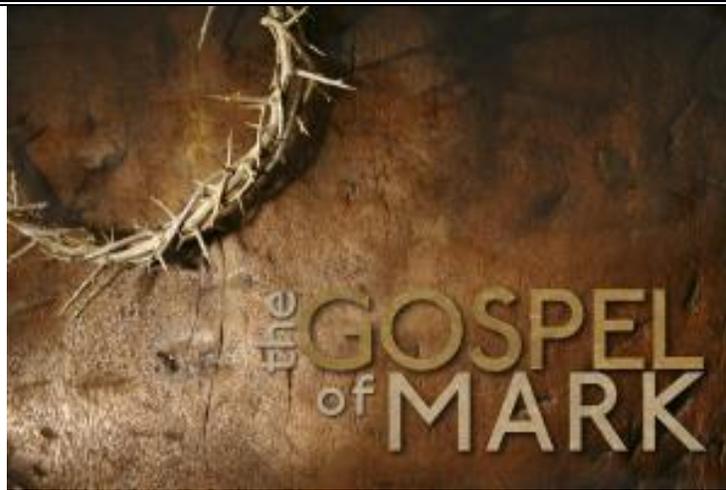


# Haymarket Herald

January 2021



## The Gospel of Mark

### Preaching Through the Gospel of Mark

Beginning on Christmas Eve, I started preaching through the earliest Gospel ever written, the Gospel of Mark. I hope, as we begin a new (and hopefully much healthier!) year, that you will read the Gospel of Mark as Allan and I preach through this gospel from now until Easter.

Reading through Mark will be an easy way to grow closer to Christ in 2021. The Gospel is only 16 chapters, and it is easily the shortest of the four gospels. If you start reading a chapter a day right now, you will be finished well before the end of the month. Many of you could read the entire gospel in a free hour (or two at the most). Like Nike says, “Just do it!”

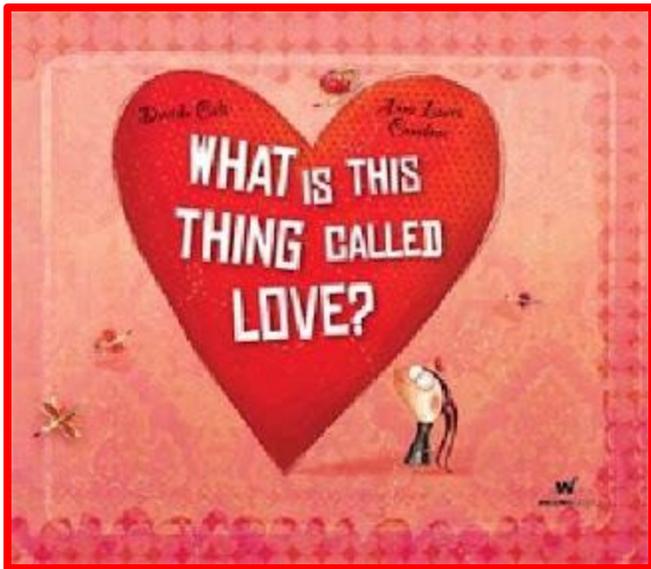
The Bible is brutally honest about John Mark, the one who very probably wrote this gospel. The book of Acts tells us that he joined his cousin Barnabas and Paul of Tarsus to launch the first missionary journey, traveling from Antioch in Syria to the island of Cyprus and then to Asia Minor, which is the modern country of Turkey. There John Mark apparently got discouraged and left the group to return home (Acts 13:13). He wimped out!

Have you ever wimped out and given up on a ministry project? Have you ever disappointed God? John Mark did. And his wimping out was recorded in the book of Acts so that millions of Christians have read all about it for 2000 years. What unwanted publicity! Things got even worse when Paul and Barnabas started organizing a second missionary journey. Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance and include him in the missionary party. But Paul adamantly refused! The argument got so heated that the two great Christian missionaries parted company. Barnabas took Mark and headed to Cyprus while Paul invited Silas to travel with him to Asia Minor and later Greece (you can read Acts 15:36-41 for more details).

So what can God do with a Christian who so famously wimped out? He can forgive him and use him greatly. Mark eventually reconciled with Paul and also became close to the Apostle Peter. Decades later (probably about the year 65), Mark worked with Peter to put Peter’s memories of Jesus into words. He created the first gospel. His literary initiative changed the world!

Read the Gospel of Mark these next few months while Allan and I preach from Mark’s words. Let Mark’s story of Jesus change your world!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark



## REV. ALLAN SMITH

### I Believe In A Thing Called Love

A couple of months ago, I began meeting with a group of ministers on a weekly basis to discuss strategies for church growth. In a recent exercise to prepare for our weekly discussion, I completed an assessment to better understand how I approach ministry. The assessment measures your wiring in each of 5 different ministry dimensions - Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Shepherd, and Teacher.

I anticipated high scores in the Shepherd and Teacher dimensions, particularly as those are the dimensions that seem most applicable to serving a church as a pastor. And while those were the second and third highest scores in my assessment, I was surprised to read that Evangelist was my primary dimension in this particular ministry model.

At first I was taken aback. My impression of Evangelist ministry is the people who stand on the street corner, yelling at random people to repent. Yes, repentance is important, but it is difficult to see how some of these stereotypical methods of evangelism are helpful to the Kingdom of God. Even I, a pastor, am turned off by people screaming at me when I walk by.

But upon further reflection and discussion, I realized that I am wired for Evangelist ministry. I just needed to have a better understanding of that dimension. Simply, being an Evangelist means helping other people to realize that God loves them.

It is explaining how God's love is expressed to people of all backgrounds.

I am so encouraged by the many ways that Haymarket Baptist Church exhibits the Evangelist dimension of ministry. When food boxes are provided to families in need, when smiling faces (even behind masks) greet worship attendees on Sundays, when people receive phone calls or notes of encouragement, the love of Christ is expressed to people, regardless of circumstance. Thank you for continuing to share the love of Christ in all that you are and all that you do.

If you are curious about the ministry assessment discussed above and would like to learn more, please reach out to me directly. I am happy to discuss the different ministry dimensions with you, help you take the assessment for yourself, or consider how Haymarket Baptist Church engages in each of the dimensions. I look forward to any of that conversation.

With Grace and Peace,  
Allan Smith

Associate Pastor for Community Outreach



Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19<sup>th</sup>-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."



## DEACON'S BENCH 2021 – A Time to Start Anew

**A**s we reflect on all the lessons of 2020, let us think of the love we've seen and experienced. We have seen the love of teachers desperately trying to teach, the love healthcare workers have for their patients, the love of families enduring through such trying times, and even the love of strangers donating blood to help others. As we look at the topic of the new year with refreshed hope and vigor, let us consider the topic of love.

What stands between us and loving others? What keeps us from experiencing the love of Christ? I would propose that the root of bitterness, envy, anger and lack of forgiveness hampers our own closeness with God. In order to fully experience Christ's love we must ask for forgiveness of our sins and accept His forgiveness. Likewise, to fully experience loving relationships we must be quick to forgive others. The Bible says, "For I am God and not a man...I will not come in wrath" (Hosea 11:9, ESV). Yet we hold resentment and anger toward others even though God has demonstrated to us how to forgive and love.

We all struggle with forgiveness at times. We've been hurt, betrayed, rejected, lied to or taken advantage of at times. It's hard to just move on and let it go. Without an intentional decision to choose to forgive those feelings can turn to a bitterness that harms. Forgiveness is healing. Without forgiveness we give control of our lives and attitudes toward the person or thing that caused the pain. Do you want to live a life controlled by negative emotions? Take time now as you start the new year to consider where

you need to offer forgiveness and where you need to ask for forgiveness. Clean out the dusty closets harboring feelings and issues that obstruct your full relationship with Christ and others. As you begin the turn of another year, liberate yourself of the barriers that hold back being in God's full presence, experience His love like no other year before.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 NIV

Deacon of the month for January  
Lisa Morgan



## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

**R**ev. Allan Smith presented the Haymarket Police Department a \$500 Visa card to be used to assist stranded travelers with a night at a local hotel.

Please feel free to make suggestions on how our church can best reach out in the community. Merry Christmas! Gayle Hindle

Gayle Hindle  
Outreach Committee



## CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

**H**APPY NEW YEAR! Here's to enjoying 2020 in our rearview window while we enjoy the promise that 2021 has to offer. Every year my children get excited about coming up with New Year's resolutions. They're very ambitious and normally have a handful of resolutions. But like most people, young and old, their resolutions peter out come the middle of January. I'm guilty of this myself! I asked the kids what they thought their resolutions should be this year. My daughter said that we should have another baby; clearly, I had to remind her the definition of a resolution! In light of her 'resolution' I thought it best to steer the conversation and offer some suggestions for them to consider. This summer we read the Chronicles of Narnia Series that we borrowed from Pastor Mark. I suggested that maybe this year we should pick a few series to read as a family and that could be our New Year's Resolution. In my mind it sure beats the age-old resolution of 'dieting'. This seemed to go over well so I started searching online for some Christian series that we might enjoy. If this is a New Year's Resolution your family would like to consider; I shared our research below. Here are a few series that seemed interesting to us (found on [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com)) that your family might enjoy too. Whatever your resolutions, we pray that 2021 is a wonderful year for you and your family and look forward to seeing you in church when it is safe for you and your family.

**Light Keepers: Ten Girls.** Ages – Kindergarten to 12 years old  
Children will see that some of the greatest people in Christian history were once kids just like them who grew up to influence the lives around them. When they read stories about great women of faith, they'll be encouraged to change the world! Includes the books: *Ten Girls Who Changed the World*, *Ten Girls Who Used Their Talents*, *Ten Girls Who Made a*

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**Adventures in Odyssey.** Ages – 7 to 12

All aboard for fun, adventure, and faith! Join Beth and Patrick as they're whisked through time to complete vital missions. Includes the 3 books.

**Sugar Creek Gang.** Ages 9 – 12.

The Sugar Creek Gang series chronicles the faith-building adventures of a group of fun-loving, courageous Christian boys. This set includes *The Mystery Cave*, *Palm Tree Manhunt*, *One Stormy Day*, *The Mystery Thief*, *Teacher Trouble* and *Screams in the Night*. Despite the titles, this series received great reviews.

**Marguerite Henry's Misty Inn Treasury.** Ages Undefined

Join siblings Willa and Ben Dunlap as they gallop into many adventures in the first eight books of the chapter book series inspired by Marguerite Henry's *Misty of Chincoteague*, now available in a collectible boxed set!

**The Chronicles of Narnia.** Ages Juvenile Fiction

Once your children have followed Lucy through the back of a magic wardrobe - and met Aslan, the Christlike lion - they'll never be the same! Kids adore these classics for their imaginative story lines and adults appreciate the rich Christian symbolism.

Christy Wisor

Children's Committee Chairperson



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Church Family,  
 Here's hoping you had a wonderful celebration of Christmas and you are ready for 2021! The preschool and kindergarten enjoyed December and all the fun ornament making, Nativity telling, song singing and generally joyous days! We managed a unique way to highlight the children with a very mini-program of Bible verses and songs which we made into little videos to email parents as a holiday gift. We've done our best to create 'normal' through the holidays- the children never missed a beat! We did get a surprise SNOW storm- a highlight for everyone, even the teachers!

We could not travel to Jamaica this year to bless the children with a Christmas party, however some generous parents found a way to get funds there, and the teacher, Sheryl, did food shopping and was able to assemble a grocery bag for each family. Our school used our Jamaica fund to help their school get copy paper and a projector. The teacher we help, Sheryl Gardner, has received high awards in her college courses and was recently awarded for having the highest GPA in all her courses throughout the school year 2019-2020. She is almost finished with her education degree. It's been our pleasure to assist this lovely lady with her education and we know this makes a huge difference on Cornwall Mountain and in the lives of all the students she teaches.

In January we will conduct a virtual Kindergarten Information meeting, and we will do Zoom Parent Conferences...followed by a zoom Open House. We are finding new ways to conduct these important parent meetings! For any church member's interest, we will do the zoom open house on Monday, Jan 25. There is a link on the website to register to attend. Registration for next year's preschool is Feb 1 for current, alumni and church member families. It will be held Feb 5 for new families. Please check out the website,

[www.hbcpk.com](http://www.hbcpk.com) to learn more about the next school year and how to register.

We are so blessed to have remained open during these unusual times- we are working hard to stay healthy, and will pray that the new year brings us some relief from the virus and all the restrictions. We hope that Haymarket Baptist Church has a blessed new year and one where we all can work together again very soon!

With Love,

Mrs. Laurie Frasz

Director, Haymarket Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten

### BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Jan. 1	Sandy Hoff
Jan. 3	Robert Coburn
Jan. 2	Jessica McNeil
Jan. 5	Max Louden
	Tom Kennedy
	Krista Kish
	Allan Smith
Jan. 8	Erin Cafferty
Jan. 9	Brent Dixon
	Dee Dee Junk
Jan. 11	Dinah Thompson
Jan. 12	Zoe Garrett
	Melissa Bacon
Jan. 14	Elizabeth White
	Henry Terrant
Jan. 16	Nicole Morton
	Anna Duckett
Jan. 20	Jack Allue
Jan. 21	Annmarie Gough
Jan. 22	Joan Duckett
	Sheila Major
Jan. 26	Andrew Jinks
	Daniel Knighton
	Cecilia Jones
Jan. 27	Bonnie Ippoliti
	Mary Fitch
Jan. 29	Tanya Woodward
Jan. 30	Kaylee Duckett



# January 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 8:00 Deacon Meeting 9:45 Deaf Ministry 9:45 Sunday School (Zoom) 11:00 Worship – Dr. Olson	<b>4</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	<b>5</b> 4:30 ASL Class	<b>6</b> 6:00 Prayer Mtg & Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 Quartet Practice	<b>7</b>	1 8	2 No Men's Bible Study 9 8:30 Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
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# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Memories of last Christmas—celebration together!!!

Wishing all a Healthy, Peaceful , Safe New year!!!!

We will finish our study in Proverbs the end of January and starting on February 1 we will be doing a study on “ The Mysteries of Heaven.” Come and join us on Zoom, Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Blessings for the New Year!!  
Bernie Pearson

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

2 Corinthians 5:10



Welcome 2021! Good riddance 2020!The past year was a very difficult one for many people across the world. A third state of emergency was declared in Australia as a result of the bush fires that burned an estimated 46 million acres. Iran launched ballistic missiles at two Iraqi military bases that housed US and coalition forces. A magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck Puerto Rico, with aftershocks expected to continue for years if not decades. Sixteen countries, including France, Italy, Brazil, and the US were inundated with major flooding. All of this was in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic that brought the world economy to its knees. For the first time in the memory of most of us, there were food and, of all things, toilet paper shortages in the United States. If that isn't enough, Pastor Paul Begley, who airs a weekly telecast about Holy Bible Prophecy, predicted that the apocalypse would occur on December 21, 2020 during the great conjunction when Jupiter and Saturn come within 0.1 degrees of one another and create the brightest star in the skies since the star of Bethlehem. What a year!

If you are reading this, then Pastor Begley's prediction did not come true. Since the time that Jesus walked the earth in human form, there has been interest in when the end of time would occur.

Numerous people who lived at the time of the crucifixion believed that the end was eminent. Hilary of Poitiers, an early French Bishop, predicted that the world would end in 365. Pope Sylvester II claimed that the end would occur in 1000. Even Martin Luther claimed that the end would come no later than 1600. Perhaps the most notable harbinger of the end is the Mayan calendar that is interpreted to show that the end would come in 2012. As none of those end-of-time predictions have come true, many people continue to forecast just when that event will occur. To all of these predictions there is an easy answer. Jesus told His followers “that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone” (Mark 13:32).

As we have just passed through the Christmas Advent season, perhaps now is a good time to think about the second coming of Christ, the Second Advent, which is yet to come. There is probably no other topic in the Bible that has so occupied the thoughts of humanity than that of the eschaton. Debates regarding pre- and post- tribulation, pre-, post-, and a- millennialism, and dispensationalism swirl among lay Christians and scholars alike. Despite the efforts, no one has yet arrived at a definitive date for the end of time nor a full consensus of the order of occurrence for the rapture and the millennium. However, that is not really an issue. We know that at some point in time, known only to God, the Christ will return and the world as we know it will end. At that time, we will each be called before the judgement seat of Christ to give an accounting of our actions on earth. Make no mistake! Our salvation does not depend on what we say or what we have done. That was settled when Jesus died on the cross to atone for our transgressions. But we will be asked to give an accounting of what we have done. Are you ready for that?

Think of a time when you were growing up that you did something that you knew your parents would not approve of. Or maybe you didn't do something that they expected you to do. I hated disappointing my parents, but sometimes I knew that I had. My parents' expectations were always very clear, so I knew when I had transgressed, usually before I even committed the act. Their love for me never diminished, but the disappointment that showed in their eyes was equally as clear. I dread seeing that look on the face of Jesus when I stand before Him as He at the foot of the Judgement Seat.

Just like my parents', the expectations of

Jesus are abundantly clear. In answer to their question, Jesus told the Pharisees that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (**Matthew 22:37**). But the second, He went on to say is like it, to “love your neighbor as yourself“ (Matthew 22:39). Jesus went on to state that the entirety of the Law and the prophets rest on these two commandments for understanding.

The first four of the Ten Commandments all describe how the relationship between man and God should be. What Jesus taught when speaking to the Pharisees is that these laws should be kept because we love God. The remaining six commandments define the ideal relationship between people. Again, these laws should be kept out of love for our neighbors. If all of our actions are motivated by love, we will not deliberately harm anyone else. However, there is more to loving our neighbors than simply not committing an infraction of these laws and the commandment to love others. There are also those times that we *don't* do what we should to express that love.

This past year was a difficult one. However, despite that, most of you probably sent Christmas cards to friends and family and gave gifts to loved ones. During this time, what did you do for your “neighbors” in the sense that Jesus meant? (If you are unclear about this, re-read the parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.) Haymarket Baptist provided numerous opportunities for you to show your love. The Angel Tree was packed with requests for Christmas gifts for children. Jane's Pantry was stocked, emptied, re-stocked, and then emptied again to provide food for the less fortunate in our area. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was collected to spread the word of God's love worldwide. Did you know that along with each of these gifts, information about God's love and grace is provided?

If you weren't able to participate in any of these opportunities, don't worry *too* much. There will be more chances in the coming year. However, you don't need to rely solely on HBC to provide you with opportunities, nor should you. There are people all around you who need to hear about Jesus. Keep your eyes, ears, and heart open to be attuned to the people whom you encounter each day. Think about the gifts that you gave during this past Christmas season. Was one of them the gift of God's good news?

Though we don't know when it will come, the end of time will arrive at some point. In the face of all the failed predictions of the precise date, there is one thing that we can know for certain. The end is closer than it has ever been. Are you ready to face the Christ at the Judgement Seat? How will you answer Him when He asks you to explain what you did and what you *did not do*? If we truly love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love others as we love ourselves, we will always tell others about Jesus.

The Second Advent is coming. Are you ready?

Edith Kennedy  
Mission Committee Chairperson

## CHRISTMAS Un-trim-a-tree It started like this,



but it ended like this.



There were 7 families with 29 children for a total of 69 gifts collected for the 2020 Angel Tree. Now I know how Santa feels when he leaves the gifts but doesn't get a chance to see the joy of the children when they open their presents. Haymarket Baptist Church shared the love of Christ by fulfilling the dreams of these children. Thank you to all who participated in this ministry. A special thank you to the families of Haymarket Baptist Church Preschool and Kindergarten who also helped with this effort.

In addition to the Angel tree gifts, you also packed 55 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These gifts will be delivered to children around the world as a testimony to the love of God. Through your donations to Jane's Pantry, we were able to provide boxes of perishable and non-perishable food items to 14 families at Thanksgiving and 12 at Christmas. Each of these boxes contained a tract that told the story of Christ's love as illustrated by a candy cane. Each family also received a box of candy canes. Thank you to Cheryl and Brittani Riddle, Linda Rhodes, Tillie Heidenreich, and Jan and Marvin Gray for their help with this project. Finally, your donations in honor or memory of loved ones totaled approximately \$675. This money will be sent to HopeTree Family Services to help offset some of their operating expenses as they have suffered financially this year.

Wow, we were busy! In addition to all the gifting that we did, we also celebrated. The church building was beautifully decorated. The Chrismons on the tree in the sanctuary were lovingly made by members of the church many years ago. Our white nativity set was a gift from Dr. Dallas Stallings, a former Senior Pastor. The outdoor Nativity was put up by Dee Thompson and Morgan Jones. This is no easy task. Dee Thompson also donated the Chrismon Tree (which would have never been put up if it weren't for John Hessenauer), Joan Duckett provided the wreaths adorning the front doors, and Cheryl Cox made the Advent Wreath. We once again produced an Advent Book to guide you through the days leading to Christmas.

We were not able to hold the Living Nativity this year, but we did manage some caroling. Cognizant of the Covid-19 restrictions, we gathered in our cars in the parking lot to sing. Brad Young set up an FM transmitter that allowed Ken Trammel to broadcast a selection of Christmas carols over the radio for people to sing in the safety (and warmth) of their cars. Thank you to Brad for his expertise in setting this up and to Ken for emceeding the event. It was really a lot of fun!

All that was done this year was accomplished through the generous donation of time, energy, and talent by members of the church. My apologies if anyone has been left off of this list! Thank you to each and everyone who participated in all of this!

Edith Kennedy  
Christmas Committee Chair



## SECURITY OFFICERS FOR JANUARY

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

Jan. 3 Jeff Shaver  
Jan. 10 Jeff Shaver  
Jan. 17 Randy Anderson  
Jan. 24 Jeff Shaver  
Jan. 31 Randy Anderson

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