

Haymarket Herald

July 2025



The Gospel of Mark

Give Our Worship Guests a Warm Welcome!

Each Sunday for the last several months we have been blessed by a large number of guests in worship. I keep a list of recent worship guests (to help me learn their names!) and right now there are 79 names on the list, including 26 children. 79 guests have worshipped with us at least once over the last 2 months!

How each of you welcomes these guests makes it more or less likely that they will return to worship with us again.

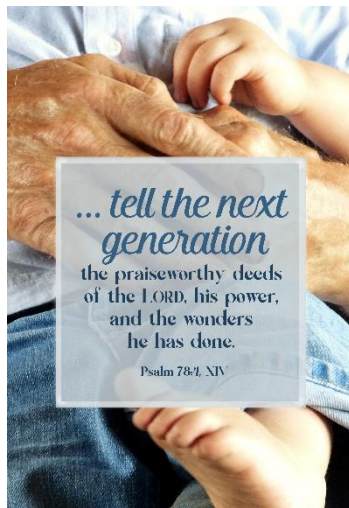
First of all, let's all make sure the four "Reserved for Church Visitors" parking spaces are only used by our worship guests. We really ought to have more than four such spaces, but it's crucial that no members park in these spaces—guests only!

Second, our official greeters and ushers do a great job welcoming our worship guests, but if you take an extra 20 seconds each Sunday to spot someone you don't know and welcome them, that will make a big difference. Don't worry that you might accidentally be welcoming an inactive member and offend them by calling them a "visitor." Instead, just say, "Hi! My name is Jason Hudson, what's your name?" Whether the person is a first-time guest or an inactive member, they will still be pleased with your friendly greeting!

Third, I don't expect any of you to memorize 79 names of all the guests who have worshipped with us since May 1. However, I would ask you to make note of people who return to worship a second, third or fourth time and who sit within 15 feet of you in the sanctuary or fellowship hall. Most people quickly develop a general location they prefer in worship and, if they return, will try to sit near the same spot each time. If you see a guest who sat near you two weeks ago, make sure to greet them, offer a handshake, give your name and ask their name. If they have not yet chosen a seat, invite them to sit next to you. Then, when you sit down, write their name down to help your brain remember their name. Call them by name the next Sunday you see them and you may be on the way to making a new friend. Like the classic TV show "Cheers," people love to go to a place, "where everybody knows your name"!

The early church grew by telling people about a Savior who gave his life on the cross for them. This is our gospel message. But people will NOT listen to a church who proclaims that Jesus loves them if the members of that church do not also demonstrate that love through giving warm welcomes to folks. The early church got people to return to worship by giving warm welcomes to poor, older women, children, people of all races, wealthy, singles, slaves, Gentiles, and Jews. Help Jesus by giving a warm welcome to at least one new person this Sunday!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from A Musician's Perspective

The Hands and Feet of God

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27). There are so many members and servants here at Haymarket Baptist. All bring unique gifts and abilities to the table and I’ve admired the act of servanthood throughout my first year.

“For as one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of the other. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.” (Romans 12:4-6a). Throughout the last year, we had regular activities for children and youth and they cannot happen without the many lay leaders. We launched two children’s choirs, two children’s worship classes, one children’s Sunday School class, and also a youth group for teens. In order for these to happen, but also continue, it takes a village. Haymarket Baptist has a history of strong lay leaders and this last year was evidence of it.

Every week, these individuals came together to help lead children's activities here at church: Ty Arrington, Jed Atkinson, Missy Baker, Heather Bayol, Drew Blincoe, Bethany Bogart, Eleanor Bouch, Sherri Busick, Johnno Cain, Cyndy Coffey, Kris Crickenberger, Taylor Crickenberger, Joanie Duckett, Brittany Elkins, Dave Elkins, Linda Hankey, Susan Kaczmarek, Kathy Kennedy, Karen King, Wanda Leap, Sarah Martin, Kristin Olson, Linda Olson, Lucy Parkes, Leslie Pritcher, Manuella Tatchim, Amber Terrant, Carol Valentine, and Christy Wisor. While none of these volunteers look for the recognition, their dedication and commitment to being part of the “body” hardly goes unnoticed. Without them and the continued support and prayer by the church, we would not be able to serve the children and teens of the church.

While we have about 30 volunteers for children and youth, we are always seeking additional volunteers. Many of these individuals volunteer in multiple capacities with children’s activities. These ministries are vital to the next generation in their spiritual growth. A loving church that wants to invest the time, energy, love, and compassion for children, allows children to feel appreciated. I’m so thankful to be a part of a church that extends love and grace to our children and teens. In a world where they are often told they aren’t good enough, we as a church are here to remind them that God is love. “He is our God, we are the people of His pasture. The sheep of His flock and we come listening to God’s voice.” (Psalm 95:7).

In Christ,
Pastor John



DEACONS BENCH

Patriotism and Christianity

I began learning about patriotism in elementary school. Every morning we stood by our desks, placed our hands on our hearts and recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Each day, one lucky student would go to the office and lead the pledge over the PA system. We always celebrated Independence Day on the 4th of July with picnics and fireworks. Later in life, I went to work for the Department of Defense. It was inspiring to serve the brave men and women who dedicated their lives to guarding our hard won freedoms.

What about the Biblical perspective on patriotism? As Christians, we pledge our loyalty to our Savior. How do we balance loyalty to God with commitment to our nation? The Bible says in Romans 13:1 that it is important to submit to governing authorities because their authority comes from God. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, we are told to pray for our nation and for all people, including those in authority, which fosters a sense of unity. In Mark 12:31, we are called to love our neighbors. This promotes a sense of community and responsibility for the well-being of others.

One thing I have learned throughout the years is that loving our country doesn't mean we believe that everything our country has done throughout history or will do in the future is good or right. Mistakes are made because there is no perfection here on earth. That is why praying for our leaders is so important!

To embody biblical patriotism today, engage in your community through volunteering, voting, praying, and promoting peace. Support local initiatives and foster relationships with fellow citizens. In doing

this, you align your actions with biblical teachings while reflecting a heart of patriotism grounded in faith. Only by being an active part of the whole can we make a difference.

Jan Gray
Deacon of the Month



“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” Romans 15:7



Drew Blincoe joined our church on Sunday, June 22nd. He comes to us as a previously baptized believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. His children are Nora and Josh.





STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As of May 31, 2025 –

Contributions Received: \$44,964.00
Monthly Budget Requirement: \$47,038.00

YTD Contributions Received: \$252,600.00
YTD Budget Requirement: \$235,193.00

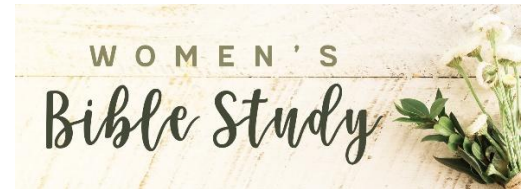
Summer Greetings Everyone from your Stewardship Committee! We hope everyone will have a blessed summer and will be able to enjoy some time with family and/or friends! We also appreciate everyone's contributions to HBC so far this year! Specifically our contributions through May 31, 2025 are almost \$290,000 (includes designated offerings and pre-school funds) which exceeds our YTD budget forecast of approximately \$249,000. To keep things in perspective, however, we have also spent over \$40,000 in capital expenses (HVAC systems and engineering studies primarily). These capital expenses are not included in our budget so the net status is we have spent about \$3,000 more than we have received. There are other large capital expenditures coming soon for various things including foundation repairs of approximately \$225,000. While we are very appreciative of the tithes and offerings received, we want everyone to keep in mind that our operating costs and capital expenditures are on-going. Even though the summer months are historically our lowest receipts of the year, our expenses continue. Please continue to keep our church in your prayers and seek the Lord's will in how you can help meet our needs to spread the Good News here and throughout the world!

As we have mentioned previously, for those of us who have reached the age where Required Minimum

Distributions (RMD's) must be made from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) your taxable income can be minimized by having money sent directly from the IRA to Haymarket Baptist Church. This can reduce your taxes due while contributing to the Lord's work. Like many other facets of tax law, there are certain requirements for this. Please see your tax or financial advisor for more details. On a different subject, if anyone is led to make a bequest (the act of giving or leaving something by will) to HBC, your generosity would be much appreciated and allows one to create a legacy for the future of HBC and our Lord's kingdom.

Thanks again and may the Lord richly bless you!

John Burke



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We have enjoyed our studies together this past year and the fellowship times. We have had several new members join us, which brings joy to all of us. There is always room for more.

Each summer we take a break for a couple of months. It is a busy time for families and vacations. During this break, I will be dealing with a health issue and come Fall, I should be energized and look forward to another year of study of God's Word together.

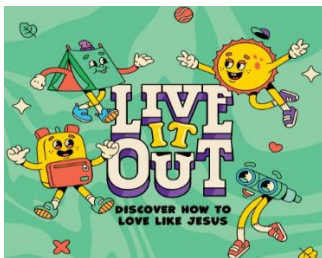
In the Fall, we will start a study called "Hitchhiking with Prophets" – a ride through the salvation story of the Old Testament. Do you think Jesus first appeared in the Gospel of Matthew? Jesus was present from the very beginning (John 1:1) – that means in the Old Testament too. More information to come – keep watching!

Blessings from Bernie



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 5	Vicki Cristiani
July 8	Henry Vasquez
July 9	Jackie Cafferty
July 11	J.R. Rodgers
July 13	Dottie Swain
July 15	Sharon Jinks
July 16	Mary Camarca
	Kim Rife
July 20	Jan Gray
July 21	Laura Harrigan
July 25	Ilona Grippando
	Vicki Shank
	Faith Wisor
July 26	Marvin Gray
July 28	Matthias Majette
	Vicki Meek
July 29	Liz Payne
July 31	Keith Bishton



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) finished up on Friday, June 27th. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to VBS, whether through volunteering, helping with decorations, making monetary donations, donating supplies or loaning us items. Haymarket Baptist Church is truly blessed to have so many wonderful and generous individuals who share their God-given gifts in countless ways. VBS would

not have been possible without everyone's support in creating a fantastic experience for all the children who participated. In the August newsletter, we will be highlighting the amazing kids, volunteers and the activities that took place.



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.



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.





PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN END OF YEAR HIGHLIGHTS





PRE-SCHOOL
&
KINDERGARTEN
GRADUATIONS
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AWARDS CEREMONY
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FIELD DAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <div> <h1>July 2025</h1> </div> 						
<u>Key to Abbreviations</u> Z – Zoom H– Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)		1 4:30 Advanced Sign Language Class	2 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	3	4 Fourth of July <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5
6 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	7	8 4:30 Advanced Sign Language Class	9 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN JULY 2025

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	CHURCH GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
July 6	TBA	9:15am Linda Olson Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Bernice Pearson Ernestine Meyer	Brad Young (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	Brenda Sellers Karen King	Sarah Martin Karen King Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Kristin Olson	Karen Frazier
July 13	TBA	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Linda Olson Dinah Thompson	John Burke (captain) Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson Keith Bishton	Brenda Sellers Leslie Pritchler	Melissa Baker Manuella Tatchim Karen King Kristin Olson	Heather Bayol Carol Dixon	Bernice Pearson
July 20	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Linda Olson Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen	Jan Gray (captain) Jim Hardin Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	Brenda Sellers Sarah Martin	Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler	Heather Bayol TBA	Joannie Duckett
July 27	Randy Anderson	9:15am John Burke 10:15am Sarah Martin Jed Atkinson	Marvin Gray (captain) Paul Sellers Johnno Cain Karen King	Brenda Sellers Karen King	Melissa Baker Manuella Tatchim Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyer	Cheryl Cox

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR JULY: Jan Gray (571) 292-4555

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