

Haymarket Herald

October 2021



The Gospel of Mark

Let's Study Paul's Happiest Letter Together

This October and November, as we pray for the Covid-19 pandemic to leave us, I invite you to join Allan Smith and me as we preach through Paul's happiest letter—his letter to the Philippians!

Other letters like Romans are more famous and influential. 1 Corinthians deals with more scandalous difficulties which tend to capture our attention. But after all we have been through together over the last 18 months--I think that it is time to enjoy Paul's most joyful letter.

I hope you will read this short letter during your personal Bible study time—it's only four chapters and will take you perhaps 10-20 minutes total. Then bring your Bible to worship (I really think bringing your own Bible is important) and let's study this upbeat epistle together. I'll start with the backstory from the book of Acts—how Paul and his missionary team traveled to Europe for the first time and, after landing in Macedonia, came to the small city of Philippi where they found a group of women worshipping God down at the river. Lydia, a businesswoman who sold purple goods, came to believe in Jesus, as did several other local people. Paul brought together this small group of believers into a house church and grew to love them dearly. A decade later he was stuck in prison and decided to write a letter to these beloved Philippians. That letter is the one we will be studying!

Here is the schedule:

Oct. 3	Acts 16:11-40	Paul plants a church in Philippi
Oct. 10	Phil 1:1-11	Writing to a Beloved Congregation
Oct. 17	Phil 1:12-30	Why did God allow Paul to be imprisoned?
Oct. 24	Phil 2:1-18	Have the same mindset as Christ!
Oct. 31	Phil 2:19-30	Allan Smith to preach
Nov. 7	Phil 3:1-14	Counting everything as loss but the Cross
Nov. 14	Phil 3:15-21	Following Paul's example
Nov. 21	Phil 4:1-21	Paul's encouragement to us

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



REV. ALLAN SMITH

Haymarket Day 2021 is Coming

Haymarket Day 2021 is coming and is scheduled for **October 16** from **10 AM to 4 PM**. It will be wonderful to see the street filled with excitement celebrating the Town of Haymarket. As in previous years, HBC will have a tent set up on Washington Street right in front of the church to greet people enjoying the event.

One of the challenges of the past 18 months has been limited opportunities to interact with people outside of family and close friends. For example, maybe you enjoy having breakfast at Chick-Fil-A and walking around offering a hearty “Good Morning” to the other patrons. These days, you better save those “Good Mornings” for the employees in the drive-thru line! They certainly appreciate it, but it isn’t an opportunity for much conversation to take place. I will be the first to admit (after moving to a new town during this pandemic) that simply enjoying small talk with people I do not know has become quite the treat!

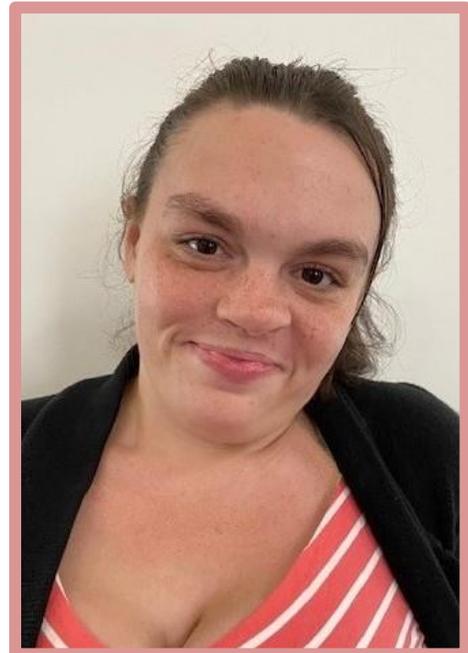
Hence, Haymarket Day 2021 is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to meet and interact with people that we currently might not know even though they live right here in our community. It is an opportunity to put names with faces. It is an opportunity to ask questions (How long have you lived in the area? What are some of your favorite places to eat? Etc.). It is an opportunity to remind the community that HBC is loving, friendly, and gracious.

A Sign-Up Genius link has been emailed out to the HBC email list. Sign-Up Genius is an online sign-up tool (similar to having a sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings) so that anticipated participation can be tracked. If you are having any trouble with the Sign-Up Genius link, please contact me directly and I will be happy to help you.

The Sign-Up Genius link is - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baba828a3f4c52-hbchaymarket>.

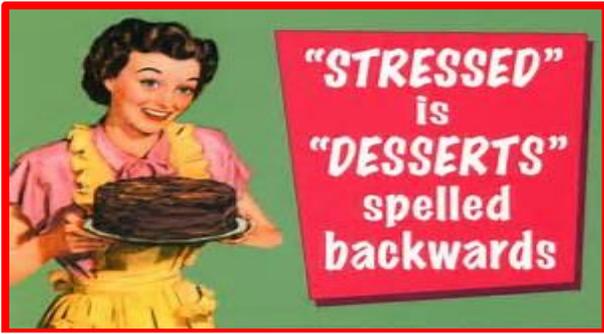
There really is no limit on participation at Haymarket Day 2021 for HBC. The more people who are willing to help, the more people from the community with whom we can connect. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.

Allan Smith
Associate Pastor of Community Outreach



NEW MEMBER

We are glad to welcome **Jennifer Moore** of Haymarket to our church family. She lives at the “Carried to Full Term” house and joined our membership on Sunday, September 19. Please extend a warm welcome to Jennifer.



DEACON'S BENCH

(Try) Not to Give into Worry!

Chocolate may be the root of all evil, but it certainly is the fixer of all problems, at least for me! I would be embarrassed to share how much chocolate I have consumed in the past decade. But hey, chocolate comes from a cocoa bean, and beans are technically legumes, which could be mistaken as a vegetable, so I justify it as a salad. Whatever works, right? How do you handle stress? Some of you exercise, meditate, read a book, take a long hot bath, organize, or even pile on more stress just to stay busy enough so the silence will not stress you out even more.

To these suggestions, we add Jesus' words found in Matthew 6:25-30 (NLT): *"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?"*

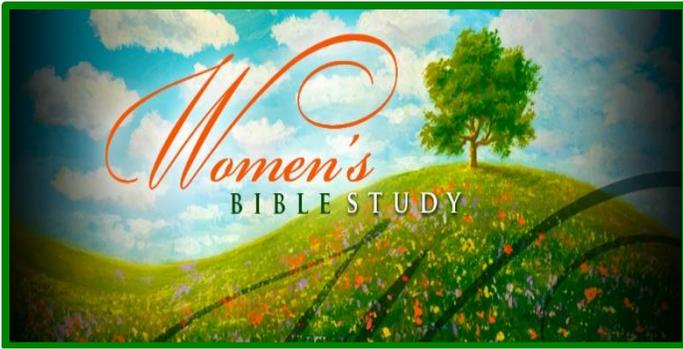
Jesus did not say you should forget about the things that concern you. He said you have no need to panic. Believe me, I understand; this is easier said than done. Life does not warrant us to sit back and not allow things to have a negative impact on us. But here are a few ideas for reducing the stress and worry in your life:

- **Pray as often as you need to – and then some.** Let the One who takes care of the birds and flowers of this world assist you too.
- **Do what you can do today.** If you have conflict or unresolved issues with someone, talk it out right away. If you have a looming deadline, do enough today to maintain your schedule.
- **Repeat the process tomorrow.** Learning to live one day at a time has changed the lives of countless broken and struggling people. Discover why for yourself.
- **Surround yourself with positive-thinking, calm people.** Pay attention to how they react to stressful situations and follow their example.
- **Call your Deacon!** Each church member has a Deacon assigned to pray, visit, and correspond with your family. The Deacons would love to take you to lunch after church, serve you communion in your home and visit you when times get tough. And guess what? Every Deacon HAS a Deacon, and we rely on their spiritual strength, too! My Deacon is Marvin Gray, and truly, he has been so incredibly faithful to our family. He knows our birthdays, the crazy crescendos of our lives, and always mails the perfect cards. We have been so blessed by his prayers and support over the years, and it is a privilege to be able to thank him (and Jan) publicly.

"Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel."

Philippians 4:6-7

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We continue with our current study and delighted to have new members joining. The weather cooperated, and the luncheon at The Front Porch was a success. A good group attended the movie, "My Brother's Crossing," on Monday, September 27. Thanks for your prayers for my annual beach trip and now back to studying God's Word together.

Blessings from Bernie
Women's Bible Study Leader

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

In our Bible Study time together we have been discussing learning something new. The next section of the book is "New steps to take" to make our life better and give it more meaning. Thus, in our Fellowship time we are once again going to explore the cuisine of other cultures, to stretch ourselves and learn more of the lives of Christians across this wonderful creation God has given us.

Following our tradition, we will be carpooling from the church, after our Bible Study on the third Monday of the month, October 18, 2021 meeting at PHO LE at 11:30am. We will begin this adventure at:

PHO LE
Fine Vietnamese Cuisine
7829 Sudley Road
Manassas, VA
703-530-9693
www.pholevirginia.com

We hope to see you there. You can sign up during the Bible studies or by calling me at: 703-754-9808.

Janis Waxvik
WBS Fellowship Coordinator



CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Happy Fall Y'all! I personally am excited about this beautiful, cooler weather and especially sweatshirts!

Thank you to the families that will come out and help with the single serving meals on Saturday, October 2. The children are very excited to be whipping up the meal in the kitchen and to have so much fun together. We hope that the church members enjoy the meal as much as the children enjoy making and serving them to you.

Every fall puts people in the mood for pumpkin spice latte's, falling leaves and decorating pumpkins. Since Halloween falls on the last Sunday of October this year, we will be handing out pumpkins to the children so that they can create a 'Thankful' pumpkin for your kitchen table. Each evening, while eating dinner, each family member can write something to be thankful for on the pumpkin and see if you're able to fill up the whole pumpkin through the month of November. It's fun to see what each person is thankful for and fun to see if you can write all over the pumpkin by the end of the month.

The Sunday School Line up for October is:

October 3	Missy Baker	Susan Kaczmarek
October 10	Brenda Sellers	Dinah Thompson
October 17	Christy Wisor	Dinah Thompson
October 24	Amber Terrant	Joannie Duckett
October 31	Christy Wisor	Dinah Thompson

Christy Wisor
Chairperson, Children's Committee

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

While I worked on my doctoral degree, I taught college composition classes and substituted in public schools. While teaching seven college classes and substituting at the same time was a drain on my time and energy, I learned a lot through the experience.

When assignments were given, there were, naturally, lots of questions. They were all good questions that revealed interesting aspects about the student experience and are worth looking at in more depth.

The high school students asked if the assignment counted toward their grade. This question showed a certain mental acuity on their part. They knew from experience that some assignments just didn't matter, that they wouldn't be counted toward their grade. The students knew that if the assignment was not to be graded, there was no reason to do it. They just blew off the project and did something that they preferred. This sometimes involved paper airplanes.

Middle school students wanted to know if it was a formative or summative assignment, a quite perceptive question. For those who have not participated in a classroom for a while, here's a review. Formative assignments are used by the instructor throughout the duration of the class to determine how well the students are doing, if they are meeting intermediary goals, and if they are on track to be successful with grades and abilities by the end of the semester. Formative assignments are as much benefit to the student as they are to the teacher. They give a student an idea of how well or poorly he/she is doing. They also tell the instructor the same thing so that intervention, if needed, can be implemented.

Summative grades, on the other hand, are used to determine that dreaded final grade. They are arrived at by calculating a score based on all the graded assignments for the course. Formative grades provide feedback while there is still time to alter the trajectory toward the summative grade. Summative grades are final. Once they are calculated, no changes can be made.

My college students asked how to best accomplish the task. These morphed into seeking additional feedback about returned projects. Eventually they began to ask questions about how to meet the requirements delineated on the rubric *before* the assignment was due. This enabled them to gain additional guidance in areas where they were struggling or were unsure of how to accomplish the project. The college students were concerned with doing well in order to meet the expected criteria for the assignment. In other words, they wanted to successfully complete the project. Their overall concern was with their ability to make a passing grade for the course.

What these questions reveal is that some just want to know if they have to complete the requirement. Some want to know if the assignment is important to them. Others want to know how to best accomplish the task. It is usually those in the last category that are the most successful. They seek to understand what is expected, how it is to be accomplished, and then devise a plan to complete the task. These were typically the best students and earned the top grades.

Even as adults we have formative and summative assignments. We see these frequently in our work life. As the time for an annual review draws near, we up our game to enhance our productivity to show that we are a necessary part of the team. We hope that those earlier non-sick sick days will fall into the formative category and that our more recent efforts to impress will be the summative ones.

But our work life isn't the only place where we have assignments, both formative and summative. We are all called to be laborers for God. We have each been assigned the task of carrying word of His love and redemption throughout the world, beginning in our own neighborhoods. How well we do on our formative assignments affects the type of opportunities we will have later. Think about the message in this column last month. A master went away and left his servants in charge. When he returned, the servants who had done well and increased the master's property were rewarded for their work with increased prospects. The servants who had not done well, lost their opportunities (Matthew 25:14-30).

What those servants had done *prior* to the master's departure were their formative tasks. It was

their performance in those responsibilities that resulted in the servants receiving five talents, two talents, or one talent. The two servants who did well in the new situation were rewarded with doubled opportunities in the future. The servant who did nothing, lost all access to future opportunities to serve the master. It is important to note that the third servant was not fired from his position. His opportunities were simply limited because he had not performed well.

As we learned last month, we are the Master's servants, and we also have a task to perform for Him, that of telling others about Him. In much the same way, each of us has been given talents and formative opportunities to serve God. How we perform in those circumstances will determine the opportunities we have going forward. Did you invite your neighbor to church? Did you show God's love to the person ahead of you in line at the grocery store? Did you bow your head and pray before eating in your work cafeteria? If you did not, God may send those opportunities to work for Him to other servants who are performing well on these formative tasks. How we serve now determines the chances we will have to do so in the future. Thankfully, formative tests are not the final grade.

However, our final grade will come. We will each be called before the Judgement Seat of God. There we will give an accounting of our actions and non-actions (Romans 14:10–12). We will then “receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). This is *not* a judgement of our salvation. That was assured when we confessed Jesus as the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. Paul was teaching of rewards for faith-inspired works. Billy Graham stated that “the reason [for judgment of Christians after death] is so God can reward us for what we have done for him.” This is our summative grade.

Just like a final grade in school, once the time of assessment has come, there is no going back to try to improve our score. We are called to be diligent in this life, to serve God now, to serve Him willingly, with love, at all times. We are to do this so that when we stand before the Judgment Seat, we can present ourselves for approval by God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, but as

one who has accurately handled the word of truth.

We should not blow off the formative tasks that are given to us. How well we do in those small things will determine if we are given larger opportunities to serve God. Do you ever wonder why chances to do something outstanding always seem to drop in the lap of others? Look to your past performance to determine the answer. Have you made a habit of proclaiming God in all that you do? Do you live *always* so that others see God in you? What bumper sticker do you have on your car? What topics do you discuss with friends and acquaintances? When was the last time that you mentioned God to someone outside of church? Or have you been making paper airplanes?

Are you ready for your final exam? If not, now is the time to improve your score.

Edith Kennedy
Chairperson, Missions Committee

In Memory

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

- The Robinson, Gray, Waters, White and Fairfax families give the memorial funds given in our loved one's names to the construction of the inside handicap ramp:
- J.T. Frazier and family give the memorial funds given in memory of his parents, Earl and Otelia to the construction of the outside handicap ramp

We appreciate these gifts very much. Plans for these ramps are being currently worked on.

If you would like to help with these ramps, just write on your checks “for handicap ramps.”

Thank you,

Dot Todd
Chair, Memorial Committee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>3 Communion Sunday 8:00 Deacon Meeting ^H 9:30 Sunday School ^H 9:45 Deaf Ministry ^H 11:00 Worship ^H – Dr. Olson 11:15 Children's Sunday School ^H 5:00 Youth/<i>gnite</i> ^H 7:00 Cantata Practice ^H 8:00 AI Anon ^H</p>	<p>4 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 7:00 Church Council Meeting ^Z</p>	<p>5 4:30 Sign Language Class ^H 7:00 Bible Study ^Z People of the Bible</p>	<p>6 10:30 Brunch Bunch ^Z 5:30 Fellowship Meal ^H 6:00 Prayer Mtg & Bible Study ^H 7:00 Choir Practice ^H</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 8 9</p>	<p>2 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^H 8:30 Men's Bible Study ^H</p>
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<p>Key to Abbreviations ^H – In Person ^Z – Zoom ^H – Hybrid (Zoom and In Person)</p>						

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN OCTOBER 2021

DATE	Police Officers	USHERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE	CHURCH GREETERS	BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER
October 3	Randy Anderson	John Burke Brad Young Steve King	Karen Frazier	10:30 a.m. Paul Sellers Brenda Sellers	Oct. 2 Jean Fairall John Burke Gretchen Saylor
October 10	Randy Anderson	John Burke Brad Young Steve King	Carol Dixon	10:30 a.m. Ruth Anne Sawyer Mary Frances Crockett	Oct. 3 Jeremy Allue Mac McVeary Grace Allue
October 17	Prince William Officer Requested	John Burke Brad Young Steve King	Dinah Thompson	10:30 a.m. Patrick Moore Regina Moore	Oct. 4 Warren Thompson, Sr. Virginia Abbott Ava Bacon
October 24	Randy Anderson	John Burke Brad Young Steve King	Cheryl Cox	10:30 a.m. Sherri Busick Debbie Reingrubber	Oct. 9 Janet Romine Adam Mazza Ann Whitney
October 31	Prince William Officer Requested	John Burke Brad Young Steve King	Ruth Nagy	10:30 a.m. Ernestine Meyer Debbie Swindall	Oct. 11 Reed Sawyer John Carey Claudia Brawley Dustin Bayol Harrison Stewart

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA

It's never too early to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Come join our wonderful choir and sing in our upcoming Christmas Cantata! We welcome all adult singing voices and abilities!

Cantata rehearsals began Sunday, September 19 and continue every Sunday afternoon from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the choir room. If you would like to join us, please email me at ken@my-hbc.org.

Come! Be a part of a musical celebration of our Savior's birth!

Ken Trammell
Choir Director and Organist



HBC ONLINE DONATIONS

Within our website, HBC has the ability to accept your online donations. You can to use a credit card to make an online donation. The donation form collects your name and contact information along with a field to specify how you'd like to designate your donation. You will receive an email receipt of your donation. The church pays a small fee for each transaction that you give with the option to cover this cost if you like. As the counters and stewardship integrate this new capability into our existing procedures we wanted to take the time to make it clear that offering amounts reported in the bulletin will continue to show the amount of offerings physically collected at church each Sunday. The donations collected online will be regularly reported later, at a time and in a format to be decided by Stewardship. Please contact Stewardship with any questions: stewardship@my-hbc.org.

Morgan Jones



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Those of you who have to shop, package, and mail gifts probably have. As you are looking for the perfect gift for a special person in your life, please don't forget about children around the world who daily live in the need of basic necessities.

If you shop, Operation Christmas Child will take care of the delivery for you. The Collection at HBC will begin on Sunday, October 17. Boxes will be available in the Overflow room. Please be sure to take a label for each box and remember to pay the shipping fee online or include it in the box when it is returned. **Boxes are due back by Sunday November 21.**

Along with your gifts, recipients are also taught about the love and sacrifice of Jesus. While that is the most important gift ever given, your presents serve as a tangible representation of that love.

Please, pack a box and pray for these children.

Edith Kennedy

BGAV MESSENGER, November 19

If you would like to serve as a messenger for the annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV), please tell Pastor Mark. This year the annual meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9-10. You may contact Pastor Mark directly, email him at mark@my-hbc.org, or call him on his cell, 703-268-1883. If you are interested but have questions, please ask Pastor Mark about the meeting.



BUSINESS MEETING

On October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a business meeting for the purpose of approving the budget for the year 2022 and to elect officers and committee members. It will be live and on Zoom. The budget and Zoom login information will be shared with you by email with paper copies available in the church office upon request beginning Sunday, October 3.

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