

# Haymarket Herald

October 2025



## The Gospel of Mark

### **How Should We Use the Bible as We Make Ethical Decisions?**

All of us face ethical decisions daily, and sometimes we find ourselves confronted with very difficult ethical dilemmas. How should Christians use the Bible to guide our decision-making when we face such situations? From September 28 until Thanksgiving, I will be preaching a sermon series on this very question. Even if you don't agree with me on each particular issue, I hope you will use these messages to help you think more clearly about the way we should use God's Word to guide us as we make decisions on ethical questions!

September 28	Finding a Biblical Perspective on Ethical Choices John 7:53-8:11; 1 Corinthians 6:7-19
October 5	Pornography: a Danger for Men and Women Matt 5:27-30; 2 Samuel 11:1-5; Proverbs 2:16-19; Ephesians 5:3-5
October 12	How Should We Treat Immigrants? And Illegal Immigrants? Leviticus 19:33-34; Matt 2:13-15, 19-23; Romans 13:1-5
October 19	Why Should I Turn Down \$200 in Free Bets? Proverbs 10:1-5; John 19:16-24
October 26	How Can We Best Love People Who Identify as "Transgender"? Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 22:5
November 2	Should We Ever Use Violence to Silence Our Opponents? Acts 7:54-8:1; Matthew 5:38-48
November 9	Layperson's Sunday
November 16	Why Did the Early Christians Oppose "Infant Exposure"? Psalms 139:13-16; Luke 1:39-45
November 23	What Does the Bible Advise About Alcohol? Proverbs 23:19-21; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22; 1 Timothy 5:23

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark



## DEACON'S BENCH

### *Shining from Within*

I love all the seasons equally.

Winter carries a soul-warming feel – the quiet joy of time spent with family during the holidays, or sipping hot cocoa as tiny snowflakes gather, slowly blanketing the world in white.

Spring arrives with a soft breeze and that first glimpse of tiny blooms pushing through the thawing ground – a feeling of renewal and quiet promise.

Summer brings the warm sun and an air of relaxation, even as I rush through it, trying to pack in all the joy before it slips away.

And now, Autumn is upon us – with its crisp air, golden leaves, cider, and bonfires that warm our hands and hearts. There's an excitement in the change, and yet a gentle stillness too – like a long exhale after summer's frantic pace.

#### **Handpicked – Chosen with Love**

In the fall, I used to take my kids to the pumpkin patch, searching for the perfect one. Some were lopsided, some scarred, some small – but each had potential.

In the same way, God walks through the world and lovingly chooses us – not because we're flawless, but because He sees what we can become.

You are not overlooked. You are chosen with love by God – handpicked by the Creator of the universe.

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit."*  
– John 15:16 NIV

#### **Cleaned to Shine**

Once my kids picked out the perfect pumpkin – and it passed the "can you carry it?" rule – we'd head home with a big job ahead of us.

Before a pumpkin can shine, it has to be cleaned. The dirt is washed away, and the insides – the sticky seeds and stringy pulp – are scooped out. It's messy work, but necessary if it's going to hold a light.

God does the same with us. He lovingly cleanses and renews us, gently removing the clutter from our hearts:

bitterness, fear, pride, shame. It's not always comfortable, but it's always healing.

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”  
– 1 John 1:9 NIV*

## **Carved with Purpose**

With the freshly cleaned-out pumpkins, my children were eager to get to work – creating giant smiling faces or intricate designs, hoping to let the most spectacular light shine through.

But a pumpkin doesn’t carve itself. It’s shaped with intention, guided by a steady, skilled hand.

In the same way, God carves us with purpose – through experiences, relationships, and even trials. Each cut, each shaping moment, is part of a greater design.

You may not always understand the process, but trust the Artist. He is creating something beautiful in you.

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – Ephesians 2:10 NIV*

## **Shining His Light**

Once carved, the pumpkins were ready to shine. A candle was placed inside, and suddenly, what was once ordinary became radiant.

In the same way, when we invite Christ to dwell within us, His light shines through our lives. We are filled with His light – not for our own glory, but so others may see Him in us.

We become beacons of hope, love, and truth in a dark world.

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” – John 1:5 NIV*


## **Let This Season Remind You...**

You are *chosen, cleansed, shaped, and filled*.

You are not just a vessel – you are a light bearer.

 **Join me this month in beginning each morning with this prayer:**

*“Lord, scoop out what doesn’t belong and fill me with Your light.”*

 **Look for one simple way to shine each day** – through kindness, patience, generosity, or encouragement.

 **Reflect each evening:**

*Did I let His light shine through me today?*

Blessings,

Amber Terrant

Deacon of the Month



## *Musings from A Musician's Perspective*

One of the privileges of serving as your associate pastor is watching how God is at work in ways both big and small. So often, we imagine that God shows up only in the dramatic moments: the miraculous healing, the powerful worship service, the life-changing decision. Those are wonderful gifts from His hand, but the truth is that God is just as present in the ordinary, daily patterns of our lives.

Think about Elijah's encounter on Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:11–12). Elijah expected God to reveal Himself in something dramatic – a mighty wind, an earthquake, or a blazing fire. Instead, God came in a gentle whisper. That quiet voice was enough to remind Elijah that God was near. Isn't that encouraging? Our Lord is not distant, waiting for us to climb mountains or perform great deeds to meet Him. He is already walking beside us, whispering His love into our everyday lives.

I've seen this truth in countless ways:

- In the mother who reads a Bible story to her children before bed.
- In the neighbor who checks in on a shut-in with a warm meal.
- In the volunteer who faithfully shows up week after week to serve without recognition.

None of these moments would make headlines, but each one reflects the heart of Christ. These "ordinary" acts become holy when done in His name.

This month, I want to encourage you to ask a simple question each day: **"Where did I notice God's presence today?"** You may be surprised at how often He reveals Himself – through Scripture, through prayer, through another person, or even through the beauty of creation.

As a church family, let's practice slowing down and giving thanks for the quiet ways God meets us. When we live with that awareness, we begin to see that every moment – whether we're at work, at home, or at rest – can become an opportunity for worship.

Let's remember: Jesus himself was born in the most ordinary of places, yet His presence changed the world forever. If He could transform a stable into a holy place, He can surely fill our ordinary days with His extraordinary love.

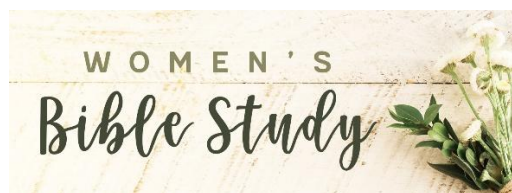
Grateful to serve with you,  
John



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



**Gracie Lightfoot** joined our church on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> by profession of faith. She was baptized on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**O**ur Fall Bible Study will resume on **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – a study in the Old Testament of how God’s plan of Salvation began. We hope you will join us starting in October!

Blessings from Bernie



## SOCKTOBERFEST

**F**or the month of October, the Outreach Committee will be collecting NEW socks for the SERVE Homeless Shelter in Manassas.

They are in need of NEW socks in ALL sizes for both kids and adults.

Socks can be dropped off at the church and put in the labeled box in the foyer.



## CHURCH PICNIC

**A** good time and good food was had by all who attended the annual church picnic on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Check out our photohighlights on pages 8-9. Thanks for all who attended and a special thank you to those who helped in many ways by cooking, setting up, helping with children’s games, fishing, bringing food to share, and



cleaning up.



## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

We've settled into a good routine now, and the tears have stopped for those little ones who miss mommy! We conducted our first fundraiser, we met at Manhattan Pizza for a Spirit Night Dinner...and we've had lots of police officer visitors (daddies of preschoolers)! We've been to chapel and learned about obedience, we have had 2 fire drills – they are already amazing, getting out of the building in less than 1 minute and 20 seconds! We have learned about Creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah's Ark. We have done many apple projects and learned our letters and sounds, too! We have prayed around the flagpole for our country and first responders, and we have had our school picture taken – it's been a fun and busy month! So far it's shaping up to be a fabulous preschool and kindergarten year!

In October we will conduct speech screenings – which will help parents remedy some of those little issues often found in preschool age students. Our Kindergarten kiddos are memorizing the Books of the Bible, doing Apple and Pumpkin Investigation units...and going on their first field trip to Maple Tree Farm. The firetrucks will visit and we'll share goody baskets for the fire station! We have Joe Corbi/Claire's Frozen Food Fundraiser if you'd like to participate – I will leave some flyers on the table in the foyer. Near the end of the month, we will introduce Operation Christmas Child. We have a few other big events this month – Back to School Nights, with the Sky Tree Book Fair and the FAMOUS –

“Harvest Hoedown” with ponies, pumpkins, trail mix and a rodeo! We also have our first parent-teacher conferences and report cards...doesn't it sound like a super fun and very busy month???

We hope HBC has a beautiful fall season – God's beautiful design all around us, as leaves change, air becomes crisp...apple cider is for sale...and it's time for a jacket! Looking forward to this festive month of fun!

In His Service,  
Mrs. Laurie Frasz  
HBCPK Director



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA CHOIR REHEARSALS

On **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, our musicians will help lead us in worship through our Christmas Cantata. We are also excited to have the children join for a few songs. While it seems summer was just here, Christmas is not that far off. **We welcome anyone to join us for the Cantata, even if you aren't a consistent member of the choir or a member of the church.** Please let John Majette know if you would like to sing with them!

Rehearsals will be from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. on the following dates –

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 29<sup>th</sup>  
November 5<sup>th</sup>  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
November 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December 10<sup>th</sup>



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**P**lease take a moment and check our church directory to see if your information is up to date and 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](mailto: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](mailto:laura@my-hbc.org) and she will be happy to provide you with a copy.

**NewsLetter  
DEADLine**

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

**D**o 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](mailto:laura@my-hbc.org). All submissions need to be submitted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month for the following month's newsletter.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 2	Drew Blincoe John Burke Jean Fairall
October 3	Mac McVeary
October 9	Warren Thompson, Sr.
October 16	Johno Cain
October 23	Claudia Brawley
October 26	Ruby Savage
October 27	Giti Fardad
October 29	Wanda Leap Jacob Vasquez
October 30	Rommari Lambert



**2025-2026 ASL Class  
Meets Wednesday Nights  
6:00 -7:00pm**





YOUTH GROUP



PROMOTION  
SUNDAY



# September

HIGHLIGHTS



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  <div>October 2025</div>						
Key to Abbreviations Z – Zoom H – Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)						
<b>5</b> 8:00 Deacon Meeting 9:30 Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:45 Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship <sup>H</sup> – Dr. Olson 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	<b>6</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study <sup>H</sup> 7:00 Church Council <sup>H</sup>	<b>7</b> 4:30 Advanced ASL Class	<b>8</b> 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 ASL Class 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Cantata Choir Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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# SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN OCTOBER 2025

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	CHURCH GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Oct 5	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Bernice Pearson Ernestine Meyer	Brad Young (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Karen King <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Sarah Martin Ernestine Meyer JAM Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Diane Weaver	Karen Frazier
Oct 12	Randy Anderson	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Kendall Frazier	John Burke (captain) Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson Keith Bishton	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	Heather Bayol Wanda Leap	Bernice Pearson
Oct 19	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Linda Hankey John Burke	TBA (captain) Jim Hardin Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Sarah Martin <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro JAM Karen King Leslie Pritchler	Heather Bayol Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Oct 26	Randy Anderson	9:15am Linda Olson 10:15am Sarah Martin Jed Atkinson	TBA (captain) Paul Sellers Johnno Cain Karen King	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyer	Cheryl Cox

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