

Haymarket Herald

September 2020



The Gospel of Mark

Preaching about King David's Heartbreaks

In August, I preached about some of King David's Greatest Triumphs—the time when the elders of the 12 tribes of Israel agreed that God had chosen David to be King over all the Nation of Israel, the conquest of Jerusalem and the choice of that city as his new capital, and God's offering of a covenant with David and his descendants. David experienced some of the highest highs any person could hope to experience!

But in September, we will all look closely at some of the heartbreaks that David experienced. At the height of his power, success and fame, David engaged in a torrid affair with the beautiful Bathsheba, the wife of one of David's loyal soldiers—Uriah the Hittite. Their sexual dalliance led to Bathsheba's pregnancy while her husband was fighting at the frontlines. To cover up his blatant sin, David tried several times to convince Uriah that the baby to be born was Uriah's. When those plans failed, David deviously sent Uriah back to the front lines carrying his own death sentence—sealed orders to the commanding General Joab to make sure that Uriah was killed in battle. Adultery and Murder—these were David's two greatest sins! And then David was confronted with his own sin by the Prophet Nathan. He had to face the disgrace and guilt of his own sin in a more public way than most of us will ever have to do.

Later, David experienced the heartbreak of having his beloved son Absalom lead a rebellion against David himself! Can you imagine one of your own children saying to you—"I wish you were dead. In fact, I cannot wait for you to die so I will become king after you. I will launch a rebellion to overthrow you—Dad--and take your crown!"

Together, these two events devastated David. Yet he did not abandon his strong faith in God. Because of his faith in God he repented of his sins and did penance. He also took the right steps to see that, after his own death, Israel would be governed by his son Solomon.

I hope you never experience the heartbreak that David experienced. I hope you never commit adultery or have someone murdered to cover up your own sin (or for any reason). But if you experience a great failure in life, please go back to your Bible and re-read David's story. Regardless of what failures you experience, always come back to God in faith and ask for forgiveness. Like David, be "a man (or woman) after God's own heart."

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



REV. ALLAN SMITH

PHYSICALLY DISTANCED, SOCIALY CONNECTED

I was enjoying a phone conversation with a member recently where the all too familiar conversation topic arose. We both lamented the lack of fellowship within our church community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the individual speaking with me has not been able to return to worship in person but is able to view the services online, the reality is that church looks and feels different in this pandemic environment.

I just admit that it feels different for me, too. I look around the in-person congregation on Sundays wondering who I might invite to lunch after church. Then people exit out the back door, and I realize that I need to start making lunch plans before the worship service! And while I enjoy "meeting" people over the phone, I would much rather have opportunities to meet many of you face to face.

And I am sure the same is true for anyone else. We would much rather be seeing each other face-to-face. The point, though, is that we remain connected. What it means to be church is to experience the joys and the sorrows of life together. So, yes, we worship together with in-person and with live-stream options, but we also fellowship together and pray together.

I hope you are taking advantage of the various ways that you can connect with one another. There are several Bible studies offered over zoom. If you are having trouble connecting, I would be glad to help troubleshoot if I am able. There are Sunday school classes meeting, as well.

But there are more ways to connect than that! Some of you send cards to one another. Others call each other on the phone. My encouragement to you is to reach out to one another. Find ways to remind each other that you are cared for and you are prayed for. Who is the Lord putting on your heart, that you might be a reminder of God's love for them?

And be reminded that our encouragement can extend outside our own church membership! Take time to connect with neighbors, co-workers, and friends as well. It means more than you know.

Grace and Peace,
Allan Smith
Associate Pastor for Community Outreach
Haymarket Baptist Church



DEACONS BENCH

Brothers and Sisters in Christ and anyone else reading this, by the time you receive this newsletter we will be approaching the September 30, 2020, end of another Deacon Term at Haymarket Baptist Church! We are very blessed to have four dedicated and talented individuals (Brad Ginn, Dinah Thompson, Regina Moore, and Ruth Anne Sawyer), who subject to church approval at the September HBC Business Meeting, will be joining your Deacon team on October 1, 2020. On behalf of the Deacons completing his or her three year term of active deacon service (Dee Thompson, Edith Kennedy, Ruth Nagy, and me) at that time, thanks so much for giving us the opportunity to serve our Lord and you during this period!

The last eight months or so of this term have certainly been "very interesting"! Without your prayers, work, support, and love, this period would have been even more difficult for everyone at HBC. If someone told me a year ago that our world would have been faced with a pandemic in 2020 that would change our lives in many, many ways including having the majority of our congregation to participate in worship, Sunday School, Bible

Study, etc. digitally and virtually (BTW, thank you and God Bless you Morgan Jones!) instead of in person, I would not have believed it. Our Lord knows all things and told us so in Ecclesiastes 8:7-8, "Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come? No man has power over the wind to contain it; no one has power over the day of this death."

From a personal standpoint, I have been stunned by the passing away of nine persons so far in 2020 that were close to me. I am saddened tremendously by these losses, and at the same time I take comfort in the words of our Lord in John 10: 27-30, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." It is my sincerest hope and desire that this passage strengthens your and my resolve; to do all we can to bring as many as possible into the family of Christ!

One step to achieve this goal that our church has taken in the past year is the calling of Rev. Allan Smith as our Associate Pastor for Outreach. With the prayers and efforts of our team of Pastors, Members, and Friends, we can facilitate spreading our Lord's message of love and salvation for all that dedicate his or her life to Jesus! Based on an individual's decision to follow Christ, we can always be happy and confident when we leave someone by saying "See you later!"

Without a person's dedication to our Lord and Savior, ending a conversation with "Good bye" may be more completely and tragically accurate!

Please continue to lift up in prayer our country's leaders; the HBC family, including members, pastors, and deacons, and anyone who has not yet dedicated his or her life to Christ or is suffering in some way! May God bless, protect, and keep each one of you forever! Thanks again for all you have done and continue to do for our church, community, and world. See you later! Your friend and servant,

John Burke
September Deacon of the Month



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I hope you have enjoyed all of the many technological advancements made throughout the Church over the past several months! These include:

- Updated website
- Upgraded Audio/Visual equipment
- Upgraded recording capabilities
- Live-streaming
- Zoom call capabilities
- Enhanced social media presence

None of this could have been accomplished without the hard work and determination of church member Morgan Jones. Haymarket Baptist Church is very blessed to have such a gifted and talented member and we are so very grateful for all he has done and continues to do. Now that the upgrades have been completed, we have a tremendous need for volunteers at HBC to help oversee the AV systems, social media accounts, website, and internal networks and computers. If you have experience in these areas or the passion to learn about them WE NEED YOU!! If you think you can help and would like to know more please contact: morgan@my-hbc.org.

Debbie Young

Nominating Committee Chair



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 BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 3	Keith Jinks
Sept. 4	Brent McNeil Cheryl Riddle Linda Garrett
Sept. 5	Ruth Nagy
Sept. 6	Bobby Swindall
Sept. 8	Jan Waxvik
Sept. 9	Zach Kerns
Sept. 10	Taylor Lambert
Sept. 13	Virginia Baker
Sept. 14	Regina Moore Marisa Workman Scott
Sept. 16	Hunter Workman Dave Elkins
Sept. 18	Zachary Allue
Sept. 19	Heather Workman Dr. Charles Stewart Don Hagenbuch
Sept. 20	Danielle Ginn
Sept. 22	Amber Tackett Schwab Ed Plagata Julia Hessenauer
Sept. 23	Mike Middleton
Sept. 24	Frances Crisp
Sept. 27	Kendall Frazier
Sept. 29	Karen Shepard Brenda Sellers Sarah Martin
Sept. 30	Vicki Bayol



I'm struggling with the idea that summer is over and for the most part our family has very little to show for it! Normally we take a trip to Ohio to see family, have trips to the river to float, plan fun day trips to different museums, etc. This summer has not looked like the others but in a way it has still been really enjoyable. We have spent a lot (and I do mean a lot) of quality time together enjoying each other. The one good thing that has come out of this pandemic is that our family has gotten used to spending time together as opposed to constantly being entertained by outside forces or constantly being on the go. I hope that you and your family have made the most of your summer and are able to see the silver lining of blessings that God has provided for this summer.

I am excited to announce that I have an actual announcement for the Children in this newsletter! Since Sunday School for the children has been placed on hold for the time being, we will be sharing little 10-15 minute YouTube videos of the Sunday school lessons on our Facebook page for the children to enjoy over the weekends. My own quality assurance team (of 2 blond haired little children) will help ensure that they're not BORING but fun. We are excited to engage with the children and help maintain their enthusiasm for God. The hope is that with school starting back up and routines being established, we will be able to share Gods word and Gods love with the children over the weekends even if they are not joining us in church. If you have not 'Liked' our Facebook page, please like **Haymarket Baptist Church** so that the video links will show up in your newsfeed.

We pray for you and wish you and your family the best possible scenario for this unique school year.

Christy Wisor
Children's Committee Chairperson



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 the 15th of September. Thanks in advance for getting your budgetary needs turned in on time.

Debbie Young



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

September! Can you believe it?

We continue on in our study of Joshua each Monday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and with a study book. The themes that we are seeing more and more are the importance of faith, trust, obedience, and the relying on God's promises. It is easier for us to adhere to our faith and obedience during "mountain-top" victories in our lives but harder in the "valleys" of disappointments and trials.

If you would like to join us on Zoom, please contact Ernestine Meyer @ 703-973-2018 or emeyer2@gmu.edu. She will walk you through the process of using Zoom. Study books are available.

Also, now that I have a new computer, I hope to send you notes on the lessons once again by email.

Blessings from Bernie,

Bernice Pearson



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:1-4a

Koska kristityt uskovat Jumalaan, meidän on helppo nähdä Hänen majesteettinsa ja hänen kirkkautensa hänen luomakuntansa suuruudessa, joka ympäröi meitä. Koska uskomme, että Hän on kaikkien luoja, tyhjästä, me hyväksymme, että maailma on Hänen käsiensä työtä. Nämä ovat meille helppoja uskomuksia, koska luemme, puhumme ja ymmärrämme kristillistä kieltä. Niille, jotka eivät tunne Jumalaa kuten me, tätä taivaiden kieltä ja maailmaa, jota viitataan edellä olevassa jakeessa, ei kuitenkaan aina ymmärretä ja tulkitaan usein väärin tieteen kielellä. Tämä väärinkäsitys johtaa usein ihmiset pois Jumalasta sen sijaan, että johdattaisi heitä Kohti Häntä.

Do you agree with this? A good example of this is the essay "Salvation" by Langston Hughes. This short composition is the third chapter of *The Big Sea*, Hughes' autobiography. In just a couple of pages, Hughes recounts the night he attended a revival at his Auntie Reed's church. There is a powerful message delivered and an altar call "to bring the young lambs to the fold." Young Langston was told that when you were saved that "you saw a light, and something happened to you inside." His Aunt told him that "you could see and hear and feel Jesus in your soul." As Langston sat on the mourner's bench, the congregation gather around him and "sang a song about the lower lights are burning." So Langston sat in the hot, crowded church "waiting serenely for Jesus." Is it any wonder that later that night, after all of this, that twelve year- old Langston "cried, in bed alone, and couldn't stop?"

Do you agree yet? Why ever not? What more can I do or say to convince you? Perhaps if I

spoke/wrote in a language that you understand, you might have a better opportunity to fully comprehend what I am trying to tell you. As a former College Composition Professor, I know the importance of being aware of your audience when composing a document or speaking. If you want your audience to understand your point, you must present it in a way that they will understand. This is imperative if your topic is crucial!

This is an important concept for us to keep in mind as we try to carry out our God-given mandate to tell others about Jesus. There are two aspects of this expectation to be aware of. First, this is what God expects us to do, each of us (see Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 4:34-38; Romans 10:14; Psalm 107:2; 2 Corinthians 2:14). This is not a responsibility reserved for missionaries, pastors, or seminary instructors. Each of us, in our daily lives are to make this message known to the people around us. It is important that we do so because many of the people that we meet may never come in contact with a missionary, pastor, or seminary instructor. That leaves only us to spread this message. To do this, we need to be aware of the people around us and seek opportunities to talk with them. Like Isaiah, we must be ready to respond, "Here am I" (Isaiah 6:8)

The second aspect of this charge to us is that there is no topic more essential than this one. How often do we discuss the Nats with our friends but have never mentioned Christ to them? How often have we debated politics with a colleague at work but have never talked about salvation? As enjoyable or stimulating as conversations about the Nats, Cowboys, and politics may be, they are not indispensable. (I do realize that I have just deeply offended some people.) Some of us work in places and professions where religious conversations are considered taboo. However, there are ways around this. I know this from personal experience. When I was teaching, I was not supposed to mention religion, especially Christianity. But how could I teach western literature without giving my students a rudimentary understanding of why a journey underground was symbolic of death and resurrection? Why is a dunking in water symbolic of baptism? This was my way around the ban on discussing religion in an English class. This brief summary often resulted in a lot of questions. Some of these I could answer in class as long as the questions were asked by students and the discussion

could be related to the literature being studied. For others, I invited students to see me after class. The point is that I created the opportunity to broach the subject and then made myself available to answer questions. This is what Peter meant when he said, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (1 Peter 3:15). It isn’t enough jto be ready; we need to seek out opportunities to share our faith.

So where does Langston Hughes and understandable language fit into all of this? Early Christians were considered, by the Romans, to be incestuous cannibals. This came about because of a misunderstanding of words used to describe early Christian worship. These early followers of Christ referred to one another as brother and sister. Even husbands and wives called each other brother and sister. You can see where that would lead an outsider to believe that Christians were incestuous. The Romans also knew that during their services, these Christians admitted to drinking the blood of Christ and eating the body of Christ. That not only sounds like cannibalism, but it also sounds rather gross! Yet we use that same language today. As protestant Christians, we believe in neither transubstantiation or consubstantiation because we know that we are not literally consuming the body and blood of Christ. However, those who are not familiar with these phrases and their true meaning may be off put by these concepts.

So let’s go back to Langston Hughes. As a young boy, he was told that he would see a great light, that he would feel Jesus inside his soul. He was also told that he was a sinner. Yet none of these things happened to him that night, nor to Westley, another of the “young lambs” present that evening. Imagine how confusing all of this would have been to a twelve-year old boy. He most assuredly wasn’t a lamb. At that age he probably didn’t consider himself a sinner. Young Langston didn’t understand half of what was being said to him or much of what was happening around him. Yet all the adults continued to entreat him to make a decision. I won’t tell you the end of the story because it is one that needs to be read personally for the full impact. (It is easy to find this story by searching for it on the internet.) “Salvation” provides a good lesson for Christians who are serious about leading others to Christ.

So we must acknowledge that it is the

responsibility of each of us to tell those around us of the wonderful story of Jesus. We must be prepared to do this and seek out opportunities to do so. We must do so in clear language that others will understand.

Do you agree yet?

So how about if we go back to that first paragraph:

Because Christians believe in God, it is easy for us to see His majesty and his glory in the greatness of his creation that surrounds us. Because we believe that He is the creator of all, out of nothing, we accept that the world is the work of His hands. These are easy beliefs for us because we read, speak, and understand Christian language. However, for those who do not know God as we do, this language of the heavens and the world referenced in the verse above is not always understood and is often misinterpreted in the language of science. This misunderstanding often leads people away from God instead of leading them toward Him.

Once it is translated into a language that you understand, it is easy to comprehend. The same is true for reaching others for Christ.

Do you agree yet?

Edith Kennedy
Mission Committee Chairperson



To My HBC family,

I want to thank each of you for the many prayers & wonderful wishes during my surgery & recuperation from hip replacement. I am doing so well & can not wait to see all of you again.

Many blessings to you all!

Linda Rhodes



PRESCHOOL NEWS

I am thrilled to announce the reopening of your preschool and kindergarten! The Preschool Council reviewed all the new policies and mitigation strategies we've been working on, and voted to open with many considerations. We then met via Zoom with the church reopening committee, and met with their approval as well. I wanted to catch the congregation up on what we've put in place to keep our staff, our children and you, as members as safe as possible. We are opening with a much smaller staff and student body, we will be staying in the school sections of the building. We won't be going to chapel, which is sad, as we love to teach the children about going to church, but it is important for us to not gather in big groups, or have to sanitize the church after we are using it. We have purchased a machine called ZONO to sanitize every toy, book, puzzle, and crayon after children use it. Children will be in smaller class sizes, and when they arrive they will have their temperature taken, and will walk through a shoe sanitizer, and then wash their hands for 20 seconds. The playground will be fogged with hydrogen peroxide after every use. The classrooms will be cleaned after each 2 hr class with a 30 minute cleaning procedure. The restrooms will be wiped down after every use.

Children will be physically distanced to the best of our ability. You might see some big canopies in the parking lot- as we will provide some good outdoor time too! We purchased air purifiers for each room. We moved our 2 yr old class down to the preschool hallway- just temporarily- because our enrollment was down enough, we could fit them in the preschool hallway. Children will not be bringing backpacks. We cancelled our music and PE classes, and all our extra events for parents, including Bible Study, Christmas programs, Book Fairs etc. Parents are not allowed in the facility at all, and all children will be dropped off in carlines. It will be a very different year! Parents and staff had to sign waivers, and agreements to our pandemic policies. We've tried to think of everything! School starts on Sept 8 and we would ask for your daily prayers that we can keep all healthy, including our amazing staff. May God get the glory for what we hope to accomplish this year with these precious little ones...as He said in the book of Matthew, "Let the little children come, for such is the kingdom of heaven".

With Love,

Laurie Frasz, Director
HBCPK



SECURITY OFFICERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Sept. 6—Randy Anderson
Sept. 13—Coire O'Neal
Sept. 20—Randy Anderson
Sept. 27—Tim Hood

A Special
THANK YOU

Dear Haymarket Church Family,
I am grateful for this opportunity to tell you how very much your greetings in celebration of my 80th birthday have meant to me. Some of you who sent greetings were not even a part of Haymarket Baptist when I was there. Your cards, videos, Facebook notes and calls brought me so much joy in a time when our country and our world are in such disarray from the pain caused by COVID 19. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your taking the time to reach out to me. May many, ay memories of the time that I spent with you at Haymarket continue to give me strength and encouragement every day. Know, too, that Donna and I are well and that we, like you, are looking forward to the time when we can see our friends in person.

Please accept this note as my thank you to all of you for your good wishes. God bless!

Dallas Stallings

“The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,” writes Paul, “but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV).
This is why we’re here!



**WELCOME BACK TO
IN-PERSON WORSHIP!**

We have been meeting in-person for worship in the Sanctuary since June. What a blessing to be in the house of our Lord!

A special thanks to all of our ministry team members who have helped get the Greeter Ministry back up and running. Your time, patience and smiles have provided a wonderful, warm, welcome to all those who have returned to in-person worship. I look forward to the day when all our team members feel comfortable returning.

Great news! We have had some additional folks serving as Greeters during this re-opening period. Paul Sellers and Bernice Pearson have joined this ministry team until the church resumes in-person Sunday School. What a blessing to have their assistance during this time.

I am praying that the Pandemic will soon and completely subside so that we can all once again be in fellowship and service in-person with one another.

Blessings to all.

Linda Olson



**CHURCH COUNCIL AND
CHURCH BUSINESS
MEETING**

Due to Labor Day, the Church Council will meet by Zoom on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the quarterly Church Business Meeting will be held in person *and* on Zoom, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall at HBC. Zoom log-on information will follow closer to that date.

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