

# Haymarket Herald

March 2026



## The Gospel of Mark

Read Gary Chapman's  
*Five Love Languages*  
with us

In 1975, I was a freshman at Wake Forest University and attending First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem each Sunday. But several friends of mine told me that a dynamic young Associate Pastor named Gary Chapman would soon start teaching a ten-session discussion on "Preparation for Marriage" at another local church—Calvary Baptist. They all said that Gary was a marvelous teacher, and since I wanted to be married one day, I decided to attend all ten sessions.

Though I quickly discovered that Gary was a fascinating and insightful teacher, I had no idea that twenty years later he would write a New York Times best-selling book entitled, *The Five Love Languages*. He has sold more than 20 million copies of *The Five Love Languages*! This book has revolutionized the way many people look at marriage and has helped thousands of couples better understand one another. Gary's insights on "love languages" help improve relationships between friends, parents and children, and other folks as well.

I would like to invite you to join your fellow church members on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. as we read *The Five Love Languages* together. The church will give you a free copy of the book and I believe strongly that you will find it helps you better understand people you love (but who also frustrate you at times!).

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark



## ***Musings from A Musician's Perspective***

As we step into March, we find ourselves standing at a meaningful crossroads in the life of the church. The months behind us have been filled with God's faithfulness and the days shared ahead invite us to keep growing together in faith, hope and love.

March is often a season of transition. Hopefully winter begins to loosen its grip, the days grow brighter and we're reminded that God is always at work – often quietly, steadily and beautifully – bringing new life where we least expect it. In the same way, God continues to shape our hearts and our church family, even in moments when growth feels slow or unseen.

This month, I encourage each of us to reflect on a simple but powerful question: How is God inviting me to take one small step closer to Him?

It may be through prayer that becomes more intentional, worship that becomes more heartfelt or service that stretches us beyond our comfort zone. Spiritual growth is rarely about big, dramatic changes – it is most often built through faithful, everyday obedience.

As your Associate Pastor, I am continually grateful for the way our congregation cares for one another. I see it in the quiet prayers offered in the hallways, the helping hands that serve without recognition and the willingness to walk alongside others during both joyful and difficult seasons. These moments may not make headlines or be noticed by many, but they reflect the very heart of Christ.

March also reminds us that we do not walk this journey alone. God designed the church to be a family – one where encouragement, accountability and compassion are shared freely. If you are feeling weary, uncertain or disconnected, please know that you are not alone. We are here to walk with you, pray with you and support you in whatever season you are facing.

My prayer for you this month is simple: that you would sense God's nearness in fresh ways and that your faith will be strengthened through both quiet moments with Him and meaningful connections with others.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving alongside you. It is an honor to be part of what God is doing in and through this church. I look forward to all that He will continue to grow among us this spring.

In Christ,  
Pastor John



## DEACON'S BENCH

### Cover the Back Door

**O**ur church is entering an exciting season. New Ministries and programs are beginning, and we are preparing to launch a capital campaign. God is clearly at work among us.

But whenever God is moving, we must remember that we have an enemy who would love to stop that work. Satan will do whatever he can to hinder the growth of the church and prevent men, women, boys and girls from coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

How does he work? Rarely through obvious attacks. More often, he sows doubt, discouragement, misunderstanding and division within the body of Christ. He whispers the same words he used in the Garden: "Did God really say...?" (Genesis 3:1 "Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, you shall not eat of any tree in the garden?"). For centuries, he has used the same strategy to deceive and disrupt God's people.

So how do we guard against this?

First and foremost, we must **PRAY**. Prayer is our greatest protection and our strongest defense.

1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,

seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith..."

Second, leadership must **communicate clearly** – what we are doing and why we are doing it. When people understand the vision, unity grows.

1 Corinthians 8:10 "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters...that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

Third, if you have a **question, concern or even a difference of opinion**, go directly to the person or committee involved. Share your heart respectfully, seek understanding and once you have done so, leave it there. Refuse to allow doubt or frustration to spread.

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone..."

I have seen firsthand what happens when a church fails to guard its unity. I was once a part of a thriving church doing wonderful ministry in both the congregation and the community. Over time, leadership stopped listening. Decisions were made without valuing the voices of the people. Slowly, division crept in and the work suffered.

That is why I write this reminder: cover the back door.

Guard against pride. Guard against poor communication. Guard against gossip. Guard against division. Protect the unity of the church through prayer, humility and open communication.

Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Let's stay vigilant so that nothing distracts us from the mission God has given us.

Dan Valentine  
Deacon of the Month



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



**Wyatt Lightfoot** joined our church on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Wyatt has accepted Christ as Lord and will be immersed this spring.



## VALENTINE BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION

The Outreach Committee hosted a successful Valentine's Banquet on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We were honored to welcome Sara Knight, Founder of the *Sweet Julia Grace Foundation*, along with her husband, Jason.

Through the silent auction and dinner donations, a total of \$7,156 was raised. While we are still awaiting a few reimbursement receipts, we anticipate contributing more than \$6,000 in proceeds to the *Sweet Julia Grace Foundation*. This organization supports children with special needs and their families. Sweet Julia Grace lovingly refers to these children as “rain dancers”.

Sara Knight also shared a special Freedom Quilt, donated by the grandmother of one of the rain dancers. The quilt was given as a gesture of gratitude to Sweet Julia Grace for providing her grandson with an all-terrain mobility chair. The “Freedom” theme represents the newfound freedom and independence her grandson now experiences.

The evening was filled with fellowship and joy, featuring dinner, desserts, dancing, games, and the always popular Newlywed Game. Congratulations to Erin and Cody, the winners of this year's Newlywed Game, who missed only one question—an impressive accomplishment.

The Outreach Committee extends sincere thanks to everyone who generously donated their time and auction items, as well as to the youth who faithfully served dinner and desserts. Haymarket Baptist is truly blessed with many talented individuals who

contribute through decorating, serving and emceeing (*Liz and John*). Thank you to all who helped make the evening such a meaningful success.

Wanda Leap  
Outreach Committee



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22 -26

### It's time to register!

We invite all children rising to kindergarten through 5th grade to join us for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School at Haymarket Baptist Church the week of **June 22–26 from 9:00am to 12:00noon.**

This year's theme is *Kingdom Quest*, where children will discover what it means to follow Jesus and live in God's kingdom. It promises to be an epic adventure filled with inspiring Bible stories, uplifting worship songs, exciting games, creative crafts and engaging activities. Our goal is to create an environment where faith is exciting, adventurous and fun!

**Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through May 10<sup>th</sup>.** For your convenience, you can register online at: <https://link.my-hbc.org/2026vbsregistration>. You may also scan the QR Code to the left or register in person beginning **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Printed registration forms will be available at the church.



### Calling All Volunteers!

If you have already volunteered, thank you for your willingness to help us create the best Vacation Bible

School experience ever!

Additional volunteers are needed. Whether you enjoy leading a group, helping with decorations, crafts, games, security or working behind the scenes, there is a place for you on our team. Your time and heart for children can make a lasting impact. If you're available during the week of June 22–26 from 9:00am to to 12:00noon – or even if you can help in other ways – we would love to have you join our team! For more information or to sign-up, contact one of our VBS Co-Directors or use the following link: <https://link.my-hbc.org/2026vbsvolunteer>.

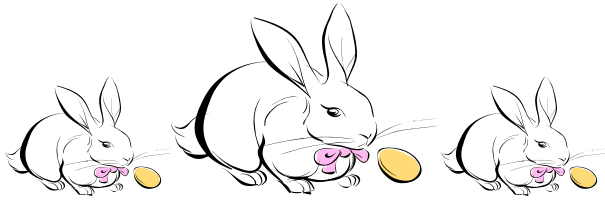
### Volunteer Meeting

An important meeting for all volunteers – and anyone considering volunteering – will be held on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Join us to hear about our exciting plans for VBS, learn how we will bring the *Kingdom Quest* theme to life and get your questions answered. Plus, enjoy some delicious pizza while we connect!

If you plan to attend, please let Sarah Atkinson, VBS Co-Director, know so we can purchase the right amount of pizza: [mamawmartin2012@gmail.com](mailto:mamawmartin2012@gmail.com) or (703) 743-4959.

For additional information, please contact: Karen King, VBS Co-Director at [karenking1234@gmail.com](mailto:karenking1234@gmail.com) or (703) 795-9127.





## EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am – 12:00noon**

**P**lease join us for some Easter fun! Children ages 0-10 are invited to hunt for eggs on our church lawn, enjoy a snack, and make a craft. Pastor Mark will share a short story with the kids, and the Easter bunny will be available for photos.

Volunteers are also needed! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Sarah Atkinson at [mamawmartin2012@gmail.com](mailto:mamawmartin2012@gmail.com) or (703) 743-4959.



## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

**D**ear Church Family,  
February was packed full of fun and learning and the children really enjoyed all our festivities – 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, valentines, doctor and dentist visits, pajama day, pizza and pancake parties! The parents really go 'all-out' for the Valentine Mailboxes!

We sure are enduring some chilly and wintry weather! We miss the playground! We are grateful for the times we can use the fellowship hall to have indoor recess to get those wiggles out!

Registration went smoothly and we have a pretty full house for next year (2026-2027). We praise God for all the blessings of new students and returning staff, He is so good!

We will register for Summer Camp this month, celebrate Dr. Seuss, enjoy a new Christian book fair company 1:55 (stands for Isaiah 55), have some pretty special events for daddies of preschoolers (Dessert with Dad for the 3's and Top Dog Dad for Pre-K), a spirit night at Manhattan Pizza and our Easter Parties and egg hunts!

We are not all just fun and games – right now Kindergarten is masterfully reading and taking comprehension quizzes with our accelerated reader program, they are learning about the 5 senses and our beautifully designed human bodies and soon will spend 4 weeks studying a variety of animal habitats. They are learning all about the Miracles Jesus performed. Our Pre-K kiddos are in reading groups now, 3 times a week and learning more about the 'teen numbers'. Our littles are working their way through the alphabet – each letter highlighting a special animal friend and we learn how God created him/her – such as Penny Penguin or Quentin Quail! We are learning about the life of Christ leading up to Easter and the Resurrection this month.

We are looking forward to spring weather and all the activities that go with it – more outdoor time, raising chicks and butterflies, flying kites and learning about animal life cycles.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the school and its staff. We are definitely a blessed bunch here!

In His Love,  
Laurie Frasz  
HBCPK Director



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 1	Sue Copen
March 3	Lauren Vasquez
March 4	Novastella Cain
March 5	Ellen Plagata
March 6	Kelly Shirley
March 9	Sandy Dishmon
March 11	Kyle Montoro
March 17	Smitty Schmidt
March 19	Gracie Lightfoot
	Wyatt Lightfoot
March 22	Cheryl Cox
	J.T. Frazier
March 23	Paul Sellers
March 24	Glenna Clem
	Joyce Fairfax
March 25	Jason Hudson
March 30	Barry Harlan
	Clay Lambert



## 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](mailto:laura@my-hbc.org) and she will provide you with the latest version.



## 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.

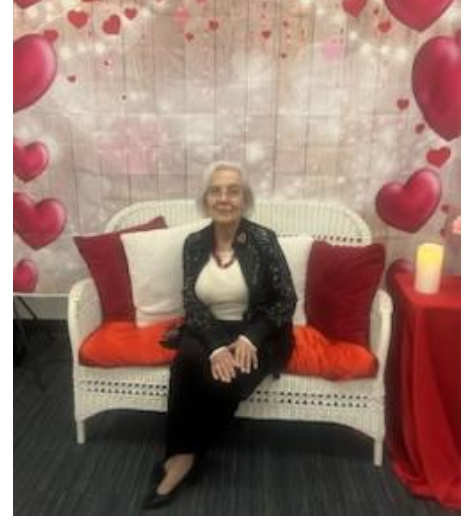


## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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 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.



2026  
*Valentine Banquet  
and  
Silent Auction*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March 2026</b>						
<b>1</b> 8:00 Deacon Meeting 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship <sup>H</sup> 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	<b>2</b> 7:00 Church Council <sup>H</sup>	<b>3</b> 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	<b>4</b> 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 Men's Bible Study
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings Starts 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship <sup>H</sup> 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	<b>9</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study <sup>H</sup>	<b>10</b> 3:00 Advanced ASL Class 6:30 Stewardship Meeting <sup>Z</sup>	<b>11</b> 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 ASL Class 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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<b>29</b> Palm Sunday 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship <sup>H</sup> 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	<b>30</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study <sup>H</sup>	<b>31</b> 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	<u>Key to Abbreviations</u> Z – Zoom H – Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)			

**SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN MARCH 2026**

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Mar 1	Randy Anderson	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Bernice Pearson Shannon Barham	Brad Young (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Karen King Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Sarah Atkinson Ernestine Meyer JAM Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek	Heather Bayol Diane Weaver	Karen Frazier
Mar 8	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	John Burke (captain) Johnno Cain Susan Kaczmarek	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler Youth Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	Heather Bayol Carol Dixon	Bernice Pearson
Mar 15	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Linda Hankey Kendall Frazier	Keenan Bayol (captain) Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro JAM Karen King Manuella Tatchim	Heather Bayol Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Mar 22	Randy Anderson	9:15am Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Sarah Atkinson Jed Atkinson	Jason Hudson (captain) Paul Sellers Karen King Keith Bishton	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey Youth Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyers	Cheryl Cox
Mar 29	TBA	9:15am Linda Olson 10:15am Bob Foster Patty Foster	Brad Young John Burke Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson (captains)	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Eleanor Bouch Youth Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Missy Baker Eleanor Bouch JAM Karen King Wanda Leap	Heather Bayol Linda Olson	Sue Copen

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH: Dan Valentine (585) 474-2908

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