



HBC Alive

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Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 19 beginning at 4 pm at Purcell Park Shelter #2.

Come at 4 pm for fun and fellowship.

Dinner will be served at 5 pm.

The Recreation Committee will be providing meat, drinks and paper products.

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Kids Castle is nearby and other games will be available.

You don't want to miss the great food, fun and fellowship, so make plans to join us!



Game and Movie Night

Friday, August 3 at 7 pm

Join us again for a game and movie night on the lawn on the First Friday in August. Everyone is encouraged to bring yard games and chairs as well as blankets to share and popcorn or other snacks and the Children's Committee will provide some super yummy ice cream for dessert! Invite your neighbors and bring a friend. We are counting on a lovely summer evening and we will start the movie, Sing!, as the sun begins to go down! Join us for a relaxing night of fun and laughter with your church family and your community!



Where every life plants you bloom with grace!

From the Leadership Team by Larry Lynch

As Chairman of the Leadership Team I want you to know we as a Leadership Team are going to keep our eyes on the Lord as we work through the interim time we are without a pastor. We loved Mark as God's shepherd to us since 2015. We will miss him and pray for him and Victoria as they make their move to Raleigh, N. C. Pastoral change is not the end of the world; in fact, change is part of life. The following months we may all have to have some extra patience and flexibility as we begin the process of finding a new pastor. The following are some guidelines I found that I think may be important for us at this time:

- 1) Be Faithful to Attend Services
- 2) Be a Praying Christian
- 3) Be Extra Patient and Understanding as we work through the Pastor Search Process
- 4) Continue to Contribute Financially
- 5) Volunteer More than Usual
- 6) Help Contribute to Unity ... Build each other up as we face this time together
- 7) Realize that God is "Always in Our Midst" so let's not waste any opportunity to tell others about faith in Christ Jesus
- 8) Finally, Don't Panic and Be at Peace! Rest in the fact that He stated the "He" will build this church ... and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Pastor Search Committee



SEARCH COMMITTEE

Choosing a Pastor Search Committee carries a heavy and sacred responsibility as they seek the Lord on behalf of the congregation about who He is calling to be the church's next pastor. Because of that, the Leadership Team wants your help. On July 29 and August 5, you will have an opportunity to suggest people to serve on that important committee. We hope you will carefully consider who to suggest.

They should be folks with spiritual depth and have a track record of hard work and dedication to the church. We want the Pastor Search Committee to be covered with prayer from start to finish so begin praying now about who you would like to suggest to the Leadership Team. Ask for the Lord's guidance above all else.

The Leadership Team will then take those suggestions and according to the HBC Constitution, select a Pastor Search Committee who they will bring before the church for approval. HBC is the Lord's church and belonged to God before Mark arrived and continues to belong to Him now that he's gone to another area of ministry. God wants to bless our church and will, if we stay committed to Him and loving one another during this transition time. TRUST GOD!

Save the Date!

The Augusta Baptist Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 22 at 7 pm to at Westside Baptist Church, Harrisonburg. Dr. John Upton will be the guest speaker. If interested in being a messenger please contact Amy Cyzick in the church office. Church messengers will be approved at the Leadership Team's October meeting. The ABA meeting is open to anyone - only association officers and approved messengers can vote.



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 19, we will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks during the worship service. Everyone going back to school this fall is invited to bring their backpacks and lay them around the Communion Table so we can offer a blessing for each student they represent as well as for the teachers and other folks involved with school. Let's send our students and teachers back to school with our prayers and blessings!



Interim Senior Pastors

The LT has finalized dates for interim senior pastor for Sunday mornings through early fall. On Sunday, July 29 we will welcome back to HBC, Dr. Tom Reynolds, former retired HBC senior pastor. Rev. Eli Withers (our own Minister of Spiritual Formation) will bring the message on August 5. Please make sure to provide a warm HBC welcome to each of these speakers.

On Sunday, August 12 we will welcome back Dr. Jim White. He has previously preached at HBC. Dr. White has worked for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, the VA Baptist Mission Board and was the Executive Editor of the Religious Herald. Jim is a published author and a U. S. Marine Corps veteran. He has completed interim pastorates in Williamsburg and Emporia.

We will welcome Michael Cheuk on Sunday, August 10. Michael ministered for over twenty years in churches as an associate pastor and as pastor. In 2016, he stepped down to take time to explore new avenues to fulfill his calling. Michael just founded Dialogical Pathways LLC, a coaching and consulting practice dedicated to helping individuals and organizations collaborate with purpose through the power of compassionate communication. He is also a Certified Christian Leadership Coach and received training as a church consultant with the Center for Congregational Health.

Skip Wallace will be here on Sunday, August 26 and September 2. Skip is the former Minister of Education and Senior Pastor at King's Grant Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. He is currently a Field Strategist with Baptist General Assembly of Virginia for the Valley Region. Skip's role as a field strategist has many components here are just a few: to network with pastors, train and assist local church search committees in filling staff positions, and advise leaders in developing resources in Sunday School and Discipleship ministries.



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

C.S. Lewis

FamousQuotes123.com



Our Children's Committee has decided to try something brand new this coming fall and we hope that you and your family will join us for this! Instead of continuing our AWANA program on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year we would like to give a Sunday evening children's program a try. Beginning on Sunday, September 9, children from ages 3 through the fifth grade (the same ages as our VBS program) will be invited to attend a brand new Sunday evening program from 6 to 7:30 which will run through December. Occasionally, we will have some special Sunday evening activities for the whole church that will take the place of the children's activity—like Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 28 or the Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 18—but on normal Sunday schedules we will have this brand-new opportunity for our children. The details are still being worked out and the name of our Sunday evening program will be announced in mid-August but we want to encourage you to get excited about this now! We know that the mid-week program has been challenged by the busy schedules of families and homework, etc. and we are hoping that by giving Sunday evenings a try we will be able to give families an opportunity for deeper discipleship for their children.

As we've done in the past with our AWANA program and as we do with VBS, throughout the month of August we will be registering children for this program. And we already have several volunteers from our Children's Committee but we still need more help! The basic outline of each meeting will be a general gathering time in the Stage Alive room on the Children's Ministry hallway and then classes will have a time of Bible Study that will involve Bible Drills, crafts, games and more and then a time of music where, among other things, they will work on the Christmas pageant for December! (This year we plan to have the Christmas Dinner & Children's Christmas Pageant on a Sunday evening—more details about that to come!).

There will be three classes on Sunday evenings—
3 to 5-year-old pre-K
kindergarten through second grade
third through fifth grade

We are excited to see what God is going to do through this new adventure this fall but we cannot do it without you! Please sign up any Sunday on a Communication Card if you are interested in helping out in any way—whether it be through being a teacher or leading a craft or Bible drills or games... or any other way!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! You can also talk to Sarah Northen, Chair of the Children's Committee or Eli Withers. Please also be in prayer for the children's ministry of Harrisonburg Baptist Church. We will be sending out invitations to all the children and families who attended our summer VBS program and we want to encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join your kids in coming too. That is the way our program will grow! If you have someone you'd like us to send an invitation to please let us know!



We are looking for Sunday morning volunteers to help with the coffee cart. The basic needs are to come in on Sunday morning before the Sunday School hour and get everything set up. This entails using the extension cords to plug in the coffee makers, putting out the coffee pods, creamer, sugars, cups, napkins, stir sticks and bottles of water, if available. There should be a trash can. Also, there are jugs of water that can be refilled in the kitchen to bring up to refill the coffee makers as needed.

After worship service everything needs to be put away, cleaned up and the cart covered until the next Sunday. If interested please contact Deb Douglas at dad5775@gmail.com.

Financial Update



At the end of June our receipts were \$10,000 more than expenses. This is good news, however, we were 12% behind our prorated budget for the same time period. This means that if all committees had spent their total prorated budget at the end of June we would have been in a deficit of over \$30,000. The

Finance Committee thanks our committees for monitoring their spending so that we are not faced with such a deficit.

The Committee also thanks the congregation for its continued tithes and offerings. We do know, however, that summer usually brings a decrease in giving with vacations and other activities that keep people away from church. The Finance Committee encourages you to please remember your tithe even if you miss a Sunday. And don't forget that online giving is available on our website at www.hbcalive.org on the front page. It's quick and easy to set up and very easy to use. Consider taking advantage of this fast, easy and convenient way to make sure your tithe is received.



Minister On Call

Our Minister On Call will be slightly altered during the interim period. Of course during the week you can always contact the church office for emergencies. Over the weekend you can contact the Deacon of the Week and/or Eli. Eli may be contacted at 804-539-4743. You may also contact your assigned deacon. Your deacon should have reached out to you and provided their contact info. If you don't know which deacon you are assigned to please contact the church office.

Deacon of the Week

August 5 Pattie Alvis (540-908-8609)

August 12 Tony Graham (540-433-1458)

August 19 Tom Hartman (540-476-1908)

August 26 TBA



2019 Budget

Attention Committee Chairs!
2019 Budget Request Forms will be mailed out on July 30.

Please meet with your committee and decide on a realistic budget to meet your needs and plans for 2019.

Request forms are due back to the office by Friday, August 31. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Susan Kiser at 433-2456 or susan@hbcalive.org.

Contribution Statement

If interested in having a mid-year contribution statement please indicate on the Communication Card or contact Susan Kiser in the church office.



College Ministry - Continued by Doug & Cindy Skelley



Continued from where you ask? It is continued from the end of April 2018? It is almost back to school time and the city of Harrisonburg will be packed with college students! We keep hearing that the Nones* are growing fast and furiously. That is

something we would like to stop! To do our small part we are committed to continuing the Sunday lunch and conversation in hopes some of the many students attending colleges in Harrisonburg will find their way to HBC. As a reminder Eli and Cindy met with Karen Marsh** last year over one of the Vintage Lunch meetings which takes place near the University of Virginia grounds in order to see how the lunch/conversation model works.

We started our version of this model last February and met 8 times at our house plus one time at HBC for the Easter Egg hunt. College student attendance varied from 3 to 9 over that time period. We usually had 13 to 20 total participants when the conversation leaders and other interested persons who also attended are included. We had positive responses from the regular attendees and want to keep this going. Our goal this year is to begin as soon as school starts in late August. There are many potential issues to resolve - such as is Sunday the best time, is 2 hours every Sunday too long, how do we reach those not coming to HBC? We don't have the answers. We can only try to continue what was started to see where God takes us. If it is meant to be, we can all pray that the Christian conversations spark interest, introduce persons who are new to church/Christianity to know Jesus Christ, help us to explore topics of interest to young people, help us to expand knowledge of the Bible, and for all associated, including us to grow in our Christian faith. We will need your help for lunches so please stay tuned to sign up for lunches. We also need your prayers and help to dream of where we can go with outreach to young people. Thomas Merton from *Saints and Sinners**** sums up our approach: "What we are asked to do at present is not so much to speak of Christ as to let him live in us so that people may find him by feeling how he lives in us."

*Per website <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nones>. "Nones" is a term sometimes used for people with no religious affiliation in the United States.

**Author of *Saints and Sinners*, the book we are using to spark conversations.

****Vintage Saints and Sinner, 25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith*, by Karen Wright Marsh, 2017.



Sunday Morning Greeters

August 5 Nancy Shomo & Karen Folsom

August 12 Jane Messinger & Shirley Cobb

August 19 Ellen Shomo & Joyce Deavers

August 26 Sam & Susan Huffman

The College Committee will need lots, and lots, and LOTS of bottled water! If you can donate a case (or two) of bottled water, please bring it to the stage in the fellowship hall ... we will be collecting cases of water there!

Also items needed for welcome bags. Please donate packs of crackers or gum, individual drink mixes, wrapped candy, cereal bars, etc. A basket is provided in the foyer to collect items.

Thanks in advance for your help in welcoming our college students back!



Plentinine Events

Saturday, August 4
Trip to Wohlfahrt Haus
Wytheville, VA
Featuring songs, hymns, and
gospel favorites
Cost: \$59 per person

Sunday, August 19 @ 7 pm
"Good Time Gospel
Concert" at Generations Park
in Bridgewater
Enjoy ice cream social after
the concert at Oakdale Park,
Shelter #1

Tuesday, September 4
7 pm at HBC (Room 111)
Book Study
"Feast of the Senses"
Written and led by Tom
Reynolds

Friday, September 14 @ 7 pm
Kenya Trip Presentation
HBC Fellowship Hall
Led by Joyce Deavers & Eli
Withers

Tuesday, October 2 &
Wednesday, October 3
Overnight Trip to Lancaster,
Pennsylvania
Facilitators: Tony & Marie
Graham

Thursday, October 11
Quarterly Meeting @ 6 pm
Traditions Restaurant

Kids Alive by Mary Smith



Kids Alive is our Sunday School Program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Our five year curriculum, with sixty Biblical thematic units, creates a unique and creative Bible learning experience for children.

Over the next few months, we are seeking a new director for this program as I feel it is time for me to step aside. The director is responsible for organizing the lesson plans, acquiring teachers, and making sure all materials are readily available. Rev. T. W. Johnson and Don Musselman will continue to be helpers. If you or someone you know would enjoy the rewarding work of directing Kids Alive, please contact me, Mary Smith, (540-222-5873) or Eli Withers.

Sunday School Promotion

Sunday School Promotion will take place on Sunday, August 26 in the sanctuary from 9-9:15 am. After which children can leave and go to their brand new Sunday School class. Sunday School teachers and parents .. if you have a

child being promoted into the next class, please let us know on the Communication Card. Everyone is invited to attend the Promotion Program!



August Ministry Focus by Dustyn Miller



The Transportation Committee at HBC works diligently at providing transportation for members and guests that cannot provide their own transportation for Sunday school and the Sunday morning worship service. This would also include transportation to other activities at church on a will call basis. Additionally, transportation is provided for college students who would like to attend Sunday school and the worship service. HBC owns three vans which are serviced on a regular basis. The Committee is in transition right now and in need of additional members to help share responsibilities. Please contact Don Embrey or Dustyn Miller if you feel led to contribute to this important church ministry or sign up on the Communication Card.

Sacred Arts Festival

The first annual Harrisonburg Sacred Arts Festival will take place September 21-22. HBC is one of the participating choirs. See Gary Ritcher to participate in the festival choir or just plan to come and enjoy the festival.

Friday, Sept. 21 @ 7:30 pm
Community Sing
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Saturday, September 22
1-5 pm
Workshops and Other Events
Music and Healing, Music and
Peace Building
Organ Crawl

Saturday, Sept. 22 @ 7:30 pm
Massed Choir Concert
Harrisonburg Mennonite Church

Music Ministry Opportunities

HBC is blessed with an active and varied Music Ministry! If you would like to be a part of that ministry in the coming year, there are many ways to become involved:

- ⇒ Adult Choir
- ⇒ Praise Band
- ⇒ Handbells (Jubellation)
- ⇒ Orchestra (All instruments. This group accompanies the hymns.)

People of all ages, including our youth, are invited to participate. If you can't commit to a full year, consider helping prepare the music for special services such as Christmas, Easter or the Sacred Arts Festival (described to the left). College students have been a vital part of these ministries. Children are encouraged to be a part of the Sunday evening children's program as they prepare to sing in church and present their Christmas program.

To join a music group or to obtain more information, contact:

Adult Choir—Gary Ritcher

gary@hbcalive.org

Rehearsal: Wednesday Nights
7:30-9 pm beginning August 15

Praise Band—Ebony Cleveland

ebony@hbcalive.org

Rehearsal: Once per month & Sunday mornings at 8:30 am

Handbell Choir—Anne Wright

wrightaz@comcast.net

Rehearsal: Tuesday Nights
6-7 pm beginning Sept. 5



Thank You for Blessed VBS



What a great week it was to be Shipwrecked at HBC in June with so many wonderful children and volunteers for a tremendous week of Vacation Bible School! Thank you so much for all of your hard work! The children learned so much about the stories of Jesus and what it means to be a follower of Jesus and they had a great time doing it! Whether you helped by creating decorations or hanging decorations around the church or you led students from workshop to workshop; maybe you prepared and helped students to perform experiments or learn new songs or learn about the needs of folks in other parts of the world or maybe you just played real hard with the kids; you may have gotten here really early each morning to drive the van or help with the sound or you might have sat in the nursery with some of our younger kiddos so that their parents could help out with VBS... no matter what you did we want you to know just how much you are appreciated! We would especially like to thank the many many youth who helped out in so many different ways during the week. We are already looking forward to another good week next year!

Happy Birthday HBC!

Did you know that HBC turns 150 years old on January 17, 2019?

Be looking for forthcoming info as plans are made to celebrate throughout the upcoming new year!



Notes of Thanks

Over the past month, we are grateful for the prayers and cards encouraging healing for my broken arm. Ron and I have received comfort and nourishment from the wonderful meals provided by so many. We are blessed to have a loving church family.

Thank You,
Mary and Ron Smith

Prayer List

Our Church Family:

Jeannie Christian, Austin Harper, Gary Lohr, Don Musselman, Jimmy & Nancy Russell and Walter Sellers

Our Extended Church Family:

Vera Bruce - granddaughter of Larry & Betty Ecklund

Nursing Homes: Betty Acker & Libby Keihn at Bridgewater Nursing Home; Leary Baker, Hank Bowers and Elma Cobb at VMRC



HBC Family,

Thank you all so much for the love offering and the communion set! Your love and support has meant a great deal and I am excited to continue to serve with all of you!

Thank You!
Brandon Hawley

Weekly Attendance

Date	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22
Worship Service	142	145	181	132
Sunday School	90	76	NA	85

August 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAURDAY
			1 10 am Ladies Prayer Group (Offsite in Augusta Co.)	2	3 7 pm Game & Movie Night Youth Lock In	4
5 Communion 2-6 pm Kachin Baptist Church	6	7 6 pm Children's Committee (Parlor)	8 10 am Ladies Prayer Group (Bridgewater) NO Youth Clothes Closet	9	10	11 
12 NO Youth Supper & Frontline	13 7 pm LT (Rm B-4)	14 	15	16	17 4-7:30 pm Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Reserved	18 Bag Lunch at St. Stephens UCC 1-5:30 pm Sanctuary and Church Reserved
19 Blessing of the Backpacks 2-6 pm Kachin Baptist Church 4 pm Church Picnic	20 Sept. Newsletter Articles Due 1:30 pm Knitting/Crocheting Group (Rm B-4)	21 County School Begins 7:30 pm Finance Comm. (Rm 111)	22	23 6:30 pm Preschool Orientation (Fellowship Hall)	24	25 JMU Block Party
26 9 am Sunday School Promotion (Sanctuary)	27 JMU Classes Begin 	28 City Schools Begin	29 	30	31 2019 Budget Request Due!	
		JMU Freshmen Move In Days				

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:15 am - Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am - Worship
6-8 pm - Youth Supper & Frontline

Mondays

6:30 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mr. J's Bagels)
1:30 pm - Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesdays

5:30-8:30 pm - Skyline Literacy (Rm B-4)

Wednesdays

10 am - Ladies Prayer Group (Rm B-4)
6-8 pm - Youth Bible Study (at Belchers)
7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice (beginning Aug. 15)

Thursdays

5:30 - 8:30 pm - Skyline Literacy (Rm B-4)

Saturdays

10:30 am - Community Bag Lunch

Youth Passport Camp by Katelyn Belcher

Our youth group recently returned from an incredible week at Passport Camp. This year we stayed on campus at Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina. We made so many good and often humorous memories over the course of the week. We also grew much closer as a youth group and we all deepened our relationships with Christ.

This year was our fifth year of attending Passport Camp and our first time attending Passport Choices Camp. In the previous four years at camp we attended Passport Missions. Passport Choices is a little different from Passport Missions because instead of being selected into a mission group, campers can choose from 9 different courses to participate in the afternoon. This year our courses were as follows: Tree Space, World Play, Curtain Call, Color Palette, Grace Notes, Missions, Victory Lap, High Rise, and Game Face. The goal of these courses was to provide youth with different experiences that they are passionate about and to teach them how their gifts can be used to worship God. We have a very diverse youth group with many talents so our group was spread out to various courses. The courses were taught by college students and graduate students who were passionate about the subject and the leaders really provided meaningful discipleship to the students. We had five students in Color Palette and on the last night of worship they presented their artwork to the camp. Each piece represented a daily theme at camp and they were all marvelous! We were even able to bring home one piece that three of our girls created. It's on display in the youth room- feel free to check it out

sometime! Another one of our students was in Grace Notes and it was so neat to see them perform worship songs. They even wrote their own song and played it at worship!

Apart from the choice courses, the Passport Camp program was much the same as it's been in years previously. Our group was split up into different bible study groups. And we experienced powerful worship each night. The passport staff were phenomenal this year! Our camp pastor, Pastor E.J., was a true blessing for all of the students and adults. He spoke directly to our students and presented the gospel in meaningful ways that our students could really relate to.

And of course we had tons of fun over the week too! We all participated in a very wet Rec Party (there was an adult team too!). We danced at the Christmas in July Dance Party. And we really enjoyed attending the variety show at camp. We also got a free night to spend with just our youth group. We went to Celebration Station and had a blast racing go karts, playing mini golf, spraying each other with water guns in bumper boats, playing tons of arcade games, and enjoying an unlimited pizza buffet!

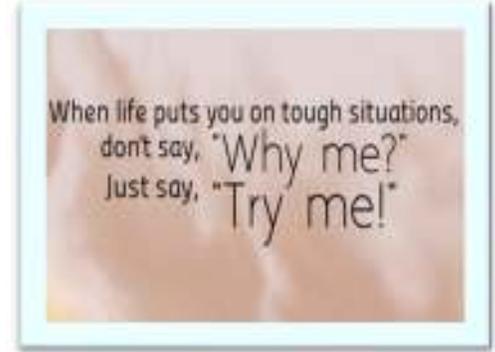
We can't thank our church family enough for all of your support and encouragement as we prepared for camp. You truly provided our youth with many powerful Christ encounters and planted many seeds that week. We're already excited and planning for next year!



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Ebony Cleveland, Praise Band Leader
Katelyn Belcher, Youth Director
Dr. Tonya Menard, Pianist
Rosemary Lonberger, Organist
Susan Kiser, Financial Secretary
Amy Cyzick, Ministry Assistant

Sept. Newsletter Deadline: August 20, 2018

Please submit articles to Amy Cyzick at
amy@hbcalive.org

Our mission is to go and make
passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

August Birthdays

1st	Pat Byrd	19th	Wayne Hannah
	Nancy Shomo	24th	Sharon Nguimbi
3rd	William Pond	25th	Ryan Honeycuff
4th	Dana Mazingo	26th	Ted Petit
	Jordan White		Nico Nguimbi
6th	Susan Payne	27th	Ethan Hartman
8th	Meg Helbert		Raleigh Hartman
	Tracy McGray	28th	Matt Lohr
13th	Leena Smith		
14th	Miriam Loucks		
17th	Bill Sanger		

