Haymarket Herald

November 2026



Musings from a Musician's Perspective

"A Season of Thanksgiving, A Heart of Gratitude"

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1

As we enter the month of November, our thoughts naturally turn toward Thanksgiving. It is a season when we pause to reflect on the many blessings God has placed in our lives. We gather around tables with family and friends, share stories, enjoy traditions, and give thanks for the goodness of God.

But this year, I find myself thinking about Thanksgiving a little differently.

If someone had told us at the beginning of 2026 what this year would bring, I don't think any of us could have imagined the journey ahead. Life has a way of reminding us that our plans are not always God's plans, and sometimes the road we travel takes unexpected turns.

The news of Pastor Mark's brain tumor was certainly one of those unexpected turns. It was news that none of us wanted to hear and a journey that none of us anticipated. Yet, even in the midst of uncertainty, I have witnessed something truly beautiful within our church family.

I have watched Haymarket Baptist Church be the church.

For years, Pastor Mark has faithfully walked alongside this congregation, offering encouragement, guidance, prayers, and a steady presence through life's joys and challenges. He has been there for so many of us when we needed a pastor, a friend, or simply someone to remind us of God's love.

And now, during a season when Mark and his family need that same love and encouragement, I have watched this congregation respond in remarkable ways. Through prayers, cards, phone calls, meals, encouraging words, and countless acts of kindness, you have reminded

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me that the church is so much more than a building or a Sunday morning gathering. The church is a family.

And isn't that exactly what the church is supposed to be?

Galatians 6:2 reminds us to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." This year, I have seen those words come to life right here at Haymarket Baptist Church.

As your Associate Pastor, I cannot adequately express how grateful I am for each of you. During a season filled with adjustments and uncertainties, you have continued to worship faithfully, serve willingly, encourage one another, and demonstrate what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Our choir continues to lift its voice in praise. Our children and youth continue to learn and grow in their faith. Our teachers, volunteers, deacons, and ministry leaders continue to serve with dedication and love. And each Sunday, we continue to gather as a family, trusting that the same God who has faithfully led this church through generations will continue to guide us into the future.

That is something worth celebrating. And it is certainly something worth giving thanks for.

The Apostle Paul encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances." He doesn't tell us that every circumstance will be easy or that every season will be filled with joy. Instead, he reminds us that gratitude is possible even when life is difficult, because our hope rests in a God whose faithfulness never changes.

As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables this month, I hope we will remember that some of life's greatest blessings cannot be wrapped in a package or placed on a plate. They are found in the people who pray for us, the friends who walk beside us, the church family that surrounds us, and the God who never leaves us.

I also hope we will continue to lift Pastor Mark, Linda, Kristin, Jaqueline, and their family in prayer. Their journey is not over, and neither is our opportunity to surround them with the love and encouragement they have so faithfully shared with us.

My prayer for Haymarket Baptist Church is that we will continue to move forward with grateful hearts, trusting God with what lies ahead and never losing sight of the incredible gift we have in one another.

I am thankful for our church. I am thankful for the privilege of serving alongside you. And I am thankful that even in the most unexpected seasons of life, God is still good, God is still faithful, and God is still at work.

This Thanksgiving, as I count my many blessings, please know that my Haymarket Baptist Church family will be near the top of that list.

May God bless each of you and your families with a wonderful Thanksgiving!

With a grateful heart,
John Majette
Associate Pastor & Minister of Music



DEACON'S BENCH

Gratitude Journal

We all think of Thanksgiving and giving thanks during the month of November, but what about the other eleven months in the

year? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 says, “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances.” That got me thinking about keeping a praise journal and acknowledging the goodness of God in a systematic way. I began a gratitude journal in December 2025 and recorded specific praises and answers to prayer. After a month I suppose life got in the way and I put aside my journal for other pressing matters.

During my personal prayer time I try to begin with a time of praise and adoration and thanksgiving before praying for others and presenting my personal needs to God. However, I feel as though I need to focus more on small blessings – such as a kind word, morning coffee, a new day or the beauty all around us in nature. By taking a few minutes each day to write down what we are grateful for, we learn to appreciate both the big and small blessings around us. Whether it is the gift of family, good health, daily provision, answered prayers, or strength during difficult times, a gratitude journal helps us to see there is always something to be thankful for. Practicing gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have been given.

I recently started writing in my gratitude journal again and it’s a blessing to go back and read entries from previous weeks and to see how God has answered prayers. Writing in my journal is a way to develop a habit of gratitude and a way to be more aware of God’s blessings in my life. My journal helps me to slow down for a few minutes each day to thank God and intentionally focus on His goodness and blessings.

I encourage each of you to begin a gratitude journal this month – you will be blessed!

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice.” Philippians 4:4

Tips for keeping a gratitude journal:

1. Try to schedule a few minutes to write in your journal every morning or evening.
2. Use a notebook or computer.
3. Try to be specific in your praises.
4. Record answers to prayer.
5. Record Bible verses to ponder during your day.

Sarah Atkinson
Deacon of the Month

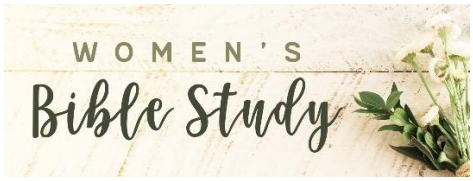


“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” Romans 15:7



Scott and Cereda Amos joined our church on Sunday, October 11th. They come to us as previously baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Happy Fall to all! And, Happy Thanksgiving!

We are enjoying our study on Monday mornings, studying Deborah in the book of Judges. We have had some new members join us this fall and we are grateful for them.

I am also so grateful to all of the ladies for their support not only for me, but for each other and for their church family. Members of our church family have had some rough trials and testing and it has been heartwarming to see the empathy, caring, and concern, as well as, the lifting of each other up and the spirit of love and encouragement shown.

Wishing each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings from Bernie



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We invite your children to join us for Children's Worship following the Children's Sermon, approximately 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

Nursery is also provided during the Worship Service for children ages 6 weeks–3 years from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us Sunday mornings for Sunday School as we grow together in faith and fellowship!

Adult Classes

J.O.Y.
Room 14 • 9:30 a.m.

Formations
Room 13 • 9:45 a.m.

Praising Hands
Fellowship Hall • 9:45 a.m.

Children & Youth Classes

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Nursery
Ages 6 weeks–3 years • Nursery

Children
Ages 4–5th grade • Room 49

Youth
5th grade–high school • Youth Room
**5th graders may choose to attend either the Children's or Youth Sunday School class*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 7	Eugene Payne
	Leslie Pritcher
November 12	Peter George
	Nell Olson
November 13	Jerry Copen
November 14	Karen King
November 15	Hadley Dillard
	Hannah Grace Shaltis
	Bobbie Jo Swindall
November 17	John Wisor
November 18	Liam Vasquez
November 19	Jed Atkinson
	John Hessenauer
	Christy Wisor
November 21	Dee Thompson
November 27	Kathy Kennedy
November 30	Carol Dixon
	Gabriella Vasquez



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.



A BIG THANK YOU!

"And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them…" – Mark 10:16

His loving hands are at work within our church! We are so blessed to have hands that lead, feed, clean, greet, support, and teach! As we each use our gifts and talents…others are blessed!

Scott and Cereda Amos are new to our church family, however, they have already blessed our children this fall! A beautifully handcrafted art easel appeared in the Children's Sunday School Room on October 4th! Scott, with Cereda's support, designed and crafted the easel after a previously well-loved easel was beyond repair. Now our little ones for generations to come will be able to artfully worship our Savior because one couple chose to bless them…Thank you!

Lucy Parkes
Children's Sunday School Teacher



HAYMARKET BAPTIST CHURCH
Preschool & Kindergarten

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Church Family,

Our month of gratitude is upon us! And, there are so many things to thank the Lord for! We are blessed with a full enrollment and all the staff we needed – when it didn't look promising! We have a brand new playground! Pastor Mark is healing well! God is keeping us safe! We are thankful for Tory's help, for John's leading of devotions and chapels and for Johno Cain's chapel services, too – both John and Johno have helped fill in for Pastor Mark! We are grateful for Bernice and the Women's Bible study who have been kind enough to swap to the chapel for Bible study on occasion. And, we are thankful for our preschool council – Joannie, Lowell, Linda, Susan, Cyndy, and Chris…we appreciate your help and support!

This month we teach the children what it means to give to others and be grateful for what we have. Our 2's and 3's will be donating canned goods and non-perishables to HBC and the Thanksgiving Baskets. Our 4's will be supporting Operation Christmas Child and we'll do our shoebox parade to the sanctuary on Friday, November 13th. Our K students will be sending letters/cards to Veterans this month. We will host Thanksgiving Programs on November 17th and 18th in the fellowship hall with our Pre K classes – retelling the Thanksgiving story and singing lots of songs about being thankful! Our 3's will be creating a friendship salad with everyone contributing a different type of fruit. Our 4's will have a "corn party" (everything at the party consists of something made with corn) and our K students will have a fingerful feast and will be reciting the Lord's Prayer together around their table. Each child will go home with the customary and annual Thanksgiving placemat. These laminated creations are some treasured items as parents over the years collect these between all their children attending HBCPK. I know one family that had 5 children through our school, and saved every placemat, each year, from each child…and now it fills the table as they invite extended family – everyone has someone's placemat from the 2's, 3's, 4's or K classes!

October was busy with Back to School Night, Book Fair, Firefighter Visits, wrapping up fundraisers, first quarter progress reports, Harvest Hoedown and learning about Operation Christmas Child. Academically we are well into our alphabet, and sounds, and numbers…Kindergarten has started reading groups and some reading homework. Spiritually, each grade level is memorizing God's word, learning Bible lessons, the pledge to the flags, and how to pray. Books of the Bible have been mastered by Kindergarten – all 66 books! We have adapted to the school routine and rules, made friends and have settled in nicely!

This is the time of year that I tell the staff…fasten your seatbelts – from October through December it's busy, fun, hectic, and happy…all rolled into ONE! We are looking forward to Movie Night and Parent's Night Out…thank you for including the preschool in these activities! We hope that you find many reasons to give thanks to the Lord this season and always!

Happy Thanksgiving!
In His Service,
Mrs. Laurie Frasz,
Director of HBCPK













Haymarket day

October 2026














November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Ends 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	**2** 10:00 Women's Bible Study [H] 7:00 Church Council [H]	**3 Election Day** 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class	**4** 5:30 Potluck Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir	**5**	**6** 6:00 Family Movie Night	**7** 8:30 Men's Bible Study
8 Layperson Sunday 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	**9** 10:00 Women's Bible Study [H]	**10** 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class 6:30 Stewardship Meeting [Z]	**11** 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir	**12**	**13 Youth Retreat**	**14 Youth Retreat** 8:30 Men's Bible Study
15 Youth Retreat 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	**16** 10:00 Women's Bible Study [H] 11:00 Women's Bible Study Luncheon	**17** 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class	**18** 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir	**19**	**20**	**21** 8:30 Men's Bible Study
22 Deacon Ordinations Communion 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	**23** 10:00 Women's Bible Study [H] *Newsletter Deadline*	**24** 3:00 Advanced Signed English Class	**25**	**26 Thanksgiving Day** *Church Office Closed*	**27** *Church Office Closed*	**28** 8:30 Men's Bible Study
29 1st Sunday of Advent 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	**30** 10:00 Women's Bible Study [H]	Key to Abbreviations Z – Zoom H– Hybrid (Zoom & In Person)				

SERVING THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH IN NOVEMBER 2026

DATE	SECURITY OFFICERS	GREETERS	USHERS	CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEACHERS	NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP	FLOWER COMMITTEE
Nov 1	Randy Anderson	9:15am Wanda Leap 10:15am Susan Kaczmarek Madelyn Allen Ernestine Meyer	J.T. Frazier (captain) Dan Valentine Wayne Pritcher 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
Nov 8	Randy Anderson	9:15am Missy Baker 10:15am Joyce Fairfax Carol Valentine	Johno Cain (captain) Linda Hankey Susan Kaczmarek Nora Blincoe	Children Lucy Parkes Leslie Pritcher Youth Vicki Bayol Johno Cain	Bible Adventurers Joannie Duckett Amber Terrant JAM Christy Wisor Kristin Olson	Sunday School Karen King Susan Kaczmarek Worship Carol Dixon Missy Baker	Bernice Pearson
Nov 15	Randy Anderson	9:15am Sheila Major 10:15am Bernice Pearson Linda Hankey	Keenan Bayol (captain) Jed Atkinson Austin Duckett Bob Coffey	Children Lucy Parkes Sarah Atkinson Youth Vicki Bayol Drew Blincoe	Bible Adventurers Brenda Sellers Aranka Montoro JAM Karen King Leslie Pritcher	Sunday School Brenda Sellers Kathy Razmgar Worship Lisa Dillard Beryl Rabindran	Joannie Duckett
Nov 22	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	Cheryl Cox
Nov 29	Randy Anderson	9:15am Barbara Nicolello 10:15am Paul Sellers Brenda Sellers	J.T. Frazier Johno Cain Keenan Bayol Jason Hudson (captains)	Children Lucy Parkes Eleanor Bouch Youth Vicki Bayol Johno Cain	Bible Adventurers Missy Baker Eleanor Bouch JAM Karen King Wanda Leap	Sunday School Wanda Leap Linda Olson Worship Linda Olson Carol Dixon	Sue Copen

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