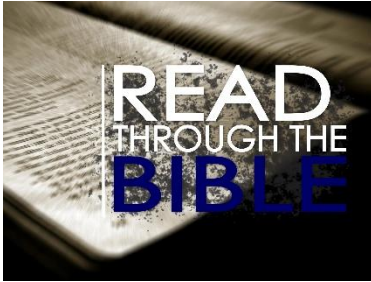


Haymarket Herald

January 2026



The Gospel of Mark

Pledge to Read Your Bible in 2026!

On Sunday, January 18, I will ask each member of the Haymarket Baptist Church family to make a pledge to read all or part of your Bible in 2026. Even if you are not a formal member of our church, I would like you to carefully consider my challenge.

Reading the Bible is one of the most important ways that God uses to help us grow closer to Jesus Christ, his Son. As we read the Old Testament, we develop a deeper understanding of just how long God worked to prepare Abraham's descendants to receive the Messiah. It took more than a thousand years for the Jews to get ready!

Then, when you read the Gospel of Luke (which I am hoping ALL of you will read this year), you begin to appreciate that God not only prepared the Jewish people for Jesus, He prepared the entire Roman World for a Savior. God used Caesar's own census to get Joseph to travel back to his family's original hometown of Bethlehem, so the Messiah would be born in the same town where his ancestor David grew up.

If you choose to read Luke, part 2 (also called Acts), you will see how the Roman conquest of the entire Mediterranean world made it easier for the early Christian missionaries like Paul to travel all the way from Jerusalem to Rome, a journey of more than 1000 miles. The Christian faith spread more quickly during the first century AD than it could have a few centuries earlier.

If you read part or all of God's word, God himself will begin to speak to you and guide your spiritual development. Therefore, on January 18, we will distribute pledge cards to everyone who comes to worship and we will give you an opportunity to make that pledge during worship. You will have four possible pledges to make:

1. To read the Gospel of Luke
2. To read one book of the Bible each month of 2026
3. To read the key books of the Bible in Biblical order (reading one chapter a day for the entire year)
4. To read the entire Bible (reading four chapters a day for the entire year)

Please begin praying now so you will be ready to make a pledge on January 18.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from A Musician's Perspective

Thank You

In the middle of December, our sanctuary was filled with more than music — it was filled with worship, testimony, and the unmistakable presence of God.

Our Christmas Cantata was not simply a performance; it was a proclamation. Through every note, harmony, message, and moment of silence, the story of Christ's birth came alive once again. What a joy it was to watch our choir lead us in worship with such passion, humility, and excellence.

I want to express heartfelt thanks to every choir member who gave their time, energy, and faith to prepare. Many rehearsed after long workdays, adjusted family schedules, and pushed through weariness — all so that the Gospel could be clearly heard. Your sacrifice did not go unnoticed, and it made an eternal difference.

Thank you to our Young Musicians, sound and media teams, and all who worked behind the scenes. You are often unseen, but your ministry is deeply felt. Thank you to Bethany Bogart, who devoted so much time and energy, led sectionals, and also her continued professionalism. We are so blessed to have her here at Haymarket Baptist Church.

One of the most moving moments for me was watching our congregation worship — not as spectators, but as participants in the story. Some wiped tears, some smiled, some sang along softly — and in that moment, I was reminded why we do this.

Music has the power to open hearts so the Holy Spirit can move in ways words alone cannot.

As we move forward into a new season, may the message of the Cantata remain in our hearts:

“The Light has come, and the darkness cannot overcome it.”

Thank you, church family, for allowing me the honor of serving you through music. The song may have ended, but its echo is still calling us to live for Christ every day.

Pastor John



**SHINE YOUR
LIGHT.
SHARE GOD'S
LOVE!**

DEACON'S BENCH

Happy New Year to everyone! May you have a blessed new year.

As we start the New Year, I find it's the time to reflect on how we can better serve God. Put behind us the things we wanted to accomplish but didn't and focus on what we want for this coming year. We need to make every effort not to be distracted from God's plan.

I recently read a sermon by D.L Moody based on an actual shipwreck that occurred near the Cleveland harbor. The story is about a ship crashing on the

rocks because of the failure of the lower lights along the shore. Without the guiding lights, the ship floundered and landed on the rocks. As a result, many lives were lost. Moody ended his sermon, “Brethren, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse, let us keep lower lights burning.”

Philip P. Bliss heard this sermon and was inspired to write the hymn:

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Brightly became our Father’s mercy
From the lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights upon the shore

Dark the night of sin has settled;
Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching
Longing for the lights upon the shore.

Trim your feeble lamps, my brothers:
Some poor seaman tempest lost,
Trying now to make the harbour,
In the darkness be lost.

Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave!

Some poor fainting, struggling seaman you may rescue, you may save.

As Christians we are entrusted by our Savior with the responsibilities as well. People are depending on us; we are a shining light to those who are lost.

Acts 13:45 “For so the Lord has commanded us saying, I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth”.

Psalms 36:9 “For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.”

May our light shine this New Year.

Linda Hankey
Deacon of the Month



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday’s at 9:30am

Adult Classes

J.O.Y. – Room 14 (downstairs)

Formations – Room 45 (upstairs)

Children/Youth Classes

Children (age 4 through 5th grade – Room 49 (upstairs)

Youth (6th grade through high school) – Youth Room (upstairs)

Sunday’s at 9:45am

Deaf Ministry Class

Praising Hands – Fellowship Hall

We hope you will join us on Sunday mornings as we grow together in faith and fellowship!



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.

Welcome New Members

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



The Dillard family – Ryan, Lisa, Jackson and Hadley joined our church on Sunday, November 20th. Ryan and Lisa have previously accepted Christ as Lord. Jackson and Hadley have accepted Christ as Lord and will be immersed later this year.



Manuella Tatchim joined our church on Sunday, December 7th. Manuella has accepted Christ as Lord and was immersed on Sunday, December 28th.



Liam Montoro joined our church on Sunday, December 7th. Liam has accepted Christ as Lord and was immersed on Sunday, December 28th.



NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

It has been a busy time for the Children's Committee. In November, we hosted our Family Movie Night. It was a sweet time of fellowship as families enjoyed the classic movie "The Fox and the Hound" while sharing pizza and drinks. It was a relaxed and enjoyable evening of togetherness, and we're thankful for everyone who joined us.

What a wonderful time our children had at Parents' Night Out in December! The evening was filled with laughter and joy as the children played games, made crafts and gifts, sang together, and enjoyed a movie about the Three Wise Men and the birth of our Savior. It was a blessing to see both the children and volunteers having such a great time. A special shout-out and heartfelt thank-you to all our adult and youth volunteers who helped make this event a success!

It was also a joy to see so many children and families at the Living Nativity where we shared the Christmas story together. This evening was truly a blessing for all who attended.

We're excited to keep the fun going in the new year. As we begin 2026, the Children's Committee is planning and preparing more events and activities to help our children grow in faith while building friendships.

Our first event of the year is **Family Game Night on Friday, January 23rd from 5:30–7:30pm**. Join us for an evening filled with fun and laughter for all ages! Enjoy dinner, snacks, and a variety of games as we come together for a night of fellowship and connection with our church family. Feel free to bring your favorite game to share. **Be sure to mark your**

calendars—you won't want to miss it!

Additionally, we invite your children to participate in the following weekly church activities –

Sundays at 9:30am

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 11:15am

Children's Worship

(following the children's sermon during the 11:00am service)

Wednesdays at 6:00pm (resuming January 14)

Children's Choir

We can't wait to welcome you and your children in the weeks and months ahead!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 5	Tom Kennedy
	Krista Kish
January 11	Dinah Thompson
January 13	Olivia Wendel
January 14	David Cain
	Henry Terrant
January 16	Anna Duckett
January 21	Stan Clem
	Thomas Hatfield
January 22	Joan Duckett
	Sheila Major
January 24	Daniel Grippando
January 25	Bettye Lee Montgomery
January 26	Cecilia Jones
January 28	Jonathan Wendel
January 29	Tanya Woodward
January 30	Kaylee Duckett



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! We enjoyed 7 fabulous Christmas programs and celebrating the reason for the season, with many of our students enjoying the Live Nativity this year, too!

This month brings us to the halfway point of the year, so it will include report cards, parent teacher conferences and registration for next school year...can that be already!

Our kindergarten students did a beautiful job singing at the town Holiday Bazaar, and now they are wrapping up their social studies for the year (after studying maps, Virginia and 12 countries) and will celebrate with an International Luncheon towards the end of January. They are currently learning the 10 commandments, and the big buzz is their excitement about Forest Frank, a contemporary Christian recording artist – they are humming and singing his songs non-stop!

In Pre-K, our students have started reading groups, and will have a readiness screening this month to see how ready they are for kindergarten. They are soaking up the learning rapidly at this point, and it is so wonderful to be a part of their learning and growth.

Our little ones in the 2's and 3's are growing and learning too, looking forward to celebrating Mitten

Day by wearing their mittens all day with many fun experiences.

We have an open house on Saturday, January 24th at 10:00am – there will be tours, and class visits in preparation for the new year with new families. Registration for current students is Monday, January 26th at 7:00am, and for church members and alumni it is 7:30am. New families can register on January 28th at 7:00am. This registration takes place on our website, www.hbcpk.com and the registration fee is due just prior to registration (\$175.00). Please let us know if you need details or information about registration this year!

Our little Jamaica school is receiving our first shipment this week! We are so happy that they will finally get this food, medicine and hygiene supplies! They still do not have water or power up on Cornwall Mountain! We are so grateful to the church mission board and the generous December offering slated for Jamaica Link Ministries – your kind contributions to this worthy cause will be well spent as they try to get churches reopened and roofs on them! We look forward to all our ongoing mission projects together – serving Jesus, and the kingdom – near and far!

Praying for God's most abundant blessings in the year ahead for this church and this school!

With love,
Laurie Frasz,
HBCPK Director



You're invited!

Family Game Night

Fun for
All Ages!



01/23/2026

5:30 - 7:30pm

Haymarket Baptist Church



Card Games
Board Games
Dinner

RSVP HERE

Bring a favorite game to share!

Interested in volunteering?
Talk to Jed Atkinson





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <div>January 2026</div> 						
Key to Abbreviations Z – Zoom H – Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)						
4 8:00 Deacon Meeting 9:30 Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:45 Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship	5 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 7:00 Church Council ^H	6 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	7	8	9	10 8:30 Men's Bible Study Breakfast
11 9:30 Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:45 Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	12 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H	13 3:00 Advanced ASL Class 6:30 Stewardship Meeting ^Z	14 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 ASL Class 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	15	16	17 8:30 Men's Bible Study
18 9:30 Children/Youth/Adult Sunday School 9:45 Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	19 MLK Jr. Day 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 11:00 Women's Bible Study Luncheon	20 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	21 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 ASL Class 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Business Meeting	22	23 5:30 Family Game Night Newsletter Deadline	24 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN JANUARY 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	CHURCH GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Jan 4	TBA	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 Atkinson Ernestine Meyer JAM Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Diane Weaver	Vicki Cristiani
Jan 11	TBA	9:15am Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Kendall Frazier	John Burke (captain) Johnno Cain Susan Kaczmarek	<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
Jan 18	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Linda Hankey Shannon Barham	Keenan Bayol (captain) Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Missy Baker Aranka Montoro JAM Karen King Dinah Thompson	Heather Bayol Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Jan 25	TBA	9:15am Linda Olson 10:15am Sarah Atkinson Jed Atkinson	Jason Hudson (captain) Paul Sellers Karen King Keith Bishton	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Karen King Manuella Tatchim	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyers	Cheryl Cox

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY: Linda Hankey (804) 840-0089

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