

Haymarket Herald

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Musings from a Musician's Perspective

“Being the Church”

There is a difference between **going to church** and **“being the Church”**. We often think of church as a place we gather on Sunday mornings—a sanctuary filled with familiar faces, hymns, prayers, Scripture, and fellowship. Those moments are important. They strengthen us, encourage us, and remind us that we are part of something greater than ourselves. But the Church was never intended to exist only within the walls of a building.

We are the Church.

Jesus calls us to carry His love with us wherever we go. “Being the Church” means noticing the person who is hurting and taking time to care. It means bringing a meal, making a phone call, sending a card, sitting beside someone in a difficult season, praying for a family, encouraging a child or teenager, welcoming someone new, or simply reminding another person that they are not alone.

Paul writes in Galatians 6:2, **“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”**

Over the past several weeks, I have been reminded of what a beautiful thing it is when a congregation does exactly that. When one person in our church family hurts, others surround them. When there is uncertainty, we have prayed. When there is a need, people step forward. When encouragement is needed, cards, calls, visits, meals, and words of support begin to appear.

That is the Church being the Church.

We may not always know exactly what to say or what to do. Sometimes the greatest ministry we can offer is simply our presence. We can say, *“I’m here. I’m praying. You don’t have to walk through this alone.”*

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Acts 2 gives us a picture of the early church. They worshiped together, learned together, broke bread together, prayed together, shared what they had, and cared for one another. Their faith was not limited to a weekly gathering. Their lives were intertwined by their love for Jesus and their love for one another.

That same calling belongs to us today.

As we move into a new season of ministry, may we continue asking ourselves: **How can I be the Church this week?** Who needs encouragement? Who needs prayer? Who needs someone to listen? Where can I serve? Who might need an invitation to come alongside our church family?

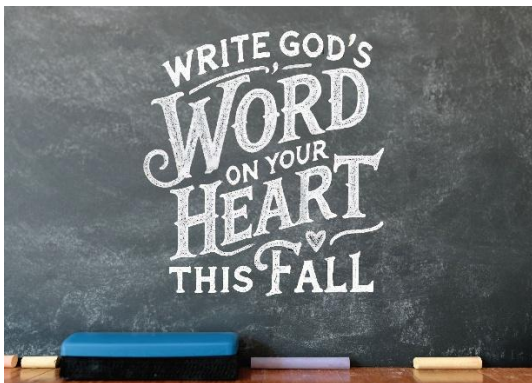
Our community does not simply need to see a church building. **It needs to encounter the Church—the people of God living out the love of Jesus.**

May we be known as a congregation that worships faithfully, serves joyfully, loves generously, prays continually, and stands beside one another through every season of life.

Thank you for continuing to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another and to our community, especially in this season. May God use each of us to show that the Church is not simply somewhere we go.

The Church is who we are.

In Christ,
Pastor John



ALMA HUNT OFFERING

During September we will be collecting offerings for the **Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**, one of the organizations Haymarket Baptist Church has supported in the past. The Alma Hunt Offering is an annual joint initiative established in 1976 by HerMission (formerly Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). Named in honor of Alma Hunt (1909–2008), a native Virginian and prominent global missions leader who devoted her life to Christian service across more than 90 countries—the offering serves as a primary financial channel for statewide and international outreach.

The primary purpose of the Alma Hunt Offering is to fund vital ministries, emergency responses, and community initiatives that fall outside the scope of regular church budget streams. By pooling resources from churches and individual donors across Virginia, the offering directly supports a wide array of programs. Key allocations include Impact Disaster Response, which provides volunteers and physical aid to rebuild homes after natural disasters; youth engagement through Impact Mission Camps; and local church grants aimed at addressing community poverty and social needs. Beyond regional borders, the offering extends to global cross-cultural endeavors, including relief partnerships in the Middle East and international mission exchanges.

Every dollar contributed to the offering is distributed between BGAV and HerMission ministries based on annual goals determined by their leadership boards. This structural partnership ensures that the funding equips believers, strengthens local congregations, and mobilizes volunteers to meet tangible needs.

Ultimately, the Alma Hunt Offering embodies a

legacy of compassionate action and faith in motion. It provides a practical framework for Virginia Baptists to live out their calling by sharing the message of Christ, comforting the vulnerable, and sustaining long-term ministry work both locally throughout the Commonwealth and around the world.

Wayne Pritcher
Missions Chairperson



DEACON'S BENCH

A New Season of Growing

September has a way of feeling like a fresh start. Children return to school, routines settle into place, and many of us begin looking ahead to the months before the holidays. While January is known for resolutions, September often brings a quieter invitation to begin again.

The changing of the seasons reminds us that God is always at work. Just as the trees prepare for a new season, our Heavenly Father continues His work of shaping us into the people He has called us to be. Spiritual growth is not something we accomplish in a single moment; it happens day by day as we walk with Christ.

The prophet Isaiah records God's promise:

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19)

Sometimes we wait for dramatic moments to experience God's presence, but more often He works

through ordinary faithfulness. He meets us as we open His Word, spend time in prayer, gather with fellow believers, serve those around us, and trust Him in both joyful and difficult seasons.

As we enter this new season, consider asking yourself a few simple questions:

- Where is God inviting me to grow?
- Is there a spiritual habit I've allowed to slip over the summer that needs renewing?
- Who can encourage me in my walk with Christ?
- Is there someone God is calling me to encourage or invite into fellowship?

Our church family is also entering a new season together. Church activities resume, ministries begin meeting again, and opportunities to worship, learn, and serve fill our calendar. These activities are not simply events to attend; they are opportunities to grow together as disciples of Jesus.

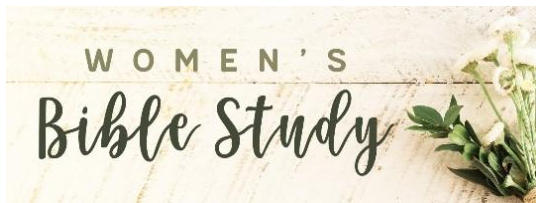
Growth doesn't always happen quickly, and it isn't measured by how busy we are. It is measured by hearts becoming more like Christ...more loving, more patient, more generous, more forgiving, and more faithful.

This September, rather than simply filling your calendar, ask God to fill your heart. Allow Him to cultivate deeper roots of faith that will sustain you through every season ahead.

May this be a season in which each of us draws closer to Christ, encourages one another, and discovers anew the joy of walking faithfully with Him.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

In His Love,
Amber Terrant
Deacon of the Month



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study coming soon! We will meet on **Monday, September 21st from 10:00am – 11:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. It will be great to be studying God's Word together again.

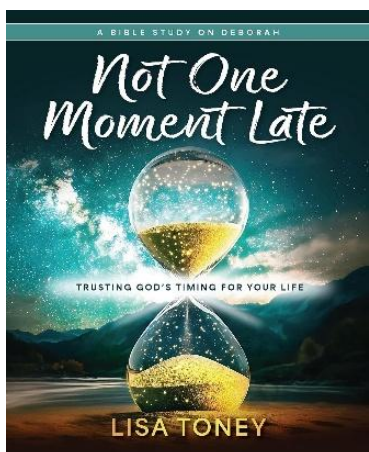
We are doing a study on Deborah in the Old Testament in the Book of Judges. The book is "Not One Moment Late" by Lisa Toney – trusting God's timing for your life.

You have heard the saying "Good things come to those who wait". Deborah is an example of waiting and God used her in a mighty way! She was a wife, prophet, warrior, and a Judge.

Goals of this study are that we will learn and live with more patience and perseverance, listen for God's voice, and remember "delays are NOT denials". We hope to learn to "WAIT" and "ACT" when-----God says, "GO"!

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, September 21st!

Blessings from Bernie



A BUSY MONTH FOR OUTREACH

It has been a busy and exciting month for Outreach! We kicked things off with **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 4th, followed by the **Fox 5 Zip Trip to Haymarket** on Friday, August 14th, **Music in the Park** on Saturday, August 15th, and **Preschool Orientation** from August 25th – 27th. A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who generously donated their time, energy, and talents to help make these events a success. Your willingness to serve and support Haymarket Baptist Church and the Town of Haymarket are truly appreciated!

Be sure to check out the pictures from these wonderful events on page 9!

The Outreach Committee would also like to thank all those who participated in the back-to-school drive for children in need of backpacks, and other school supplies.



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 and she will provide you with the latest version.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

We are excited to begin a new year of **Sunday School and Worship on Sunday, September 6th!**
We are offering the following opportunities for children and youth on Sunday mornings:

Nursery (9:30am – 12:00pm) for children 6 weeks to 3 years old

- Sunday School is from 9:30am -10:30am
- Worship is from 10:30am -12:00pm

Sunday School (9:30am – 10:30am)

- **Children:** 4 years old – 4th grade meet in Room 49 upstairs
- **Youth:** 5th grade – high school meet in the Youth Room upstairs

Children's Worship (following the Children's Sermon, approximately 11:15am – 12:00pm)

- **Bible Adventurers:** 4 years old – 1st grade meet in Room 49 upstairs
- **Jesus and Me (JAM):** 2nd – 5th grades meet in Room 45 upstairs

2026/2027 Registration

Our registration forms are digital, and we kindly ask parents to **register their children for the 2026/2027 school year, even if you registered last year.** This helps us ensure we have the most up-to-date information about your children.

- Please use the following link or the QR code to the left to register:
<https://link.my-hbc.org/26-27childrensregistration>
- Also, if you have not done so previously, please complete the Photo Release form using the following link or QR code to the right:
<https://link.my-hbc.org/HBCPhotoRelease>
- Paper copies of these forms are available in the church office.

Promotion Sunday for Children and Youth Sunday School and Children's Worship will be held on Sunday, September 6th during our Worship Service.

We look forward to celebrating the beginning of another wonderful year of learning, growing, and serving together!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In case you didn't know, we also offer several Adult Sunday School opportunities. We invite you to join us!

Meets at 9:30am

- **J.O.Y. Class:** Room 14 downstairs

Meets at 9:45am

- **Formations Class:** Room 45 upstairs
- **Praising Hands:** Fellowship Hall



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 1	Lucy Parkes
September 2	Ava Tatchim
September 4	Cheryl Riddle
September 5	Ruth Nagy
September 6	Marcia LaMay
September 10	Taylor Crickenberger
September 16	Dave Elkins
September 22	Ed Plagata
September 23	John Lightfoot
	Lucas Majette
September 25	Jessi Lightfoot
September 27	Kendall Frazier
September 29	Patty Hatfield
	Sarah Martin
	Brenda Sellers
September 30	Vicki Bayol



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 Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org 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 submit your articles and/or photos by email to Laura in the church office at laura@my-hbc.org. In most cases, ALL submissions need to be submitted by the 4th Monday of the month for the following month's newsletter.



RSVP FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC

We hope you can participate in our **Annual Church Picnic on Saturday, September 19th from 12:00noon to 5:00pm** at Northern Fauquier Park (4155 Monroe Pkwy, Marshall, VA 20115).

Come out to fish, feed the turtles, play games, and have great food and fellowship!

We are looking for church members and friends who would like to help with the following. A sign-up sheet is hanging up in the Overflow room.

- Help set up tables, tabletops, decorations, and other items
- Set up the lemonade and iced tea
- Set up the food tables
- Set up games and activities

What the Outreach Committee Will Provide:

- Hamburgers/Hot Dogs and All the Fixin's
- Chips
- Iced Tea and Lemonade
- Cups, Plates, Utensils, and Napkins
- Other Picnic Essentials

What We Need from You:

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share – We ask church members and guests who plan to attend to **bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share**. Your contribution will help make our picnic a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun!

Please RSVP – If you plan to attend, please complete the **RSVP form below** by Sunday, September 13th. This will help us know how many people to expect and will also give you an opportunity to let us know what you plan to bring.

We look forward to gathering together for a wonderful afternoon of **food, fellowship, games, and fun!**

Name: _____ **# Adults:** _____ **# Children:** _____

Side Dish/Dessert: _____

Please put your completed form in the offering plate or drop off at the church office by Sunday, September 13th.



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

The summer was quick! Isn't it always?! We had many changes to recover from regarding staff – with 2 retiring and about 6 moving! But God has provided for us all that we needed. We are standing at full strength now and full enrollment with a waiting list for the 3's and 4's. Some really great people have joined the team, and some of our regulars took on new roles, and accepted more challenging positions – so grateful for the great people who work at HBCPK!

We had a very productive Teacher In-Service/Professional Development, and we were excited to have Lowell and Lucy Parkes share a sweet devotion with the staff – they are just adorable! We were also blessed to have Cyndy Coffey and Susan Kaczmarek join us for some of the training and I know they LOVED it, and we loved having them share in these meaningful teachings! The following week we hosted the 'Meet and Greet's' and welcomed all the new families and gave big hugs for those returning – it was very celebratory around our Welcome Back Sign!

September brings all the fun of apples, police officer visits, school picture days, our first hot lunch, and fundraisers. We love our new cloud-based camera system, and we are well on our way towards completing a new addition to the playground. It's a great year already! Stop by to view our award plaques and banners – such a blessing to achieve these honors from our community and we know we are pleasing the Lord when we strive for excellence in the race we are running and the mission we are serving at the preschool.

My husband and I will take a quick trip over Labor Day Weekend back to Grants Basic School in Jamaica and finish up the playground and inside – hanging whiteboards, bulletin boards, bookcases, rugs, and organization. I will also host a training for the teachers – try to help them with discipline ideas, classroom management, and use of new teaching tools we have brought along. Pictures forthcoming! *Jamaica Link Ministries* is so grateful for your support as they continue assisting those with no shelter, and all the losses in the communities, and with churches.

Happy Back-to-School Time...back to all the wonderful sounds of children in the hallways and happy fall, y'all!

With love and blessings,
Mrs. Laurie Frasz
Director HBCPK





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Sep 6	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	J.T. Frazier (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritchler Chris Shaltis	Children Lucy Parkes Karen King Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	Bible Adventurers Sarah Atkinson Ernestine Meyer JAM Susan Kaczmarek Manuella Tatchim	Sunday School Cyndy Coffey Kristin Olson Worship Diane Weaver Wanda Leap	Kathy Razmgar
Sep 13	Randy Anderson	9:15am Melissa Baker 10:15am Joyce Fairfax Carol Valentine	Johno Cain (captain) Linda Hankey Austin Duckett	Children Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritchler Youth Vicki Bayol Johno Cain	Bible Adventurers Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	Sunday School Karen King Erin Adams Worship Carol Dixon Missy Baker	Cheryl Cox
Sep 20	Randy Anderson	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Bernice Pearson Linda Hankey	Keenan Bayol (captain) Jed Atkinson Susan Kaczmarek Bob Coffey	Children Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	Bible Adventurers Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro JAM Karen King Leslie Pritchler	Sunday School Brenda Sellers Kathy Razmgar Worship Lisa Dillard Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Sep 27	Randy Anderson	9:15am Manuella Tatchim 10:15am Sarah Atkinson Jed Atkinson	Jason Hudson (captain) Paul Sellers Keith Bishton Karen King	Children Lucy Parkes Linda Hankey Youth Vicki Bayol Kathy Kennedy	Bible Adventurers Johno Cain Kathy Kennedy JAM Taylor Crickenberger Kris Crickenberger	Sunday School Missy Baker Susan Kaczmarek Worship Ernestine Meyer Linda Hankey	Bernice Pearson

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