

Haymarket Herald

August 2026

We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**

The Gospel of Mark

Welcoming Our August Worship Guests

As I type these words there are people around the state of Virginia and some in other states who are planning a summer move to Haymarket or the Gainesville area. Some are families with children and they are particularly concerned to arrive before their children start school.

I would like to ask you to give these folks a warm welcome to our church. If they mention that they are looking for a good preschool or kindergarten, please tell them that our church is blessed with the best preschool and kindergarten in the entire area and offer to meet them one weekday here at church, if that would be helpful. Pastor John and I would also be happy to help with the necessary introductions!

Other folks moving to our area are senior adults hoping to move near their grandchildren. Give them a warm welcome also and tell them about our Women's Bible study on Monday mornings (coming soon) and our Men's Bible study on Saturday mornings (ongoing). If they seem to be responding well to you, perhaps offer to take them to lunch at your favorite local restaurant!

Remember the Haymarket members who gave you the friendliest welcome when you first visited our church, and resolve to give newcomers that same type of greeting.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Musings from a Musician's Perspective

As the summer season begins to wind down, August often feels like a bridge between rest and renewed routine. Families are preparing for a new school year, vacations are coming to an end, and many of us are settling back into familiar schedules. While seasons around us change, one thing never does: God's faithfulness.

This summer has been filled with reminders of God's goodness. Through Vacation Bible School, Youth VBS, worship, fellowship, and opportunities to serve together, we have seen lives encouraged and relationships strengthened. It has been a joy to watch children grow in their understanding of God's Word, teenagers step into leadership, and church members faithfully invest in one another.

As we enter this new season, I encourage each of us to ask, "How is God calling me to grow?" Perhaps it's becoming more consistent in prayer, spending time in Scripture each day, joining a Bible study, serving in a ministry, or inviting a friend or neighbor to church. Spiritual growth happens as we faithfully take one step of obedience after another.

The beginning of a school year also reminds us to pray intentionally for our students, teachers, our preschool and kindergarten, administrators, and families. They face new opportunities and new challenges, and they need the wisdom, strength, and peace that only Christ can provide. Let us commit to lifting them before the Lord throughout the year.

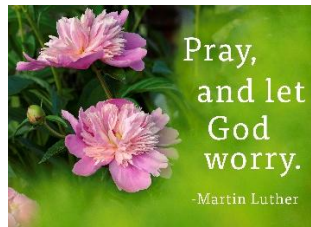
As a church family, let's continue encouraging one another, celebrating what God is doing, and looking expectantly toward what He has in store for the months ahead. Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your willingness to serve. It is a privilege to minister alongside each of you.

May we enter this new season with hearts that are ready to trust God, serve others, and share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
— Galatians 6:9**

In Christ,
Pastor John





DEACON'S BENCH

Slaying the Giant of Worry: Winning the Battle for the Mind

In our Sunday School class, we have been studying the book *Slaying the Giants in Your Life* by Dr. David Jeremiah. The book discusses 12 mental and spiritual bullies or “giants” that paralyze our daily lives and threaten to rob us of peace, purpose, and joy. Among these formidable foes, few are as pervasive or paralyzing as the “Giant of Worry.” Worry masquerades as responsibility or forward-thinking, yet its true nature is destructive, acting as an emotional and spiritual bully that exhausts our strength. Winning against worry requires more than simple willpower; it demands a strategic, biblical shift in perspective that strips the giant of its power and replaces anxious overthinking with steadfast trust in God.

To defeat the giant of worry, one must first dismantle its deceptive disguise. Dr. Jeremiah emphasizes a crucial distinction between constructive concern and destructive worry. Concern is functional, proactive, and focused on the present; it identifies a problem and moves an individual to responsible action. Worry, by contrast, is internal friction that leaves a person spinning in circles. It focuses on hypothetical future scenarios over which we have zero control. When we succumb to worry, we are essentially operating under the illusion that we must control everything, revealing a subtle undercurrent of unbelief. Worry behaves as if God is either unaware of our circumstances or incapable of handling them. By recognizing worry for what it truly is—an ineffective, irrational waste of mental energy—we can begin to stand tall against it.

The primary strategy for conquering this giant is rooted in the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 6, where Christ famously asks, “Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?” The answer is a resounding no. To counter this, Jeremiah highlights the concept of living in “day-tight compartments.” God provides exactly enough grace, strength, and manna for the present day. When we worry, we are effectively attempting to bear tomorrow’s burdens using only today’s grace. By narrowing our focus strictly to the responsibilities of the next twenty-four hours, we align ourselves with divine wisdom, refusing to let the shadows of tomorrow eclipse the blessings of today.

Ultimately, winning against worry is not a one-time event, but a daily stance of surrender. The giant of worry tells us that we are like grasshoppers trapped by monstrous problems, but the biblical perspective reminds us that our challenges are entirely manageable when placed next to a sovereign God. By choosing to meditate on God’s unchanging promises rather than our fluid problems, we can confidently claim the transcendent peace promised to us. Slaying the giant of worry frees us from the mental prison of overthinking, allowing us to step fully into the abundant, joyful life God intended all along. Ultimately, Dr. Jeremiah distills the ultimate weapon against anxiety into seven foundational words for every chronic worrier:

“Don't worry about anything—pray about everything.”

Wayne Pritcher
Deacon of the Month



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



Chitha Billa and Latha Mannam joined our church on Sunday, July 19th. Chitha and Latha come to us as previously baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.



WALK THRU THE BIBLE CLASS

The preschool is hosting an afternoon with *Walk Thru the Bible*. This is a 2 1/2 hr workshop that gives you the big picture overview of the Old Testament, using hand motions and key words and phrases to help you see how it all fits together. A pastor is coming from Clear Springs, MD to teach. The class will be on **Thursday, August 20th from 12:15pm – 3:00pm**. The school has paid

for this event, and are inviting up to 6 church members to attend. Please let the school know if you'd like to come and experience this fun, and meaningful event! (703) 753-9561



DESIGNATING FUNDS

Hi everyone from your Counting and Stewardship Committees! We hope you all are having a great, blessed summer! This article is intended to reiterate and clarify the request to provide instructions on how contributions should be directed. There are several ways that contributions are used to support the mission and ministries of Haymarket Baptist Church (HBC).

First, we would like to thank you so much for your generous contributions! To ensure your gift has the impact you hope for, please include any specific instructions in the memo section of your checks. This simple step helps us align your contribution with your wishes and keeps our records and reporting accurate. It also makes it easier to prepare end-of-year reports summarizing all gifts received during the year, which can be helpful for your tax planning. We truly appreciate your support!

Some of our members generously donate funds to HBC directly from their IRA or brokerage accounts. Sometimes it can be a little tricky to tell who sent the funds and what they're for—whether it's the regular budget offering, the capital campaign, a specific mission, a memorial contribution, Jane's pantry, VBS, or another cause. Recently, we've received a few checks from brokerages that didn't include the donor's name or the purpose of the gift. To help us identify this information, our HBC Treasurer called to verify who sent the funds and the intended purpose. To make everything flow more smoothly and quickly, it would be really helpful if brokers could include the donor's name and the purpose of the contribution on the check. While it's not required,

dropping a note in a sealed envelope in the offering plate or sending an email to our Treasurer (amber@my-hbc.org) with the expected amount and details about the intended use would be greatly appreciated.

Any funds received without a notation of a specific purpose are considered a “regular” budget offering and are used for our operating expenses. If a donation has an intended use, please indicate the specific purpose on the check or in the envelope containing the currency. Thanks again for your prayers, contributions, and efforts to advance our Lord’s Kingdom via HBC! God bless!



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve in our nursery. Our volunteer needs have been met thanks to those who have stepped forward to serve and care for our littlest ones!

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!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

At the conclusion of VBS, we announced that Vacation Bible School 2027 would be held the week of June 21–25, 2027. Due to a scheduling conflict, we have changed the dates. **VBS 2027 will now be held June 28–July 2, 2027.** We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause and hope you will be able to join us for another amazing week of learning, fun, and growing in God’s love!

To our volunteers, thank you again for your faithful service. We hope you’ll be able to join us for another amazing week of VBS in 2027!

Enjoy more pictures from VBS 2026 included on pages 9-10 of this newsletter. We hope they bring a smile and remind you of the wonderful week we shared together!





DON'T FORGET!

There will be **NO** Children's Worship during 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.

Children's Worship will begin again on Sunday, September 6th. Promotion Sunday will also be held on that same day!



HAYMARKET EVENTS IN AUGUST

The Town of Haymarket will be hosting 3 events in August!

- **National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm**
- **FOX 5 Zip Trip on Friday, August 14th from 8:00am – 11:00am**
- **Music in the Park on Saturday, August 15th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm**

The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to work the events and help with preparing our goodies to handout. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Overflow room for more information and to sign-up to help.

We hope you will join us in August for these events!

Questions? Contact Wanda Leap at (703) 727-0319



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 2	Harry Montoro
August 5	Shannon Barham
	Brian Wendel
August 6	Eleanor Bouch
August 8	Debbie Reingruber
August 10	Lauren Lambert
	Liam Montoro
	Kathryn Wendel
August 12	Jim Osborne
August 15	Bethany Bogart
August 19	Joshua Blincoe
August 23	Dot Todd
August 25	Peter Brawley
	Austin Duckett
	Karee Duckett
August 26	Chuck Berry
	Tory Madsen
August 31	Ron York



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Hello Church Family,

As we wrap up the summer, I wanted to share very exciting news with the church family...our preschool and kindergarten program has won some very big awards this year! **For the 2nd year in a row we were voted the BEST Preschool Program in Northern Virginia** and have a lovely plaque hanging on our wall! For multiple years – maybe back to 2014, we have won “Best of Haymarket/Gainesville” from Lifestyle Magazine. Sometimes we get a small plaque, sometimes a big

banner...we should get our banner by the fall, as we won best school and best summer camp! Last, for the FIRST time ever, we won the BEST of Prince William County and received a special plaque at the winner's ceremony on July 28th (attended by the director, and council chair/Joan Duckett). What an amazing school you have here as a partner and integral part of this church's ministry to our community!

We have had the most amazing staff and it is well-known that the children who attend here are leaps and bounds ahead academically, and more importantly, the character education and spiritual growth are very evident – with sought after students in the public and private school arena! I am grateful to work in such an amazing place, with terrific and loving Christ-followers in the school and in the church!

The other exciting news is our trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica and getting to see firsthand all the improvements to the basic school on Cornwall Mountain! We were able to bring a birthday gift to Sheryl, our teacher connection there, and 3 suitcases of supplies. More will follow, including food and clothing on the next shipping container which we hope gets going in late August, early September.

We also spent time, money and energy at Grants Basic School – overseeing the construction of a new playground fence, building a new jungle gym and basketball mini-hoop, and setting up the new swings/chains on the outside. On the inside, we built 3 book shelf units, assembled some little foam carpets for reading areas, purchased a refrigerator, replaced sinks and toilets, upgraded the lighting, and hired someone to paint.

We were able to bless Jamaica Link Ministries with new teaching tools for Sunday school, food items for their pantry, some financial contributions, and pay our transportation driver for multiple trips around Montego Bay, as well as his gas. We also left funds for the school director.

We so appreciate the church continuing to help Jamaica Link Ministries as they are serving so many impoverished locations. One sub-neighborhood is called Cuba and they really have nothing – lean-to-

shacks, no shelter, no food, no clothing – it's the poorest I have ever seen in Jamaica and Jamaica Link is building structures, and feeding them...so thank you for continuing to give to that organization.

Our calendar for the year is organized. The carpets are being cleaned in August. New playground equipment and surface materials are in the works to 'hopefully' finish in late August in time for school to begin. New 'cloud-based cameras' have been installed, replacing the 20 year old ones – this upgrade benefits the church staff, as well as the school staff with better access, clearer views, the ability to zoom, and open, close and disarm the security system much easier!

Please continue to pray for our staff, our health and safety for all involved in the school. Thank you to our school council for ongoing prayer support and presence at school events. Looking forward to another year (my 23rd) with Pastor Mark's devotions and chapels, and Pastor John leading music, partnering with Edith for Thanksgiving Boxes, with Wayne for Operation Christmas Child, Kristin for technology support in our seasonal programs, Karen for ongoing teamwork with VBS...and all of you who love and support this ministry!

Have a wonderful August!

In His Service,
Laurie Frasz
HBCPK Director





Jamaica

School Repairs 2026







HIGHLIGHTS 2026



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2027
June 28th—July 2nd



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help local PWC elementary students start
the year ready to learn!



Needs: Backpacks,
hand sanitizer, glue
sticks, binders,
scissors, pencils,
markers, and
more!

Can't drop off?
Shop our list:



AMAZON LIST



Drop off M-W-F from 10-3
July 13-Aug 14

@ 14535 John Marshall Hwy,
Suite 112, Gainesville, VA

Questions? Contact Jade Steele
540-305-0870 or jade@jadesellsnova.com

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Scan the QR Code and shop through the Amazon Wish List and have items shipped **OR** you can purchase items and drop them off at the church in the designated containers in the lobby by **Sunday, August 9th.**

Questions? Speak to John Majette or Wanda Leap

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 August 2026 						
2 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	3	4 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class 4:00 Haymarket National Night Out	5 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	6	7	1 8:30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Youth Group Pool Party at Wisor's
9 Communion 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	10 7:00 Church Council ^H	11 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class 6:30 Stewardship Meeting ^Z	12 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 Adult Choir	13	14	8 8:30 Men's Bible Study
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Key to Abbreviations Z – Zoom H– Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)						

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN AUGUST 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Aug 2	TBA	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	J.T. Frazier (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Karen King <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe		<u>Sunday School</u> Cyndy Coffey Kristin Olson <u>Worship</u> Diane Weaver Wanda Leap	Kathy Razmgar
Aug 9	TBA	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Joyce Fairfax Linda Olson	Johnno Cain (captain) Linda Hankey Austin Duckett	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain		<u>Sunday School</u> Karen King Erin Adams <u>Worship</u> Carol Dixon Missy Baker	Bernice Pearson
Aug 16	TBA	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Bernice Pearson Linda Hankey	Keenan Bayol (captain) Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek Bob Coffey	<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 Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Aug 23	TBA	9:15am Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Sarah Atkinson Jed Atkinson	Jason Hudson (captain) Paul Sellers Keith Bishton Karen King	<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 Meyer Linda Hankey	Cheryl Cox
Aug 30	TBA	9:15am Barbara Nicoletto 10:15am Paul Sellers Brenda Sellers	J.T. Frazier Johnno Cain Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson (captains)	<u>Children</u> Lucy Parkes Eleanor Bouch <u>Youth</u> Vicki Bayol Johnno Cain		<u>Sunday School</u> Wanda Leap Linda Olson <u>Worship</u> Linda Olson Carol Dixon	Sue Copen

DEACON OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST: Wayne Pritchler (703) 772-1798

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