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SEPTEMBER UPDATE

THE APPLE FESTIVAL IS HERE!

PASTOR'S LETTER:

It's that time of year again. The Fall season when things change! I wonder why it is that we love when the weather cools off, when the leaves change color, when the rain subsides a little, and when some of our family returns from the North, so they don't have to endure the fall and winter there. But, in the same breath, we would 100% agree that we do not like change, personally. The truth is, we love change, as long as it doesn't impact me.

But change is important, and it is natural. And if we are not just changing for change sake, we will realize and rediscover the beauty of change. And that change can bring about healthy growth.

Let me share some of the changes we have coming this fall...



Pastor Rob

Sunday School -
The Trinity Class is changing gears and beginning a study of one of Dallas Willard's great books, "The Spirit of the Disciplines." Most scholars and Theologians will tell you that this book offers a Masterclass on the Spiritual Formation of the Believer. I would encourage you to plug in with the Trinity class as they, together, grow in the Lord through this study!

Bible Study -
Women in Ministry will kick off with a new coordinator - Carol Broyles - this fall and will look at one of Max Lucado's newer books, "How Happiness Happens." This will be a great study in understanding the Joy we receive in Christ, where that Joy comes from, and how we can regularly receive that Joy. I would encourage you to invite your friends to join you in this study, ladies, as this is a transformative study!

The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is going through some changes as well. With the call to be a hands-on Grandma looming so large, we will be without Deanna Crawford. But, we are blessed to have Ragena White leading our study this fall. The ladies will be focused on Romans 12 and what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus in the 21st Century. They will use well known author, pastor, and theologian, Chip Ingram's study. It is wonderful!

Creative Beginnings -
We were saddened to say goodbye to Katrina Bowen, our former Preschool Director, but we understood that she needed to have more time with her two wonderful kiddos. But we are rejoicing in the Lord for the gift he has given us in our NEW director, Sarah Burnham! Take some time to meet Sarah and sign up to be a book reader or storyteller this fall in the preschool!

Other Important Change Opportunities -
Sunday, September 20th, is Back to Church Sunday in America. Take some time today to begin praying about who God might be calling you to invite to Church with you that Sunday.

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October Update deadline: Sept 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apple Festival Parking Fundraiser, Sept 4-7th
- Women in Ministry Bible Study begins, Monday, Sept 14th
- CBCP first day of school Monday, Sept 8th
- Return to two worship services, Sunday, Sept 13th

In need of a home-cooked meal? Check the HPC kitchen freezer for meals to go!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Pumpkin Patch Coming, Oct 15h!
- Kirkin' O' the Tartan, Oct 18th

More details to follow!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6

MUSIC MINISTRY

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

"Glorious Night... When Christ Was Born"

You are invited to lift your voice in this year's Christmas musical presentation. If you or someone you know have been looking for a way to sing with the choir without a long-term commitment, this is the perfect opportunity!

LIMITED 5-REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday Evenings • 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

- September 9
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
- December 9

Music learning made easy:
Rehearsal CDs that highlight your specific vocal part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) are available now to make practicing at home simple and stress-free!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION DATE: DECEMBER 13TH

We would love to have you sing with us. Pick up your music and CD today!

No Chancel Choir rehearsal on September 16th



OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our September focus is on small toys for children of all ages—the "WOW" items that will light up the child's eyes as he or she opens the shoebox. A stuffed animal, jump rope, doll, and toy car are some examples. Small tools like measuring tapes, hammers, screw drivers, and paint brushes make great gifts for the older boys. There is still a need for washcloths and toothbrushes. You may drop off any shoebox items you purchased in the orange bin outside of the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Shoebox gifts are a Gospel opportunity. Here is one of the many stories from Samaritans Purse. "I am a new convert by the name of Nathan*from a Muslim background. I was very lucky to receive a gift Box from a church in my community and in the Box I found a Mathematical set and some other items that I have been begging my parents to buy them for me but they have not been able to buy them. So, on that faithful day when I received the box and I took it to my parents, they asked where I got the box from. I told them that one church in our community gave us the box. When they saw the items in the box that they have been trying all along to buy for me, they were very happy and they sent me to call the Pastor to talk with him.

I was afraid to call the Pastor because my parents have been telling us not to go near any church, but upon receiving the box that contains the said items they now changed their mind and told us that if we wanted to go to church they have no problem with it. So, the Pastor came and my parents thanked him for the gift boxes, more especially the mathematical set and other school items. Since then, my parents now allow us to go to church and we have also started telling them about the goodness of Jesus Christ in our lives.
All glory to God that we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Personal Savior and Lord.

*Name has been changed.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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In Search of:

If you know of anyone with a high quality 6'2" or larger Grand Piano for sale or donation, please call the office or contact Linda Boyle-Smith: dow@hendersonvillepc.org



COME JOIN US!

Women in Ministry

Bible Study



Studying "How Happiness Happens," by Max Lucado

Beginning in September 14th, 10:30 AM with a salad luncheon afterwards!
Please bring your favorite salad for sharing.

Contact Carol Broyles if you plan to attend
carolbroyles78@gmail.com

CREATIVE BEGINNINGS



Our school year will begin Sept 8th and we are excited and looking forward to a wonderful new year at Creative Beginnings! We are especially excited to welcome several new teachers to our preschool family and we know they will be a wonderful addition to our classrooms.

9/8
First Day of Creative Beginnings Preschool!

The first month of school, our teachers will focus on helping these kiddos adapt to new routines and get used to interacting with others, while also sharing God's love through their lessons. They will also focus on social skills, sharing, and controlling their emotions. Along with academic skills including colors, shapes, letters, numbers, and more! Preschool fosters a lifelong love of learning and provides an invaluable head start as children prepare for the transition to elementary school.

Our classroom readers will be back this year, giving our students the opportunity to enjoy special stories and build meaningful connections with members of our church family. We are also looking for substitute teachers if you would like to spend a fun morning with us when a teacher cannot be here. If you are interested in either of these, please send an email to Sarah Burnham. We are thankful for the continued love and support of our church and can't wait to see what God has in store for another great year!

7 pm September 20th

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BLUEGRASS BASH

Liberty Road Band

Fellowship Hall

September Birthdays

Peggy Finch-Hyatt	September 1
Sharon Ferrell	September 2
Linda Gilbert	//
Sherry Thomas	//
Anna Hawthorne	September 7
Robert McClelland	September 10
Carolyn Miller	//
Priscilla Rouse	September 12
David Bonner	September 18
Sara Emel	September 22
Mary Lavery-Perry	September 25
Victor Lyman	September 27
Ragena White	//
Teresa Compton	September 28
Cathy Gradine	September 29
Cole Pittillo	//
Marilyn Frenier	September 30



GLOBAL OUTREACH

MISSIONARIES
JOHN HANNA
&
KATHRYN
KOLLENSBERGER

COLLEGE MINISTRIES

School is back in session, and that includes the college ministries that HPC supports - John Hanna with InterVarsity in the Carolinas, and Kathryn Kollensberger with CRU at UNC-Asheville. Both ministries are prayerfully preparing to meet incoming students for this new school year.

John Hanna, is a long-term HPC missionary partner and directs the InterVarsity Undergrad campus ministries on 42 campuses in the Carolinas Region (NC and SC). Kathryn Kollensberger, our most recent missions' partner, leads Lifeline, a ministry that combines on-campus Bible studies and fellowship with outdoor activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, waterboarding and hiking. Both ministries are prayerfully seeking to invite students to encounter Jesus.

Throughout the Carolinas, InterVarsity students and staff are engaging in New Student Outreach (NSO), an intense 4-week focus to connect with incoming students. They will invite students to participate in friendship-building activities, engage in spiritual conversations, and investigate safe, welcoming Bible study and fellowship communities on their perspective campuses. NSO activities may include meet 'n greet outings, game nights, prayer walks, ice cream socials, and a host of other creative activities.

Please be praying for the leadership of John Hanna and Kathryn Kollensberger. Pray that the Holy Spirit empowers the encounters on all campuses as students share the Gospel. May the Lord open doors for many spiritual conversations with new and returning students; and may students respond to the Lord's invitations.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Fall Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser -

This fall, for the first time ever, HPC will be hosting a Pumpkin Patch Community Outreach Event. Running October 15 to November 1, we will have Family Friendly Games, Photo Opportunities, Food Trucks, and also Pumpkins for sale! We need your help to build relationships with those who attend. Every day we will need volunteers to help people pick out their pumpkins, pay for their pumpkins, to tell fall festival stories to children, and to meet and greet members of our community who stop by. Please consider helping us this fall with the Fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds will go to Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool to support their ongoing ministry in the community. We need your help! Sign ups will be coming soon!

Change is not all that bad when you have the right perspective.
Plus, God might be calling you to participate in the change that is taking place at HPC this fall - and in doing so,
God might change YOU!

