

Haymarket Herald

July 2026



The Gospel of Mark

Reading Through Acts for Summer Worship

Beginning this Sunday, July 5 and continuing throughout the summer, John and I will be preaching through the Book of Acts during morning worship. Let me encourage you to devote some of your daily Bible reading to Acts so that you will be better prepared to understand each sermon. Here is a summary of the Scriptures we will be covering during July:

July 5	Christ Seeks Believers from Every Nation (250th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence)	Acts 10:1-48
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In this sermon I will point out how Christ began to seek out believers from every nation. I will also ask if there is a relationship between God's plan to spread faith in Jesus to all nations and the founding of our own country 250 years ago. To stimulate your thoughts, we will provide a copy of the Declaration of Independence in every worship bulletin. We will examine the comments the Founders made about God in the Declaration. We will also note the importance that "religious freedom" played in Virginia and for our nation. I hope our July 5th worship will help you think deeply about these important matters!

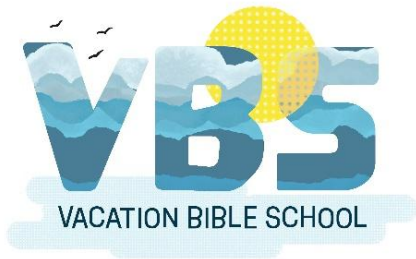
July 12	Christian Leaders Argue About Seeking Gentiles	Acts 11:1-30
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July 19	Why Was James Killed but Peter Set Free?	Acts 12:1-19
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If you have ever prayed for a loved one to be healed but they died in spite of your prayers, this message may speak to your hurt. Acts tells how both the Apostles Peter and James were threatened by King Herod Agrippa—but while Peter was miraculously saved from harm, James was executed by the King. Why does God do a miracle in one person's life but allows another believer, perhaps equally faithful, to die?

July 26	Paul and Barnabas Launch the First Missionary Journey	Acts 12:25-13:12
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In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from A Musician's Perspective

Celebrating God's Work Through Kingdom Quest

What an incredible blessing it has been to witness God at work through this year's VBS – Kingdom Quest and Youth VBS! Our church was filled with joyful laughter, heartfelt worship, meaningful Bible lessons, and countless opportunities to grow in faith.

From our youngest children to our teenagers, we witnessed lives being touched by God's love throughout Vacation Bible School. During the week, participants learned biblical truths, built meaningful friendships, enjoyed exciting activities, and discovered how God's Word applies to their everyday lives.

One of the greatest blessings was watching our teenagers grow in their faith while stepping into servant leadership. They enthusiastically volunteered throughout the week, helping lead the morning skits and carrying that same energy and commitment into the evening for Youth VBS. Their excitement was contagious and made a lasting impact on everyone around them.

It was especially encouraging to see many of our teens invite their friends to join them. Whether they came with someone they knew or attended as first-time guests, every student was warmly welcomed and quickly became part of the group. Seeing our youth demonstrate Christ's love through kindness, inclusion, and genuine friendship was a beautiful

reminder that God is at work in the lives of the next generation.

We averaged 20 teens a night which is so exciting to see! I am very thankful for our adult volunteers, Vicky Bayol, Drew Blincoe, Johno Cain, Taylor Crickenberger, Kathy Kennedy, Kristin Olson, and Chrisy Wisor! Drew and Johno also led meaningful and heartfelt devotions on two of the nights.

These ministries would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, teachers, kitchen workers, decorators, registration team, musicians, and everyone who gave their time, talents, and prayers. Your willingness to serve reflects the love of Christ, and your investment in the next generation will have an eternal impact.

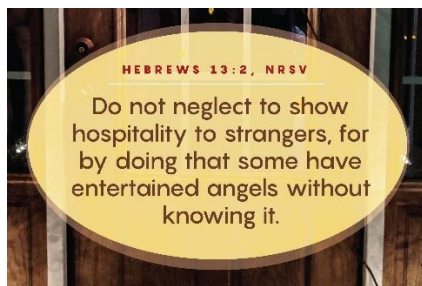
As we celebrate what God has done, let us continue praying for every child and teenager who attended. May the seeds of God's Word planted during these special days continue to grow, producing lasting faith and a lifelong desire to follow Jesus. Let us also look for opportunities throughout the year to encourage and disciple our young people as they continue their spiritual journey.

Many of the 3rd through 5th graders from Vacation Bible School expressed an interest in making professions of faith or wanting to explore more conversations around how to follow Christ in everything they do. Pastor Mark and I are beginning our Young Believers class for several weeks beginning at 3:00pm on Sunday, July 12th. We are not only encouraged, but excited to read through the book of Matthew with the group.

Thank you to everyone who made Kingdom Quest and Youth VBS such a wonderful success. May we continue to be a church that welcomes, teaches, and nurtures the next generation for the glory of God.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

In Christ,
Pastor John



DEACON'S BENCH

Last week was an extraordinary week at Haymarket Baptist Church. From Vacation Bible School each morning to Youth VBS on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, our building was filled with laughter, learning, and the excitement of seeing God at work.

I was inspired by our teenagers. Over 20 youth volunteered to help with kids VBS. They arrived early each morning and spent the week leading each age group, helping with games, crafts, music, and snack, building relationships with the children, and bringing incredible enthusiasm to everything they did. Several even spent the month leading up to VBS practicing the Bible stories they would present during Large Group each morning. Their hard work showed. They didn't simply tell the stories—they brought them to life.

Their example made an impact. At the end of the week, one child in my group excitedly told his mom that one day he wants to volunteer, just like the youth. What a beautiful reminder that our young people are already discipling the next generation simply by the way they love and serve.

I was equally encouraged by what happened during Youth VBS. Each evening, we gathered for Bible study and a fun activity—water day, a scavenger hunt, and laser tag. We began the week with 19 students, and by the final night we had 23 teenagers participating.

What impressed me most wasn't just the attendance. It was the culture. Our core youth group welcomed everyone who walked through the door, including first-time visitors and our rising sixth graders. They invited others into conversations, included them in activities, and made them feel like they belonged. Several youth who had originally come only to volunteer for kids VBS decided to stay and join us in the evenings because they felt so welcomed.

Their example is one worth following. Whether someone is visiting our church for the first time or has been here for years, every one of us has the opportunity to help people feel seen, valued, and included. Hospitality isn't just the responsibility of our fantastic Greeters Team on Sunday mornings. It's part of what it means to be the family of God.

This month, I have a simple challenge for all of us: introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Learn their name. Ask how they're doing. Invite them into a conversation. You never know how a small act of welcome might encourage someone to return, or even become part of our church family.

Our teenagers reminded me that sometimes the best examples of sharing Christ's love come from the youngest among us. May we all follow their lead.

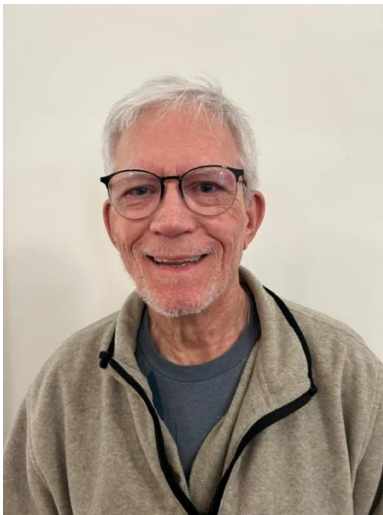
Kristin Olson
Deacon of the Month



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22 -26

A Week of Growing in God’s Kingdom



Marty Blakely joined our church on Sunday, June 28th. Marty comes to us as a previously baptized believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

What an incredible week we had at Vacation Bible School! From June 22–26, Haymarket Baptist Church was filled with excitement, laughter, music, learning, and the love of Jesus as children discovered what it means to live in God’s Kingdom and follow Jesus, the Light of the World. While there was plenty of fun throughout the week, our greatest joy was seeing God at work in the hearts of children and families.

Throughout the week, we welcomed an average of 71 children each day. They enjoyed engaging Bible stories presented by our youth, *The Lightbearers*; energetic worship songs led by Pastor John and our youth; creative crafts and snacks; exciting games; and meaningful small-group discussions. Our VBS host, Johnno Cain, brought incredible energy and enthusiasm to each day’s opening and closing rallies. Dressed in a different costume to match the daily theme, Johnno kept the children laughing, engaged, and excited as he reinforced each day’s Bible story in fun and memorable ways. Through every activity, children learned more about God’s love and what it means to follow Jesus every day.



Erin Brannock joined our church on Sunday, June 28th. Erin comes to us as a previously baptized believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

As part of this year’s missions project, VBS kids and their families, volunteers, and members of our church-family generously donated food for our Blessings Box. The children also learned how the Blessings Box serves our community and how they can show God’s love by caring for others through acts of kindness and generosity. Most importantly, the children heard the Gospel each day and were encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus

Christ. At the end of the week, 31 children completed response cards indicating how they responded to God's Word, including decisions to accept Christ, be baptized, share their faith, and join the Young Believers Class. While these responses represent different stages in each child's spiritual journey, we rejoice in what God is doing in their hearts and will continue praying for them and their families.

To help these children continue growing in their faith, Pastor Mark and Pastor John will begin a **Young Believers Class on Sunday, July 12th from 3:00–4:00pm**. Parents or grandparents interested in their children or grandchildren participating in the class are encouraged to contact Pastor John.

Another fun highlight came during our Friday celebration lunch. The children worked hard all week learning their memory verse, and after successfully reciting it, they earned the chance to pie John in the face—a fitting finale to a week filled with laughter, learning, and God's love. It was the perfect ending to a week in which John's enthusiasm, humor, and daily themed costumes kept the children excited and eager to discover what God had planned for them each day.

There were so many memorable moments throughout the week. One team leader shared that a boy began Monday morning saying, "This is going to be boring. This is for little kids." By Friday, with the most enthusiasm, he declared, "This is the BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!" Moments like these remind us that God often works in ways we never expect.

Vacation Bible School would not have been possible without God's faithfulness and the many volunteers who generously gave their time, talents, and energy. This year, 47 adult volunteers and 21 youth helpers faithfully served throughout the week. Thank you to everyone who assembled decoration kits, decorated the church, donated supplies and financial gifts, prepared lessons, led teams, organized and led crafts, games, music, and snacks, cared for our nursery, welcomed families at registration, provided food and snacks for volunteers, prepared and served lunch on Friday, worked behind the scenes—including photography, technical assistance, slideshow preparation, and security—and faithfully prayed throughout this year and during VBS week. A special

thank you also to HBC Preschool (HBCPK) for your continued support and partnership. We are especially grateful for the beautiful backdrops and other decorations you generously shared, which added so much to our decorations, and to the preschool teachers who served during VBS week. Your kindness, encouragement, and willingness to partner with us were a tremendous blessing. Every act of service helped create an environment where children experienced the love of Christ.

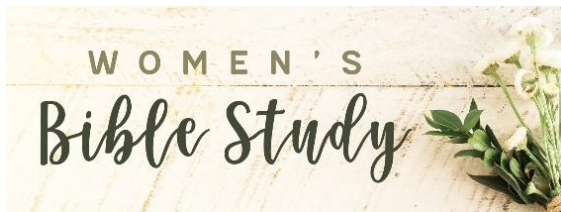
We are also grateful to our entire church family for your prayers, encouragement, and generous support. Together, we planted seeds that we trust God will continue to grow. Please continue praying for every child who attended VBS, especially those who made spiritual decisions or are seeking to know more about Jesus. Pray that the truths they learned will take root in their hearts and bear fruit for years to come.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2027 is already scheduled for June 21–25, 2027. While next year's theme has not yet been announced, we are already looking forward to another exciting week of helping children grow in their relationship with Jesus. If you were unable to volunteer this year, we would love to have you join us next summer.

As we celebrate an amazing week, we give God all the glory for what He accomplished through Vacation Bible School 2026. We look forward with anticipation to what He will continue to do in the lives of the children who attended this year and to another exciting week of VBS in 2027.

Please enjoy the photos on page 12-13 highlighting some of the wonderful memories from this year's VBS.

STAY
connected
THIS SUMMER



WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY

We concluded Women's Bible Study on the book of Proverbs and will now take a break for summer. We will convene again in late August or early September. It has been a good year of studying together God's Word. I am grateful for the faithfulness in attendance and the support given to me.

In August, we will have our Annual Ice Cream Social at Cookies and Cream! Watch for the date which will be announced soon!

I hope that as summer vacations end, school begins again and life routines get more settled again, that you will put Monday mornings from 10:00am – 11:00am on your calendar to join us as we start a new study. You can join in person or on Zoom.

Wishing all a safe, wonderful summer!
Blessings from Bernie



DON'T FORGET!

There will be **NO** Children's Worship during July and August. Worship Activity Packets will be available for each child every Sunday. The packets will be in baskets available for pickup in the Overflow Room.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

We are still looking for a nursery assistant volunteer for Sunday School. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Karen King, Nursery Coordinator at (703) 795-9127 or karenking1234@gmail.com.

Sunday's at 9:30am

Adult Class
J.O.Y. – Room 14

Children/Youth Classes
Children (age 4 through 5th grade) – Room 49
Youth (6th grade through high school) – Youth Room

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!





PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,
D Happy Summer! Happy July, and 250th birthday of our great country! Our school completed three very fun weeks of summer camp – all about Space, Oceans and Little Critters made by God! We enjoyed water play outside every Friday...had popsicles, made crafts, sang songs, and learned a Bible Truth each day! Now it's time to rest and prepare for the next school year. We are glad to have helped HBC with Vacation Bible School again this year with workers and decorations!

We are happy to report that we have upgraded some exterior cameras for school and church use, and gave a love offering toward the air conditioners/capital campaign fund.

This month finds us packing up boxes for another container to Jamaica! Also, my husband and I will travel with suitcases on July 11th to help build a playground at Grants preschool, renovate the bathrooms, thanks to many kind donations, and purchase a refrigerator too! We will visit Cornwall Mountain, and see the progress with the new roof, and bless them with teaching materials for the new building – charts, toys, book cases, picnic tables etc. We are excited that they can start the school year back up – safely and well equipped! Enjoy some pictures from our latest container which served over 96 needy families – meals for a week, new shoes, undies/clothing and hygiene kits!

In the coming weeks we hope to do a playground work day, and are trying to update the surface materials on the little playground. We will shampoo the carpets in August. We are doing some hiring, getting in supplies, making minor repairs, and a lot of paperwork and emails as we place students in classes, set up extra curriculums, create calendars and newsletters, complete licensing, the fire marshall inspection, the health inspection, develop an in-service program for staff, and work with our accrediting body/ACSI for our annual report. My list is very long to get ready to welcome new staff, new children and families – it comes quick! Enjoy some summer camp pictures and a few from goods going to Jamaican kiddos and watch for exciting news in August from your preschool!

In His Service,
 Laurie Frasz
 HBCPK Director



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| July 5 | Vicki Cristiani |
| July 8 | Ryan Dillard
Henry Vasquez |
| July 11 | J.R. Rodgers |
| July 13 | Dottie Swain |
| July 15 | Sharon Jinks |
| July 16 | Mary Camarca
Kim Rife |
| July 20 | Jan Gray |
| July 21 | Erin Adams
Laura Harrigan |
| July 25 | Ilona Grippando
Vicki Shank
Faith Wisor |
| July 26 | Marvin Gray |
| July 28 | Matthias Majette
Vicki Meek |
| July 29 | Liz Payne |
| July 31 | Keith Bishton |

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

OPEN TO ALL ELEMENTARY AGED
CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

THURSDAY
JULY 9TH, JULY 23RD AND JULY 30TH
10:00AM - 10:30PM

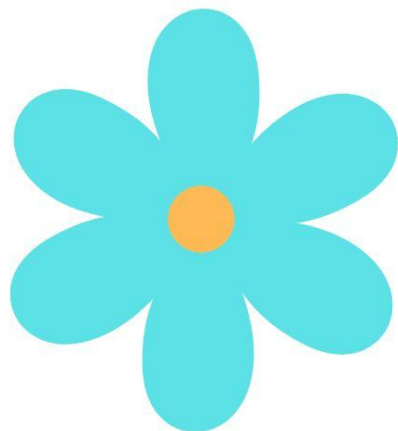
HAYMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH
OVERFLOW ROOM

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A DROP OFF EVENT

A SMALL SNACK
WILL BE PROVIDED



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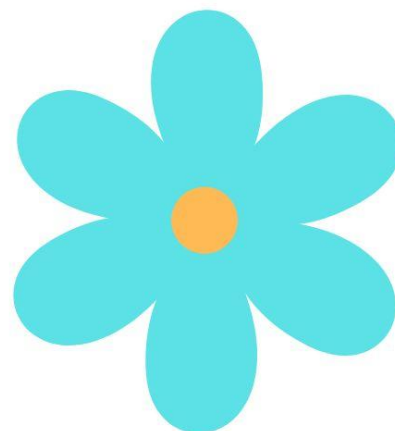
Young Believer's Class

**Pastor Mark and Pastor John
will be leading a class on the
Book of Matthew!**

**Contact
Pastor John
if you are interested**

john@my-hbc.org

**Class starts Sunday, July 12th
3:00pm - 4:00pm**





Jamaica

Summer Camps



Graduate Recognition and Children's Choir





RED TEAM



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GREEN TEAM



ORANGE TEAM



BLUE TEAM



YELLOW TEAM



VBS

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PURPLE TEAM





YOUTH VBS 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 July 2026 						
			1 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	2	3 Church Office Closed	4 Fourth of July 8:30 Men's Bible Study
5 9:30 Children/Youth/J.O.Y. Sunday School 9:45 Formations Sunday School and Praising Hands Class 11:00 Worship ^H	6 7:00 Church Council ^H	7 3:00 Advanced ASL Class	8 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	9 10:00 Children's Story Time	10	11 8:30 Men's Bible Study
12 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 3:00 Young Believer's Class	13	14 3:00 Advanced ASL Class 6:30 Stewardship Meeting ^Z	15 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Business Meeting ^H	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN JULY 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
July 5	TBA	9:15am Linda Olson 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	TBA (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	<u>Children</u> Karen King Brenda Sellers <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe		<u>Sunday School</u> Cyndy Coffey TBA <u>Worship</u> Diane Weaver Wanda Leap	Kathy Razmgar
July 12	TBA	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Paul Sellers Brenda Sellers	TBA (captain) Johno Cain Susan Kaczmarek	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Johno Cain		<u>Sunday School</u> Karen King Erin Adams <u>Worship</u> Carol Dixon Missy Baker	Bernice Pearson
July 19	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Bernice Pearson Linda Hankey	Keenan Bayol (captain) Bob Coffey Jed Atkinson	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe		<u>Sunday School</u> Brenda Sellers Kathy Razmgar <u>Worship</u> Lisa Dillard Linda Hankey	Joannie Duckett
July 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>Sunday School</u> Missy Baker Susan Kaczmarek <u>Worship</u> Ernestine Meyers Linda Hankey	Cheryl Cox

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