

**Psalm 121 - I lift my eyes to the mountains - Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**



# THE UPDATE

## Baptize>Bury

In August, the Elders of HPC gathered for a weekend retreat. We spent our time in prayer, study, discernment, and vision casting, as we conclude the 2-year process of Rediscovering who God has called us to be as His church here on N Grove. The elders completed a new Purpose statement for HPC, a new Vision statement for HPC, a new Strategy for ministry, and a rediscovery of our Core Values, which have been the same for 170 years. They have yet to complete our new Mission statement along with adequate Metrics to ensure that we as a Body are growing in a healthy way. As soon as those last two marks are complete, we will be sharing the fruit of this exciting process with the congregation and celebrating the hard work of your leaders!

### **HPC #'s**

26 New Members

4 Believer Baptisms

1 Infant Baptism

9 Reaffirmations of  
Faith

And we still have 4  
months left in 2023!

During our retreat, the Elders shared what they felt God was sharing with them leading up to the retreat. One of the Elders wrote, "We should Baptize more than we bury." That is a risky statement to share! But, as the Session discussed that statement, it became clear that each of the Elders felt the same way. And since God never speaks quiet enough for only one person to hear, the Elders confirmed that one of our long-range goals should be to see more and more conversion growth, baptisms, and reaffirmations of faith being celebrated here! Did you know that the average church in America celebrates 1 infant and .5 believer baptisms every two years? God is at work here, adding to our numbers! Keep your ears open for the celebration dinner this fall, as Session unrolls our new direction and Vision frame! It will be exciting!

# **Black Mountain Children's Home**

## **Local Missions Partner**

The Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth, and Families is a ministry partner that provides group foster care to children from birth through college who have been removed from their homes.

Founded in 1904 by Presbyterian minister Robert Perry Smith, Black Mountain Home's mission is to glorify God by caring for children, youth, and families.

Our church has partnered with them for over 100 years, since they were once located in the Balfour neighborhood and attended our church before moving to Black Mountain.

We will receive a ministry update in our September 17th worship service. From September 17 to September 24, we will be collecting clothing in good condition that can be used by children or sold in their resale store. Larger items that are difficult to transport or fragile items would be better reserved for our church bazaar.

On October 14, the Black Mountain Home will have a Centennial Celebration Concert at their property featuring Willie and Korie Robertson with music by worship group, Shane & Shane.

For more information, please visit [blackmountainhome.org](http://blackmountainhome.org).

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**Update  
deadline is  
Sept. 21!**

# YOUTH MINISTRY

REV. CHARLES REED



After a great summer that included mission trips, a pool party, and events at Jackson Park, our youth are getting back into school. Please continue to pray for and encourage them as they learn how to follow Jesus as teenagers. In September, the youth will help with our annual Apple Festival parking lot fundraiser.

Come support the youth while attending the Apple Festival! Park at HPC.

And starting September 10th, we'll have a new schedule for youth ministry. Instead of having Sunday morning Sunday School and Wednesday night Youth Group, the youth will meet at the church on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for Youth Group! Join us for food, fun, and faith, and invite your friends!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SHERRI JONES

Women in Ministry will meet on Monday, September 11th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 to kick off the 2023-2024 year. We will honor long-time member, Dorothy Managan, and introduce our Bible Study for the year: Twelve Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories for Women Today.

As part of our tribute to Dorothy, members of the North Carolina Nurse Honor Guard will give a presentation describing their services and demonstration of their nurse's tribute.

There will also be a sandwich/salad/dessert luncheon provided by the WIM Leadership Team. All women of the church are invited to attend this special event.

### ***Our Homebound Member of the Month!***

***Ms. Nadine Dillon  
Accordius Health  
200 Heritage Cr.  
Hendersonville, NC 29891***

***Prayerfully consider taking a few  
minutes this month and sending Ms.  
Nadine a card, giving her a phone call,  
or lifting her up in prayer!***

***Let her know we miss her and love her  
here at HPC!***



# KIDS CORNER

STACY MCCLELLAND



## In September...

Join us Sunday mornings as we look at how harmonious friendships grow the gift of community!  
Sundays, 11am - 12pm, in room #112

*Something NEW is coming...*

## All Hands on Deck

as we re-vamp Children's Hour,  
beginning Sunday, October 1!  
Everyone is invited to get involved as  
we seek to be intentionally  
**intergenerational** in our approach  
to ministry!



## We Need Help With



Contact Stacy McClelland to sign up!

Contact Stacy today if  
interested in being part  
of one of these teams  
**ONCE a month!**  
Training provided. 😊



# CREATIVE BEGINNINGS

KATRINA BOWEN



The 2023-24 school year will begin Sept 5th with students returning to the building for another fun year of learning. Children will be learning academic skills like counting, colors, letters, and phonetics, along with social skills, controlling emotions, and sharing.

For many of these tiny humans, this is the first time that they have left their parents' side to learn with someone new and to experience friendship with those outside of their immediate family. They will hear daily about how God has made them special and how He loves each one of them. They will spend the year growing and learning as they play.

Children in preschool learn to develop social skills and self-regulation. Preschool provides opportunities to learn how to make friends, cooperate, listen, and build foundational conversation skills. When children play with their peers, there will almost inevitably be minor conflicts that bring frustration, anger, and other emotional challenges. Our teachers encourage the children to notice how their behavior impacts others and practice interpersonal problem-solving skills. Preschool graduates leave class with emotional skills they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

If you would like to help with that learning by volunteering to be a guest reader, please see Stacy McClelland. Our readers will begin reading to our classes in October. If you would like to be a substitute teacher this year, please give me a call. Please pray for each teacher and child as we start down this path of shared discovery.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

LARRY MOBLEY

Do you know what your Spiritual Gifts are?

The Trinity Bible Study class will discuss this topic in classes on Sept. 3 and 10: What the Gifts are, what they do, and how to identify your own.

After that we will resume our weekly Bible study, beginning with 1 Kings.

Join us in Room 210 at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM

JESSICA WALLACE

Jessica Wallace is our new Facilities and Communications Manager! She has 8 years' experience managing local construction projects, a background in the medical field, and a lifetime of communication skills. Want to see her face light up? Ask her about her grandchildren! Going forward, if you have any questions or concerns about the facility or communications, please contact Jessica! [fcmgr@hendersonvillepc.org](mailto:fcmgr@hendersonvillepc.org)



## **Let's Celebrate September Birthdays!**

Sept 1	Peggy Finch-Hyatt	Sept 18	David Bonner
Sept 2	Linda Gilbert, Sherry Thomas	Sept 20	Steve Umberger
Sept 3	Don Speece, Hank Sweigart	Sept 22	Sara Emel
Sept 5	Susan Sitler	Sept 23	Sherri Jones
Sept 8	Cameron McClelland	Sept 25	Mary Lavery-Perry
Sept 9	Luke Morris	Sept 27	Victor Lyman, Ragen White
Sept 10	Rob McClelland, Carolyn Miller	Sept 28	Teresa Compton
Sept 12	Jean Austin, Priscilla Rouse	Sept 29	Cathy Gradine, Cole Pittillo
		Sept 30	Marilyn Frenier

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**CARYL MOBLEY**



## Welcome to our new class of Stephen Ministers!



L to R: Gayle Emery, Susan Sitler, Jonell Grier, Mimi Jamieson,  
Clay Haskins, Maureen DiRienzo, Victor Lyman, Richard Thomas

On September 24 we will be welcoming our newest Stephen Ministers.

Since March, they have been studying and practicing the lessons on helping people during difficult times with Christ-focused care, listening, confidentiality, and so many more topics. And, what an amazing group of people we Stephen Leaders have had the privilege to interact with! We will be introducing them at the 9:00am service and Commissioning them at the 11:00am service on September 24, 2023.

Information about Stephen Ministry will be available. They will be present at the Fellowship Hours following both services, so please come and welcome them!

# 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, and toy car are some examples. Small tools like measuring tapes, hammers, screw drivers, and paint brushes make great gifts for the older boys. As the summer ends,

you may also find deals on spiral notebooks, sunglasses, flip-flops and tee-shirts of all sizes—remember no company/product or military-type logos please, but colorful shirts are great.

## **Please add a few items to your calendar:**

Last day to purchase Buy-A-Box at church - October 28th

Pack-A-Box party – November 11th

Pennies for Shoeboxes –November 12th

Dedication Sunday – November 19th

Collection week – Nov. 13th thru Nov. 20th

For Juan, a 12-year-old boy from a small town in southern Colombia, a simple soccer ball from an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift revealed the love of God. Now instead of using old fabric assembled into a makeshift ball, Juan kicks a real soccer ball and uses it to show God’s grace to all his friends and family. He tells them where he received the ball as well as the Bible stories he is learning through The Greatest Journey. As a result, Juan’s mother has heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ and now attends church with her son.

“We are God’s workers, working together.” I Cor. 3:9

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

MINDY HENSON



This prayer request came from Mindy and her ministry in Ukraine -

Roman was captured and placed in a concentration camp - When he returned, he had lost 40 pounds, and had a serious head injury. They have done one surgery, but another needs to be done, but the doctors refuse because it is too dangerous.

At first, he would only speak of his time in the concentration camp with his wife's father, who had been a soldier. Now he speaks a little bit with his wife, Ira, but the stories, although heart-breaking, do not yet speak of the torture he endured. He still cannot work, and when I speak to him, he speaks slowly - still smiling on the surface, but with much sadness underneath. It will be a long process for them. We are continuing to support them until the end of the year.





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**COME SUNDAY**  
*Sept 17th*

**BLUEGRASS BASH**

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
**Lynn Goldsmith & Jeter Mountain Band**  
Free Admission, Free Ice Cream and great Bluegrass Gospel Music!

The poster features a vertical image of a guitar on the left and a group photo of the band on the right. The text is in bold yellow and black fonts.

## THE KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS IS COMING!

The Kirkin' of the Tartans is scheduled for October 22 at 11:00 am.  
We will be accompanied in worship by Harp, Pipes, and Drums.  
Invite your friends and family members.  
Let's have an amazing celebration of our Scottish Heritage!