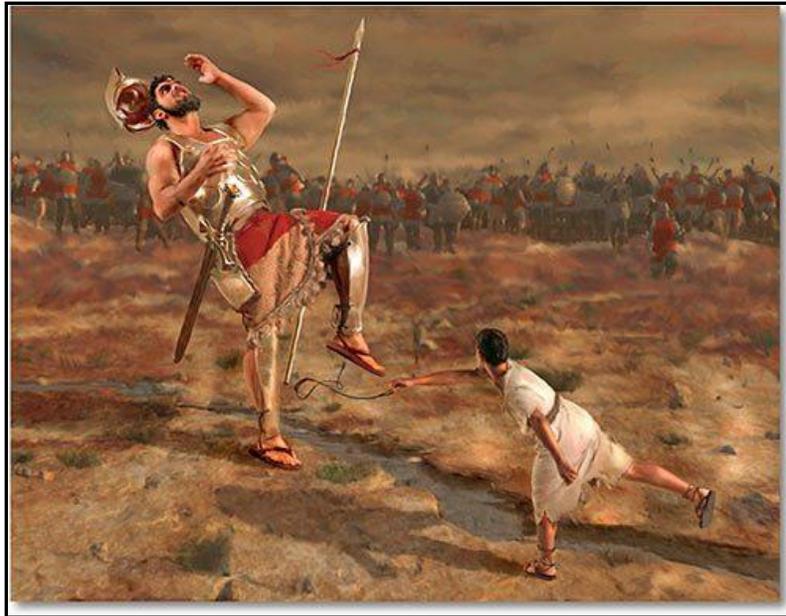


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The Gospel of Mark

PREACHING THROUGH “THE LIFE OF KING DAVID”

Throughout this summer, I will be preaching through “the Life of King David,” and I invite you to join me by listening carefully to the sermons and by reading 1 and 2 Samuel, which tell his life’s story.

David is a fascinating character, one whose life stretches across 40 chapters of these two long biblical books of history. I know that many of you are reading through parts or all of the Bible this year. If you have not already read through the two books of Samuel, let me encourage you to change your Bible reading schedule to read through chapters 16-31 of 1 Samuel and all 24 chapters of 2 Samuel. That will give you the fullest understanding of David as King.

Recently, I preached on the most well-known story from his life—the famous personal duel he fought and won over Goliath. That was the event that made him a rock star and propelled him toward the kingship. But it also aroused great jealousy in Saul, and for that reason almost cost David his life!

Rather than list many of the most important events in his life in chronological order, let me mention some of the **emotions** which had an enormous impact in his life:

Jealousy—King Saul quickly became jealous of David’s fame after the Goliath duel

Loyalty—Saul’s son Prince Jonathan had to decide between loyalty to his father or his friend

Ecstasy—David felt this as he danced before the LORD (that is how we know David was not a Baptist)

Sorrow—which David felt when his closest friend Jonathan was killed in battle

Lust—this led to David’s greatest sin

Hatred—It consumed Saul and threatened David

Agony—that feeling almost overwhelmed David when his son Absalom led a rebellion against him

I think if you read these stories about David and his family, you will find them as riveting as many novels, but far better for your soul!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



REV. ALLAN SMITH

Better Late than Never!

What a joy it has been to greet so many of you face-to-face over the past couple of weeks (even if our faces are protected by masks!). I am privileged to serve alongside you in ministry. Though multiple factors caused a delay in my beginning to serve in the role of Associate Pastor for Community Outreach, I find myself feeling more settled with each passing day. I even have the phones and email set up!

I expected HBC to be a loving church, but the warmth and appreciation extended to me has only affirmed my sense of call to join this community of faith in ministry. I am impressed by your passion for missions - I am aware of the many different ways that HBC is integrally involved in the life of the community. I appreciate your interest in participating in Bible study - I have interacted with many of you through the several studies offered on zoom each week. Throughout my experience with Haymarket Baptist Church, I have made note of the sincere and deep love that you have for your congregation. The Holy Spirit is truly among you.

Allan Smith
Associate Pastor Community Outreach



DEACONS BENCH

As I pondered, (more like procrastinated) the subject of this article, my mind went to so many places and to so many events that have happened in the last six months. Here I sit, undecided and perplexed as to what to make of it all. We are going through times and events most of us have never seen, much less have lived through. We have a virus and social unrest of which I have not seen since the 60's, and many questions concerning each waiting to be answered.

With respect to the virus, my mind wonders if it will ever be over; will things ever return to what we know as normal and if not, what will the new normal really look like? Will I ever be able to go here and there as I used to, see my children and grandchildren, and see my friends and church family as I did before? I also will admit wondering if my memory of what is normal and God's plan for normal are in conflict. Had I gotten too busy to look at the world as I should? See the small gifts we get every day from God as the special things they really are?

As far as the social unrest we are facing in our country, I have seen nothing with this level of momentum in my lifetime. It's hard to look at history and events we were taught in school to be true and admit maybe we didn't get the whole story or that we as a free nation could possibly have turned a blind eye for so long. After all, the founding fathers wrote that all men were created equal; we were taught this in school, but I do not recall thinking that men in this context may not have meant all men or men only, no women. This is where the song I was taught as a small child rings over and over in my head: "Jesus loves the little children, **ALL** the little children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world". What a simple yet powerful statement! God loves everyone the same, regardless.

Even with all this going on, my mind keeps going to a place I go often for comfort. I just stop, be quiet and know that He is God, and is always in

control. I remember how truly blessed I am. I have a wife that loves me unconditionally, three wonderful children, two great sons-in-law, three very special grandchildren, both parents that are still here with me, my sister and her family, a very special church family, a Sunday School class that puts up with my ramblings, the ability to live my life in a free country where I can come and go as I please and worship the one true God without fear of persecution, and I could go on and on. These things are God's Grace; I readily admit that I could not have done any of this on my own; I did not buy it or earn it. It was a gift from the most special thing I have, and that is Christ! Look to him in all things.

Dee Thompson
August Deacon of the Month



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is busy working to fill our many church committee openings. The success of Haymarket Baptist Church is heavily dependent on volunteers. You don't need to have any special skills or talents, we have a spot for everyone!! When asked, most people say they don't have time to serve on a committee. The truth is that most committees don't require a significant time commitment at all. There are many of us who serve on multiple committees concurrently, and I believe this is because committee involvement provides an excellent way to fellowship. Volunteers are needed now more than ever. Please prayerfully consider where you are being called to serve. If you are in need of additional information please reach out to any member of Nominating Committee.

Debbie Young
Ruth Nagy
Cheryl Cox
Bobby Swindall
Guerry Drey



The Stewardship Committee will begin working on the church's 2021 budget in the coming weeks. As in the past, forms for submissions are available in the Stewardship Committee mailbox. Submissions are due from each committee chair no later than 9/15/20. Thanks in advance for getting your budgetary needs turned in on time.

Debbie Young



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Drive-thru pick up of the study guides for our Joshua study, was a success! It was fun to "see" each other and visit and laugh!!! With masks, sun glasses, and caps — it easily turned into the question — "Who are you?"

We are studying the Book of Joshua for the next 11 weeks. Some of things we might all remember about Joshua from the childhood song, "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho... and the walls came tumbling down." Joshua. 1:9 "Be strong and courageous," and Joshua's covenantal vow, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 Come and join us as we learn more of this great leader that God prepared to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, after Moses' death.

Blessings from Bernie!

Bernice Pearson



Given everything that is going on around us and the challenges of COVID-19, I hope everyone is staying well. It's been interesting times to say the least. Our youth definitely missed going on their annual PASSPORTmissions trip in July – the highlight of the youth calendar year. That said, we have met several times outside of church for food and fellowship as well as, enjoyed viewing and discussing virtual material that PASSPORT provided to us. We will continue to meet up periodically over the summer, as our youth's schedules can accommodate. At our last gathering, the youth enjoyed meeting our new Associate Pastor of Outreach, Allan Smith. We are so happy to welcome Allan to HBC and with his plethora of experience, we know that he will be a great resource as we look to improve and grow our youth and children's programs.

As we move forward, keep in mind that just because you are socially distant doesn't mean you have to be emotionally distant... a summer staycation vs vacation may be in order, zoom can bridge the distance for gatherings, beach time and picnics are still doable with a little more planning, and even ball games are possible via the television. Please continue to remain vigilant by practicing social distancing from others, wearing facemasks where appropriate, washing your hands often, and remaining cognizant of the guidelines in your community, within the state, and other localities should you be traveling. In addition, please continue to make time for yourself and take care of your body and mind. Relieve stress where you can; remain connected with family, friends, and colleagues by text, email, or phone; get some fresh air; exercise your muscles, keep a sense of humor; and occasionally unplug from the TV and Social Media noise.

Furthermore, remember to recognize, thank, support, and most importantly pray for the

important work and sacrifice being done by the growing ranks of those on the COVID-19 frontline in healthcare; COVID research, mental and social welfare; law enforcement; military; and public services; along with marketplaces and stores who are making it possible for the rest of us to maintain some semblance of normalcy during these unique times.

Karen Frazier
The Youth Committee



August is here! Normally we're squeezing in the last of our summer plans so that we can be refreshed for the school year. Normally we're back to school shopping and gearing up for the first day of school. I know I'm preaching to the choir when I say that this summer has been anything from normal. And if you're anything like me you're tired of hearing about COVID; tired of stressing about how to manage the coming school year; and probably just a tad tired of cooking so frequently. This month's column will be short and to the point. I don't have any pearls of wisdom to share or a fancy recipe to make the closeout of this summer spectacular. But I do know this – my family and I will continue to pray for those in our congregation who are teachers preparing for a very unique school year. We will continue to pray for the parents who are juggling work and child care, and pray for those in our congregation who are single and could use a friend or two to socialize with so they don't feel like the walls are closing in. Even though we have been placed in a very frustrating and stressful time and we are truly being challenged, I know that our prayers will make the journey much more bearable!

Christy Wisor
Children's Committee Chairperson



“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” John 6: 9

Most of us are probably very familiar with the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of five thousand people who had followed him seeking both healing and teaching. This event is recorded in all of the Gospels, but only John includes the fact that the food was from a young boy’s lunch. This is a story filled with miracles and life lessons.

Each of the Gospels records that the Apostles encouraged Jesus to send the people away so that they would be able to find food. In response to this, Jesus simply states “You give them something to eat” (Matt. 14:16; Mark 6:37; Luke 9:13). The Apostles are appalled by this idea! In Matthew and Luke they answer, “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish.” In Mark and John, they reply that it “would take more than half a year’s wages” to provide that much food. Yet Jesus takes that small amount of food, blesses it, and feeds the 5000. Each person has plenty to eat because there are twelve baskets of food left over. So here is Lesson Number 1. Don’t doubt Jesus!

Another aspect of this story is that this event occurred immediately after the twelve apostles had returned from a trip without Jesus during which they proclaimed the Kingdom of God, healed the sick, and cast out demons. Despite these recent accomplishments, when Jesus instructed them to feed the people, their immediate response was to give excuses of why they couldn’t do that. They had only five loaves and two fish! There was no place close to obtain food! And if there had been, it would cost too much! “We can’t do this,” they seemed to say. They were thinking like ordinary people, not like those empowered by the Living God. So here is Lesson Number 2. If God calls you to something, He will provide the means and the ability to do it.

Of course, the most obvious lesson in this story is that Jesus can and does perform miracles.

He healed the sick that day. This story does not give specifics about what kinds of ailments Jesus addressed, but we know from other stories that He restored sight to the blind, enabled the lame to walk, cured leprosy, and raised the dead. Feeding 5000 with so little food seems minor compared to all the other miracles that must have been performed that day. Not the least of these miracles would have been His proclamation that the Kingdom of God was at hand. This was always the message of hope that He spoke to the crowds that followed Him, so it was probably the major import of His teaching that day. Here is Lesson Number 3. Listen to Jesus and believe His words.

However, one of the most important lessons of that day is usually overlooked. In fact, only John includes this bit of information in his telling of the feeding of the 5000. Yet this crucial lesson hinges on the second most important person in this story: the boy who brought his lunch with him that day. Certainly, Jesus could have called the fish to leap from the water onto dry land and have commanded the stones to become loaves of bread, but He didn’t. Instead, he turned to “a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish” (John 6:9).

To delve into this part of the story, it is necessary to first get to know this boy. We can assume that he was young because he is referred to as a boy. He was, however, wandering around without his parents, so he was not a young child. Remember that Jesus was 12 years old when His parents lost him. A Jewish boy celebrates his bar mitzvah at the age of 13 where the comment “Today, you are a Jewish man” is often made. Yet he is not really considered an adult at that point. In Exodus 30:11-16, Numbers 1:1-3 and Numbers 26:1-4, twenty years of is considered the age at which males are included in the census. It seems reasonable that this then is the age when a male is considered as an adult. So the boy with the loaves and fish was probably between the ages of 13 and 20.

We can also understand that this boy was probably from a poor family. John tells us that the bread was made of barley. This was the grain most used by poor people while the economically more secure could afford wheat. Barley bread has a denser tougher consistency than does that made from wheat. Today it is considered a rustic and healthy alternative to bread made from wheat flour. However, in biblical times, it was a staple in the

homes of the poor who could not afford the finer but more costly wheat flour. So it is likely that the boy with the five loaves of barley bread was poor.

We can also assume that this boy was young, healthy, and hungry. We are told that he was young. He must have been healthy to have gotten himself to the place where Jesus was teaching. Matthew tells that Jesus “withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place” (14:13). The scriptures tell us that there was no place around to buy food, so the story must have taken place in an isolated spot. A person would have to be healthy to have been able to travel to the place without assistance. As for being hungry, we are talking about a young boy! What else needs to be said? If more evidence is needed, he took five loaves of bread with him for his lunch. That alone indicates a hearty appetite.

We also know that this boy planned ahead. There is no mention of anyone else having food that day. The apostles told Jesus that there were only the five loaves of barley bread and the two fish. There were no other contributions of food. Perhaps the boy took the food simply because he was a growing boy and was always hungry, but the point is that he was prepared. He was ready for the eventuality of needing to eat.

So we have a young, poor, hungry, nameless boy in possession of five loaves of bread and two fish. He is surrounded by a crowd of 5000 hungry people. He has walked quite a distance to this isolated place. He is alone except for the strangers who surround him. The scriptures tell us that evening is approaching and bringing with it the time to eat. Out of this mass of humanity surrounding this boy, Andrew approaches and wants to take all of his food away to be given to others. Can you imagine the reaction of this boy? Just picture him clutching his lunch to his chest and looking desperately at Andrew and then to the crowd of people around him.

Just how do you think the apostles got that food away from the boy? Did they take it forcefully, snatching it out of his unwilling hands? Did they simply demand that he turn it over to them, accepting nothing less than his acquiescence? As a poor person who had not yet reached the age of maturity, this boy would have had no defense against such a demand. He would have to relinquish all that he had. Do you believe this is what happened? That scenario is not likely. It is simply not what Jesus would have done or allowed His

followers to do. Rather it is more likely that the boy willingly acquiesced to the request to share his food. Here then is the lesson number 4. Miracles can be accomplished if we give all that we have to God for His purposes.

What do you have that you treasure? What skill do you have that you could offer? Are you willing to turn that over to God? Are you, like the boy in this story, willing to give everything that you have? Are you willing to do this with no promise of fame or notoriety? Remember that the story of this boy is only recorded in the gospel of John. Even there his name isn't mentioned. Are you ready to answer the call that may come to you at any time? Just imagine what could be accomplished for the Kingdom of God if you willingly placed all that you have in the hands of God for Him to multiply, increase, and use to nourish the people who seek Him.

Just imagine!

Edith Kennedy
Mission Committee Chairperson



SECURITY OFFICERS FOR AUGUST

We greatly appreciate these officers dedicating their time and effort towards the safety of our members and visitors.

August 2	Randy Anderson
August 9	Tim Hood
August 16	Randy Anderson
August 23	Randy Anderson
August 30	Coire O'Neal



family. We do ask for your continued daily prayer for guidance, wisdom and discernment in making these critical and impacting decisions.

Laurie Frasz, Director
HBCPK

Hello Church Family,
August is the month we gear up for our school opening! Carpets will be cleaned, floors waxed and playgrounds prepped in the coming weeks. We are currently reviewing policies and adjustments necessary to determine the number of children that can be enrolled in order to accommodate all the governor's requirements for school. As we join with other area private and Christian schools in reopening, we are taking all precautions required and even going above and beyond to ensure the safety of staff, students and the facility. We have purchased items that the HBC Preschool Board and I feel more than adequately cover the things we need in order to start and maintain the school year safely. With these changes to our enrollment this also impacts rehiring of staff. That means, for some of those who have been employed with the school for over ten years they will now not have a job, which is heartbreaking. The returning teachers, two part time office assistants, and two floaters are anxious to return.

Parents are fully supportive all the changes and are so appreciative of the measures our school is taking to ensure to the best of our ability the safety of their children during their time at school and ready to begin this school year with some normalcy. We have submitted our plan to the Virginia Council of Private Education, our school attorney, and the Division of Licensing. I am proud to say that everything has been approved.

Many thanks to the Preschool Board, and Mrs. Joanie Duckett for their faithful support and guidance to our school on all these changes. As we reach out asking for prayers from our Church family, we will need them especially during this uncertain and unfamiliar time dealing with COVID-19 and the impact it has not only to the school but to the lives of school families and to our church

AUGUST

Birthdays

Aug. 1	Aubrey Terrant
Aug. 4	Brad Ginn
Aug. 5	Brian Wendel
Aug. 7	Susie Laflamme Rob Hrabe
Aug. 8	Luke Whitis Debora Reingruber
Aug. 9	Brenda Knighton Teresa Camp
Aug. 10	Kathleen McGahan Kathryn Wendel
Aug. 11	Mable Hudson Ruth Reynolds
Aug. 13	Dallas Stallings
Aug. 14	Galen Tackett
Aug. 16	Sharon Young
Aug. 18	Tammy Allue
Aug. 20	Taylor Wolfe
Aug. 21	Patrick Moore
Aug. 23	Dot Todd
Aug. 24	Meredith Morgan
Aug. 25	Austin Duckett Karee Duckett Jason Martin Peter Brawley
Aug. 29	Becky Taylor
Aug. 31	Dylan Sawyer Ron York

WELCOME



We welcome our newest member, Allan Smith, who joined HBC on July 12. He comes to us as our new Associate Pastor of Outreach from Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. We look forward to all the exciting things Allan brings to our church and our community.

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Updated Church Directories are now available for pickup at the church office and will be sent out soon via email to our church friends and family. Please continue to give us updated information as it becomes available.

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