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LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

BY TONY GRAHAM

What an amazing journey this church has gone through since it was first established 150 years ago. The memories of some of our oldest members are priceless and are treasured by the people of the church today. This church has played a major role in the lives of hundreds of families and has been the center of the religious and social lives of many generations. This is a tradition we would like to see continued in the lives of our current and future members here at Harrisonburg Baptist Church.

There are many exciting activities currently taking place to celebrate the 150th year of our church. We have a group of ladies who are adding to the recorded history of this church in a unique way. They are preparing a Harrisonburg Baptist Church Cookbook. The last church cookbook was published in 1988 by the Agape Circle. The new cookbook will include recipes from past and current members of the Church and their families. It is slated to be published soon, so you will not want to miss the opportunity to reserve your copy right away so that it will be available to you as soon as the books arrive from the publisher. I foresee a lot of the wonderful cooks in the church trying out these new recipes, pleasing their families with their new creations.

September is going to be a very active month for our church. We will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Community Lunch Program on September 7 with lunch on the lawn and other activities to entertain the participants. On September 8th there will be a Church Family Fun Night of exciting activities for all. The book *Hopeful Imagination* is being read and discussed by our church members in various small groups, Sunday School Classes and the Plenti-Nine Book Study Group as we search for ideas to make our church appealing to new and prospective members. A very special event is coming up on September 29. We will be having a Church Homecoming to celebrate our 150th anniversary. Fred Anderson will be guest speaker at the service. This will be followed by lunch and activities on the Church lawn.

The summer seems to have gone by so quickly. The children are excited about school starting and getting together with their friends for another wonderful year of learning. It is good to have our college students back. They play a vital part in the ministry of HBC. Our Church is special to all of us and we want to make it just as special to other people in our community. Our congregation has worshiped together for 150 years and our goal is to continue to serve the Harrisonburg community for many generations to come.



Lessons from the Vineyard

By Skip Wallace

It seems like there are new vineyards appearing in the valleys of central Virginia daily. Drive just about any secondary road in the Shenandoah Valley or around Charlottesville and you'll see numerous new rows of grapevines along the way. My wife and I can drive less than a mile from our house and pick our own fresh grapes.

Vineyards were important in the time of Jesus. They provided both food and beverage to a hungry and thirsty society. Grapes were one of the essential crops of the time, and everyone knew of their significance. That's why Jesus was able to teach his disciples vital spiritual lessons using the grapevine as an illustration. John 15 contains this teaching.

Over the next several weeks, we'll study this important passage during our Sunday morning worship services. Let me encourage you to join us as we seek to interpret what truths we can learn that still apply to us as his disciples today.



Did You Know?

It is an exciting time for our Community Bag Lunch program! We are celebrating 25 years of service to our community through this ministry. Even if you do not serve on a lunch team, did you know that there is another way you can be a vital part of this ministry? **You can make a donation to the Community Bag Lunch Fund!** This ministry is not funded by the church budget and is supported solely by food donations from the lunch team members and other monetary donations. Consider making a special donation to the Bag Lunch ministry in honor of this 25-year milestone. Simply earmark your check or envelope with the words "Bag Lunch." This will go a long way to help stock the Bag Lunch closet with paper products and other staples to assist the various lunch teams. **Give Big!!**



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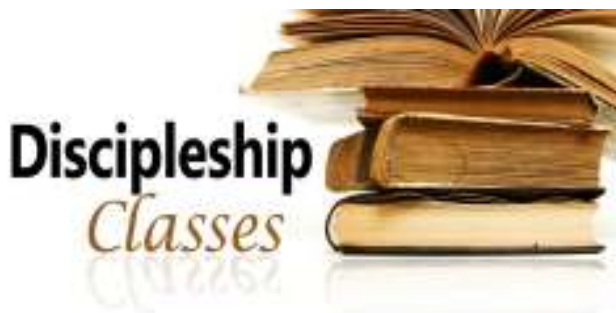
Our new preschool class, taught by Noelle Carroll and Chloe Simmons, welcomed four students: **Quinn Belcher, Katherine Carroll, Noah Carroll, and Josie Leonard.** We've had fun setting up the old Hot Zone as their new classroom. On Promotion Sunday, we said "Good-Bye" to **Josh Fly** who now joins the Middle School Sunday School class. We're glad to see all our Kids Alive friends back from summer vacation and look forward to another exciting year.

~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION WITH DR. DAN CARLTON

September 21, 2019

Join Dr. Dan Carlton, Senior Pastor of Culpeper Baptist Church for some words of challenge and encouragement on Saturday, September 21 in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Carlton, and his church, had a lot to say to us when we visited them back in March as a part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Those of us who attended the outing felt like he had much to say that could speak to us here at Harrisonburg Baptist Church, so we invited him down for a chat. We will gather at 9 am for some light refreshments and listen as Dr. Carlton tells us the story of Culpeper Baptist Church in recent years. They, too, studied the *Hopeful Imagination* book much of our church has been studying over the summer. Dr. Carlton even took a group of folks down to Wilmington to visit with the church community. We will spend the first part of our time hearing their story—learning how their “established” or “legacy” church has attempted to step up to the challenges of a new day and age of doing church and then have time to ask questions of our own. Plan to be a part of this exciting time in the life of our church so that we can continue together to seek God’s guidance for our church. The meeting will conclude by noon.



Join us this Fall for a return to Discipleship Classes on Wednesday nights. Following the completion of the Wednesday night study of *Hopeful Imagination* we will begin a study on what the 21st Century Church will look like as we head into the inevitable and sometimes perplexing future. The class will begin on **Wednesday, October 16 at 6 pm.** We will spend some time throughout our study looking at how the book of Acts describes the building of the New Testament church as well as how the church has changed throughout history. Plan to join us for this exciting and energizing study on how we can be better stewards of the 21st Century church, more devoted disciples of our Lord and consider where God is calling us and who God is calling us to be in this time and space.

Mission Trip to *Owsley, Kentucky*

HBC has always had a heart for missions, both locally and around the world. We have sent our members on mission trips to Haiti, Hungary, Kenya, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Texas. We wish to continue that legacy and to continue our relationship with the people in Owsley County, Kentucky.

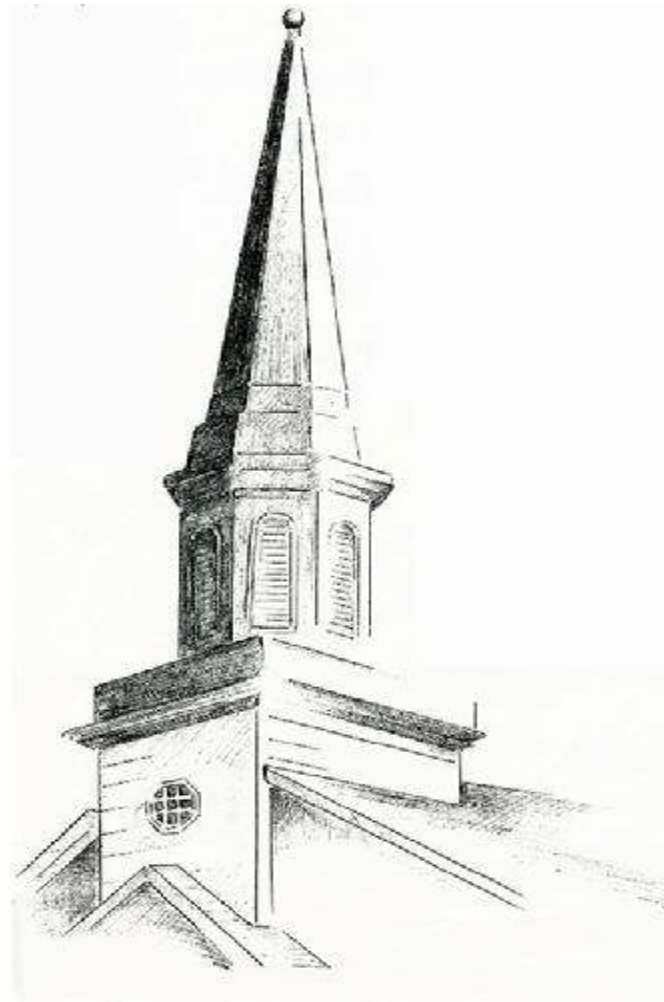
In 2014 and 2015, HBC sent mission teams to Owsley County to help repair a home, work in the food bank, and deliver dresses and school materials for the children in Owsley County Elementary School. We also “adopted” a teacher and her classroom in Owsley Elementary.

From Nov. 4th through Nov. 8th, we plan to return to Owsley, Kentucky to provide an appreciation breakfast for the teachers and staff of Owsley County Elementary School. We also plan to visit in nursing homes and senior centers and provide the seniors with prayer shawls which were knitted and crocheted by our members. We will also help prepare the food bank for the winter. If you are interested in being a part of this mission trip, contact Mary Smith at (540) 222-5873.

HBC Homecoming September 29, 2019

As part of the continuing celebration of our 150th Anniversary, HBC will have a special **Homecoming Service Sunday, September 29**. The service will begin at 10:15 with a prelude by our musical guests, the Walking Roots Band. There will be no Sunday School or Kingdom Kids that morning. We will be joined by the 16 “original” members in costume and the message will be brought by Dr. Fred Anderson in the person of the well-known 19th century Baptist preacher, William Hatcher.

Following the service, we will enjoy **Dinner on the Grounds**, with barbecue from BBQ Ranch, old time games for the children and entertainment by the Good Time Gospel Quartet and Blue Ridge Mountain Dulcimer Players Club. This will take the place of the annual church picnic. We hope you can be a part of this special day and invite your friends.



October 2
6:00 pm

Safety Seminar with Lt. Tom Hoover of the Harrisonburg Police Department

October 6

We will be holding a joint communion service with Kachin Baptist Church during Community Worship.

November 10
5:00 pm

Annual Church Business Meeting & Dinner

Plenti-niners Calendar

October 1 (Tues): **Book club**, “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens, led by Joan Sanger, 7:00 pm at HBC.

October 9 (Wed): Trip to **Swift Creek Mill Playhouse** for a matinee performance of “Holmes and Watson”, facilitated by Dennis & Judy Simmons, cost \$54 per person. Payment and confirmation due by September 11.

October 10 (Thurs): **Quarterly meeting**, Traditions restaurant, 6:00 pm, \$14 (note day change).



Dear Eli and the entire HBC congregation,

I'd like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart and for all of my family, for the love you showed to Christine for so many years, and to us in losing her.

Your warmth, generosity and hospitality will always be remembered... a bright spot when we talk about Chrissy.

She loved Jesus, her natural family and her church family. Having a SL interpreter, helping in the nursery, being part of the book club and attending church suppers were some of the highlights she shared at HBC that made her feel so connected to you all. I'm sure there were many more things we didn't know about. You were a source of strength for her after her mom (my sister Sue) died. She nor I never really bounced back from that.

Thank you for all the appointments you took her to, the meals you prepared, the hospital visits, cards and gifts. You grew her faith, gave her hope and made her smile.

Love,
Brenda Remis



The August Trivia answer was **Bryan Acker**. He collected drink can tabs which he sold and then donated the money to kidney dialysis assistance.

Our winners of the August Trivia drawing are **Elise Ritchie, Bill Lee, and Donna Downey**. Congrats to each of these folks who will receive a Kline's Dairy Bar gift card.

Here is your HBC Trivia question for September:

What long-time HBC member (now deceased) lovingly and beautifully sketched the various buildings used by Harrisonburg Baptist Church during the 150 years since it was constituted? He also sketched many other historical buildings in the area. His sketches can be seen at HBC and in other places around town.

Get your answer to the church office by way of phone or e-mail or communication card by September 22nd to be entered into a drawing for a Kline's gift card.

If you don't know – find out!! If you do know – tell a friend!!

Remember! You can't win if you don't play!!



*In
Christian
Sympathy*

We express our deepest sympathies to *Charlotte Kibler*, upon the death of her brother, *Dyer Moyers*.



Prayer List

Extended Family

Sara Gregory—Grandmother of Sara Kate Moore
Luanne Long—Friend of Nancy Shomo
Margaret Straw – Mother of Courtney Shiffer
Timothy Clopton—Grandfather of Sarah Northen
Father of Richard Baugh
Charles Cavallo—friend of Noelle Carroll

Members

Paul & Glenna Steagall
Julie Aittama
Regina Ingram
Jim Russell & Nancy Russell
Cecil Gilkerson
Norris Weaver
Leena Smith

THANK YOU

...to all the folks who provided water and helped welcome students at the JMU Block party on April 24, and to those who donated items for the college welcome bags.

Deacons of the Week

September 1 – Joyce Deavers
September 8 – Debbie Douglas
September 15 – Jeff Obenschain
September 22 – David Downey
September 29—Mike Renfroe

Greeters

September 1— Ellen Shomo and Nancy Shomo
September 8— Bill & Lynda Lee
September 15—Shirley Cobb and Joyce Deavers
September 22—Pat Dickens and Jane Messinger
September 29—Barbara Betts and Patti Good

Financial Snapshot as of 8/25/19

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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Pro-rated Budget needs to date | \$ 283,798.68 |
| Budget Receipts to date | \$ 273,107.40 |
| Budget Expenses paid to date | \$ 222,207.48 |

The Executive Director and Treasurer of the Baptist General Association of Virginia have expressed appreciation to the churches of Virginia for their generous support of Cooperative Missions Giving for the first six months of 2019.

HBC ranked third highest among the fifteen churches in the Augusta Baptist Association.



Change of Address

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Rockingham, VA 22802

2019 SEPTEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|--------|--|
| 1 | 2 Labor Day Church Office Closed | 3 | 4 | 5 <i>A Wrinkle In Crime</i> play at Oak Grove Theater | 6 | 7 25 th Community Lunch Anniversary Event |
| 8 5-7 pm Church Family Fun Night | 9 7 pm LT Meeting | 10 7:15 pm Finance Committee (Rm 111) | 11 6-8 pm Youth to Clothes Closet | 12 | 13 | 14 10 am Homecoming Drama Rehearsal |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Congregational Conversation with Dr. Dan Carlton |
| 22 11 am Homecoming Drama Rehearsal 3 pm Baptism Service | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 10 am Homecoming Drama Rehearsal |
| 29 10:15 am Homecoming Service Dinner & Activities on the Grounds | 30 | | | | | |

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SUNDAYS

2-6 pm Kachin Baptist Church (First & Third)
6-8 pm Youth Supper & Frontline

MONDAYS

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Sentara RMH Café)
1:30 pm Staff meeting

TUESDAYS

6-7 pm Jubellation

WEDNESDAYS

10 am Ladies Prayer Group (Rm B-4)
6 pm *Hopeful Imagination* Conversation (Rm B-4)
7:15 pm Adult Choir

SATURDAYS

10:00 am Community Bag Lunch



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October Newsletter Deadline: September 20, 2019

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