 AM
- Kirkin' o' Tartans on **October 19th** at 11 AM in Sanctuary
- Session meeting, Monday, **October 20th**
- Reformation Sunday, **October 26th**
- HPC 101 New Member Class
Sunday, **Oct 26th, 12:30-4**

Let us rejoice!

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:4

CHILI COOK-OFF!

There was chili and it was GOOD!



Thank you to the many participants and Family Fellowship for our first annual Chili Cook off! What a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Curious about the winners?

- **Spiciest Chili**: Sharon Ferrell
- **Most Creative Chili**: Eve Bowen
- **Judge Favorite & People's Choice Chili**: Susan Sitler

October Birthdays

Mollie Fennimore	Oct 2	Nicole Behuniak	Oct 21
Isabelle Corrente	Oct 3	JoAnne Thomas	Oct 23
Joyce Mason	Oct 6	Janet Briner	Oct 29
Laura Morris	Oct 10	Dan Demirgian	Oct 30
Bill Grier	Oct 11	Teresa Lyle	Oct 31
Pat Neuenschwander	Oct 16		
Gaye Currier	Oct 18		
Mary Franks	Oct 20		

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Each shoebox is a Gospel Opportunity that can be used by God to change a child's life for eternity—and change the course of many other lives as well.

In Georgia, Tiko is teaching The Greatest Journey because she wants boys and girls to experience freedom in Christ just as she did when she was a child. At age 8, Tiko joined the discipleship program after receiving a shoebox gift during an outreach event. She learned more about the Bible and God's love for her and committed her life to following Him. Now, years later, she is sharing what she learned during the discipleship program with others. She is also teaching Sunday school, helping to lead worship at her church, and is a student at a Bible college.

Upcoming Events

- Next Pennies for Shoeboxes: November 23
- Pack-A-Box party – Nov 8 (2-4 yr olds); Nov 15 (5-14 yr olds)
- Dedication Sunday – November 23rd
- Collection week – Nov. 17th thru Nov. 24th

"We are God's workers, working together." I Cor. 3:9

Homebound Member

Isabelle Ashley
600 Carolina Village Rd, Apt 234
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Reminder

IAMS **does not take glass jars** anymore. Please consider donating food items with winter approaching.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Carolyn Baker, Librarian

Hello Fall!

Recently there have been a few interesting inquiries about the library collection of Bibles. I decided to ask an educated Sunday School teacher what Bibles he would recommend to add to the Bible section.

We now have Bibles in the library in the King James Version, and several NIV, like the pew Bibles. I am looking for others to add.

The suggested additions would be the RSV, Revised Standard Version, the New Jerusalem Bible, and the New English Bible or REB. Another suggestion was the Legacy Standard Bible. These inquiries about Bibles were for suggestions to give as a gift, or a version to use for a Women's Bible Study, and another for use by a Sunday School teacher to study for a class comparison. If the library adds these translations it will greatly enhance our Bible collection.

If you would like to donate a Bible of those suggested, please see the librarian on Sunday. You may have a Bible collection in your home library to donate.

And, while you are in the church library, check out a book! There are over 4000 books to choose from in many Christian categories of nonfiction and fiction too.

Local Outreach: Refuge Retreat

Refuge Retreat is a non-profit organization headquartered in Hendersonville. Their ministry is to witness and minister to college students around the country. The mission is that every college student they reach will live out the Gospel of Jesus.

The ministry was founded and is operated by Adam and Caitlin Neal. Caitlin has a child in HPC's Creative Beginnings pre-school. HPC has helped support Refuge Retreat for approximately three years.

The ministry involves organizing retreats twice a year for college students. One is in Mills River and the other is in eastern North Carolina. Up to 95 college students from 32 universities and 51 leaders gather together to worship, study God's Word, pray, and share with each other, issues in their lives. In between the retreats, the leaders stay in contact with attendees, as well as invite new students to become involved.

Plans for 2025 include introducing four weekend Micro-retreats that would involve 15-20 students and give an opportunity to disciple students on a more personal level.

JOIN US!



Bluegrass Bash

Sunday, Oct 19th, 2025
7 p Fellowship Hall



Lynn Goldsmith &
the Jeter Mountain Band



KIRKIN' O' TARTANS IS BACK!



Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool

**Farms, Pumpkins, Harvest, Leaves, Apples... What a beautiful season
God has blessed us with!**

October is such a joyful and bustling time of year, and we're excited to share it with you!

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:30 PM – Join us for our Annual Dance Party! It's always a fun evening filled with music, laughter, and community.
- Thursday, October 24th at 10:00 AM – We're hosting our Annual Harvest Program and Brunch for preschool families. Come celebrate the season with us as our children share what they've been learning.

Our classrooms are full of happy energy as the children settle into their routines, growing and learning each day alongside their dedicated teachers.

We still have a few openings available! If you know a family looking for a Christ-centered preschool where Bible stories, prayer, and play are all part of the daily experience, we would love to connect with them.

Thank you for your continued support and faithful prayers. Your partnership means so much to our ministry.



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