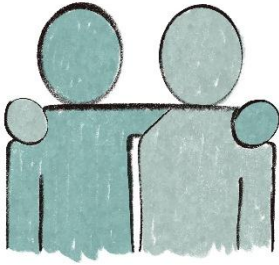


Haymarket Herald

September 2025



The Gospel of Mark

Praying for an Old Friend

Tomorrow (August 28), Linda and I will take a short trip to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, returning on Saturday so that I can preach on Sunday morning. By the time you read this column, our trip should be complete.

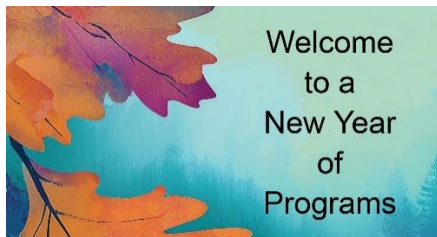
Linda and I originally thought about planning this trip so we could watch my alma mater, Wake Forest, play its opening game of the football season. The Deacons play on Friday, August 29, so that should leave plenty of time for us to drive back to Northern Virginia on Saturday.

But since our original plans were discussed, a far more important matter has come to our attention. My best friend from high school, Dan Kibler, who also lives in Winston-Salem, called to tell me that his heart is failing and his cardiologist told him that he must have a heart transplant. The doctor asked him to move into the cardiac care wing of Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Physically relocating to the hospital significantly improves his chances to receive a heart transplant, and so Dan has done that. While Linda and I will still go to the football game Friday night, our complete focus will be visiting with Dan in the hospital and spending time with his wife Barb. We may see a few of his four children as well, or his elderly parents.

Each day since I heard from Dan, Linda and I have been praying for him to receive a new heart. We will continue to pray for him daily until the surgery is complete. I would invite you to pray for Dan as well. Revelation 5:8 tells us that the 24 elders in heaven “were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.” Your prayers are important to God!

I have known Dan Kibler since he accidentally took my light blue jacket after choir practice about 60 years ago. We became best friends in high school. I was best man in his wedding and Dan was best man in Linda’s and my wedding. I love Dan Kibler. I ask you to pray for God to grant him a new heart!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from A Musician's Perspective

As the seasons turn and summer gives way to fall, we enter into an exciting time in the life of our church: the beginning of a new program year! This is more than just a change in the calendar—it's a chance to renew our commitments to worship, learning, fellowship, and service together.

This year brings fresh opportunities for growth and connection. Sunday School classes are kicking off with new lessons and activities. Our youth will gather for fun, fellowship, and service. The adult choir and the children's choir are coming back to fill our building with music. Women's Bible study and many other groups will soon gather for thoughtful conversation and prayer. Committees and teams are laying out plans for ministries that serve not only our congregation but the wider community.

Most importantly, a new program year reminds us that God is always doing something new among us. Just as each fall begins with new notebooks and sharpened pencils, so too can our spiritual lives be refreshed. Whether you're young or young-at-heart, brand new or a long-time member, there's a place for you here.

Bring your curiosity, your energy, your voice, and even your little ones with their laughter and questions. God is doing something new in our midst, and it's going to be a year full of joy, learning, and love. We invite you to mark your calendars, open your hearts, and step into this year with a spirit of anticipation. Together, let's embrace the opportunities ahead as we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love. *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43:19)

We can't wait to see you this fall – welcome to a new program year!

In Christ,
Pastor John



DEACON'S BENCH

I think about weddings a lot these days. As a bride-to-be, my mind gravitates towards this subject on a regular basis, so I decided to research references to weddings in the Bible.

In John 2:1-11, Jesus chose a wedding in Cana to perform his first miracle by turning 120 gallons of water into wine. In Matthew 22:1-14, we find the parable of the wedding banquet where Jesus spoke about God and how he invites all people to accept his son as their Lord and Savior and enjoy the Kingdom of Heaven. The Jews were invited first, but most rejected it. The invitation was then given to the Gentiles. This parable emphasizes the importance of accepting God's invitation and the urgency in responding with genuine faith. The Parable of the Ten Virgins is found in Matthew 25:1-13 and tells about ten virgins who are bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom to arrive for a wedding. Five are wise and are prepared with enough oil for their lamps, but the other five virgins are foolish; they only had enough oil for a short period of time, so they leave to buy more oil. While they are away, the bridegroom finally arrives and the wise virgins enter the wedding feast with him. The door is shut, and when the foolish virgins return, they are denied entrance.

In the Bible, the Church – which is made up of individual believers – is referred to as "The Bride" and Jesus is pictured as "The Bridegroom".

In the documentary, *Before the Wrath*, research

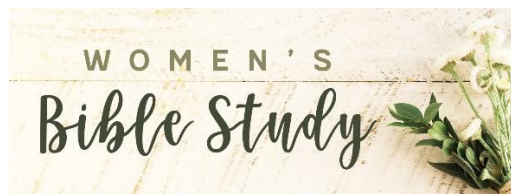
shows a correlation between first century Galilean wedding customs and the rapture of the Church. In this custom the bride and bridegroom would be betrothed to one another for an extended period of time. This time was spent in preparation – the groom returning to his father’s house to build an addition to the family home, to prepare for his bride. The bride would prepare herself for the groom’s return. Surprisingly, neither the groom or bride knew the day or hour the wedding would take place. The bridegroom’s father would decide when the wedding should occur. Then, he would send his son to get his bride. The two would return to the father’s house where the wedding would take place.

Toward the end of Jesus’ ministry his disciples asked him what would be the sign of his coming. In Matthew 24:36 it reads, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father”.

Jesus said, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may be where I am”. In Revelation 19:7 we read, “Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready”.

I am anticipating my wedding day. As the bride of Christ, are we, the Church, anticipating our heavenly wedding day with The Lamb of God?

Sarah Martin
Deacon of the Month



WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

A good time was had by all at the Ice Cream Social at *Cookies and Cream*. We had a great turnout and we missed those that could not attend.

Our attention now turns to fall! **Our Fall Bible Study will resume on Monday, October 6th from 10:00 – 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.** Our study will be available both in-person and via Zoom. This year we will be studying “Hitchhiking with the Prophets” by Chad Bird. It is a study in the Old Testament of how God’s plan of Salvation began. If you plan on attending and haven’t received your book yet, books are available on the table outside the church office – stop by and pick one up – there is a sign-up sheet with the books. We hope you will join us starting in October!

I also hope you and your family will make plans to attend our Annual Church Picnic on September 13th from 1:00 – 5:00pm at the Northern Fauquier Park, 4155 Monroe Pkwy, Marshall, Va. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Blessings from Bernie



HAYMARKET’S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Haymarket’s National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 5th from 5 pm to 8 pm. A good time was had by all who attended. Haymarket Baptist Church had a tent with lots of helpers and greeters. The outreach committee would like to send a big thank you to Susan Kaczmarek, Linda Olson, Karen King, Linda Hankey, Patty Hessenauer, Sarah Martin, Tim Nestor, Jed Atkinson, Keith Bishton, Mark Olson, and Dan Valentine for all their help! The outreach committee, greeters, and helpers passed out 300 bottles of water

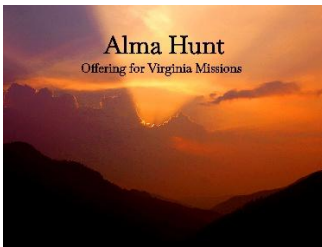
Wanda Leap
Outeach Committee



HAYMARKET'S SUMMER CONCERT

Haymarket's Summer Concert in the park was a huge success making cotton candy to pass out! A big thanks to everyone who helped with this event: Linda Olson, Karen King, Sarah Martin, Kai Cain, Patty Hessenauer, Mark Olson, Tim Nestor, Johnno Cain, Jed Atkinson, Jason Hudson, and Keith Bishton.

Wanda Leap
Outreach Committee



ALMA HUNT Offering for Virginia Missions

The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all [HerMission](#) (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture between HerMission and the [Baptist General Association of Virginia](#) (BGAV).

The annual goal and allocation of funds are determined by the Executive Director/Treasurer of HerMission and the Executive Director of the BGAV and approved by their respective boards.

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

The following are some examples of a ministry that was impacted by this offering: community missions; "SHINE" – living faith for teen girls inspiring them with missionaries' stories; disaster response: rebuilding with hope; and, sisters who care: mission in action.

Haymarket Baptist Church will provide an opportunity to contribute to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions from September 7 – 14. Please indicate "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check or envelope.

Paul Sellers
Missions Committee



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We've been busy this summer painting classrooms upstairs, preparing for our new Youth Sunday School, and moving our current Children's Sunday School and Bible

Adventurers upstairs to a freshly painted room. Our Jesus and Me class is also relocating to a larger space. We are excited about these changes and want to let you know that starting September 7, we will be offering the following opportunities for your children and youth on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School 9:30 – 10:30am

- Children (4 years old – 5th grade) will meet in Room 49 upstairs, except on the 5th Sunday when they will meet downstairs
- Youth (6th grade – High School) will meet in the Youth Room upstairs

Children's Worship (following the Children's Sermon approximately 11:15 – 12:00noon)

- Bible Adventurers (4 years old – 1st grade) will meet in Room 49 upstairs, except on the 5th Sunday when they will meet downstairs
- Jesus and Me (JAM) (2nd grade – 5th grade) will meet in Room 45 upstairs

Our registration forms are now digital, and we kindly ask parents to register their children for the 2025 – 2026 school year (even if you registered last year) using the following link: <https://link.my-hbc.org/2026childrensregistration>. We want to ensure we have the most current information for your children. You may also use the following QR code:



Also, if you have not done so previously, please complete the Photo Release form using the following link: <https://link.my-hbc.org/HBCPhotoRelease> or QR Code:



Paper copies of these forms are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact John Majette at john@my-hbc.org or (703) 371-2401.

SAVE THE DATE: Promotion Sunday for Children and Youth Sunday School and Children's Worship will be held on Sunday, September 7th during our Worship Service.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Adult Sunday School class (J.O.Y.), meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 14. We invite you to join us while your children attend their Sunday School class. If there is enough interest, we hope to add another class. We encourage you to share topics or needs that interest you. We are thrilled to have all the children and families coming to our church, and we hope you'll join us for Sunday School!



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Children's Choir Rehearsals will start back up on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00pm. Children age 3 – kindergarten (Mini Musicians) will meet in the Choir room. Children in 1st grade – 5th grade will meet in the Sanctuary.

Adult Choir Rehearsals will continue to be on Wednesday's at 7:00pm in the Choir room.



ASL CLASSES

ASL Classes will be starting on Wednesday, September 10th from 6:00 – 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jessi Lightfoot at tejsmomma@aol.com.



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,
Happy September! Summer quickly came to a close and ta-da – we are back to school! We are full in all classes and have an amazing team of returning staff and the blessing of some new team members! We enjoyed a few days of training together where we learned more about many early childhood topics, enjoyed some great lunches together, as well as some required training with the Dept of Education. We spent two days with Meeting and Greeting all the families, and starting our first days together building new friendships and partnerships.

September brings us a couple of fundraisers – we'd love to have your support. We have something new

called *Charleston Wrap* – it has gift wrap and so much more. I will be leaving some catalogs in the foyer if you are interested. Also later in the month is *Claire's Gourmet* frozen food! We are also having a spirit day at *Manhattan Pizza* on Heathcote from 11:00 – 10:00pm on Tuesday, September 16th. Please stop by for lunch or dinner and say you are from the preschool to help us earn some money for playground improvements.

We are grateful to many school daddies for helping us get the playgrounds in tip-top shape for the children to attend...one parent donated his pest company materials to treat the playground for ticks...for free!

This month we are getting settled into a school routine, learning names, the rules, and the start of our studies of God's Word and learning some Bible verses. We introduce the concept of obeying the very first time you are told, and we add in a visit with local police officers – as someone we must obey. We will be learning about creation, all things APPLE, numbers, shapes, and new songs! We will take our school pictures, do some substitute training, make apple pies, and visit the sanctuary for chapel times. It really is a special place where children discover the joy of learning and the love of God...thank you HBC for helping the children of our community know more about our Lord Jesus!

Blessings,
Mrs. Laurie Frasz
HBCPK Director



WE NEED YOU!

Please take a moment and check our church directory to see if you are missing a photo OR your photo is outdated. Our directory is not only useful to keep in touch with others, but it makes

it so much easier to learn names of folks when you can see their name with their picture. Currently, our directory is missing at least 30 pictures! If your picture is missing, please consider submitting one. If you don't have a current picture, please ask someone to take one for you with their phone. Pictures can be emailed to Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org. Or, just stop by the church office and Laura would be happy to take your picture!

Your assistance in keeping our directory updated is a gift to your church family – and thus deeply appreciated.

If you would like a digital copy or paper copy of our latest directory, please email Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org and she will be happy to provide you with a copy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 1	Lucy Parkes
September 2	Ava Tatchim
September 4	Cheryl Riddle
September 5	Ruth Nagy
September 6	Marcia LaMay
September 10	Taylor Crickenberger
September 16	Dave Elkins
September 22	Ed Plagata
September 23	John Lightfoot
	Lucas Majette
September 25	Jessi Lightfoot
September 27	Kendall Frazier
September 29	Patty Hatfield
	Sarah Martin
	Brenda Sellers
September 30	Vicki Bayol



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.



WORSHIP FROM HOME

Are you unable to make it to church because of illness, transportation, or something else? Are you aware that every Saturday we email the bulletin and prayer requests to everyone and supply a link so that you can watch the service from home on your computer?

If you aren't receiving the email, please contact the church office at (703) 754-8546, so that we can add you to our email list.

If you are unable to attend and would prefer a paper copy of the bulletin each week, please call the office and we would be happy to set that up for you.



Farm Tour ❖ Water Fun Day





Haymarket
National Night Out




 Haymarket Summer Concert 



Women's Bible
Study



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	CHURCH GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Sep 7	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Bernice Pearson Ernestine Meyer	Brad Young (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	Lucy Parkes Karen King	Sarah Martin Ernestine Meyer Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Diane Weaver	Karen Frazier
Sep 14	TBA	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Kendall Frazier	John Burke (captain) Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson Keith Bishton	Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler	Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant Karen King Kristin Olson	Heather Bayol Wanda Leap	Bernice Pearson
Sep 21	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Linda Hankey Shannon Barham	TBA (captain) Jim Hardin Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	Lucy Parkes Sarah Martin	Melissa Baker TBA Karen King Brenda Sellers	Heather Bayol Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Sep 28	Randy Anderson	9:15am John Burke 10:15am Sarah Martin Jed Atkinson	TBA (captain) Paul Sellers Johnno Cain Karen King	Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey	Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyer	Cheryl Cox

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER: Sarah Martin (703) 743-4959

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