

# Hebron News

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

*From the pastor's desk . .*

November, 2017



## Pickett's Charge

### What's the Big Deal about the Reformation?

by Pastor Allen

Martin Luther loved God and he loved the church. He did not set out to be a subversive and undermine the teachings of the Roman Catholic church but he honestly wanted to *reform* some of the teachings that he felt had gone off the rails. So, he came up with 95 ideas that he wanted the church to consider. Also known as "Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences". Why did he nail them to the door? The Buildings and Grounds committee would have probably gotten upset at this defacing of church property. I guess he didn't have any duct tape on hand.

He listed many things such as the limited power of the Pope, the selling of indulgences for the forgiveness of sins of those in purgatory, and can another be forgiven of sin by our prayers? He also was angry about the Pope wanting to build the Basilica of St. Peter using the money of poor people. But his primary emphasis was the epiphany that he had about justification by faith and the primacy of Scripture. Each person is responsible for their own salvation by believing on the efficacy of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ **ALONE!**

There was even here-say that a local Catholic cleric came up with a little ditty to encourage people to buy their indulgences: "*As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs*"

Luther was not a perfect man by any means. Some have written that he wrestled with how he should feel about the Jewish race. He also struggled greatly with depression. God had given him prophetic insight and he felt very alone in the proclamation of these 'new' biblical ideas. Imagine too, that standing against the Pope was a dangerous thing. The Pope in those days was often more involved in politics and questioning his authority could mean a death sentence.

The Pope did declare him to be a heretic and Luther had to hide from the authorities. Luther was eventually excommunicated for refusing to recant but thanks to the printing press invented about that same time by Gutenberg, his 95 Theses were distributed throughout Europe within a couple of months.

What I appreciate about Martin Luther is his obedience to the Word regardless of the consequences. He recognized that his standing before God was much more important than his reputation before men. We don't read very much about his wife but she must have put up with a lot. Not only his infamous notoriety but his frequent bouts of depression. I am thankful that they persisted and encouraged other brave men and women to defy the Catholic church banking on favor with God over popularity with people.

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*  
*Romans 5:1,2*

**Session Notes  
Stated meeting October 19, 2017**

1. Prayed for members and discussed why we thought our attendance had fallen off.
2. Approved the installation of new heat pump and air handler in Holman Hall for \$5,684.
3. PNC has candidates it is seriously considering but needs to take a straw poll of the committee to see if they need to keep looking.
4. A Sexual Misconduct Policy will be put in place before the end of the year.
5. A committee was selected to look at our rolls in order to clean them and have a more accurate understanding of our membership.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Trudie Long  
 Polly Anderson  
 T. C. & Diane Anderson  
 Bibby Raines  
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher  
 Jon Ormand & family, *friend of Patricia Turner*  
 Craig Cox, *friend of Cricket & Robin Williams*  
 Adalee Ashburn, *granddaughter of Cary Webb's friend*  
 The O'Neill Family, *Jonathan Eastwood's cousins*  
 Catherine Muir, *friend of Frances Thackston*  
 Kirk Powers, *friend of Hebron*  
 Rob Pickett, *Pastor Allen's brother*  
 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*  
 Tee Thackston, *Fayette Thackston's brother*  
 Glenn Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's husband*  
 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 (402-4864) & Lindy Thackston (784-3586).  
 Share any births, deaths, illness or other concerns with one of these ladies.

**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 the worship service.

**FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER**

Carol Dunlap & Brenda Morgan

## Wednesday Night Special

Join your Hebron Church family for dinner, fellowship and learning together

**Dinner (\$5) 5:45-6:30pm      Program 6:30-7:30pm      Choir 7:10-8:10pm**

### November 1: Breakfast for Dinner

Guest Speaker: Laurie Hemler, Westminster Canterbury

"Preparing for Life in a Retirement Community"

Students: Breakfast With Jesus [a closer look at John 21]

### November 8: Chili

Guest Speaker: Dr. Doug Thorpe, Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care

"How to Be Healthy, Happy and Helpful in Retirement"

Students: Glow in the Dark [living for Jesus in the real world]



## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Invite a friend for dinner and Thanksgiving worship

Wednesday, November 15

Dinner 5:45pm    Worship 6:30-7:30pm

Main dish and desserts will be provided.

Bring a side dish or salad to share and your non-perishable donations  
for the Goochland food pantry.

## Adult Bible Studies

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| - Seeking a Word from the Lord                                       | Sundays 9:00am, Ralph Fields Room |
| - <i>Prayer: Wasting Time with God</i>                               | Sundays 9:00am, Holman Hall       |
| - Women's Bible Study<br><i>Love Does</i> by Bob Goff                | Tuesdays 9:30am, Parrish House    |
| - Women's Bible Study<br><i>Genesis, Part 4</i> Precept Upon Precept | Thursdays 9:30am, Parrish House   |
| - Men's Group<br><i>Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood</i>    | Sundays 6:00-7:30pm, Holman Hall  |

## HEBRON YOUTH

[students in grades 7-12]

### Friday, November 3

5:30pm            Operation Christmas Child Packing Party  
*Help pack 200 shoeboxes for kids around the world*

### Sunday, November 5

4:00-7:00pm    Chili Bowl XII  
*Flag football and chili dinner at Jack and Reed Miller's house*

### Sunday, November 12

#### 9:00am-7:30pm One Day Retreat

We'll worship and have lunch in the mountains and hike to the summit of Humpback Rocks. Wear shoes and clothing suitable for a moderately difficult hike. Bring \$15 for dinner

### Sunday, November 19

6:00-7:30pm    Youth Group at the Parrish House

### Sunday, November 26

No youth activity. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Hebron Kids For Christ

[tweens in grades 4-6]



Sunday, November 19, 11:30am-1:30pm

FREE GlowGolf for the first 5 tweens to sign up!  
*email Lori at [hebrondce@comcast.net](mailto:hebrondce@comcast.net)*

Bring money for lunch at Sonic

**EXCELLENCE VERSUS SUCCESS**

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,  
because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does.  
Ephesians 6: 7-8*

In his short, thirty-one year life, Franz Schubert composed hundreds of the world's most beautiful songs, not to mention fantastic symphonies, sonatas, chamber music and choral works---all while being virtually ignored and neglected by the world. I have had the opportunity to visit the shabby house where Schubert was born and lived; it was a profoundly moving experience.

The great music that the poverty-stricken Schubert created seldom brought him any money. Even when he composed something that became popular in his time---such as his extraordinary song, the "Erl-King"---his lack of business experience prevented him from realizing appropriate profits. Having little financial sense, Schubert sold the "Erl-King" rights for a few dollars.

Many of his greatest works were not even performed during his lifetime. For example, at one point Schubert completed two orchestral movements and sketched two more, presumably working out an entire symphony. For reasons unknown to history, he abandoned this project and sent away the manuscript. Nearly forty years after Schubert's death, one of his friends retrieved the score. Now known as Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*, this work has become the most acclaimed musical fragment in music history.

Yet the lack of public accolades seemed to have no effect on the incredible output of this genius. Schubert once stated, "When one piece is finished, I begin another." He even went to bed with his glasses on. The reason? He wanted to begin composing as soon as he awoke!

What enables a man to continue his toil without the external motivation of applause and wealth?

Schubert never strove for success; he strove for *excellence*. His motivation was simply to use his God-given talents to the best of his ability, whether anyone responded or not.

The relative obscurity of Schubert's short life gives us few details of his opinions and convictions. Yet the little we know testifies to a strong, personal faith in Christ, which sustained him through the years of unrewarded labor. His paramount audience was not the concertgoers or even his musical friends, but the Lord Himself.

From time to time stop and ask yourself a hard question: "Would I be doing this if no one but God would ever know about it? Am I striving for excellence – to do my best for Christ – or for worldly success?" No matter how respectable our work may seem to our peers, the motives we bring to each task will be appraised by our supreme Rewarder. For "*Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart*" (1 Samuel 16: 7).

**Markus Compton**

## Hebron Day School

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

The parents and children of Hebron Day School participated in Operation Christmas Child during October by collecting coloring books, crayons and small activity sets. We hope this helps fill some of the shoe boxes! We have also issued an invitation for them to help with the packing party on Friday, November 3, at 5:30pm. It's great to be a part of this very worthwhile mission of the church.

November starts off with Community Helpers Week which means a visit from a State Trooper! Virginia State Trooper Brandon Patenaude will be visiting on Wednesday, November 8, at 9:30am to speak to the children about what he does, and to show them his police car! Brandon's daughter, Paislee, was a Hebron Day School student last year, and Brandon is looking forward to joining us again this year.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is Tuesday, November 21, at 11:00am. The parents in the Big Bears Class will be hosting this event, and we look forward to having all parents and families join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings.

Hebron Day School will be closed November 22-24 for Thanksgiving Break. Classes resume on Tuesday, November 28.

We'd like to wish all our Hebron Church family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

*Growing in Faith. . .*

Shirley Bonovitch  
Director

**Community Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Wednesday, November 22  
Grace Chinese Baptist Church  
850 Broad Street Road  
Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103**

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

**Wednesday, November 1**  
 Wednesday Night Special  
 Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm, Program: 6:30-7:30pm  
 Choir: 7:10-8:10pm

**Thursday, November 2**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

**Friday, November 3**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party & Dinner  
 5:30pm

**Sunday, November 5**  
 Worship & Communion  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Wasting Time with God, Holman Hall*  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies 10:00am  
 Youth Group Lunch & Food Pantry Bingo  
 11:30am-1:30pm  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Monday, November 6**  
 Women's Bible Study 6:45-8:30pm Parrish House

**Tuesday, November 7**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am  
 Day School Halloween Dress-Up Party 11:00am

**Wednesday, November 8**  
 Wednesday Night Special  
 Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm, Program: 6:30-7:30pm  
 Choir: 7:10-8:10pm

**Thursday, November 9**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

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

**Sunday, November 12**  
 Worship  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Wasting Time with God, Holman Hall*  
 Youth Retreat: Hiking at Humpback Mountain on  
 the Blue Ridge Parkway 9:00am-7:30pm  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies 10:00am  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Tuesday, November 14**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

**Wednesday, November 15**  
 Wednesday Night Special - Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm, Program: 6:30-7:30pm  
 Choir: 7:10-8:10pm

**Thursday, November 16**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am  
 Session 7:00pm

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

**Sunday, November 19**  
 Worship  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Wasting Time with God, Holman Hall*  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies 10:00am  
 Tweens: Lunch & Glow Golf 11:30am-1:30pm  
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Monday, November 20**  
 Women's Bible Study 6:45-8:30pm Parrish House

**Tuesday, November 21**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am  
 Day School Thanksgiving Feast 11:00am

**Wednesday, November 22**  
 No Choir

**November 22-24 - Day School Closed**

**Sunday, November 26**  
 Worship  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Wasting Time with God, Holman Hall*  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies 10:00am

**Tuesday, November 28**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Wednesday, November 29**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm



Food Pantry

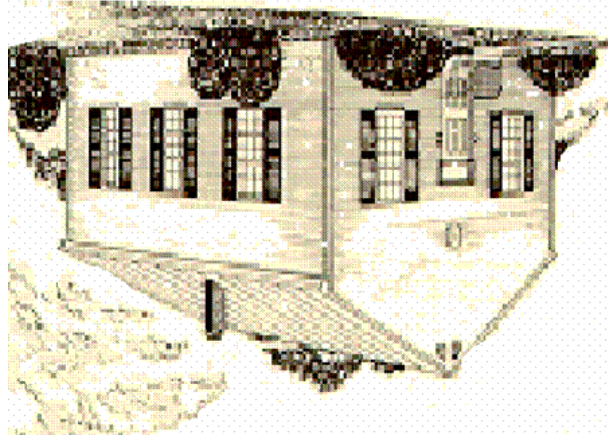
The Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper, cereal, canned goods: beans, vegetables, meats, fruit and soup. Also, peanut butter, rice, pasta and spaghetti sauce. Leave your food donations in the closet on the left outside Holman Hall.

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.

*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*