

# Hebron News

Hebron Presbyterian Church, Manakin-Sabot, VA *Our Mission is to "Spread the Word of God"*.

*From the pastor's desk . .*

January, 2017

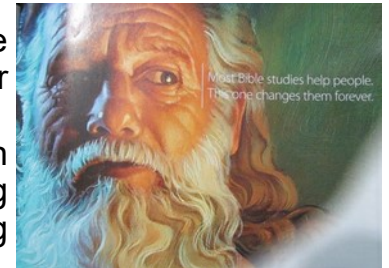
## Pickett's Charge

by Pastor Allen



## From Exploring to Experiencing God

This Fall we spent several weeks trying to answer some of the most difficult questions surrounding Christianity. This Winter we would like to move past the examination stage to the challenge of actually experiencing a day to day relationship with God. In Henry Blackaby's book and workbook "Experiencing God", he posits the basic premise, "Find out what God is doing and join Him in it".



The idea is that God is already at work moving His agenda forward. The question is, "*Do we want to join Him or attempt to create our own agenda?*" The study begins first of all challenging us to believe in Jesus as God's Son. Without this belief it is very difficult to understand or follow the God of the Bible.

Blackaby sums up the Christian Life in "The 7 realities":

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

Beginning Sunday, January 8th, we will be offering Sunday School classes for all ages studying these concepts. The adults will be offered the opportunity to purchase their own workbook for \$13, do five studies a week and get the full benefit of the curriculum or you are welcome to come on Sunday and participate in the teaching and discussion. Either way I believe you will experience a significant change in your relationship with God.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

See you in the new year.

## Soup Luncheon and Missions Update: Sunday, January 22



Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup and join us in Holman Hall after worship on Sunday, January 22 for our annual soup luncheon and a missions update from David and Cameron Olson. Cameron (Ronnie and Cheryl Nuckols' daughter) and David serve as missionaries in Peru and are stateside for a few months of furlough. They will be sharing about their mission work and how we can pray for them.

## Hands-On Hunger Relief Project

**Saturday, January 28  
9:00-11:00am in Holman Hall**

30 volunteers are needed to help package 10,152 meals! Volunteers will scoop ingredients into meal bags, weigh and seal the bags. Children as young as age 5 are invited to join us. We ask that children ages 5-10 are accompanied by a parent or other adult.



The meal bags contain rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a packet containing 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The meals are shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages, and crisis relief.

Stop Hunger Now distributes meals through feeding programs operated by partner organizations in developing countries that promote education, encourage children to attend school, improve students' health and nutrition, address gender inequalities, stimulate economic growth, fight child labor, and are part of the movement to address global issues.

**Click here to sign up: [Stop Hunger Now Sign Up Form](#)**

**Or**

**See the sign-up sheet on the Church Info bulletin board**

## Hebron Youth

[grades 7-12]

**Sunday, January 8    *Experiencing God* Sunday School Begins    11:30am-12:15pm**

The youth class will meet in the conference room, led by Beth Moore. See Lori ASAP for a copy of the workbook - FREE for the first five youth who sign up!

**Sunday, January 22    Grilled Cheese Game Night    6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House**

Grilled cheese sandwiches and board game tournament. You've never played like this before!

**Saturday, January 28    Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event    9:00-11:00am, Holman Hall**

Help package 10,000+ meals to be shipped to countries around the world.

**Sunday, January 29    Sundae Sunday    6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall**

Bring your parents for ice cream sundaes and planning for our 2017 mission trip!

## Hebron Kids For Christ

[tweens in grades 4-6]



**Lunch and Food Pantry Shopping  
Sunday, January 29, 11:30am-1:00pm**

Kids For Christ will go shopping for food donations for the Goochland Food Pantry. The donations will be presented as part of our Souper Bowl of Caring Offering on February 5.

Cost: \$15 for food donations and lunch

*Hosted by Sandra Parrish*

## Experiencing God: Kids Edition

**Begins Sunday, January 8**

All kids in grade 6 and younger are encouraged to be a part of this church-wide study. The children's class will meet in the Ralph Fields Room each Sunday from 11:30am-12:15pm, led by Lori Alford. Each week we'll learn and discuss how we can be a part of the great big work that God is doing in our world.



## For God So Loved the World

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*

*But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen,  
that they have been done in God.”*

*~John 3: 16-21*

What does it mean to love the world with steadfastness and peace;  
to love in ways that don't condemn, but gather in, under a canopy of grace?

What does it mean to love the world with faithfulness and hope;  
to love in ways that heal and soothe, sustaining life in grounded truth?

Its something, maybe, like a song:  
so simple—yet demanding work; so elegant—yet strong.  
It takes your breath—the breath of life—not some,  
but all, and when it's right, it takes your breath away.

There's more: your mind must sing along too, your muscles move, your heart near break,  
or music's wings stay sadly clipped; its gold unrefined.

That is: it takes all that you are—your body, mind, soul and spirit—to sing  
...or serve...or love with grace.

And thus, both then and here and now, when God so loves the world, it is not some;  
a measured bit or a portion; it is **all!!** Behold your Lord comes to you.

May 2017 be a year of serving and loving with grace, and may we resolve to share the message  
that God gave the world true light!

*~Markus Compton*

### **Come make a Joyful Noise and sing with the Hebron Choir!!**

*Regular rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the Sanctuary.*

*Hope you will considering joining this special ministry at Hebron Church.*

*Rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 4th, 2017!!*

*Contact Markus Compton at (804)784-4018 or markuscompton@aol.com  
with any questions.*

**Hebron Day School**

**“Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.”  
Psalm 98: 1**

It’s hard to believe that we are busy planning for the 2017-2018 school year. Beginning in early January, registration opens to returning students, siblings and Hebron church members. Please let us know if you know of anyone who might be interested in our program. We will have an application packet available to send out.

We would like to wish everyone a very **HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

**Shirley Bonovitch  
Director**

**At a Congregational Meeting** held Sunday, December 18, John Miller was elected Elder for the Class of 2017 and Carol Mittendorff, Lynne Parks and Fayette Thackston were elected Elders for the Class of 2019. Martha Rogers was elected Deacon for the Class of 2017, Ken Mittendorff was elected Deacon for the Class of 2018 and Tricia Miller was elected Deacon for the Class of 2019. Each group reduces to eight members.

**January Volunteer Schedules**

	<u><b>Ushers</b></u>	<u><b>Nursery</b></u>
<b>January 1</b>	Jonathan & Kelli Eastwood	Tracy Pickett
<b>January 8</b>	Craig & Ann Bright	Paula Curle
<b>January 15</b>	Dan & Martha Rogers	Tanya Powers
<b>January 22</b>	Everett & Bruce Mish	Tanya Powers
<b>January 29</b>	Cricket & Robin Williams	Tracy Pickett

JANUARY CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 1**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office

**Tuesday, January 3**  
 Hebron Day School Re-opens  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Wednesday, January 4**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Friday, January 6**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, January 8**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Communion  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
*Experiencing God* Winter Sunday School Series begins  
 11:30am-12:15pm

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Tuesday, January 10**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*

**Wednesday, January 11**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, January 12**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*  
 Women of Hebron 11:00am Chapter 29

**Friday, January 13**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, January 15**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
*Experiencing God* Winter Sunday School Series  
 11:30am-12:15pm

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Tuesday, January 17**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*

**Wednesday, January 18**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, January 19**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*

**Friday, January 20**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, January 22**  
 Deacons Meeting 8:45am  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
*Experiencing God* Winter Sunday School Series  
 11:30am-12:15pm

Soup Luncheon & Mission Update  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall  
 Youth: 6:00-7:30pm, Grilled Cheese Game Night  
 Parrish House

PRAYER CONCERNS

Polly Anderson  
 Diane & T. C. Anderson  
 Bibby Raines  
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher  
 Blanche Lawling, *Elizabeth Gallahan's mother*  
 Emmett Morgan, *Brenda Morgan's husband*  
 Barry Thackston, *Fayette Thackston's father*  
 Rob Pickett, *Pastor Allen's brother*  
 Ceil Bare, *Scott Parks' sister*  
 Michael Babb, *long-time friend of Robin & Cricket Williams*

The Atkinson Family,  
*friends of Dan & Martha Rogers*

Denny Rudzinki, *friend of Jamie Kistler*  
 Ted Phillips, *Barb Young's brother*  
 Ben Watkins, *Tricia Miller's brother*  
 Mia Barksdale, *Paula Curle's sister*  
 Tristen Edwin Jenkins, *Shirley Bonovitch's great nephew*

Barbara Kaplan, *Alison Raines' mother*  
 Karen Ball, *Patsy Rice's daughter*  
 Steve Cobb, *former Student Minister at Hebron*  
 Tee Thackston, *Fayette Thackston's brother*  
 Glenn Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's husband*  
 Danny Mizelle and Our Military Personnel

**Please call the church office if there are any changes to be made to the Prayer List.**

**Tuesday, January 24**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*

**Wednesday, January 25**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, January 26**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*  
 Women of Hebron 11:00am, Chapters 30 & 31  
 Session 7:00pm

**Friday, January 27**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Saturday, January 28**  
*Stop Hunger Now* Packing Event, 9:00-11:00am

**Sunday, January 29**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
*Experiencing God* Winter Sunday School Series  
 11:30am-12:15pm

Tweens: 11:30am-1:00pm, Lunch & Food Pantry  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall  
 Youth: 6:00-7:30pm, Sundae Sunday, Mission  
 Trip Planning

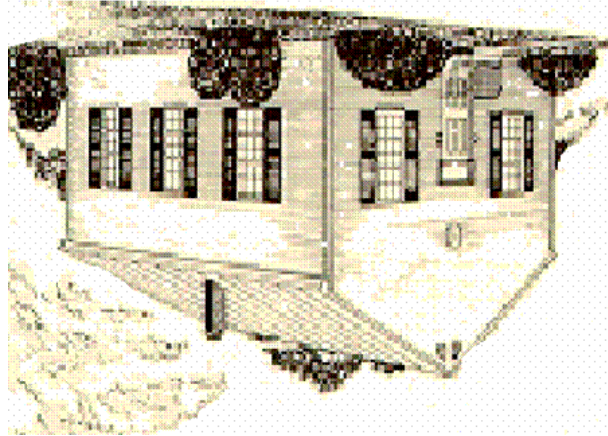
**Tuesday, January 31**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am *Seamless*

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“A Historic Church with a Living Mission”

**Hebron Presbyterian Church**  
*Founded 1843*



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*You are invited to join us for our*  
*10:00am Worship Service*