

Haymarket Herald

May 2026



The Gospel of Mark

Celebrating Five Baptisms!

Beginning on Sunday, May 10, we will celebrate five baptisms of new believers on four different Sundays. From the earliest years of the Christian faith, baptism has been one of our most joyous celebrations. I hope you will arrange your calendar to worship with us on as many of these Sundays as possible. I frequently tell young people that the decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the most important decision they will ever make. If that is so, our entire congregation should send a message about the importance of those decisions by coming together and celebrating with these new believers on the days they are baptized!

Here is the schedule of our upcoming baptisms:

May 10	Baptism of Wyatt Lightfoot (Mother's Day)
May 24	Baptism of Kennedy Cackowski
May 31	Baptism of Jackson and Hadley Dillard
June 14	Baptism of Peter George

In addition to witnessing these baptisms in person (or on-line if necessary), I would like to make two more requests to members and regular attenders of Haymarket Baptist Church. I would like you to: 1. learn the names and faces of these five brothers and sisters in Christ (look at the new member board as you enter the sanctuary for help!), and 2. introduce yourself to these five and begin to call them by name as you see them in church or in the community. That will help them to more quickly feel a part of our congregation.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



*God's Gifts Equip
Us for Ministry*

DEACON'S BENCH

A Season of Growth, Service, and Spiritual Gifts

I love the month of May. Spring is in full bloom, and everywhere we look, we see signs of new life—bright blue skies, warm sunshine, blooming flowers, trees full of leaves, and birds singing. It's a beautiful reminder of God's creation and His power to renew, restore, and grow.

I see that same kind of growth happening here at Haymarket Baptist Church.

When I first came to HBC in March 2023, I only planned to visit once or twice before exploring other churches in the area. But from the moment I walked through the doors, I felt at home. God knew exactly where I needed to be, even before I did. At that time, I was walking through a season of grief, but through worship, Sunday School, Bible study, quiet time with God, daily devotionals, prayer, and fellowship, He filled me up. I joined HBC in July 2023.

Not long after joining, I began to sense God nudging me to get involved. My first reaction was hesitation—I didn't feel equipped or adequate, and I wasn't sure I was ready. When I heard about needs like Vacation Bible School Director or Children's Worship teacher, I remember thinking, "That's way too big—I can't do that." You may be feeling the same hesitation I felt.

But God has a way of gently calling us out of our comfort zones.

Soon after, when I was asked to help co-direct VBS, I said yes—much to my own surprise. Since then, I've seen firsthand how God provides exactly what we need. He brings the right people together, each with unique gifts and strengths, to accomplish His work. We are not called to serve alone—God is with us every step of the way. Over the past couple of years, we've seen so much growth in our church:

- Our children's and youth ministries are expanding
- New Sunday School classes have formed
- Spaces have been created and updated to meet growing needs
- More families and children are getting involved and accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior

You can see and feel the amazing work God is doing here.

But with growth comes both opportunity and need.

It takes many people to faithfully serve in these ministries—teachers, assistants, nursery workers, youth leaders, and those working behind the scenes. Every role matters. Our church has been richly blessed with dedicated volunteers, but we currently have a special need in the nursery during Sunday School. By adding a few more volunteers, we can better care for our youngest members and lay a strong foundation of faith—teaching them about God, Jesus, and the Bible in a loving, caring environment.

Scripture reminds us in 1 Peter 4:10:

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

As Lowell Parkes shared during Layperson Sunday on November 9, 2025, every believer has been given at least one spiritual gift—and often more. These gifts may look different—teaching, serving, encouraging, leading, showing mercy, giving, and administration, just to name a few—but every gift matters, and every gift has a purpose. First Corinthians 12:4–11 and Romans 12:3–8 outline these spiritual gifts.

If you’re not sure what your gifts are, I encourage you to pray, reflect, seek God’s guidance, and talk to others in the church. Sometimes others can see in us what we don’t yet see in ourselves. And sometimes, as in my own experience, it simply starts with saying yes—even when we feel uncertain or inadequate. You may also want to take a spiritual gifts assessment, as Lowell mentioned in his sermon last November (giftstest.com).

It’s amazing what God can do when we trust Him and step out in faith. God equips us with everything we need to do His will.

As we enter this season of growth in our church, I invite you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve. At our recent church business meeting, several areas of need were shared, including opportunities to serve as ushers, on the Counting Committee, the Children’s Committee, and in our Nursery Sunday School. There is also a need for members to serve on the Outreach Committee and on additional committees that have openings where your time and talents could make a meaningful impact. If you feel led to serve, I encourage you to reach out to Cyndy Coffey, Chair of our Nominating Committee. No gift is too small or too big—God can use each one in powerful ways.

God is doing many wonderful things in our church, and He can use the unique gifts you have been given to further His Kingdom. All you need to do is step out in faith.

Karen King
Deacon of the Month





Musings from A Musician's Perspective

As we step into the month of May, we find ourselves surrounded by reminders of new life and renewal. The beauty of spring reflects the truth we celebrate every day as believers—that through Christ, we are made new. *“Therefore, anyone united in Christ becomes a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

The weeks following Easter are a wonderful time to reflect on what the resurrection truly means for us. It is not just a moment in history, but a daily invitation to live with hope, purpose, and joy. As a church family, I encourage you to lean into that truth—allowing Christ to renew your heart, your mind, and your walk with Him.

In our music ministry, May is an exciting and meaningful time. Our choirs and musicians continue to lead us in worship each week with dedication and passion. I am especially grateful for the way our music ministry helps us express our faith—not only through words, but through melody and harmony that draw us closer to the Lord. Whether it's a familiar hymn or a new anthem, music has a powerful way of preparing our hearts to hear God's Word. Our children's choirs will have an opportunity to lead in worship, and I hope you can find time to encourage each of them.

We also look forward to celebrating and recognizing the hard work of our children and students as many of their activities come to a close for the season. Their energy and enthusiasm are a blessing to our church, and it is a joy to see them growing in both

faith and confidence. Thank you to all of our volunteers who invest so faithfully in the next generation.

As summer approaches, I want to encourage each of you to remain connected and engaged. It can be easy to drift during busy seasons, but this is a vital time to continue gathering for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. Let's be intentional about inviting others, serving one another, and staying rooted in Christ.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you. It is a joy to worship together each week and to witness how God is at work in our church family. May this month be filled with renewed strength, deepened faith, and a continued passion to glorify Him in all we do.

In Christ,
Pastor John



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22 -26

Attention all parents and grandparents!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is just around the corner! It will run from June 22 to June 26 from 9:00am to 12:00pm each day. If you haven't registered your children yet, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible, as the **registration deadline is May 10, 2026**. This is a fantastic opportunity for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade to discover what it means to follow Jesus and live in God's kingdom.

You can register online at <https://link.my-hbc.org/2026vbsregistration> or scan the QR code below. Registration forms are also available at the church.



If you have any questions about registration or volunteering, please reach out to Karen King, VBS Co-Director, at (703) 795-9127 or via email at karenking1234@gmail.com.

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity for your children or grandchildren to experience Vacation Bible School—we can't wait to see them there!



2026 Easter Food Boxes



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| May 1 | David Gibbs
Joseph Mazzu
Ann York |
| May 2 | Elizabeth Shirley |
| May 5 | Christine Rawls
Amber Terrant |
| May 7 | Lisa Mazzu |
| May 9 | Brittani Riddle
Jim Weaver |
| May 13 | Lawson Duckett
Mary Riddle |
| May 14 | Layla Lambert |
| May 15 | Bernice Pearson |
| May 16 | Kris Crickenberger |
| May 18 | Debbie Young |
| May 19 | Wayne Pritcher
Diane Weaver |
| May 21 | Cyndy Coffey
Ty Arrington |
| May 24 | Valoree Faw |
| May 30 | Betty Jo Goff
Kathy Razmgar |
| May 31 | Jim Hardin |



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



Peter “Pete” George joined our church on Sunday, March 29th. Peter has accepted Christ as Lord and will be immersed on Sunday, June 14th.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH AND NEW NURSERY CLASS

Our Sunday School continues to grow, and we're grateful for all that God is doing in our church family! In January, we added a second Adult Sunday School class called Formations, which meets upstairs in Room 45 from 9:45–10:45am. This joins our existing adult class, the JOY class, which meets downstairs in Room 14 from 9:30–10:30am. These two adult classes are in addition to the Praising Hands Deaf class, which meets in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45–10:45am.

We also offer Children's Sunday School for ages 4 through 5th grade and Youth Sunday School for students in 6th grade through high school. These classes are held upstairs.

As part of this growth, we are excited to now offer a Nursery Sunday School class for our youngest children.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for loving volunteers to serve in the Nursery during the Sunday School hour on a rotating basis—ideally once a month. This is a meaningful opportunity to share God's love with our littlest ones through play, simple Bible stories, songs, and attentive care.

If you feel called to serve as a teacher, assistant, or substitute, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Karen King, Nursery Coordinator, at (703) 795-9127 or karenking1234@gmail.com.

If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, we warmly invite you to join us—and bring

your little ones to the Nursery. We would love to see you on Sunday mornings!



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

Happy May! Spring is in full swing, and so is your preschool! Wrapping up tea parties, muffins with mom and mother's day spa...all things 'mommy'! We are so grateful that Linda Olson, Karen King and Susan Kazmaryk were able to help at the tea parties – serving and making sandwiches! We enjoyed a sweet visit with baby chicks in April...learning about life cycles. We hosted Bingo Night for our Pre-K kids with pizza – a big hit! Kindergarten kids got to try on their graduation robes and caps for a picture!

Now, on to May! We are practicing our graduation songs...this year it's a Western Theme – *Oh What a Beautiful Morning* from Oklahoma, and several other cowboy themed tunes and of course a few patriotic ones are included. We will be spoiled rotten for Teacher Appreciation Week...otherwise known as 'stretchy pants' week, because we are so well fed every single day! Preschool wraps up mid-month with year-end class parties. We hand out awards for those that memorized all their Bible verses, and we work diligently to finish up the preschool curriculum and Father's Day Crafts.

Kindergarten is still going strong with raising butterflies, planting seeds, memorizing the 23rd Psalm with sign language, advancing through

reading groups, learning addition, subtraction and measurement. We are getting ready for field day, and we are counting down the alphabet backwards, until we get to A – the Awards Assembly! The weeks are filled with special dress up days, color days, special food items, and projects! "D" is for Donuts and Devotions with Dad – a special morning time in Kindergarten – so many sweet memories for our kiddos and families to keep close in their hearts. We are grateful to the Council for helping us serve cake at the Kindergarten Graduation! Thank you Pastor Mark for leading chapels this year, and to John Majette for leading music for our K kids!

At the end of the year support staff and the preschool team will be cleaning everything – even the blinds, curtains, furnishings, trash cans, and toys. And,

midweek will join together for an end of year luncheon with the Preschool Council (May 19th). We will have our 'Secret Pal Reveal' at this time...who has been blessing me all year...soon to find out!

Then it's on to summer camp for 3 weeks with themes like Critter Camp, Space Camp and Hawaii Ocean Camp! It will be a busy summer, with licensing, ordering, hiring, long range planning, contracts, in-service training, and cleaning. Here's to the end of the school year – number 22 for me as of June 4th! We covet your prayers for the safety of our school, and for all the plans God has for us!

With springtime blessings,
Laurie Frasz
HBCPK Director





PALM SUNDAY





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 May 2026 						
<u>Key to Abbreviations</u> Z – Zoom H– Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)						
3 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 ^H 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	4 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 7:00 Church Council ^H	5 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	6 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 ASL Class 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	7	8	9 8:30 Men's Bible Study
10 Mother's Day 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship	11 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H	12 3:00 Advanced ASL Class 5:00 ASL Concert Practice 6:30 Stewardship Meeting ^Z	13 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	14	15	16 8:30 Men's Bible Study
17 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	18 10:00 Women's Bible Study ^H 11:00 Women's Bible Study Luncheon 6:00 ASL Concert Practice	19 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	20 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 ASL Spring Concert 7:00 Adult Choir	21	22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 8:30 Men's Bible Study
24 / 31 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H 11:15 Children's Worship 5:00 Youth Group	25 Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	27 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Adult Choir	28	29	30 8:30 Men's Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN MAY 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
May 3	TBA	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	Keenan Bayol (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritcher 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	<u>Sunday School</u> Cyndy Coffey Kristin Olson Worship Diane Weaver Wanda Leap	Karen Frazier
May 10	TBA	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Kendall Frazier Linda Hankey	John Burke (captain) Johnno Cain Susan Kaczmarek	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritcher Youth Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Karen King Kristin Olson	<u>Sunday School</u> Karen King Kathy Razmgar Worship Carol Dixon Missy Baker	Bernice Pearson
May 17	Randy Anderson	9:15am Linda Olson 10:15am Shannon Barham Bernice Pearson	Keenan Bayol (captain) Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Sarah Atkinson Cyndy Coffey Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro JAM Christy Wisor Wanda Leap	<u>Sunday School</u> Brenda Sellers TBA Worship Lisa Dillard Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
May 24	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 Youth Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	<u>Bible Adventurers</u> Johnno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	<u>Sunday School</u> Karen King TBA Worship Ernestine Meyers Linda Hankey	Cheryl Cox
May 31	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Paul Sellers Brenda Sellers	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 Leslie Pritcher	<u>Sunday School</u> Wanda Leap Linda Olson Worship Linda Olson Carol Dixon	Sue Copen

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