

Hebron News

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

May, 2019

God's Great Plans

There's a saying that: "The biggest enemy of the great, is the good." It's an idea attributed to the 18th century philosopher, Voltaire, but it's surely much older. Anyone throughout history with an eye toward human behavior would have observed that we often get distracted from the best we can be, by the fact that we've achieved a level of success that feels "good." We look with pride on what we are, or on what we've accomplished, we declare it good, and then we get stuck there. Our potential for further development gets arrested by our satisfaction with what we've already achieved. While there's something to be said for being grateful for what we have been able to do in our lives, our gratitude shouldn't hold us in place. Our gratitude to God should be an encouragement to us to explore what else God has in store for us.

One of the most interesting stories to me from the New Testament is found in the 16th chapter of Acts. The apostle Paul and other early missionaries had experienced some amazing successes through the power of God's Spirit. Even at this early stage in Paul's ministry, he has done a lot of good for God's Kingdom. There's no doubt that Paul and those who traveled with him expected to be able to do a lot more good in performing miracles and sharing the Gospel. We're told that as they went from town to town, churches were strengthened in faith and increased in numbers daily.

Then we're told a curious thing. Verse 6 says, *They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.* Further, verse 7 says, *When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.* Why would the Spirit prevent Paul's missionary team from entering these places? Was there danger there? They had certainly experienced danger, already; and that had not been a reason to refrain from sharing the Gospel. What Luke, the writer of Acts, reveals to us is that God had a better plan at that moment. God was preparing the hearts of people in a different place.

Luke tells us that after the Holy Spirit had put the stops on their other plans, Paul had a vision of a man pleading, *Come over to Macedonia and help us.* Macedonia at that time was a Roman province north of Greece. God had been preparing the heart of a woman named Lydia to receive the message of the missionaries. Luke tells us that, *The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul,* and that she and her entire household were baptized. It wasn't an easy time for Paul and his team there in the lead city of Philippi in Macedonia; it was while they were staying with Lydia that Paul and Silas were flogged and imprisoned for healing a slave girl of an annoying spirit. But God used even that event to bring about the salvation of a jailor and his household.

The point is that God often redirects our "good" plans for the sake of something better, even something "great." It can be frustrating when we have a plan in place that seems logical and good to us, and we keep running into obstacles. It may be that God is trying to redirect us from a plan of our own that is merely "good," toward a plan of God's that is "great." It doesn't mean that if we follow God's better plan, things will necessarily be easy. But it does mean that we will be living into God's will, rather than our own. Paul and his team must have wondered why they were being prevented by the Spirit from going to places where they knew people needed to hear the Gospel. But if they'd doggedly persisted with their own plans, rather than being open to God's redirection, they'd have failed to meet Lydia and her household according to God's timing. Is God redirecting you in some way? If so, I hope you'll listen to God's voice.

With prayers for your journey,

Connie Weaver

SESSION SUMMARY**Action via E-mail
May 5, 2019**

Session approved a time-sensitive request from Goochland County Schools to use Hebron Church as a location to distribute meals being provided as part of a new summer feeding program for identified students of need. A food truck will stop at the church each weekday around lunch time, beginning June 10th and continuing through mid-August.

**Stated Session Meeting
May 16, 2019**

- A membership transfer was granted for Ben Curle, at the request of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, NC.
- The session heard reports from its committees about ongoing and special activities at Hebron Church; including Vacation Bible School, summer choir Sundays and fall concerts, Pentecost worship & picnic at Hebron on June 9th, a summer community service day on July 13th, and current facility repairs.
- The session was informed that a new committee has been organized by the Board of Deacons, to provide for receptions and other special events at the church.
- Session rescheduled its next stated meeting to June 27th

Financial Report

Monthly Need:	\$26,966
Actuals: May:	\$18,446

—a thought from Your Stewardship Committee:

“Our giving is a reflexive response to the grace of God in our lives. ...it comes out of the transforming work of Christ in us. His grace is the action; our giving is the reaction. ...the overflow of joy. ...Before anything else, giving is an act of worship.”

(From *The Treasure Principle*)

Hebron Youth

[students in grades 7-12]

Sunday, June 2: Youth Group, 6:00-7:30pm at the Parrish House

Our last hoorah before summer!

Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Worship and Picnic

Wear the colors of flame (red, orange, yellow) as we celebrate Pentecost and enjoy a church picnic after worship.

Tuesday, June 11: VBS Crew Leader Training, Set Up and Decorating, 9:30am

Learn more about your role as a VBS Crew Leader at the 9:30am training, then stick around to help with VBS set-up and decorating beginning at 10:30am.

Sunday, June 16: VBS and Mission Team Commissioning Service

VBS volunteers and mission trip participants will be commissioned during the 10:00am worship service.

Monday, June 17-Friday, June 21 Roar VBS 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, June 18: Final Mission Trip Meeting after VBS until 2:00pm

Lunch will be provided and we will cover all the last-minute details for our trip to Pikeville.

Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28 Mission Trip to Pikeville, Kentucky

Sunday, June 30 Mission Trip Report during the 10:00am worship service

Pray for Our Youth Mission Team Pikeville, Kentucky, June 23 - 28

James Alford

Lori Alford

Mack Curle

Garrett Eastwood

Anita Hughes

Grace Kistler

Julia Kistler

Jack Miller

Reed Miller

Jay Powers

Perry Nuckols

Frances Thackston

We are excited to be returning to Pikeville, Kentucky to reconnect with children we met last summer. We will be leading Vacation Bible School and camp activities for children and hosting a youth night at the community Baptist center.

Summer Adult Bible Studies

- *Seeking a Word from the Lord*

Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room

- *The Book of Acts*

Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall

Don't miss this summer's "mane" event!



Roar Vacation Bible School *Life is wild. God is good.*

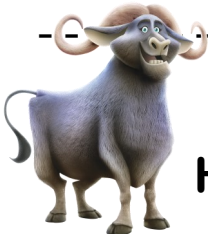
June 17-21 9:00am-12:00pm

For all children age 4 through rising 6th graders

At *Roar* VBS, kids will learn that when life is unfair, when life is scary, when life changes, when life is sad and when life is good...God is good!

With high-energy music, fun games, interactive Bible stories and hands-on mission projects, this VBS is sure to be an unforgettable adventure.

To pre-register by June 9, visit hebronpresbyterian.com



Join the herd!

Here's how you can be involved in VBS:



- **Volunteer** as a Crew Leader or floater to plug in where needed
- **Donate** needed items. There is a sign up sheet on the VBS bulletin board outside Holman Hall
- **Set up and decorating** will occur on Tuesday, June 11 at 10:30am
Come help us transform Hebron for *Roar* VBS!
- **Pray** for children who will attend VBS and for all of our volunteers.

For more information about anything VBS,
contact Lori Alford: hebrondce@comcast.net or 804.347.7585



Save the Date for GVA Day Saturday, July 13th

Hebron is coordinating GVA Day, a day of service in our community, Saturday, July 13th. There will be several opportunities for all ages to serve our neighbors throughout Goochland County.

Serve Day provides churches across the world with opportunities to serve their local communities and share the love of God through practical acts of kindness. In 2018 930 Churches, on 6 continents in 26 Countries including 50 U.S. States, participated in meaningful projects to help their local communities. Our hope is that serving others becomes our focus throughout the year. Simple acts of selfless love can open hearts to Jesus, and together we can make a difference.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." —Mark 10:45

Operation Christmas Child

During the month of June, we are collecting **sunglasses, flip-flops and bandanas.**



All items should be new and suitable for boys and girls ages 2-14.

No time to shop? We welcome donations!

Put your gifts in the large green tub outside Holman Hall.

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Pentecost Sunday, June 9th

You are invited to wear "the colors of flame"—red, yellow, orange, or some combination thereof, so that our sanctuary will be alight with the colors of Pentecost!

The Church Picnic will be immediately following Worship.

Hebron Presbyterian Church Picnic Sunday, June 9

11:00am

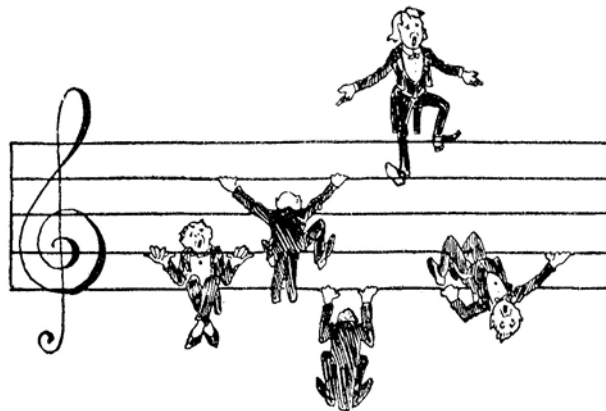
Location: Churchyard

Potluck – Chicken & Pork BBQ, buns, coleslaw and drinks provided.

Bring your choice of side dish or dessert to share.

Hebron Summer Music Worship Schedule June 2019

- 6/2 Hebron Choir
- 6/9 Hebron Choir
- 6/16 Markus Compton, piano
- 6/23 Deborah Huish & Markus Compton, piano duets
- 6/30 Glennroy Bailey, flute



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 and 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!

Summer Choir Sundays are 7/7, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1. Hope you will join us!

*Please, contact Markus Compton for more information,
784-4018 or markuscompton@aol.com*

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Worship & Communion 10:00am

Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Men's Group 6:00pm Holman Hall (Last one for the summer)

Tuesday, June 4

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

Wednesday, June 5

Choir 6:30-8:00pm

Friday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 9

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Pentecost Worship 10:00am

Picnic immediately following Worship

Tuesday, June 11

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

VBS Training 9:30am

VBS Set-Up and Decorating 10:30am

Friday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 16

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Worship 10:00am

Commissioning of VBS workers and Mission Team

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Friday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28 Mission Trip to Pikeville, Kentucky

Sunday, June 23

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

Worship 10:00am

Tuesday, June 25

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Young

Ronnie Nuckols

Sandy & Rossie Fisher

Lindsey Haile, Cheryl and Ronnie Nuckols' daughter

Marijo Lucas, Patricia Turner's sister

Edna Earle Mizelle, Bob Mizelle's mother

Anne Boswell Owens, Mack Curle's cousin

Grocery store clerks

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.

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

Cheryl Nuckols

Thursday, June 27

Session 7:00pm

Friday, June 28

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

Sunday, June 30

Adult Bible Study 9:00am

Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room

Book of Acts, Holman Hall

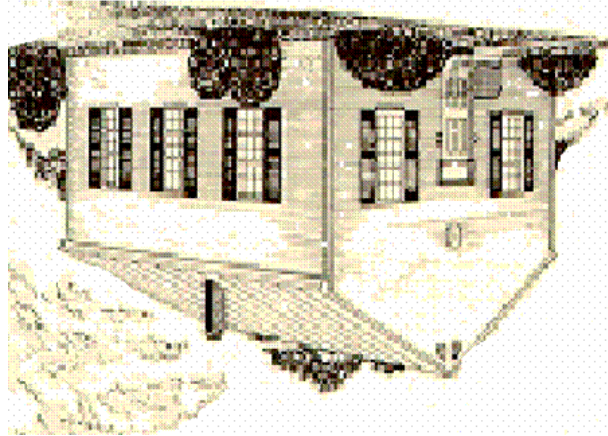
Worship 10:00am

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*