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The Gospel of Mark

Preaching from One of Paul's Last Letters – 1 Timothy

From Mid-June until now, Pastor John and I have been preaching through two of Paul's earliest letters—1 and 2 Thessalonians. John will actually close out our study of 2 Thessalonians by preaching from that letter on August 10. Then on August 17, I will begin preaching a short series of sermons based on one of Paul's last letters—1 Timothy.

Unlike most of Paul's letters, 1 Timothy is NOT written to one of Paul's churches, but instead, is written guidance from the great Apostle to one of his most trusted associate missionaries—Timothy. I think you will find the personal advice Paul gives to Timothy to be very interesting, and frequently applicable to our church today!

When we first meet Timothy in the book of Acts, Paul and Silas are so impressed with this young man that they invite him to join their missionary team, and travel around the Roman Empire telling people about Jesus and launching new churches. Timothy was first taught about Jesus by two Jewish Christians, his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois. Apparently, his father was a pagan, who prevented Timothy from being circumcised as a child. But the influence of his mother and grandmother were sufficient to lead Timothy to commit his life to following Jesus. His devotion was strong enough to lead Paul and Silas not just to include him in their team, but to entrust him with many important projects for the early church. When Paul could not travel to a church in crisis, he often sent Timothy as his representative. Timothy also was with Paul when he wrote six of his thirteen letters, perhaps even suggesting a few thoughts for inclusion in several of those letters (2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon). Though Timothy was young, and perhaps a bit meek at first, he eventually became a great leader in the early church.

If any of Timothy's life story resonates with you, perhaps you will enjoy reading the six short chapters of 1 Timothy (averaging less than 20 verses per chapter!) in your daily Bible reading. I hope you will give that a try!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from A Musician's Perspective

Youth Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is a cherished summer tradition in churches, including Haymarket Baptist Church. Designed as a dynamic program to teach children about the Bible, VBS blends faith-based learning with engaging activities in a safe and welcoming environment. While most of the spotlight is focused on children, we had the opportunity to cater to our teenagers during the evenings of VBS.

During the week, the program focused on rising 6th graders to 12th grade. Each night had a different focus and also a different adult leading the discussions and spiritual lessons. Monday night, I led a discussion on John 13:1-7, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Everyone participated in a hand washing experience to show how we can serve others. Our activity for the night revolved around water games! Tuesday night, Johnno led a discussion from Mark 10:13-16 where the little children are brought to Jesus and the importance of everyone in the eyes of Jesus. Later that evening, we had a blast playing laser tag in the church. I believe the adults might've enjoyed it better than the teenagers. Wednesday night, Drew Blincoe, led a powerful devotion on God's love for us using the scripture from 1 John 4:9-12; Ephesians 4:32. After our devotion, the teens with the adults' help, participated in a scavenger hunt using pictures or videos to capture each item on the list.

I'm truly grateful for Christy Wisor, Kristin Olson, Kathy Kennedy, Taylor Crickenberger, Vicki Bayol, Drew Blincoe and Johnno Cain who not only helped in the planning and execution of Youth VBS, but made it a point to engage with the teens each night. Adolescence is a pivotal stage for spiritual growth. Youth VBS provided an opportunity where teens can question, learn and grow in faith without judgement. The connections between the teenagers during the week was remarkable to watch. Many of our teens who attended Youth VBS helped volunteer during the morning which continued to foster that community. It has also allowed many of them to step into leadership roles during that week and feel connected to a church that continues to foster and encourage leaders no matter the age. Of course, the fun activities during the week also gave important time to fellowship with each other and build relationships.

Youth Vacation Bible School is more than just a summer program—it's a vital ministry that helps shape the hearts and minds of the next generation of Christian leaders. By providing teens with spiritual guidance, meaningful friendships, and the tools to navigate their faith journey, VBS becomes a transformative experience that can impact them for life.

Whether you're a parent, youth pastor, or church volunteer, investing in Youth VBS is a step toward empowering young believers and strengthening the future of the church.

In Christ,
Pastor John



DEACON'S BENCH

I was driving the other day and saw a sign that announced that we were just 33 days from the start of the new school year. It seems like we just celebrated Memorial Day and the start of summer. Cyndy and I have 3 granddaughters that are going back to school in those 33 days. Two in High School and one in Elementary school. For each of these young women it will be nine months of new challenges and tests. New subjects, new friends and new skills all having to be learned in short intense bursts.

For their parents the year has already begun, the school supply lists, new clothes, a quick trip to the beach and all the forms and fees.

For everybody there will be times when the challenges will be overwhelming. When just getting to the end of the week will seem like more than we can manage. For every person facing difficulty I can suggest a short reminder that I have clung to ever so tightly over the last few years: Let Go and Let God.

It is easy to think you are in control of your life. That your good sense will get you through. Just look it up on the internet and run with it.

Not a great choice.

The concept may seem simple, its application requires a profound shift in perspective and a willingness to release our fears, doubts and the need for total control. The journey of letting go and letting God invites us to surrender our burdens and embrace a sense of peace, trust and clarity that can transform how we navigate the intricacies of existence.

Even Jesus prayed to the father for strength when he

saw the hurdle and hard times he was about to face. In Luke 22:41-44, we see Jesus in deep agony, he even prayed to the father to take away his suffering if it was his will. In his time of agony an Angel was sent from heaven to strengthen him.

Talk to God, tell him your worries or your struggles and ask him to help you through it. It wasn't until I prayed that I started to feel at peace with the idea that the house I thought was for me, turned out not to be what God had in mind for us at that time.

There are several Bible verses that I refer to in times of trouble:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." [John 14:27](#)

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." [Psalms 55:22](#)

I recognize actually giving control over to God is more difficult in practice than in theory and when our children were in school managing the days and the weeks and our jobs, and... and... and... was sometimes more than we were ready for.

These days we are right back at struggling to let God take on the big challenges we face. So far so good.

Oh, and I don't have any tips on helping with Algebra homework.

Bob Coffey
Deacon of the Month



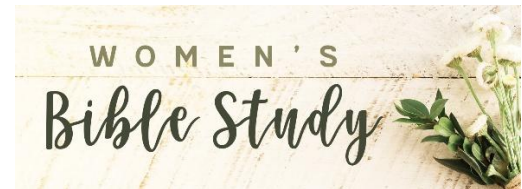
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Greetings from your Stewardship Committee! One of the functions of the Stewardship Committee is to remind everyone of the Lord's direction to tithe. Giving 10% of one's income to the Lord is stated in the Scripture as being beneficial for the giver and the Church! Deacon Lowell Parkes read both an Old and New Testament verse during his offertory prayer on 7/20/25 (Malachi 3:10 and Philippians 4:19) giving the Lord's position on giving. So far this year we have received one very large gift. It was much appreciated and encouraging; however, it makes our YTD contributions possibly not indicative of what we might expect to receive during the remainder of 2025. Please do your part to support the Lord's work via HBC!

The Building Committee has done a lot of work in identifying projects that must be completed in the next five years or so to maintain our facilities. We are delighted that many people have joined HBC in the last few years! Each of you is a Blessing and we thank God for your attendance and participation in our Church. For all new and long-term members, please remember that we paid off the mortgage on our facility about 20 years ago. When the mortgage note was burned during a Sunday morning worship service, it was a very special moment for all in attendance! This means that our Church has not had to pay interest and principal payments in a long time! The projects needed to maintain our Church are essential and must be funded. Over the next few months, we envision one or more "town hall" type meetings to decide how these essential projects will be funded, a capital campaign with sacrificial giving over our tithes, obtaining a loan, or a combination of these two are options. Please pray for the Lord's direction to each individual and the Church as a whole in maintaining our facilities in order to spread

the Good News of Christ our Savior! We have done several projects in the last year including new boilers, some of our Air Conditioning units, and engineering work for repairing the foundation of our Sanctuary. Much of this work has been even funded by our capital campaign from over 20 years ago, The People of Hope campaign. We did it once and with God's help, we can do it again! Please pray and participate in this effort to maintain the Lord's house. We will be in touch later to plan meeting(s) to discuss when and what we should do; in the meantime, thanks for reading this and praying that we can successfully complete these necessary projects! God bless!

John Burke
Stewardship Chair



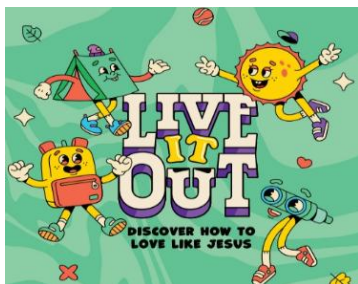
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Happy August! It is hard to believe that school will soon be starting. It sure has been a stormy, steamy summer with more rain falling in a couple of hours than I can ever remember. We are blessed in our area compared to most. Our hearts have hurt for Texas. Let's continue our prayers for all those hurting.

Grateful praises to God for his protection of me and leading me safely through my heart valve surgery and for the care of my surgical team. My church family's prayers before, during and in the recovery phase have brought comfort and reassurance to me. Our Fall starting of Women's Bible Study will be delayed! We will be starting on Monday, October 6th, due to the holiday on September 11th, my beach vacation September 13-20th and then the celebration of my granddaughters wedding in Richmond on September 21-28th.

I hope you will join us on Thursday, August 14th at Cookies and Cream in Haymarket at 1:00pm for our Annual Ice Cream Social. It will be wonderful to see each other and reconnect. I will have our new Study Books for you to have to start reading! Our study is "Hitchhiking with the Prophets" by Chad Bird. It is a ride through the Salvation Story of the Old Testament. I'm really excited about the study and think you will be too.

Blessings from Bernie



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It was an amazing week of Vacation Bible School during the last week of June at Haymarket Baptist Church! The church was lively with excitement and fun as the children learned Bible stories and discovered how to love like Jesus!

Putting together a successful VBS involves a lot, and we sincerely thank everyone who helped make it happen. First and foremost, we give thanks to God for making our VBS wonderful, for providing us with many amazing volunteers, and for the children who attended (and their families). This year, many youth volunteers assisted us. They were fantastic and played a big role in the success of our VBS. Once again, we appreciate everyone who supported us this year. We are grateful to those who prayed for our VBS, donated supplies, contributed money, helped create decorations, assisted with decorating the church, or worked with the children during the week. Thank you for your time, dedication, and for sharing your God-given talents.

As part of our "Live It Out" VBS theme, our mission project involved collecting new underwear and socks for *Boxes of Basics*. Our VBS families and

volunteers were very generous, and we collected two huge boxes for this wonderful cause.

Most importantly, some children showed interest in following Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Olson and Associate Pastor John Majette began a "Young Believers Class" to teach children what it truly means to become followers of Jesus.

Through crafts, games, music, snacks, and both small and large group activities, the children made new friends and created many wonderful memories. Everyone involved, from the children to the volunteers, was blessed to be part of it. It was another unforgettable week.

We are thrilled to share that Vacation Bible School has already been scheduled for next year. **Save the dates for June 22–26, 2026.** The theme for next year's VBS will be "Kingdom Quest", where children will go on an exciting journey to understand what it means to follow Jesus and explore life in God's kingdom. It promises to be another wonderful week!

Our VBS Co-directors, Liz Payne, Sarah Martin, and Karen King, will return next year, and many volunteers have also expressed their intention to come back. If you didn't participate in this year's VBS and want to join the fun next year, we encourage you to do so. We look forward to another fun-filled week where children will learn more about Jesus and God's kingdom. This is an exciting time for Haymarket Baptist Church, and we hope you'll join us for this wonderful opportunity.

Please check out the photos on pages 8-9 for some of the highlights from this year's VBS!



VBS 2026



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy August Church Family,
It's almost time to gear back up for another wonderful school year! I wanted to let you know that our school recently won 2nd place as the BEST OF VIRGINIA preschools! We have never received this award before – so this is quite an honor – for all of Northern VA! We also won the best Summer Program and Camp in the Haymarket Lifestyle Magazine. Congratulations to our awesome team! Coming up this month is carpet cleaning, playground work day, Teacher In-Service, CPR class, classroom setup, all the 'Meet and Greet the Teachers' events, and the first days of school! Wow, summer went by quickly! We are so grateful for God's amazing provision to provide full classrooms and an excellent team of teachers, assistants and support staff! We are also thrilled that our fundraising dollars from this past year were able to purchase new flooring for the bathrooms and to replace the original 39 year-old tiles – it looks amazing! We were also able to paint the hallway, ceiling and office to brighten everything up and start fresh and clean this year!

We are looking forward to partnering with you again for Operation Christmas Child, the church pantry, kid's choirs, Valentine cards, Thanksgiving baskets and other places we can work with you for our community. We look forward to having Pastor Mark lead some chapels and devotions with our staff and for John's support of our Kindergarten Music

Program. Many thanks to Tory and Laura for the ways that they assist us during the year, as well. Thank you to our council – Joan Duckett, Chris Shaltis, Susan Kazmarek and Linda Olson. Thank you for serving, Krista Kish – we'll miss you! We covet your prayers for the safety of staff and students this year. We thank you in advance for your support of the school and perhaps even some of our fundraising projects. In September, we will have a gift wrap fundraiser that includes a faith based catalog and in October, we will have the Claire's Gourmet frozen food sale.

Have an awesome August!

In His Service,
Mrs. Laurie Frasz
HBCKP Director



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2	Harry Montoro
August 5	Shannon Barham Brian Wendel
August 6	Eleanor Bouch
August 8	Debbie Reingruber
August 10	Lauren Lambert Liam Montoro Kathryn Wendel
August 12	Jim Osborne
August 15	Bethany Bogart
August 19	Joshua Blincoe
August 23	Dot Todd
August 25	Peter Brawley Austin Duckett Karee Duckett
August 26	Chuck Berry Tory Madsen
August 31	Ron York



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Is your church directory outdated or are you new to the church? If you would like a digital copy or paper copy of the church directory, please email Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org and she will provide you with the latest version.



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The following items are in the Lost and Found Basket outside the church office:

Tupperware Pitcher—pink and blue top
 Ladies Sunglasses—black rims
 Child's Pullover Hoodie—green, "MAINE" on front, child size S(6/8)
 Ladies Dress Jacket—navy
 Anniversary Card—found in Jane's Pantry donation bag
 Umbrella—burgundy
 Umbrella—black and red

These items will be retained in the Lost and Found Basket until August 31st and will be disposed of after that date.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a church article for the newsletter or photos you have taken at church events that you would like to share in the newsletter? Please let us know! You can contact Pastor Mark or Laura in the church office at (703) 754-8546 or you can submit your articles and/or photos by email to Laura at laura@my-hbc.org. All submissions need to be submitted by the 3rd Friday of the month for the following month's newsletter.



Vacation Bible School 2025







YOUTH VBS

Haymarket Baptist Church

June 23—25 2025



Water

DAY 1

Games






Lazer DAY 2 Tag



Scavenger DAY 3 Hunt



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
Key to Abbreviations Z – Zoom H– Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)						
3 8:00 Deacon Meeting 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Children's Sunday School 9:45 Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship H – Dr. Olson 11:15 Children's Worship	4 7:00 Church Council H	5 4:30 Advanced Sign Language Class 5:00 Haymarket National Night Out	6 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9 8:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Water Fun Day
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN AUGUST 2025

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	CHURCH GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Aug 3	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Bernice Pearson Ernestine Meyer	Brad Young (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	Brenda Sellers Karen King	Sarah Martin Ernestine Meyer Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Diane Weaver	Karen Frazier
Aug 10	Randy Anderson	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Linda Hankey	John Burke (captain) Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson Keith Bishton	Brenda Sellers Sarah Martin	Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant Karen King Kristin Olson	Heather Bayol Carol Dixon	Bernice Pearson
Aug 17	Randy Anderson	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Linda Olson Shannon Barham	Jan Gray (captain) Jim Hardin Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	Lucy Parkes Sarah Martin	Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy Karen King Manuella Tatchim	Heather Bayol Susan Kaczmarek	Joannie Duckett
Aug 24	TBA	9:15am John Burke 10:15am Bob Foster Patty Foster	Marvin Gray (captain) Paul Sellers Johnno Cain Karen King	Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey	Melissa Baker Manuella Tatchim Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyer	Cheryl Cox
Aug 31	Scott Madigan	9:15am Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Sarah Martin Jed Atkinson	Brad Young John Burke Jan Gray Marvin Gray (captains)	Lucy Parkes Eleanor Bouch	Melissa Baker Eleanor Bouch Karen King Wanda Leap	Heather Bayol Linda Olson	Sue Copen

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST: Bob Coffey (919) 627-2173

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