

Hebron News

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

From the pastor's desk . .

May, 2017



Pickett's Charge by Pastor Allen

Who Am I When I'm In My Car?

Driving a car represents freedom. Remember getting your driver's license as a teenager? After being in Cameroon for a year, my son, Graham and I came home for Christmas and I actually cancelled a flight from New Jersey to Michigan so that I could experience the freedom of driving the 600 miles at 75 mph on American roads.

If you take time to look at other drivers on the road you will discover all sorts of personalities:

- The one who cranks up the volume and sings at the top of their voice.
- The contemplative who isn't consciously aware of anyone else on the road.
- The morning drivers who are in a frantic rush.
- The ones who take on the personalities of their vehicle: big truck = aggressive, jalopy = material possessions aren't important, expensive car = maybe a sense of importance.

And of course, our personalities can change depending upon our mood, time of day and tightness of our schedule. I will confess to you that already by 8:00am today, I owe a school bus driver an apology. Yes, she did pull out in front of me, but did flashing my lights at her really help? Somehow in the moment I thought it would show her how wrong she was. Again in Cameroon, where driving was different, the use of the horn or lights was a normal habit. It was a courtesy to keep people from running into you. But here, it's usually a sign of anger, frustration or impatience. Regardless, the sound of a horn from someone else doesn't usually produce a thankful attitude.



I find myself behaving differently in my car than I would in person. Being behind the wheel gives us a courage to take on the world. When we tailgate, no matter the size of our vehicle we are attempting to will the car in front of us to move over. Zipping really close to another car may show that I own the road and you are a nuisance. And of course blasting my horn surely convinces the driver in the offending car that they were wrong.

I have decided that when I get my driving behavior under control that I will be fully redeemed. It will be a sign that the Holy Spirit has really taken control of my life. That I have fully surrendered to Christ's Lordship. I don't think I'm alone in this. We all behave according to that which is most important in our lives. Am I at the center of my existence or is Christ? Each will produce a different set of attitudes.

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Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1,2

Cars in the Bible

1. Some scholars believe that Jesus drove a Honda, but didn't like to talk about it. In the gospel of John, Christ tells the people "For I did not speak of my own Accord."
2. The bible clearly states, that Moses had a ROD, and his brother Aaron had a ROD too. God must have had one also because David in the 23rd Psalm says "Thy ROD comforts me".
3. Let's not forget Gideon's motorcycle: So he said to the men of Peniel, "When I return in **triumph**, I will tear down this tower."

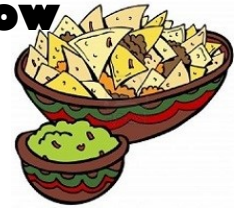
Session Notes

At the April 20th meeting:

1. Prayer for Hebron, members undergoing medical procedures, people experiencing grief and those not able to attend worship on a regular basis.
2. A great deal of discussion regarding the "Biblical Church" document the statement in the bulletin regarding "The Fellowship Community". Repeated emphasis that we are hearing the concerns of the congregation and are working to come to a biblical consensus on the best way to present God's Truth in a sensitive and loving manner.
3. Conversation over the budget. Seeking discernment about how to spend the money God has given us and creatively addressing the monthly deficit.
4. Allen presented his preaching plan for the summer involving the whole congregation in daily reading the same passages with a culmination in Sunday morning worship.
5. We agreed to an "opt-in" form to seek permission from the members of the congregation to have pictures of themselves posted on our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We will be creating this form and distributing it soon.



Fiesta! Luncheon and Talent Show **[nacho average fundraiser]**



Sunday, May 21 at 11:30am

Join the youth group for a Mexican buffet luncheon and talent show!

Menu will include: beef and chicken tacos and burritos, refried beans, rice, chips & salsa, beverages and desserts.

Donations will be accepted for our June mission trip to Syracuse, New York. We'll be working with the Syracuse Rescue Mission to feed the homeless, help in the thrift store, and more. We are excited to return to this area to reconnect with the Rescue Mission staff and our wonderful hosts.



May 21 is Graduate Sunday

We will honor Hebron's class of 2017 graduates during the 10:00am worship service. Please contact the church office if you know of any students within our congregation graduating from high school, college or technical school.

Hebron Youth

[grades 7-12]

May is full of school testing, holidays, and end-of-year celebrations, so our youth calendar is not quite as full. This month we'll focus mainly on our Fiesta! Fundraiser, preparing for VBS and planning our mission trip to Syracuse. Check your email and follow hebronyouthgroup on Instagram for ongoing updates and info.

If you haven't signed up for a job at VBS, email or text Lori for more information: hebrondce@comcast.net or 804.347.7585.

Sunday, May 21: Graduate Sunday and Fiesta! Luncheon and Talent Show
Arrive by 9:45am for last-minute instructions. Plan to stay until clean-up is complete.
Final mission trip payment (\$100) and additional forms are due.

We will honor our high school graduates during the 10:00am worship service.

Sunday, June 11: Mandatory Mission Trip Meeting

This will be our final meeting to prepare for our trip to Syracuse. We'll meet from 6:00-7:30pm to discuss final details, packing list, ministry assignments, travel plans, etc.

Don't miss the adventure!



Passport to Peru Vacation Bible School
Discovering God's Good Gifts

June 19-23 9:00am-12:00pm

For all children age 4 through rising 6th graders

Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of Peru as we discover more about God's good gifts. At this VBS, we'll be immersed in Peruvian culture while we learn about God's gifts of comfort, patience, peace, love and joy!

Click the logo above to register, or visit hebronpresbyterian.com



We LOVE our VBS volunteers!
 Be an important part of bringing God's
 Word to life at Passport to Peru.



Current volunteer opportunities:

- VBS photographer: Adult to take digital snapshots of the action each day
- Registration Workers: Adults to greet and check-in children each morning
 - Assistant Crew Leaders (completed 6th grade and older): Help with a Peru Crew of 5-6 children each day at VBS
 - Floater: Assist where needed when available



Everything good comes from God.
Every perfect gift is from him. James 1:17



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

Adult Bible Studies
Join a Bible study group at any time!

- 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 Evening Bible Study Mondays 7:00pm, Parrish House
 One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp (concludes May 1)
 Colossians (May 8, 15 and 22)
- Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 9:30am, Parrish House
 I Know His Name by Wendy Blight
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- Women of Hebron Will resume in the Fall
 The Pursuit of Holiness by Jerry Bridges

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.

FLOWERS FOR MAY

Mary Ligon & Patricia Turner

Operation Christmas Child



In May, please shop for these items:
 —Playdough, plastic animals, small hand games and coloring books



- 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 gifts in the large green tub outside Holman Hall.

May Volunteer Schedules

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
May 7	John & Karen Bullard	Paula Curle
May 14	Jonathan & Kelli Eastwood	Mack Curle
May 21	Dan & Martha Rogers	Volunteer Needed
May 28	Everett & Bruce Mish	Volunteer Needed

Reflections on our Great Hymns

by Markus Compton

‘Christ the Lord Is Risen Today’

Author: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: from *Lyra Davidica*

‘*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*’ (also titled ‘*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*’) has been one of the church’s most popular Easter hymns since it was written by Charles Wesley just one year after his conversion experience at Aldersgate Hall in London, England. The first Wesleyan Chapel in London was a deserted iron foundry, but it soon became known as the Foundry Meeting House. This hymn was written for the first service in that chapel.

This majestic hymn brings a smile to my face as I joyfully sing it and proclaim the central belief of the Christian faith. Without this truth we would have only a history of a man named Jesus. Wesley wrote these words to tell the Good News: **Jesus died and was raised from the dead and remains alive!** If all of our eternity is to be realized on this side of the grave, we are hopeless and to be pitied. But for Christians, the resurrection assures us of God’s tomorrow. This anticipation makes it possible to live joyfully today, regardless of life’s circumstances.

What a glorious truth to ponder—Jesus is the ‘Great I WAS’ but rather the “Great I AM!” He is not only a historical fact but a present-day, living reality. The whole system of Christianity rests upon the truth that Jesus Christ rose from the grave and is now seated at the Father’s right hand.

The popularity of this hymn is due in part to the fine tune with which it has been wedded for many years. The composer of the music has never been identified. The tune first appeared anonymously in the *Lyra Davidica* hymnal, published in London in 1708. The joyous “alleluia” at the end of each line was not added by Wesley, but added to make it fit the tune. ‘Hallelujah’ or ‘Alleluia’ is from the ancient Hebrew worship service and was a common expression of praise in the early Christian church, which means ‘Praise ye the Lord’. On Easter morning the early Christians greeted each other with the words, “Alleluia, the Lord is risen.” It is this expression that reminds us of Christ’s words, “*Because I live, ye shall live also.*” (*John 14:19*)

Hebron Day School

“I am with you and will keep you wherever you go . . . ”
Genesis 28:15a

Thank you so much for having us on Sunday, April 23, for our annual Hebron Day School Sunday. We are so grateful for the enthusiastic welcome for all our families, staff and friends. We are also extremely grateful for the monetary donations from the congregation which will greatly benefit our Scholarship Fund for next year!

We can't believe it is May already! Seems like we just started this preschool year. May is always a busy month at Hebron Day School. We start out with our Parent/Teacher Conference Day on May 3. Hebron Day School does Progress Reports for our students twice a year, and we offer the conferences for any parents who want to come and discuss their child's progress.

On Wednesday, May 10, we celebrate our Moms with our annual Mother's Day Luncheon. This is a very special time for the children to invite their moms or other special guests to come to school for a lunch prepared by the staff. The children sing a few songs and have made several beautiful gifts for their mothers!

Our End of the Year Party is held on Tuesday, May 23, from 10:00am-12:00pm. This is a big day where we bring in a Bounce House and have other special activities going on outside. This year we are bringing in a snow cone machine for the staff to use! All parents, siblings and guests are invited to join in the fun that morning.

The teachers have been working on Student Notebooks this year which include highlights of the things they have learned and pictures of our events throughout the year. These notebooks are a wonderful keepsake, and they will be presented to the parents prior to the party on the 23rd.

We will hold our Closing Program and Graduation on Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30pm in the Church Sanctuary. All students participate in this program. Following the program, we celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with a covered dish dinner. We would like to invite all of our Hebron Church friends to join us for this special program. Wednesday, May 24, will be the last day of school for this year.

We would like to say a big “Thank You” to all of you for all the support you have shown us this year. We couldn't do what we do without your prayers, encouragement, and generous support. We hope all of you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to being back in the Fall. Our Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 31! Have a great summer!

Shirley Bonovitch
Director

MAY CALENDAR

PRAYER CONCERNS

Monday, May 1
 Women's Bible Study, 7:00pm *'One Thousand Gifts'*

Tuesday, May 2
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study, *'I Know His Name'*
 9:30am, Parrish House

Wednesday, May 3
 Choir Rehearsal 6:39-8:00pm

Thursday, May 4
 Women's Bible Study, *I Know His Name'*
 9:30am, Parrish House

Friday, May 5
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

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

Monday, May 8
 Women's Bible Study, *'Colossians'* 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 9
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House

Wednesday, May 10
 Day School Mother's Day Luncheon 11:00am
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, May 11
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House

Friday, May 12
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, May 14
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
Experiencing God Sunday School 11:30am
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Monday, May 15
 Women's Bible Study 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 16
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House

Wednesday, May 17
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, May 18
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House

Friday, May 19
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, May 21
Graduate Sunday
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Fiesta Luncheon Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
Experiencing God Sunday School 11:30am
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Polly Anderson
 Diane & T. C. Anderson
 Bibby Raines
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher
 Anne New, *Patricia Turner's mother*
 Judy Bennett, *friend of Craig & Ann Bright*
 Virginia Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's mother-in-law*
 Penny Baber, *friend of Angie Pell*
 Emmett Morgan, *Brenda Morgan's husband*
 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.

Monday, May 22
 Women's Bible Study, 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 23
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House

Wednesday, May 24
 Day School Closing Program, Graduation & Dinner
 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

Thursday, May 25
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House
 Session Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, May 26
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

Sunday, May 28
 Adult Bible Study Groups 9:00am
 Worship 10:00am
 Prayer available in Pastor's office
Experiencing God Sunday School 11:30am
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

Tuesday, May 30
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House
 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am, Parrish House

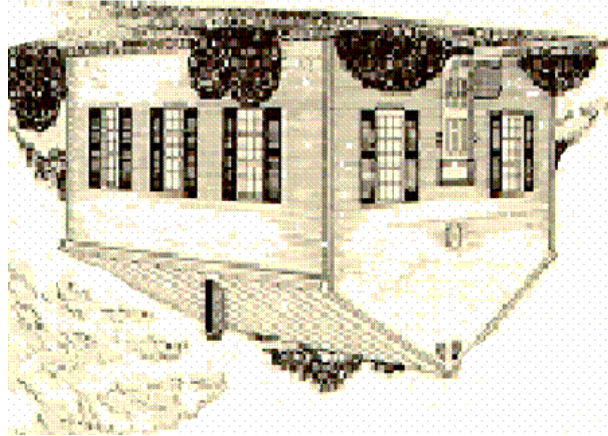
Wednesday, May 31
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

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*