

Hebron News

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

From the pastor's desk . .

November, 2016

Pickett's Charge



Watch What God Will Do

I wonder what's going to happen today? When I traveled to India last month I barely knew what was going to happen each day. When I did ask for a 'head's up' about the day it seemed more difficult to explain than to just be patient and just wait and see. We flew into Delhi and also flew to Surat and Varanasi. In each place we met with pastors, visited schools, churches and training centers. The experience in Varanasi was probably the highlight as we traveled with area pastors to a village on the outskirts of the city.

As usual, I didn't know what was in store and patiently waited to be told where to go next. We got out of our vehicles, stood around awhile (that happened frequently) and then were directed to a concrete building that was about 20' x 40'. This was a church that ICM (International Cooperating Ministries) built. We entered in the middle of singing and sharing testimonies and were ushered to the front where we sat in plastic white chairs. The four of us with ICM were asked to share 'something'. I had journaled that morning from the book of Esther and shared that God had brought us there on this particular day to encourage them *'for such a time as this'*. Who knows how God used our messages, but we trust that they encouraged the congregation.

We then traveled a bit further to another church...maybe twice as big and four times as many people. Again, we were escorted into the church and asked to sit up front in plastic white chairs. Everyone else sat on the floor. At this point the temperature probably reached over 105 degrees. Sweat was seeping through our clothes. Our host passed out napkins to wipe our faces. I went through about five. A few of us shared messages and testimonies...through a translator. And then the highlight of the day...we witnessed the baptism of over 100 people.



Mike, from Indianapolis, got to participate by stepping into the cool waters and immersed dozens of people as he asked them if they trusted in Jesus as their Lord and Savior and if they wanted to repent of their sins. I observed that after each person was baptized they had to step down three concrete steps, so I jumped in and helped each person safely to level ground.

100 people! And that was not just one day, but the churches in this area are baptizing over 100 people EVERY DAY! What is God doing in India? New churches are starting and whole villages are coming to Christ. I asked one pastor what was attracting people to Christianity and he said it was the promise of peace between them and God. In a country with the religion of Hinduism which claims some 33 million gods, Hinduism never promises peace, only that Nirvana might be reached if they, perhaps, live a righteous life. Otherwise, they return to earth in this eternal cycle of reincarnation.

We worship the same God that's saving people in India right here in Virginia. Let's pray that God will begin a revival in Goochland county. Imagine a service where we baptize even one new believer. May He bring a new awakening to us as we represent Him at 1040 Shallow Well.

God Bless,
Allen

P.S. ICM chose someone else to fill the position for which I was interviewing, so that's off the radar. Thank you for your prayers.

Hebron Youth

[grades 7-12]

Friday, November 4

5:00pm Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Help pack 200 shoeboxes for kids around the world

Sunday, November 6

5:30-7:30pm Movie Night at the Parrish House
Dinner and a movie hosted by Tanya Powers



Sunday, November 13

4:00-7:00pm Chili Bowl X at the Kistler's
Flag football and chili dinner at Julia Kistler's house

Friday, December 2

7:00pm Community Tree Lighting Service
Christmas Worship plus hot chocolate and donuts!

Sunday, December 4

Bethlehem Walk, time TBA



Hebron Kids For Christ

[tweens in grades 4-6]

**Lunch, S'mores
 and Bible Jeopardy**
 November 20th, 11:15am-1:00pm
 at the Parrish House

Hosted by Jessica Bawa

Wednesday Night Special Continues November 2nd and 9th - Your Money Matters

Join your Hebron Church family for dinner, fellowship and learning together. After dinner, we'll gather around the table for learning and discussion.

Dinner	5:45-6:30pm
Intergenerational Program	6:30-7:30pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:15-8:15pm



Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner Invite a friend for dinner and Thanksgiving worship

Wednesday, November 16

Dinner 5:45pm Worship 6:30-7:30pm

Bring a side dish or salad to share.

Roast turkey, dressing, bread and desserts will be provided.

We will also be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Gochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry.

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Adult Bible Studies

- Seeking a Word from the Lord Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room
- *Too Busy Not to Pray* Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall
- Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30am, Parrish House
The Best Yes by Lisa TerKeurst
- Women's Bible Study Thursdays 9:00am, Parrish House
Genesis, Part 2 Precept Upon Precept
- Women of Hebron Thursday, November 10, 11:00am, Meeting Room
The Story
- Men's Group Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall
 Leadership 101

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Everyone is Invited!

Friday, November 4th at 5:00pm

Help pack 200 shoeboxes
full of gifts for
children around the world.

After all boxes are packed, we will enjoy a fellowship dinner.
Please bring a side dish to share - fried chicken and drinks
will be provided.

We still need your donations of small notebooks,
shopping bags or money
donations to purchase gifts.



Courage Fueled by Praise

Thomas Ken (1637-1710)

*Glorify the Lord with me, let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord,
and he answered me, he delivered me from all my fears.*

~ Psalm 34: 3-4

Across the world many churches sing one particular song of praise every Sunday. In just a few lines it summarizes great themes of the Christian faith.

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Who wrote these words?

Thomas Ken was a prominent Anglican clergyman in an age when the English nobility was not known for its saintliness. More than once he felt compelled to remain true to his conscience, even when that meant disagreeing with or opposing the King.

In one instance, when James II became king in 1688, Thomas Ken's convictions cost him his freedom. Now a bishop, Ken and several others refused to endorse or enforce the King's Declaration of Indulgence. James threw the bishops in prison in the Tower of London. Eventually tried and acquitted, Ken returned home to a quiet retirement.

This story shows a man of great wisdom and courage, who was unwilling to compromise his conscience. I like to think that Ken's courage was fueled by the praise that was on his lips. You see, years before this royal encounter, he'd written the lines we now know as the Doxology. He wrote them as a "last verse" for several hymns sung at the Winchester Cathedral. Note that I said "several hymns". He didn't want the words sung just once. He wanted this praise to be repeated at services in the morning, afternoon and night.

Do you feel in need of courage to take a stand? You can find that courage in an intimate relationship with the true King "from whom all blessings flow." This hymn also looks at Stewardship season as not only a time of planning and preparation, but also a time to reflect on how richly God has blessed us at Hebron. Praise Him for His blessings! Look to Him to lift your fear and empower you to act on what is right.

Markus Compton

Hebron Day School

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.”
Psalm 107: 1

Hebron Day School has many generous parents and teachers who contributed to our October Service Project for Operation Christmas Child. We collected a box full of coloring books and crayons to help fill the 200 boxes that the church will pack on November 4. Many thanks to all who contributed!

November is a busy month. We have Community Helpers week coming up, and we'll have a visit by Virginia State Trooper Brandon Patenaude on November 2. Brandon's daughter, Paislee, is a student in our 4-day Pre-K class. He volunteered to come talk to the children about safety and will bring his police car to share! Thank you, Brandon!

We have several after-school classes meeting in November. Building Blocks to Reading will meet every Tuesday in November, and our Workshop Wednesday will be on Wednesday, November 16.

On November 22, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Feast. The parents in our Big Bears Class will be planning and coordinating this lunch beginning at 11:00am as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving. We invite all to come join us and see the children sing a few songs dressed as little pilgrims, Indians and turkeys!

There will be no preschool on November 23-25. Hebron Day School will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We would like to wish all of our Hebron Presbyterian Church family and friends a very happy, healthy and wonderful Thanksgiving! We are "thankful" for all of you.

Shirley Bonovitch
Director

November Volunteer Schedules		
	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
November 6	Jonathan & Kelli Eastwood	Jena Northen
November 13	Craig & Ann Bright	Mack Curle
November 20	Jim & Rachel Parker	Tanya Powers
November 27	Everett & Bruce Mish	Tracy Pickett

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tuesday, November 1

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study: 9:30-10:30am, *The Best Yes*

Wednesday, November 2

Wednesday Night Special
 Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm - Chicken Veggie Tortellini
 Intergenerational Program: 6:30-7:30pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:15-8:15pm

Thursday, November 3

Women's Bible Study: 9:00am, *Genesis Part 2*

Friday, November 4

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 OCC Shoebox Packing Party 5:00pm

Sunday, November 6

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Communion
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall
 Youth Group 5:30-7:30pm, Dinner & a Movie,
 Parrish House

Tuesday, November 8

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study *The Best Yes* 9:30am

Wednesday, November 9

Wednesday Night Special
 Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm - Beef Tips
 Intergenerational Program: 6:30-7:30pm
 Choir Rehearsal: 7:15-8:15pm

Thursday, November 10

Women's Bible Study *Genesis Part 2* 9:00am
 Women of Hebron 11:00am

Friday, November 11

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, November 13

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Congregational Meeting
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall
 Youth Group 4:00-7:00pm, Chili Bowl X at Julia
 Kistler's house

Tuesday, November 15

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study *The Best Yes* 9:30am

Wednesday, November 16

Wednesday Night Special
 Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm - Thanksgiving Dinner
 Thanksgiving Worship: 6:30-7:30pm
 Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-8:15pm

Thursday, November 17

Women's Bible Study *Genesis Part 2* 9:00am
 Session: 7:00pm

Friday, November 18

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

John Bullard

Polly Anderson

Susie Smyth

Diane & T. C. Anderson

Bibby Raines

Sandy & Rossie Fisher

Michael Babb, *long-time friend of Robin & Cricket Williams*

Family of Milly Robertson, who passed away Oct. 26,
friend of Lindy Thackston and her mother

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.

PASTORAL CARE

The committee consists of Martha Rogers (784-5768), Nancy Parrish (457-4058) & Lindy Thackston (784-3586). Share any births, deaths, illness or other concerns with one of these ladies.

Sunday, November 20

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
 Tweens 11:15am-1:00pm: Lunch, S'mores and Bible Jeopardy at the Parrish House
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall

Tuesday, November 22

AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study *The Best Yes* 9:30am

Wednesday, November 23

No Choir

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 27

Adult Bible Study 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall

Tuesday, November 29

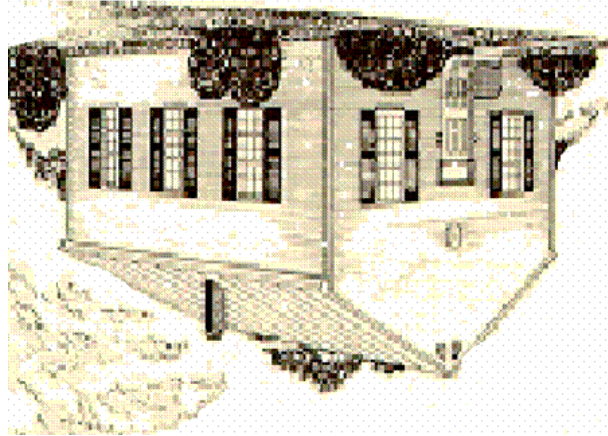
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 Women's Bible Study *The Best Yes* 9:30am

Hebron Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ, Reformed in theology and Presbyterian by way of organization. It is related to the Presbytery of the James, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

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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