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The Gospel of Mark

Appreciating Classic Hymns and New Praise Songs

Sometimes we do not appreciate our blessings until they are taken away from us for a time. That was certainly my experience with worship music during the pandemic. As a full year of Sundays went by without being able to sing a congregational hymn, I realized how much I missed being able to sing the old favorite hymns and the newer praise songs.

Thankfully, our Deacon Reopening Committee voted in March to allow us to sing one hymn each Sunday (with our masks on). I was delighted to sing “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine,” the first hymn our congregation had sung together in a year. It was glorious to hear everyone singing! Then the next Sunday, we sang “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High,” in my opinion, one of the most exuberant of all the new praise songs. I loved singing that song!

We went on to sing “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” “How Great Thou Art” (my favorite Swedish hymn!), “In the Garden,” and “Be Thou My Vision,” all long-time favorite hymns of our congregation. Of course, Ken Trammell and our choir led us in the singing. We are truly blessed with Ken, whose talent and enthusiasm draws me closer to Christ each Sunday. I know many of you also feel this way about Ken’s leadership! The choir singers who have sung to us throughout the pandemic also should be commended. They have persevered and blessed us all in the process.

May 16 was a red-letter day in my book—that was the Sunday the Reopening Committee allowed us to sing three congregational hymns! We sang one of the famous classic hymns, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” along with two newer songs, “Share His Love,” and “Morning Has Broken.” If you worshipped with us that Sunday, I hope you enjoyed singing those three songs to God as much as I did.

Covid-19 has taken a lot away from us during the past year. It has been an awful pandemic! But I believe that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8:28), and one way in which God does this is to give us a great appreciation for the opportunity to sing hymns and praise songs alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ. Come join me this Sunday and let’s sing together!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



REV. ALLAN SMITH

Pentecost:

A Reminder that the Holy Spirit is Active

Many of you are familiar with the story of Pentecost, recorded in Acts 2:1-13. Recall some of the story: “Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:2-4, NIV)

I am sure everyone has a different image when imagining the Holy Spirit. But how often do you think of a violent wind? Typically, the image is a soft, gentle breeze nudging you towards God. But in the story of Pentecost? The Holy Spirit is a violent wind that fills an entire house. And the disciples saw tongues of fire all over the room!

In many churches, Pentecost is remembered and celebrated each year seven weeks after Easter Sunday, which was May 23 this year. In addition to recalling the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples on that first Pentecost, recorded in Acts, it is important to recognize the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, even today. And maybe that ongoing work is more of a violent wind than a gentle breeze.

The question must be asked: Where do you see the fire of the Holy Spirit in your personal life? Where do you see the fire of the Holy Spirit in our church? Where do you see the fire of the Holy Spirit in our community?

The saying goes that you cannot turn away from a car accident. Our attention is drawn to what is powerful and life changing. And what is more powerful and life changing than the Holy Spirit?

The thing about fire is that it spreads easily. Despite all the challenges of the past year, the Holy Spirit is living and active in the life of Haymarket Baptist Church. There is a lot for which to be grateful. There is a lot to be shared with our community. Let us all seek to follow the Holy Spirit, especially when it is in the form of a violent wind that disrupts the way we live so that we might focus on what God is doing in us, through us, and around us.

Allan Smith
Associate Pastor of Community Outreach

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee met with Dee Thompson, Church Moderator. We discussed the Church Policy for the Memorial Committee. One item of note is that there are many church families who have had money given to Haymarket Baptist Church in in someone’s memory or honor. We now have a list of projects from which those families may wish to direct those funds towards. These projects will help to improve our building or grounds.

Dee said money is just sitting in the Memorial Fund not assigned to anything. When a Memorial or in Honor Gift goes in the offering plate, please be sure to state your name and address. This information is kept by our Tellers each Sunday as they post money given to the Church. Then, a slip is filled out and with that information and put in the Memorial Committee Box. A member of the Memorial Committee writes a thank you note to the person giving the gift. Also, that person's name is written in The Memorial Book, a special book kept remembering all the memorial gifts given to Haymarket Baptist Church.

A list of projects is available to any person interested who has lost a loved one so that they may make their choice of project on which to focus the money towards. Once they choose an item, please notify Dee Thompson, Church Moderator or Ruth Anne Sawyer, the Chairperson of Property & Grounds.

If you have any questions about this matter, you may call me at 540-364-3810.

Dot Todd, Chairperson of the Memorial Committee



DEACON'S BENCH

I was having a difficult time trying to determine what to write in this article. All I could think about was what others had written before me and how they formatted their article. When I told my husband, Patrick, that I was having a difficult time, he asked, “have you prayed about it and have you opened the Bible to let it guide you?” He further stated that God would give me the words. Then, I realized that God was speaking to me, because in the five times that I had tried to start writing, I kept thinking about what the people in our church had taught me and how they have stuck with me over the more than twenty years that I have been in this church. If I still think to myself of the things that people said or did for me twenty years ago or even yesterday, then they must be doing something right in spreading their Christian love. Many of these people have gone ahead to make a place for us in heaven, many have moved away, and many are still right in here in the church. All I can think of is how they have touched my life. Then I think, as Christians, how are we leaving our marks on others, especially those outside of our church life.

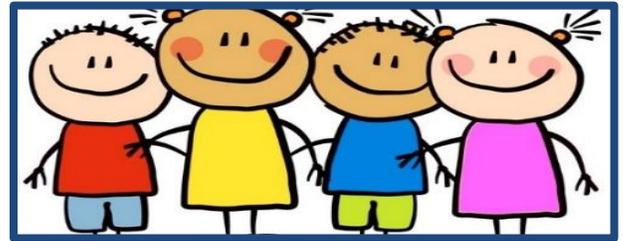
Mathew 5:16 says, “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father in heaven.” This verse is telling us that we are to represent God to others by being a reflection of Him. As we go through our everyday lives, we should be known as Christians by our actions. Kind words, empathy and compassion go a long way to show Christian love.

Christian love is treating others as you would want to be treated; doing for others when they are in need as you would do for yourself. This does not apply just inside the church. It applies in our jobs, walking down the street, in the grocery store and

even driving down the road. How you treat others is your reflection of God. God wants us to care about and help each other. In good and bad times, we must exert our kindness to all. Not just those who think like us, but to everyone.

I implore all of you to let your light shine in the world. Let your actions show what it means to be a Christian.

Deacon Regina Moore, June Deacon of the Month



CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

WHAAAAHOOOOOO! Summer is finally here and school is on the verge of getting out. I know in this household the days are being counted and the brainstorming of activities for our summer break is in full swing.

We normally create a bucket list of things we would like to do over the summer. Do you create one for your family? It has been a fun tradition in this house to write down all of the things we want to do, books we want to read, day trips to take, and ways to show kindness to others. It is always exciting to see what the kids come up with, even if some are outlandish.

On the top of my daughter's list is a trip to Paris! I'm not sure how that materialized but she may be disappointed when we head to Paris, Virginia, instead of France, to satisfy that one. Unfortunately, Vacation Bible School will not be on our bucket list this year at Haymarket Baptist Church. As a church, we are looking into other ways to connect with our community as we slowly slide out of this pandemic.

We have a few ideas of ways to connect over the summer – the planning and details are still being ironed out but we will share with our church family once those plans are solidified. In the meantime, we hope your summer plans and bucket lists are full of wonderful memory making and celebrating, more vibrant and active than last summer!

Christy Wisor, Children's Committee

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

How many of us remember as children when teams were to be chosen by our peers? There was a sense of excitement and anticipation as we eagerly waved our hands, yelling, "Pick me! Pick me!" There was also a sense of dread that we would not be chosen. How disappointed we were not to be one of the first selected. But the horror of horrors was to be chosen last.

To be one of the last ones left on the sidelines was a testament to how poorly we were judged capable of helping "our" team to achieve the win. That was a difficult experience to overcome. Some of us engaged in practice sessions at home or with friends. Others simply shrugged their shoulders and pretended that it didn't matter.

But it did. All those hours spent practicing did little to enhance the already established reputation of not being worthy to be on the team. Time after time we called "Pick me! Pick me!" Yet we were still left waiting to be chosen. Sometimes it wasn't even the athletic ability, or lack thereof, that determined our order of selection. Many times, it was a matter of friendship. Best friends always picked best friends.

At the time, it hurt and seemed terribly unfair. Yet there was a painful truth to the very fairness of that ritual. If we couldn't hit the ball, why should we be chosen to play softball? If we couldn't sink the ball in the net, why should we be chosen to play basketball? If we couldn't spell the difficult words, why should we be chosen for the spelling bee? By not being chosen for the things in which we had no innate ability, we were able to focus on those areas where we could and did excel.

It is highly probable that some of you are now shaking your heads and mumbling about my insensitivity. You are decrying my lack of concern regarding the damaged psyches of the little children who are not chosen first for everything. My response to you is to ask what kind of adults those children become who were never allowed to fail and then overcome that setback. It is through challenges that we grow stronger.

Let us go back to those children preparing to play soccer. Two of those waiting to be selected have an equal talent and athletic ability, though neither of them is a star but only capable. After being the last two chosen several times, one of them simply stops participating or trying. The other one, however, works at improving. This child engages in practice sessions and plays the game at every opportunity. Through perseverance and hard work, this one becomes adept at the game and demonstrates that ability. Which one do you think will be picked the next time that teams are chosen?

Is that selection fair? That depends on your perspective. In a childhood game of soccer, the less motivated child should be encouraged to try. But . . . what if you are selecting your child's teacher? Will you want the one who works harder, that cares about doing a good job? Or will you still choose the one that just does the bare minimum? What if you are choosing the doctor that will be doing your brain surgery? Will you choose the one who graduated from medical school but scored in the lowest percentile of his class? Or will you choose the one who graduated at the top of her class in medical school and lived on the Lawn at UVA during her final undergraduate year?

The job to be done influences the choice of the person chosen. The child who practiced in order to improve, the teacher who plans for class, and the doctor who studied hard in school all recognized their limitations and the need to prepare and work to achieve their goals. In much the same way, Isaiah needed to undergo some changes before shouting out, "Here am I! Send me."

There is a dearth of information known about Isaiah before he began to prophesy. The only things recorded are that he was the son of Amoz and that he was born sometime in the 8th century BC. We also know, by his own confession, that he was a sinner. When Isaiah saw the vision of God seated on the throne and surrounded by seraphim, he cried out, "Woe to me!" . . . "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty" (Isaiah 6:5).

Isaiah recognized his own sinful state and confessed that to God. He realized his need for change and improvement. Because of this, his guilt was taken away and his sins were atoned for when one of the seraphim touched his lips with a live coal. OUCH! It's not easy to admit our sins, but it is

necessary. We know that God will forgive us if we truly repent, but sometimes overcoming what we have done is painful. Just like studying all those books or running laps can be tedious, so is conquering our wrong actions.

Yet there is good news. When Isaiah recognized and confessed his shortcomings, he was cleansed of his past actions. The next sound was the voice of God asking, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8). Isaiah’s repentance enabled him to become a servant of God.

Most of us have probably read this verse many times. It is one of the most familiar of the “mission” verses in the Bible. But as with many things with which we are familiar, we often overlook some important aspects. One of those frequently unrecognized elements in this verse is the change in plurality in God’s question.

The first question that God asks is in the first person singular while the second question is in the first-person plural: Whom shall *I* send and who will go for *us*? Several reasons have been posited for this change in number. Some scholars attribute the use of the plural as an example of *pluralis majestatis*, the use of the plural when using the first person to refer to royalty. This conjecture falls apart, however, because such a grammatical structure was not used during the time that Isaiah lived (Ellicott, C., Barnes A.).

A second explanation is that God was consulting the seraphim which surrounded Him (Ezra, A., Kimchi, D.). This conjecture, however, seems antithetical to the nature of God. He is the Creator of all that exists. It does not seem likely that the Creator would consult the created before making the decision of whom to send.

This brings us to the third possibility for the use of singular and plural first person. Yahweh is a triune God, and all three aspects of His person existed from the beginning of time (John 1). God asked the question in the plurality of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Most scholars agree that this is the purpose of the change in number. It is God who asks, “whom shall I send.” It is with Jesus, and in the recognition His coming sacrificial death, that the question is posed of, “who will go for us.” This is a foreshadowing of the death of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. It is this “sending” that will show people the way of salvation.

Barely are these words spoken when Isaiah responds “Here am I! Send me.” Picture again that

child, so eager to participate. This is Isaiah in his response to God’s query. Hands waving frantically, Isaiah might even have jumped up and down in his eagerness to do whatever God asked. And note, Isaiah volunteered before he even knew what God was asking of him.

Do we exemplify that same eagerness to serve? Or do we hang back, waiting for more details. Perhaps we want to know if the task is labor intensive. Will it be too hot or too cold? Will people laugh at us? Will I get dirty?

Has God asked you recently, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

What was your answer? Did you feel a sense of excitement and anticipation? Did you eagerly wave your hands, yelling, “*Here am I! Send me.*”

It is only through those who are willing to go that others will hear of the love of God manifested in the sacrificial death of the Christ.

“Here am I! Send me.”

Edith Kennedy, Missions Committee Chair



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Church Family,
We have made it through the year in our preschool, and kindergarten is wrapping up in the coming days. I am so humbled by God's grace in seeing us through all the challenges with such blessing! Our staff is to be commended; they did an outstanding job in such unconventional circumstances! For the first time, ever, we held outdoor graduation for our Pre-K students. Our 3-year-old students recorded their little program and sent it to the parents on the last day. We had tremendous support with people stepping forward to provide us with tents, outdoor sound equipment, and

manual labor moving tables, chairs, podium, sound, risers, etc.,-- back and forth, inside and outside! We also dealt with the blasting and drilling at the construction site next door....and they did their best to keep the noise down. God was all over the event - making sure we could do something sweet for the parents this year. We did not skip a beat with singing and using sign language to God Bless America, This Land is Your Land, America the Beautiful and You're a Grand Old Flag! The school provided each student with a 'bear cookie' using our school logo since we could not do cake and punch this year. Kindergarten is finishing up the year, with their graduation on June 11. We have lots of fun little activities until then!



Now, as you may know, we have spent the last 7 or 8 years helping support a little preschool in the rural mountains of Jamaica. We have been sponsoring a teacher to go to college there. Her name is Sheryl Gardner. We've helped with books, tuition, supplies, and a laptop computer. Sheryl is a single mom, raising two teen daughters. She works full-time on Cornwall Mountain at the preschool there. After school, she makes her way into Montego Bay to attend night classes at Sam Sharpe Teacher's College. She takes a taxi and a bus each way, every single day, for the past 5-6 years to make it happen. Well, graduation day is finally here! Sheryl is graduating as Valedictorian of her class! I am amazed at her work ethic. She is one amazing lady - and it just goes to show you what can happen when you give someone a chance- someone who really wants a chance, and then makes you so proud! We have helped impact a community for Christ and helped someone become a teacher, which will have a lifelong impact on Cornwall Mountain. Sheryl loves

the Lord and gives Him the glory for all she has accomplished. She is also very, very, grateful to Haymarket Baptist Church Preschool & Kindergarten for making a way for her, for assisting her in achieving her dreams. Such a great and uplifting story- Sheryl is the first in her family to attend college!



The preschool council met in May and determined the course of action to return to a full opening of the preschool. We plan to reopen at the end of August with full classes. We will continue many of the cleaning protocols from this past year as it cut down on any sickness at all! The waitlists are very long. For the 4-year-olds classes there are over 120 on the list, hoping for a spot in our preschool. The need is great! All age groups have waitlists, and we'll do our best to fill the classrooms with what is appropriate for us to handle. We have one more year to prepare for another renewal of our ACSI accreditation... which means there is plenty of paperwork ahead for this director! God has supplied and blessed us through the pandemic, and He will see us through a safe reopening, and preparation for accreditation. He has always been there for us. Many thanks to the Preschool Council for their wisdom and help this school year. It has been my distinct privilege to work with amazing and supportive council members!

We would love to count on your vote for "Best Of Haymarket," the voting which will begin on June 10th. When you see it, please give us your vote. Have a great month of June! Happy Father's Day to the dads and granddads out there.

With Love,
Mrs. Laurie Frasz, Director, HBCPK



June 2021



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The righteous lead blameless lives; Blessed are their children after them.
Proverbs 20:7

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is taking a break at the moment, and we will return on the first Monday in August. In next month's newsletter I will have more information on the study that we will be starting. Excitingly, I have connected with a couple of more ladies that are interested in a study. I am looking forward to these new faces and the faithful ladies that attend all the time.

If you have a prayer requests, please email or text me or Pastor Mark. Prayer does not take a break!

Finally, we can enjoy the chance to be together with family and friends. Also, our church is opening more so I hope to see you at church. Masks are not required for those who have been vaccinated. The choice is yours, to do what makes you feel safe. Soon the red tape for social distancing will be gone, we hope!

Blessings from Bernie



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 4	Ruth Anne Sawyer
June 6	Skip Fairall
June 7	Suzie Bailey
June 8	Linda Rhodes
June 9	Marie Gray
June 13	Ernestine Meyer Gayle Hindle
June 15	Luis DeLeon
June 16	Gilbert Duckett Sue Patterson
June 17	Miranda Workman Bill Crisp
June 18	Debbie Nelson
June 19	Marcela DeLeon
June 21	Karen Frazier
June 23	John Nelson
June 26	Mary Klesyk
June 27	Tyen Tackett Jana Gough
June 28	Patti Hessenauer
June 29	Grace Nelson

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