

# Hebron News

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

*From the pastor's desk . .*

September, 2017



## Pickett's Charge

## Building Your R.A.F.T.

by Pastor Allen

Every year at Rain Forest International School (RFIS) a group of students graduate and go on to university in the U.S.A. or Europe. Many of these students have grown up in Cameroon spent some time in their home country on furlough with their parents, but now they will be embarking on a whole new adventure. RFIS helps these students transition by leading them through an exercise using the acronym R.A.F.T. R (Reconciliation), A (Affirmation), F (Farewells) and T (Thinking ahead).

One year the seniors created their own program by rearranging these letters. A little distracting, but the point still got across. Anyway, during the last 6 months of their senior year they did the following:

- 1) Look to see if any relationships needed to be **Reconciled** - did they have anyone they needed to forgive or seek forgiveness from?
- 2) Second, who were they particularly thankful for. Let that person know and **Affirm** them.
- 3) Third, say your good byes - many people don't like to do this, but **Farewells** provide appropriate endings.
- 4) And fourth - what things needed to be done ahead of time? How could **Thinking ahead** help their transition?



Unfortunately, most of the time it seemed as if the students downplayed the whole process because they lacked a broader perspective of how difficult this transition was going to be. The real work with these students is usually one or two years down the road when the transition is in full swing.

Well, here we are possibly a few months away from building our own R.A.F.T. The PNC is working hard to find Hebron's next pastor and I am looking to what I am going to do next. We are preparing for this transition by doing the following:

- Always saying that I am the 'Interim' Pastor.
- Including prayers for the PNC on Sunday morning.
- Regular updates from the PNC as to where we are in the process.
- This Fall I will be preaching a series on "Transition". Some examples are: How did Moses transition his leadership to Joshua? Elijah to Elisha? David to Solomon?

Admittedly, transitions have not been done well at Hebron the last two times. The consequences of poor transitions affect our personal self-esteem as well as the esteem of the congregation. No blame needs to be assigned but to make this a good one, everyone will need to be engaged. We can make this work for our benefit and the benefit of your next pastor.

Tracy and I are very thankful that we have been part of your lives these past two years and we know that God has used us at Hebron for a specific purpose. We look forward to hearing how Hebron is growing and thriving. Let us construct the best R.A.F.T. possible and watch what God will do.

**Session Notes**

1. We recognize that we are still falling behind in our weekly offerings, but thankful that we have savings which can keep us afloat. You will hear more during our Stewardship drive this Fall.
2. A new approach to caring for our congregation will be in full swing this Fall. Strategies on 'elder care' and caring for each other will be presented on Wednesday nights beginning in October.
3. The first Sunday in October we will have an outdoor service, Fall festival and Ministry fair.
4. The Day School needs 5 or more additional students. They are facing competition from a new public school program that began last year.
5. Beginning in September we will launch a Sunday School program that includes classes for adults and students at the 9:00 hour and during worship a preschool class.
6. Allen and Tracy will be in Papua New Guinea from August 27th - September 16th. They will be providing preaching, teaching and counseling to the Wycliffe Translation center.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Pastor Allen & Tracy Pickett  
 Trudie Long  
 Jim Parker  
 Polly Anderson  
 T. C. & Diane Anderson  
 Bibby Raines  
 Sandy & Rossie Fisher  
 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*  
 Virginia Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's mother-in-law*  
 Rob Pickett, *Pastor Allen's brother*  
 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*  
 Tee Thackston, *Fayette Thackston's brother*  
 Glenn Parrish, *Sandra Parrish's husband*  
 Our Military Personnel

**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.

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held October 24th for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee to elect Deacons and Elders for 2018.

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

# Fall Into Bible Study

For more information contact Lori Alford at [hebrondce@comcast.net](mailto:hebrondce@comcast.net)  
or 347.7585

## Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups Sundays at 9:00am

***Seeking a Word from the Lord***      **Ralph Fields Room**  
Discussion of weekly readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

***Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?*** **Holman Hall**  
Discussion and intentional prayer



## Women's Bible Studies

*James: Mercy Triumphs* by Beth Moore  
**Monday evenings 6:45-8:30pm at the Parrish House**  
Begins September 11 // 8 weeks // Workbook: \$13

*Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer  
**Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00am at the Parrish House**  
Begins September 5 // 7 weeks // Workbook: \$13

*Precept Upon Precept: Genesis, Part 3*  
**Thursday mornings 9:30-11:00am at the Parrish House**  
Begins September 7 // 7 weeks // Workbook: \$13

*The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges [Women of Hebron]  
**2nd and 4th Thursdays 11:00am in the Meeting Room**  
Begins September 14 // Book \$10.50

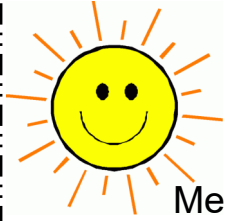


## Men's Group

Conversations about issues relating to men  
**Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30pm in Holman Hall**  
Begins September 24

## **New Kids' Programs Coming This Fall!**

*Kids' Club and Bible Buddies will begin Sunday, September 10*



### **Kids' Club**

**Sunday mornings at 9:00am**

For all kids in grades K-6

Meet in Classroom #2 for fun, interactive Bible learning

### **Bible Buddies**

**Sunday mornings at 10:00am**

Bible lessons and play for preschoolers and kindergartners ages 3-5

Led by adult volunteers in Classroom #3

*Want to volunteer? Contact Lori Alford to find out how:*

*[hebrondce@comcast.net](mailto:hebrondce@comcast.net) or 347.7585*

## **Support Hebron Day School**

Hebron Day School is a vital ministry of Hebron Presbyterian Church.  
Here are some ways you can support the Day School this fall:

- Pray for our Day School staff and families
- Contribute items for the Back to School Supply Drive  
*Clorox/Lysol cleaning wipes, baby wipes, paper towels, glue sticks*
- Serve at the Welcome Luncheon on September 13  
*12:00-1:00pm in Holman Hall*
- Be an occasional guest reader for Ready, Set, READ  
*Sign up on the Church Info bulletin board*
- Help with holiday parties or other special activities



**Hebron Day School**

For more information on how you can support Hebron Day School,  
contact Mack or Paula Curle at 784-5735

**Hebron Youth Group**  
**[students in grades 7-12]**



**All students in grades 7-12 should report for duty**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1800-1930, HOLMAN HALL**  
 Dinner, boot camp challenges and more to welcome new 7th grade recruits  
**You WILL get wet and dirty**

**Sunday, September 17**

6:00-7:30pm Youth Group at the Parrish House - snacks, games and Bible study

**Saturday, September 23**

9:00am-9:00pm *Dare2Share Live* at Wilderness Community Church, Spotsylvania. Reserve your spot by September 10!

**Sunday, September 24**

6:00-7:30pm Youth Group at the Parrish House - snacks, games and Bible study

Hebron Kids For Christ  
 [tweens in grades 4-6]



**Sunday, September 17**  
 11:30am-1:30pm in Holman Hall

Lunch, games and LOTS OF FUN to welcome new 4th graders to KFC!

Fall Celebration  
 Sunday, October 1

Join us for worship at 10:00am and stay for lunch and a fall celebration!



Free food  
 Ministry Fair  
 Inflatables  
 Games and Activities



## Perseverance in Faith

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888)

*My Soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.  
Psalm 62: 1-2*

Misfortune wasn't new to Horatio Spafford. In 1871 the great Chicago fire destroyed his massive real estate holdings on the shore of Lake Michigan. The financial fallout was horrendous, but he consoled himself that at least his family was safe.

Just two years later, the Spafford family—Horatio, his wife, and their four young daughters---looked forward to a needed break, accompanying friends to Europe, crossing the Atlantic on the *Ville du Havre*.

At the last minute, however, business concerns unexpectedly held Mr. Spafford in Chicago. He sent the family ahead of him, assuring them he would follow as soon as he could and meet them in France.

But that was not to be. In the mid-Atlantic the *Ville du Havre* collided with an English ship and sank in only twelve minutes. All four of the Spafford girls drowned; only Mrs. Spafford was named among the survivors.

The thought of receiving such a telegram as was given to Horatio Spafford is difficult to comprehend. He immediately headed for New York and boarded a slow boat to his wife's side. The ship's captain knew of the father's grief and one day called Horatio on deck to tell him, "To the best of my calculations, Mr. Spafford, this is where your daughters were drowned."

What were his thoughts as he gazed into the watery grave? Later that very day he wrote down his emotions—neither a lament nor a complaint, neither anger nor remorse.

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Here was a man who persevered in faith despite misfortune that is hardly imaginable to me—and maybe to you. Yet faith rested firmly in the God of his salvation. The writer of Hebrews challenges us to *perseverance* in the context of faith:

*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross,  
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men,  
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12: 1-3)*

To this day the witness of Spafford's song reminds believers to fix their eyes on the author and perfecter of their faith, the God of their salvation.

## Hebron Day School

**Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."  
Matthew 19: 14a**

Welcome back Hebron Day School families! Our school year begins with our Open House on Thursday, August 31, from 6:30-8:00pm. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5, with regular hours from 9:00am-12:00pm.

Our first special event will be our Grandparent's Day program on Wednesday, September 27, at 11:00am. This is a very special day when the children invite their grandparents or other special friends to come to preschool and share their day with them.

School pictures, with Heather House Studio, are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, beginning at 9:30am.

PLEASE continue to spread the word—we currently have 25 children enrolled, and still have many spaces available in all our classes. If you know a family with pre-school children ages 2 thru 5, please tell them about us. They may call the school at 784-3950 for information on our program or to arrange a visit.

We are excited to continue our reading program this year called "**Ready, Set, READ!**" We have had a wonderful response from both our parents and members of Hebron, and we would again like to ask you to come read with the children. Just sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board, and I will be in touch to arrange a date and a time that is convenient for all. The children love having special friends come in, and we look forward to sharing our day with our Hebron church family.

If anyone would like to help us with back-to-school supplies, we have posted a "Wish List" on our hall bulletin board. The items on this list include paper towels, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc. and are used and needed throughout the year. We would welcome and greatly appreciate any donations!

On behalf of the Hebron Day School families and staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Hebron Presbyterian Church for your continued support, prayers and encouragement. We look forward to another fun and exciting year!

*Growing in Faith. . .*

**Shirley Bonovitch  
Director**

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 3**  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? Holman Hall*  
 Worship 10:00am

**Tuesday, September 5**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Hebron Day School Begins! 9:00am-12:00pm  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

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

**Thursday, September 7**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

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

**Sunday, September 10**  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? Holman Hall*  
 Kids' Club Begins! 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies Begins! 10:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Youth Boot Camp 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Monday, September 11**  
 Women's Bible Study: 6:45-8:30pm Parrish House

**Tuesday, September 12**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study: 9:30-11:00am

**Wednesday, September 13**  
 Day School Welcome Luncheon 12:00-1:00pm  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, September 14**  
 Women's Bible Study: 9:30-11:00am  
 Women of Hebron 11:00am *The Pursuit of Holiness*

**Friday, September 15**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, September 17**  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? Holman Hall*  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies 10:00am  
 Worship and Communion 10:00am  
 Kids For Christ 11:30am-1:30pm Holman Hall  
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House

**Monday, September 18**  
 Women's Bible Study: 6:45-8:30pm Parrish House

**Tuesday, September 19**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study: 9:30-11:00am

**Wednesday, September 20**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, September 21**  
 Women's Bible Study: 9:30-11:00am

**Friday, September 22**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Saturday, September 23**  
 Youth Dare2ShareLive Spotsylvania 9:00am-9:00pm

**Sunday, September 24**  
 Adult Bible Study 9:00am  
*Seeking a Word from the Lord, Ralph Fields Room*  
*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? Holman Hall*  
 Kids' Club 9:00am  
 Bible Buddies 10:00am  
 Worship 10:00am  
 Congregational Meeting following Worship  
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Parrish House  
 Men's Group 6:00-7:30pm Holman Hall

**Monday, September 25**  
 Women's Bible Study 6:45-8:30pm Parrish House

**Tuesday, September 26**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

**Wednesday, September 27**  
 Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm

**Thursday, September 28**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30-11:00am  
 Women of Hebron 11:00am *The Pursuit of Holiness*

**Friday, September 29**  
 AA Meeting 7:00-8:00am Parrish House

**Sunday, October 1**  
 Worship and Fall Celebration

**Operation Christmas Child**

In September, please shop for socks and plastic jewelry. All items should be new and suitable for children ages 2-14.



Place your gifts in the green plastic tub outside Holman Hall. No time to shop? We welcome donations!

**FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Mary Austin & Martha Rogers

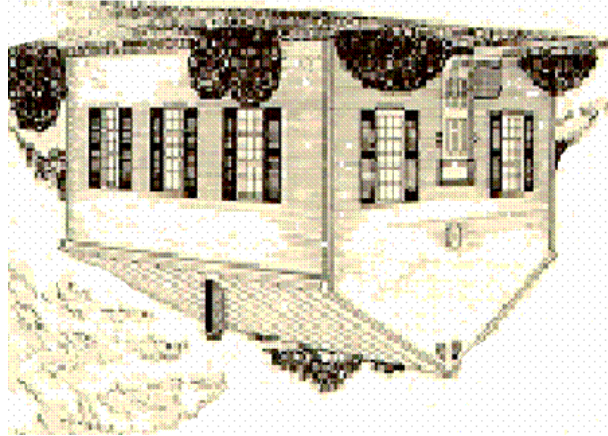


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*Our Mission is to Spread the Word of God*

“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*