

Hebron News

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

July & August, 2019

What God Has Prepared

A few nights ago, I woke up with a clear phrase in my head. It was, "no eye hath seen nor ear hath heard." I knew this was part of a verse from the Bible, but I had to look it up to remember where it's located. It's from 1st Corinthians 2:9, where the apostle Paul is writing to the early believers at Corinth about the wisdom of God.

As it is written, Paul says, "*What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him...*" Paul is actually referencing a passage from the Old Testament book of Isaiah: "*From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.*" (Isaiah 64:4) Paul goes on to say that the unimaginable things God has prepared for those who believe in him are "*revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depth of God.*" (2:10).

While Paul wasn't specifically talking about Heaven in this passage, I've heard these verses from 1st Corinthians used to refer to the promise of our future heavenly home as believers in God in Jesus Christ.

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Do you ever wonder about Heaven? Apparently, a lot of people do. Several months ago, I put out a query on my Facebook page: "What do you wish you knew more about, from the Bible?" Of the dozen or so responses, half were about Heaven or "eternity." Any of us who believes there is Heaven, hopes to get there; and any who believe there is life beyond this earthly one we see, wonders what that life will be like. For some, the idea of Heaven and eternal life is completely joyful and comforting. For others, it is somewhat unsettling and worrisome. It's hard to imagine what we can't imagine! It's hard to picture *what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived*. Even if we know that being in the presence of God will bring us eternal joy, we wonder what we'll *do* in Heaven, and how we'll exist, there.

I'm not sure why God placed those particular words in my mind that night. I had gone to bed with a prayer about my sermon that coming Sunday, and with thoughts about what it means to be responsible for preaching the Word. The other phrase that followed in my mind when I woke that night was, "to do no harm to the Gospel." It's interesting that in the verses preceding 1st Corinthians 2:9, Paul talks about what it means for him to be a faithful preacher of the Gospel; to avoid lofty words and to *know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified*.

I am pondering two preaching series in the coming months; one on Revelation and the other on Heaven. I ask for your prayers, as we continue on this journey together of exploring anew "*what God has prepared for those who love him.*"

Connie Weaver

SESSION SUMMARY

**Stated Session Meeting
June 27, 2019**

- The session received a brief report on the most recent presbytery meeting held on June 18th at First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, from clerk Lynne Parks.
- Reports were received from session committees, including updates on plans for GVA Serve Day on July 13th, special summer worship music and upcoming concerts, Vacation Bible School, and an updated financial report.
- The session approved use of Holman Hall by the Gochland Garden Club for its September 17th meeting.
- Several items raised during the recent officers’ retreats were discussed, including the possibility of creating an outdoor green space adjacent to the playground. Further discussion is expected at the August session meeting.
- As is customary, the July 2019 stated meeting of session was cancelled. The next stated meeting of session will be on Thursday, August 15, 2019.

July 9th Special Action

Following the June stated meeting, details were finalized for a proposal for crawl space conditioning in portions of the church facility. In order to allow this work to move forward prior to the next stated meeting in August, a vote was taken by email to allow the work to proceed at a cost of \$6,300.00, to be paid from the church’s Building Fund. Crawl space conditioning and encapsulation will occur under the sanctuary and the adjacent wing, to include the offices and Holman Hall. The work will address issues of moisture, mold and some evidence of termite activity, and will enhance energy efficiency and help to reduce risk from fire damage in the sanctuary. The work will be performed on July 27th and 29th by Prospect Properties of Midlothian.

Financial Report	
Monthly Need:	\$26,966.00
Actuals: June:	\$24,382.81

—a thought from Your Stewardship Committee:

Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt. 6:21 “By telling us that our hearts follow our treasure, Jesus is saying, ‘Show me your checkbook, your Visa statement, and your receipts, and I’ll show you where your heart is.’ ... As surely as the compass needle follows north, your heart will follow your treasure. Money leads; hearts follow.”

(From The Treasure Principle, by Randy Alcon) And remember, your church programs and missions need your offerings during the vacation months. Don’t leave Hebron behind when you travel away.

Vacation Bible School was a ROARing success!

Hebron's Roar VBS was held June 17-21 and included 43 children and 41 volunteers. Through interactive Bible stories, hands-on mission projects, fun games and energetic music, we discovered that no matter how wild life can get, God is good! Many thanks to everyone who prayed for us and gave donations, time and energy to make VBS possible.



Youth Summer Mission Trip

The week of June 23-28, our youth summer mission team served with SCORE Domestic in Pikeville, Kentucky. Our students prepared and served lunch each day and led Vacation Bible School and camp activities for 39 children. We continue to pray that God will grow the seeds we planted to make an eternal difference in the lives of these children and in this community.



Summer Christian Education

Adult study on Sunday mornings at 9:00am:

The Book of Acts, led by Ronnie Nuckols

[meets in the library]

Seeking a Word from the Lord, led by Mack Curle

Discussion of weekly readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

[meets in the Ralph Fields Room]

Sunday morning children's ministry:

Kids' Club (all ages), select Sundays at 9:00am

August 18 and 25, September 1

Children's Church, Sundays* at 10:00am

Worship for children ages 4 - second grade

*does not meet on first Sundays, which are set aside for Family Worship

Weekday women's Bible studies and Sunday night Men's Group will resume in September. Look for new opportunities to grow in faith and friendship, with more information available in mid-August. Check the church website, Facebook and weekly emails for updates.

Operation Christmas Child

In July and August please shop for:

- Crayons, markers and colored pencils
- Pens and pencils
- Pencil sharpeners and small notebooks



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 green plastic
tub outside Holman Hall.

Hebron Summer Music Worship Schedule
July-August-September 2019

July

7/7 Hebron Summer Choir

7/14 Julia Kistler, piano

7/21 Markus Compton, piano

8/28 Carol Dunlap, piano

August

8/4 Connie Tuttle, piano

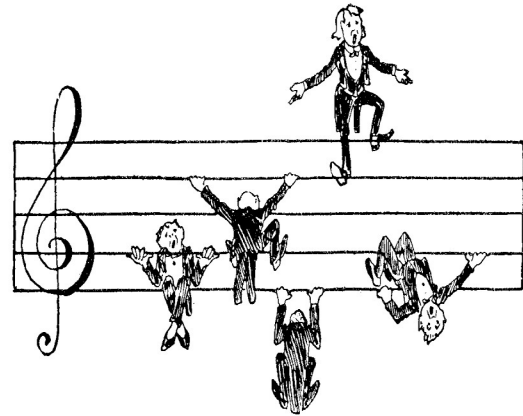
8/11 John Bullard, classical banjo

8/18 Hebron Summer Choir

8/25 Hebron Summer Choir

September

9/1 Hebron Summer Choir



Sing with the Hebron Summer Choir!!

Come join the summer music at Hebron and be a part of the Hebron Summer Choir! We will meet at 9am to learn an anthem for our 10am worship service.

All youth to adult ages are encouraged to sing, former choir members, college age, and those who want to make a joyful noise and contribution to worship!

Contact Markus Compton for more information, 784-4018.

SAVE THE DATE

Hebron's Annual Gospel and Bluegrass Service



Sunday, August 25th at 5:00pm

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Webb
 Steve Young
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher
 Betty and Bob Barnes, *Martha Rogers' sister
 and brother-in-law*
 Tommy Satterfield, *Eileen Ford's cousin*
 Louisa Preston, *friend of Hebron*
 Max Farley, *Laura Farley's uncle*
 Lindsey Haile, *Cheryl and Ronnie Nuckols'
 daughter*
 Anne Boswell Owens, *Mack Curle's cousin*
 Government office workers

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

**In general, names on the Prayer List will
 be printed for four weeks. Please contact
 the office if you would like to keep a name
 for a longer time. Confidential prayers
 may be requested on the church website.**

PASTORAL CARE

The committee consists of Scott Parks
 (347-7505) and Nancy Parrish (402-4864).
 Share any births, deaths, illness or other
 concerns with one of these committee members.

Niger Update

Our giving is hard at work in Niger! Ronnie Nuckols recently presented an update on projects with our mission partners in Niger. You'll recall two special projects that were highlighted at Hebron Church back in the Spring. One was a fund-raising effort for agricultural projects in Niger; and the other was fund-raising to receive a matching grant to address needs at several schools that our congregation helps to support. Thanks in great part to your generosity, both projects were fully funded. The \$5,000 agricultural support project has assisted farmers in Niger to obtain fertilizer and seed for this year's crops. Monies raised for the matching grant from Frontier Fellowship are being used for infrastructure upgrades at a Bible college in Dongondouch and at an elementary school in Niamey. The Bible college construction is for student family housing, and is now almost complete. The work in Niamey will provide additional classrooms; and will also help fund student scholarships, teacher training and salaries, and planned construction of a library and acquisition of library materials. Ronnie plans to return to Niger in late August, to see the work that's being done and to bring a report back to our congregation.

JULY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 2
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Friday, July 5
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, July 7
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship & Communion 10:00am
Tuesday, July 9
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Friday, July 12
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Saturday, July 13 GVA Serve Day
Sunday, July 14
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
Tuesday, July 16
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Friday, July 19
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, July 21
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
Tuesday, July 23
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Wednesday, July 24
 Day School Popsicle Play Date 10am-12pm
Friday, July 26
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, July 28
 Deacons Meeting 11:15am
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
Monday, July 29
Church Building Closed for Repairs
Tuesday, July 30
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

AUGUST CALENDAR

Friday, August 2
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, August 4
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship & Communion 10:00am
Tuesday, August 6
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Friday, August 9
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, August 11
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
Tuesday, August 13
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Thursday, August 15
 Session 7:00pm
Friday, August 16
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, August 18
 Deacons Meeting 11:15am
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
Tuesday, August 20
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Friday, August 23
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Sunday, August 25
 Deacons Meeting 11:15am
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am
Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room
Book of Acts, Holman Hall
 Worship 10:00am
 Gospel and Blue Grass Service 5:00pm
Tuesday, August 27
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
Thursday, August 29
 Day School Open House
Friday, August 30
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

FLOWERS FOR JULY

Carol Dunlap & Cheryl Nuckols

FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

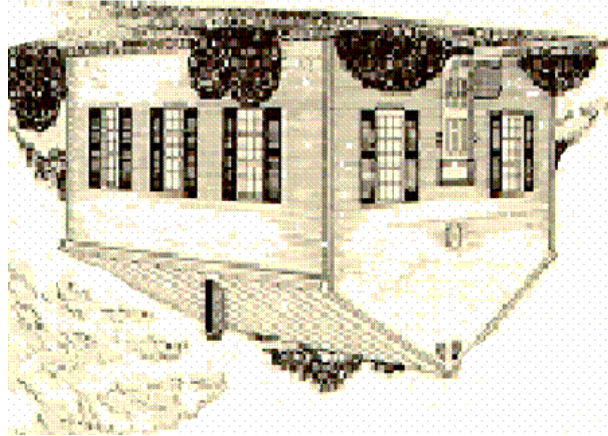
Peggy Henley & Trudie Long

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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