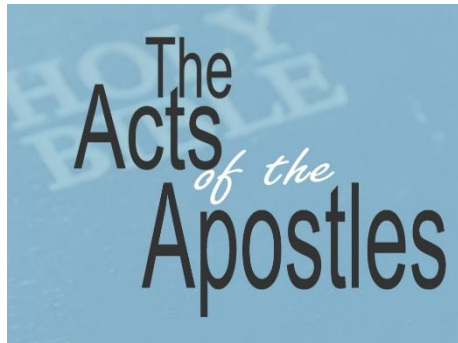


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## The Gospel of Mark

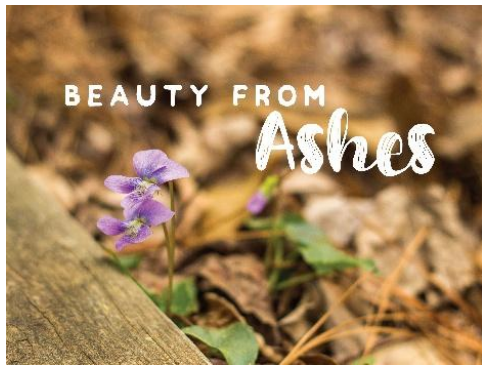
### Preaching Through Acts: Learning How Early Christianity Exploded Throughout the Roman World

Beginning on Sunday, April 12, John and I will be preaching a series of sermons based on the book, “The Acts of the Apostles.” This will give you a much better understanding of the way early Christianity exploded throughout the entire Roman Empire. Despite sporadic persecution, the early believers in Jesus’ Resurrection risked their lives to tell their neighbors about Jesus the Messiah, and how he offered salvation to Gentiles as well as Jews. Some of you may wish to include Acts in your daily Bible reading for the next few months. I promise that it will enhance your worship experience!

Here is a list of the Scripture texts and sermon titles that I will use over the next few months. John will be preaching in August from one of the Acts passages as well:

4/12/26	Why Did Luke Write "Acts"?	Acts 1:1-11
4/19/26	The Miracle of Pentecost – Reaching All Nations	Acts 2:1-41
4/26/26	A Description of the Earliest Church	Acts 2:42-47
5/3/26	Peter and John Heal a Lame Beggar	Acts 3:1-26
5/10/26	Peter and John Stand Strong Against Jewish Leaders	Acts 4:1-31
5/17/26	True Generosity vs. Dishonest Giving	Acts 4:32-5:11
5/24/26	Rabbi Gamaliel Defends the Apostles	Acts 5:12-42
5/31/26	Jewish Christian Leaders Affirm Gentile Christianity	Acts 6:1-15
6/7/26	The Jesus Movement Spreads to Samaria	Acts 8:1-25
6/14/26	Stephen Preaches Boldly to the Sanhedrin	Acts 7:1-60
6/21/26	God Brings the Gospel to Africa	Acts 8:26-40
6/28/26	The Most Important Conversion in World History	Acts 9:1-30

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark



## *Musings from A Musician's Perspective*

**A**pril is a season filled with hope, renewal, and the powerful reminder of God's redeeming love. As spring begins to bloom around us, we are invited to reflect on the new life we have in Christ. This month, our hearts and minds turn especially toward the celebration of Easter – the cornerstone of our faith.

The resurrection of Jesus is not just a historical event we remember once a year; it is the very foundation of our daily living. Because He lives, we have hope in every circumstance. Because He conquered the grave, we are offered victory over sin, fear, and death. What a joy it is to serve a risen Savior!

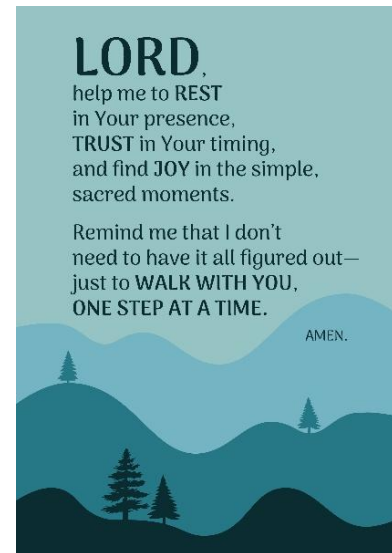
As we journey through this season, I encourage you to take time to prepare your heart. Attend worship faithfully, spend time in God's Word, and reflect on the sacrifice and triumph of Christ. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you for our Easter services – this is one of the most meaningful opportunities we have to share the good news.

Let us also be mindful that resurrection power is not only something we celebrate – it is something we live. Each day is an opportunity to walk in the newness of life, to extend grace, to offer forgiveness, and to reflect Christ's love to those around us.

May this month be a time of spiritual renewal for you and your family. I am grateful to serve alongside you and to witness the ways God is working in and through our church.

He is risen – He is risen indeed!

In Christ,  
Pastor John



## **DEACON'S BENCH**

**A**s a child I remember waking up early and seeing my mom sitting on the side of her bed praying. This was her daily routine. She would motion to me to join her and sometimes I would sit quietly next to her, or I would just wave and walk away.

At night before going to sleep my mom would come into the bedroom and pray with me beginning with, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." and ending with, "please God make me a good little girl". As I grew older, I continued with the same prayer replacing the latter with, "and help me pass my test" or "help my team win the kickball game" or some other request. My prayers weren't creative. As years passed, I prayed silently to myself. If during the day I saw someone struggling, someone who appeared lonely or a person who was physically challenged, I would ask God to help them.

To be honest, years later, I can admit that I don't have a specific time set aside for daily prayer. While walking in the morning I might randomly speak to

God asking Him to be with me through the day, to help me in making decisions or to watch over a relative or friend. In the evening while in bed, I might replay the day and whisper words of thanks for His presence in my life. I have gone through life talking to God in short conversations. For me, praying any other way doesn't feel natural and I admit that I envy people who can pray spontaneously. I think that is a wonderful quality.

I often feel God's presence when I am observing the beauty and sounds of nature. God's power was evident to me and a group of women early one Sunday morning while on a hike. Several years ago, two friends, my sister Barbara, and I followed the white trail into the woods at Camp Johnsonburg in New Jersey. We diligently went from one trail marker to the next making our way along the path. We continued to a point in the woods where the markers were no longer posted. We were lost! We trudged on walking and talking until we came to a swampy area. We could travel no further due to the condition of the terrain, and it appeared as if we were truly lost. We stood in disbelief and the suggestion was made to pray. So, we did. Just as we finished praying, in the distance we heard a squawking sound approaching us. Looking up through the trees, a single white swan was flying over us. We stood in admiration, what a beautiful sight! Was this a coincidence or were we just grasping for the notion that this was a sign from God? I thought to myself how surreal this could be if this swan showed us the way. We questioned what to do and since we didn't know which way to go, we walked in the direction of the swan's flight and soon found our way out of the woods and back to our cabin. Did God just show us the way? To this day I think of what a remarkable experience that was. It was a very spiritual and moving moment for the wandering quartet, a moment I will never forget.

Having come to this place, Haymarket Baptist Church, has also been a spiritual and emotional experience for me. I leave home on Sunday morning and travel down Washington Street, as I do a hundred times during the week. At times, as I approach the church, a very different feeling surrounds me. It is in this sanctuary that I find fulfillment. I know that my "cup" that was slowly emptied by the occurrences of the week will be replenished by Pastor Mark or

John's message to us, by a hymn sung in unison, or by the anthem the choir sings. I need to come here to be rejuvenated and be touched by God. It seems there is always some aspect of my attendance that "hits home" and reaches my heart. I am so thankful for this place and for God's forgiveness when my actions may deviate from what He would want me to do.

There are so many blessings we can be thankful for, especially for this church, where we are nurtured and supported in our spiritual life. As Haymarket Baptist Church strengthens us, we need to do the same for the church by volunteering our time and giving generously from our hearts. I pray that God will continue to guide us in our daily lives, helping us to be the Christians, He would want us to be and that He will continue bless us all.

Blessings,  
Susan Kaczmarek  
Deacon of the Month



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 1	Joi Canavan
April 5	Jason Crites
April 6	Troye Payne
April 9	Brittany Elkins Daniel Valentine
April 10	Keenan Bayol Linda Olson
April 14	Mary Frances Crockett
April 15	Nora Blincoe
April 16	Madison Elkins Morgan Jones
April 17	Melissa Baker
April 21	Patty Foster
April 23	Linda Abbott
April 26	Parker Frazier

Welcome  
New Members

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



**Kennedy Cackowski** joined our church on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Kennedy has accepted Christ as Lord and will be immersed later this year.

**Marie Browning** joined our church on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Marie has been a Christian for many years and is moving her membership to HBC from Hume Baptist Church.



# FARM TOUR

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# PICNIC

April 18

1:00-3:00PM

8032 OPAL RD  
WARRENTON VA 20186

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY AT THE FARM! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY WHERE WE GET UP CLOSE TO ALL YOUR FAVORITE FARM ANIMALS. WE WILL BE HAVING A POTLUCK PICNIC SO THOSE ATTENDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A DISH. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

RSVP BELOW AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR  
EMAIL [LAURA@MY-HBC.ORG](mailto:LAURA@MY-HBC.ORG)

FAMILY : \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER ATTENDING : \_\_\_\_\_





## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Sunday's at 9:30am

#### Adult Class

J.O.Y. – Room 14

#### Children/Youth Classes

Children (age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) – Room 49

Youth (6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school) – Youth Rm

### Sunday's at 9:45am

#### Deaf Ministry Class

Praising Hands – Fellowship Hall

#### Adult Class

Formations – Room 45

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



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22 -26

**W**e are thrilled to welcome your children to Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year! Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for an unforgettable

week, June 22-26 from 9:00am – 12:00pm each day. It promises to be a fun, engaging, and meaningful experience!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for your children or grandchildren to participate in VBS, where they will discover what it means to follow Jesus and live in God's kingdom.

**Registration is open through May 10<sup>th</sup>!** Please sign up as soon as possible, as space is limited and spots are filling quickly. You can register online at: <https://link.my-hbc.org/2026vbsregistration> or scan the QR code to the left. Registration forms are also available at the church.



If you have any questions about registration or volunteering, please contact Karen King, VBS Co-Director, at (703) 795-9127 or [karenking1234@gmail.com](mailto:karenking1234@gmail.com).

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here: <https://link.my-hbc.org/2026vbsvolunteer>



## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

**D**ear Church Family,  
We enjoyed a festive and productive month of March! We enjoyed a very fun Seuss week with special snacks, along with a new book fair – filled with really wholesome books and religious titles. We celebrated some daddies at Dessert with Dad and a

Top Dog Dad cookout with a comedian! We enjoyed a spirit night at Manhattan Pizza, and our mommies stuffed 2500 eggs for our egg hunts!

It was "Kindness Month" at HBCPK, and each grade level did something nice for others!

Our 2's and 3's donated Flip Flops for Jamaica. Our MWF 4's donated to the church pantry and Easter boxes, and our Pre-K and K made kindness rocks – please check out the parking lot and look for some pretty painted rocks. The children in Pre-K prayed as they placed them – that these rocks would bring joy and happiness to all arriving in the parking lot for church services. Kindergartners spread their rocks in their communities/neighborhoods.

It was also Pastor Appreciation Month! In February some of our classes did birthday cards for Pastor Mark and this month all the rest of the classes made him a kindness card, because we appreciate all he does for us! The children enjoy the relationship they have with Pastor Mark and his stories of Jeffrey and Lisa!

Finally, this month we had our Easter Parties – the children have all learned the entire Easter story and our K students made their own set of “Resurrection Eggs” so they can take them home and tell the entire story to their families. We value being able to instill God's word, God's love and His sacrifice on our behalf with our little ones. Our K students are enjoying their new Bibles and often ask teachers if they can take them down from the shelf to read during playtimes – so wonderful – the desire to read God's word at age 6! What a blessing we have each day to share the Word and see the eagerness!

When we come back from Easter Break, it will be April! Then, we are into Nursery Rhymes, life on the pond, life cycle of chicks, frogs, and butterflies, and many special events! We have our last parent work day to make 122 graduation hats! We have kindergarten graduation photos. And, it's time for the annual Mother's Day Tea Parties for all 8 classes of 4 yr olds – they are April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 2:00pm, and we'd sure love to have some helpers from the church to pour tea, make sandwiches and help wash all those tea cups! Please let me know if you can help! We also have Muffins with Mom for

our 3 yr old students, our K students have a field trip to Leesburg Animal Park, and our rising Pre-K kids will get a chance to visit our K classrooms and eat lunch with a K buddy. It's also Administrative Professionals Day this month and we will be spoiling our admin team, as well. We do have some testing coming up this month for our Pre-K and K children – always ensuring that we are hitting all the milestones to send them on their way to performing at their very best, with God's plan in mind for them! K students will be learning the 23rd Psalm, with sign language this month, to perform at Graduation in May.

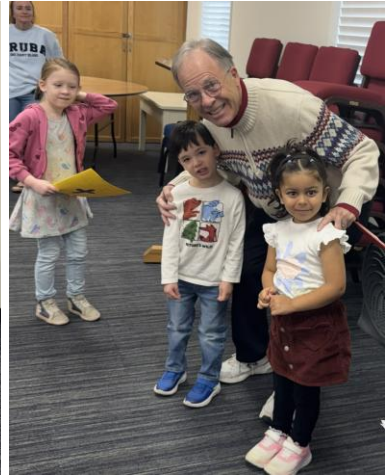
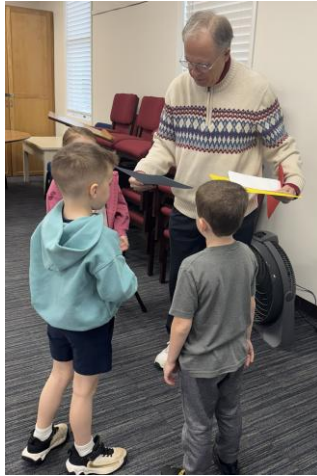
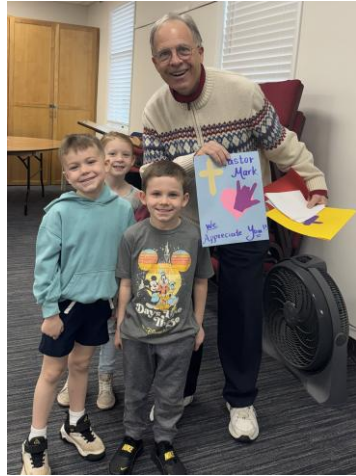
A quick update from Jamaica Link and our efforts with the schools there – the Cornwall Mountain Basic School now has a new roof! We are stunned that the government has completed this project, and is now working at mold removal, and restoring the bathroom and kitchen to usable spaces. The hope is to reopen in August. I do have a wish list from the teachers there to outfit the interior rooms since everything blew away or was ruined in the storm. If you are interested in supplying an item or two for this school, they would appreciate it. Thank you for considering! Purchases from this list will auto ship to HBCPK, and items will go down to the school in the May container onboard a ship, or in my suitcases in July. Here is the WISH LIST: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2W5UHRTOL1Q7U?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2W5UHRTOL1Q7U?ref=wl_share)

We hope you enjoy the photos included on the next two pages – honoring Pastor Mark, distributing our kindness rocks, and the roof construction in Jamaica. We are grateful to partner with you for the pantry and the holiday baskets you put together for the needy. We look forward to ongoing shared ministry opportunities (Operation Christmas Child, Jane's Pantry, Boxes of Basics, Socktoberfest, the Angel Tree and Jamaica!).

Happy Easter Everyone – we serve a Risen Savior...AMEN!

With Blessings on your Springtime!  
Laurie Frasz  
HBCPK Director

# PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY




## New Roof On Jamaica School





**KINDNESS  
ROCKS**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p><u>Key to Abbreviations</u>  Z – Zoom  H – Hybrid (Zoom &amp; In Person)</p>						
<b>5</b> 8:00 Easter 9:30 Early Easter Worship <sup>H</sup> Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Easter Worship <sup>H</sup> 11:15 Children's Worship	<b>6</b> Church Office Closed	<b>7</b> 3:00 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 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 APRIL 2026**

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Apr 5	Randy Anderson	7:15 Paul Sellers Brenda Sellers 9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Kendall Frazier Shannon Barham	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	Karen Frazier
Apr 12	TBA	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Linda Hankey	John Burke (captain) Johnno Cain Susan Kaczmarek	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	Heather Bayol Carol Dixon	Bernice Pearson
Apr 19	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Ernestine Meyer Bernice Pearson	Keenan Bayol (captain) Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler <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
Apr 26	TBA	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 <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Heather Bayol Ernestine Meyers	Cheryl Cox

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL: Susan Kaczmarek (732) 754-9838

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