

# Hebron News

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

*From the pastor's desk . .*

March, 2017



## **Pickett's Charge** by Pastor Allen

### **Uh Oh....New Ideas**

When pastors go to conferences the church should be encouraged because we need refreshing, and we certainly enjoy receiving teaching since most of us are the primary teachers in our settings. But there's also a warning: Watch out! The pastor has been on a conference and he's going to try new ideas on us!

On this last conference I received all kinds of advice regarding evangelism, history lessons about the New Testament church, how to make more effective disciples and a lot more that I've already forgotten. In anticipation of the question, "What did you learn?" I've been thinking about the different speakers, worship services and conversations that occurred during the three days. Surprisingly enough it all came to a head on Thursday morning while I was reading Mark 2 and doing my S.O.A.P. journal.

I read Mark 2:22, "*And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.*" Jesus was having one of his many confrontations with the Pharisees and they were upset over the disciples not fasting with all the other religious people. I think Jesus was trying to get the point across that with the Son of God in your midst, it makes no sense to fast now. A time will come to fast but timing is important.

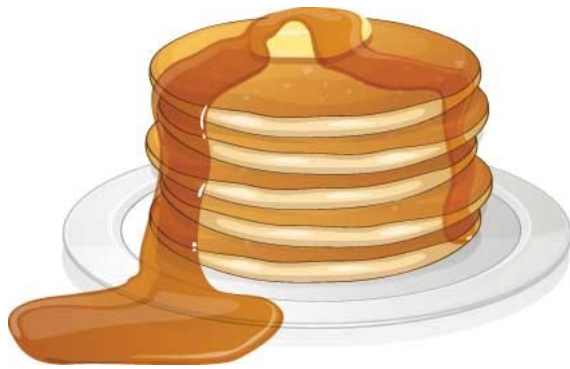
One of my highest values is to be a life-long learner. I don't want to ever get to the point where I think I know it all. I was there when I was 16, but I guess I've gone downhill since then. A conference for me is like an amusement park of information. Pour it on and I'll absorb as much as possible. On this last conference the speaker was very creative with pictures, short videos and diagrams. As he was doing his presentation, I was trying to imagine how I would take this home. And I have mixed feelings.

This new information is nothing contrary to the biblical teaching that you have been receiving. It's not a modern take on worship or even introducing a new musical instrument to replace the piano or organ. Much of it is simply teaching on how to live our lives as more effective disciples of Jesus Christ based on the information that we already know in God's Word.

So, where do the mixed feelings come in? I've done this before. Maybe like Jesus, I have some new wine, but the church likes the old wine just fine. I have suggested new wineskins only to be told that our structures have worked this long, don't fix it if it ain't broken. I feel like I'm in a constant state of renovation, and I'm attracted to people who also recognize that Jesus is constantly working on them too. What has been your reaction to 'new ideas'? Are you receptive or skeptical? I think we can be both. The question arises for me, "How can I be faithful to Jesus Christ within my current context?" Can our congregation ask the same question? Are any of us holding onto old wineskins? When was the last time I tasted any new wine?

May we wrestle these 'new ideas' if they are new, and trust that God will grow and guard His church until Jesus returns.

**Pancake Brunch for Youth Missions**  
**Sunday, March 12 - 11:30am**



Join the youth group for all-you-can-eat pancakes after worship on Sunday, March 12.

Donations will be accepted for our summer mission trip to Syracuse, New York.

**Hebron Youth**

[grades 7-12]

**Sunday, March 5 Youth Group and DINNER 6:00-7:30pm**

It's time to re-group after our separate guys and gals study! Sub sandwiches for dinner, plus games and Bible study.

**Sunday, March 12 Pancake Brunch for Summer Missions**

Arrive by 9:45am for worship and to prepare to host our first fundraiser for Syracuse, NY!

**Sunday, March 19 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm + Mandatory Mission Trip Training**

*One Body, Many Parts*: Discover how we each have an important role in the Body of Christ. Mission Trip participants should be here for our first training session which will be a part of our regular youth group time.

**Sunday, March 26 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm**

*Prayer 101*: The basic stuff about why it's so important to talk to and hear from God.

**Hebron Kids For Christ**

[tweens in grades 4-6]

**Goofy Games Extravaganza**

**Sunday, March 26 11:30am-1:00pm Parrish House**

Stay after church to have lunch together and play some cRaZy games. We'll also spend some time talking about how we can do our best for Jesus.

**Wednesday Night Special Begins March 1st!**  
 Intergenerational Bible study and worship for all ages

**Dinner (\$5): 5:45pm**  
**Bible Study/Worship: 6:30-7:30pm**  
**Choir Rehearsal: 7:10-8:00pm**

**Wednesday March 1: Ash Wednesday Worship Service**  
**Wednesdays March 8-April 5: Unleashing Your Potential**  
**Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday Worship Service**

**Adult Bible Studies**  
*Join a life-changing small group Bible study!*

- Seeking a Word from the Lord Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room
- Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference? Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall
- *Experiencing God* Sundays 11:30am, Holman Hall
- Men's Group Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall  
 Leadership 101
- Women's Bible Study Mondays 7:00pm, Parrish House  
*Seamless* by Angie Smith
- Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30am, Parrish House  
*The Broken Way* by Ann Voskamp Begins March 7
- Women's Bible Study Thursdays 9:30am, Parrish House  
*The Broken Way* by Ann Voskamp Begins March 9
- Women of Hebron March 9 and 23, 11:00am, Meeting Room  
*The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges



The logo features the word 'Church' in a red, cursive font, 'YARD' in large green block letters, and 'SALE' in large orange block letters with a white outline. Below 'SALE' is a small illustration of a house with a chimney.

The youth mission trip team will be holding a yard sale in April. As you are cleaning out closets and cabinets, consider donating those items to our yard sale.

Donations can be brought to the Parrish House basement anytime - just contact Lori to coordinate a drop-off time. We will accept household items, books, toys, tools, sports equipment, and children's clothing. *We prefer not to receive adult clothing for this sale.*

Contact Lori for more information:  
 347-7585 or [hebrondce@comcast.net](mailto:hebrondce@comcast.net)

## GRATITUDE IN DARK TIMES

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*~I Thessalonians 5:18*

Martin Rinkart wanted to weep. How many more funerals would he need to perform before the greedy jaws of war and plague would finally close? He had just finished preaching over the body of today's fiftieth victim. Little did he know that he would bury 4,400 people in his town of Eilenburg in Saxony before year's end.

Rinkart was the only clergyman in a city flooded with refugees from the Thirty-Year's War. Wherever he looked, the victims of hunger, poverty, and bloodshed were strewn like rotting flowers across the city streets. To make matters worse, the devastating pestilence of 1637 had swept through the city, claiming hundreds as its prey – among them Rinkart's wife.

If any man's cup of suffering was overflowing, it was Rinkart's. Yet the sorrow he endured never eclipsed his faith and hope. Instead, he used these dark years of his ministry to write a hymn that has sparked hope in hearts for more than three centuries.

### NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

With the world unraveling around him, Rinkart refused to bow to despair. Instead, he praised God, thanking Him for the “countless gifts of love” and the “wondrous things” He had done.

Martin Rinkart lived to see the end of the Thirty-Years' War. When the Peace of Westphalia was concluded, the hymn sung in celebration was none other than Rinkart's “Now Thank We All Our God.” The tune composed by Rinkart's contemporary, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), has been borrowed by composers from Bach to Mendelssohn. Even now its strains seem to embody the essence of Christian gratitude and praise.

Few of us have known the prolonged, sharp-edged suffering that Rinkart endured, but all of us have experienced times of grief, rejection and pain from which we thought we might never emerge. How can we possibly experience the gratitude and hope evident in Rinkart's words?

Fortunately, Martin Rinkart's secret is still available to us, and it is rooted in a relationship with Christ. I challenge you today to praise God for His countless gifts of love – even if you don't feel that love. As Paul exhorted the Philippian believers: “Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Phil. 4:4). As I praise God, I feel joy. As I praise, my vision is lifted beyond my current short-sightedness. As I praise, my spirit is lifted so that I feel the love of God, who is Love.

**Session Notes**

**At the February 16th meeting:**

1. Educational materials will be produced regarding our present status in the Presbyterian Church USA(PCUSA) and The Fellowship Community. Once the material is made available, an opportunity for discussion will occur.
2. Due to lack of funding our radio ministry with WRVA will terminate mid-March. An individual benefactor funded this ministry for years, and we don't feel like it's the best use of our money at this time.
3. The 2016 statistical report was submitted to Presbytery.
4. Billy Thackston's Boy Scout Eagle project was approved. He will replace the fence between our cemetery and Sydna Street's property and include some plantings. Funding will come from the Cemetery Committee.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Polly Anderson  
 Diane & T. C. Anderson  
 Bibby Raines  
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher  
 Linda Fletcher, *Kelli Eastwood's mother*  
 Virginia Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's mother-in-law*  
 Penny Baber, *friend of Angie Pell*  
 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 Rudzinski, *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.***

**If you would like to pray with someone...**

Prayer is available in Allen's office immediately following the worship service. An Elder and Deacon would like to pray with anyone who has a need or as a follow-up to today's service.

**PASTORAL CARE**

The committee consists of Martha Rogers (784-5768), Nancy Parrish (402-4864) & Lindy Thackston (784-3586). Share any births, deaths, illness or other concerns with one of these ladies.



**Food Pantry**

Please support our local food pantry. Their needs are: cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods: soup, beans, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes. Also needed are shampoo, deodorant, bar soap and toilet paper. Return your donations to the closet to the left of Holman Hall

## Hebron Day School

**“You have put gladness in my heart”**  
**Psalm 4: 7**

March brings thoughts of spring here at Hebron Day School! We begin our month with our annual tribute week to Dr. Seuss. This year, our very special visitor, The Cat in the Hat, will be with us on Wednesday, March 1, to celebrate Reading Month at preschool. The children (and their parents) will be doing a lot of reading at home and at school. After reading five books, they complete a circle and bring it to preschool for us to hang up on our reading bug. We like to see how far we can make the bug stretch down the hall by reading lots and lots of books during March!


Our annual Pet Show will be on Wednesday, March 15, at 11:00. This is the day the children and their families get to bring their favorite pets to preschool for a special time with the children. We always have a big variety of pets, and the children love having their very special friends join them for some fun.

We have been holding Workshop Wednesdays once a month this year, and our March Workshop is on Wednesday, March 15. Our theme for this one is “Sports and Exercise”. These workshops meet after school from 12:00-1:00, and are a fundraiser for Hebron Day School. They allow us to bring in special guests and programs for the children throughout the year, and arrange for a very special end of year party!

Hebron Day School is looking forward to joining our church family one Sunday in April! We'll let you know more about that when we finalize the date.

As always, thank you for your support, and please continue to spread the good word about our program!

**Shirley Bonovitch**  
**Director**




### Operation Christmas Child

In March, please shop for these items:  
 —Bars of soap, washcloths and toothbrushes

Also, please look for:  
 —Reusable shopping bags from grocery, discount and hardware stores

—Free items from sporting events and conferences (stadium cups, pens)  
 —Free toothbrushes from your dentist  
 —Small purses from cosmetic companies

No time to shop? We welcome donations! Put your Christmas gifts in the large green tub outside Holman Hall.



### March Volunteer Schedules

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
<b>March 5</b>	Jonathan & Kelli Eastwood	Tanya Powers
<b>March 12</b>	Craig & Ann Bright	Volunteer Needed
<b>March 19</b>	Dan & Martha Rogers	Paula Curle
<b>March 26</b>	Everett & Bruce Mish	Tanya Powers

MARCH CALENDAR

**Wednesday, March 1**  
**Wednesday Night Special Begins!**  
 Dinner 5:45pm  
 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6:30pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:10-8:00pm

**Friday, March 3**  
 AA Meeting 7:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, March 5**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Communion  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
*Experiencing God* Sunday School 11:30am  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall  
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

**Monday, March 6**  
 Women's Bible Study 7:00pm *Seamless*

**Tuesday, March 7**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 New Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

**Wednesday, March 8**  
 Wednesday Night Special  
 Dinner 5:45pm  
 Bible Study 6:30pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:10-8:00pm

**Thursday, March 9**  
 New Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

Women of Hebron 11:00am

**Friday, March 10**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, March 12**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
 Pancake Brunch Mission Trip Fundraiser 11:30am  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Monday, March 13**  
 Women's Bible Study 7:00pm *Seamless*

**Tuesday, March 14**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

**Wednesday, March 15**  
 Wednesday Night Special  
 Dinner 5:45pm  
 Bible Study 6:30pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:10-8:00pm

**Thursday, March 16**  
 Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

**Friday, March 17**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, March 19**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall  
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

**Monday, March 20**  
 Women's Bible Study 7:00pm *Seamless*

**Tuesday, March 21**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

**Wednesday, March 22**  
 Wednesday Night Special  
 Dinner 5:45pm  
 Bible Study 6:30pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:10-8:00pm

**Thursday, March 23**  
 Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

Women of Hebron 11:00am

**Friday, March 24**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, March 26**  
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Prayer available in Pastor's office  
 Tweens Lunch & Goofy Games Extravaganza  
 Parrish House 11:30-1:00

Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall  
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm, Parrish House

**Monday, March 27**  
 Women's Bible Study 7:00pm *Seamless*

**Tuesday, March 28**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

**Wednesday, March 29**  
 Wednesday Night Special  
 Dinner 5:45pm  
 Bible Study 6:30pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 7:10-8:00pm

**Thursday, March 30**  
 Women's Bible Study, *'The Broken Way'*  
 9:30am, Parrish House

**Friday, March 31**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**FLOWERS FOR MARCH**  
**Eileen Ford & Robin Williams**

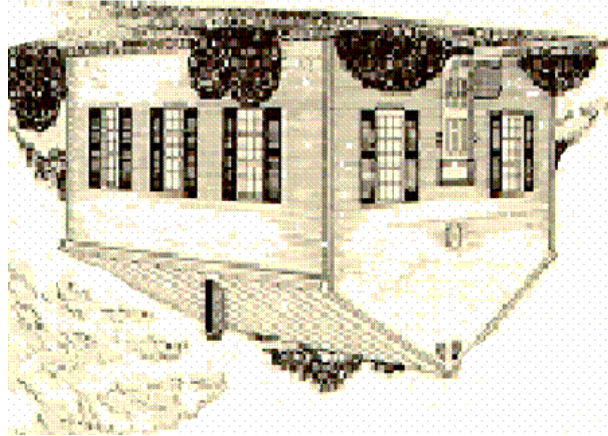


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*Our Mission is to Spread the Word of God*

“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*