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## Time

By Kyle Reese, Pastor

“Everything has a price. Only one thing has value. Time is the only thing that has value.” Fredrik Backman

More than any other month, January calls to mind the meaning of time. As we move into a new year, we tend to reflect on how we used the time called 2018. Did we accomplish much? What was left undone? What may we celebrate? For what may we lament? The completion of another year is the perfect opportunity to access what has been.

January also invites looking ahead. What do we hope to accomplish? What will we resolve in this new year?

The only thing we value is time. May we use the time given to us by our God to participate in bringing about God’s dream for the world.

Happy New Year, my dear friends,

Kyle



<b>NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES</b>	<b>FRESH ENCOUNTERS:</b> <b>Living the Word</b> Through the sermon scriptures. <b>D-2</b>
	<b>DIGGING DEEPER:</b> <b>Themes in Scripture</b> Curriculum for <b>E-4</b> <b>Christlikeness: What, Why, &amp; How Jesus Taught</b>
<b>CROSSROADS:</b> <b>Where faith meets life</b> <b>E-2</b> Examine hunger- the causes, effects, implications, as well as the steps we can take to make a difference.	<b>New sessions begin January 6</b>

## Start the Year with a New Study!

The new year is a great time to start (or re-start) a new habit. Our first 2019 Sunday Bible Study sessions have three opportunities for you to connect with God’s Word, learn more about Christ, examine scriptural themes, and share ideas with others about how God’s Word affects our everyday lives. In addition to the **Fresh Encounters** led by Susan Stepp, which follows along with the Narrative Lectionary scriptures and Kyle’s sermons, we have two new thought-provoking studies. **Dig deeper into scripture with Andy Farmer** to learn more about what, why, and how Jesus taught his followers. **Trent Fisher** is facilitating an in depth look at hunger from a Biblical perspective, as well as our response to God’s call to minister to those experiencing hunger. This study is a perfect supplement to our Hunger Initiative mission focus to meet the needs of those facing food insecurity. *Find out more about these studies at habchurch.com.*

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# Thank You!

By Britt Hester, Minister of Youth & Christian Education

Thank you for all your contributions to the Youth Bake Sale & Silent Auction on Sunday, December 9. Our students raised over \$1,500 because of your donations and contributions! We appreciate your support either through submitting baked goods or purchasing and bidding on the items that were provided. The money we raise this year will go towards our mission trip to San Raymundo, Guatemala, this summer. Our students and adult chaperones are building a home for a family in need, so know that your contributions are helping us provide the resources necessary to make a trip like this possible. We hope you enjoyed your baked goods and gift baskets! Again, thank you for all the ways you support our youth ministry. We are grateful!



## What is the goal of the trip?

This summer, the youth group heads to San Raymundo, Guatemala to expand community while helping to build one. In just one week, our youth missionaries and adult chaperones will partner with a local church to construct a home from start to finish for a family in need.

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## Why Guatemala? Why San Raymundo?

Guatemala is the most populated country in Central America. Of its more than 13 million inhabitants, approximately 75% live below the poverty line. Due to the lack of resources, women and children often suffer most from the poverty. Children are malnourished and forced to work to help provide for their family. With adequate housing provided, families are relieved of one of their greatest financial struggles and a break is made in this vicious cycle. Children are given a hope for the future while parents can use their resources for food and necessities rather than shelter. As the American church partners with the Guatemalan church a perfect picture of the Gospel is painted as cultures and

nations are bridged together bringing about necessary provisions in the name of Christ.

[credit: casaporcristo.org]

## How can we help?

There are several ways to support our missionaries as they prepare to serve the Guatemalan people. First and foremost, please pray for them. Being a missionary, even for a short time, is life-changing. Pray that our HAB Youth will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as they prepare and as they serve others. Secondly, pray for the people of Guatemala as they encounter the Gospel of Christ in action. Finally, if you would like to contribute financially to the HAB Youth mission trip, please contact Vickie Landers at [financial@habchurch.com](mailto:financial@habchurch.com) or 904-396-7745 x 304.

Thank you for being a part of our effort to expand community through missions.

## Kitchen Corner—New Year, New Opportunities to Gather and Worship

By Sharon Maszy

Happy New Year, HAB family! We're getting an early start this year with Wednesday night dinners resuming on January 2. We will have very special guests that evening. The IWS (Institute for Worship Studies) students will begin their January session with us that evening. Come and welcome them to the HAB campus. We are so blessed to have IWS as one of the ministries active on our campus. IWS trains people from all over the world to more effectively share the Gospel in worship and song. You can come and experience the Spirit that is present with these amazing people. There is chapel Thursday through Tuesday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. I was able to go to a couple of them during the June session. There is a wonderful joy in worshiping with over 100 people; all are in ministry, many as music ministers or worship leaders. So the singing is amazing. The sermon or homily is brief but always inspiring. Tuesday evening worship is planned and led by a group of the students. It may be very traditional or quite reflective of the students' diverse backgrounds. Whatever or however they do worship, I promise you will sense God's presence and experience an awareness of his power and love for his children.

So not much about the kitchen ministry this month, except in the sense that this is what we do. We love to feed this HAB family and welcome guests to this unique place of grace in the world. A perfect New Year's resolution: Be in the fellowship hall between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Enjoy a meal. Visit with old and new friends. Spend 6:30-6:55 p.m. in vespers. Be renewed!



### January Menus

#### January 2-IWS with HAB

creamy chicken breast, salad bar, bread, rice, green beans, cobbler

#### January 9

pork loin, salad bar, bread, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, chocolate cake

#### January 16

shrimp and grits, salad bar, bread, corn and sausage, lemony dessert bars

#### January 23

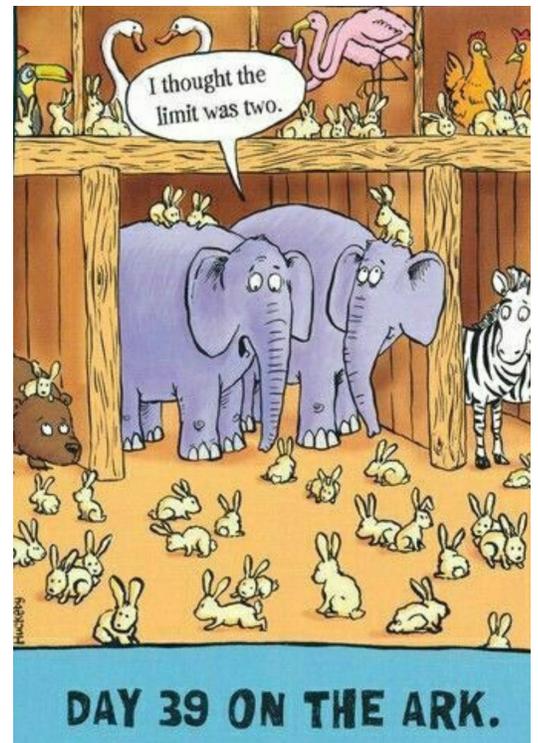
spaghetti and meatballs, salad bar, bread, tiramisu, poke cake

#### Jan 30

poppy seed chicken, salad bar, bread, rice, green beans, brownies

### Your Monthly Funnies

By Gene Maszy



## New Year, New Books!

by Julie Babcock, Librarian

The Library and Media Center wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We do have some new books, and I will try to tell you about a few.

Authors with newly-released books include James Patterson, John Grisham, Richard Paul Evans, Mary Higgins Clark, Fredrik Backman, Jodi Picoult, Kristen Hannah, Nora Roberts, Khaled Hossaini, Jan Karon, and two or three others. We have all of them. There are also books by these and other popular authors that have been released in the last couple of years but maybe you missed reading them.

I am sure you will find one or more of these books calling your name!

Another addition: many new greeting cards on our card rack. At just 25 cents each, you can't go wrong! Among them are Thinking of You and blank cards for your own personal sentiment. Stop by and see us before Bible study or on Wednesday evenings. Don't let us be lonely for company, and I think you will be glad you came by!



### NEW! Member Book Recommendations

The Good News from our abode: There is a new book in the library recommended by Ann Carter. It is *Reclaiming Joy, a Primer for Widows*. We have had several recently widowed members and others who are still seeking how to cope with this situation.

I will keep a waiting list if you will let me know that you are interested. Ann says it is very readable and interesting!

*Ann Carter pictured with a prayer shawl she made as part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The group's next meeting is on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. More information at [habchurch.com/ministries](http://habchurch.com/ministries).*

**DID YOU KNOW? You can give online at [habchurch.com/give](http://habchurch.com/give).**

The Offering Plate	For the Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2018		
	Sept '18	Oct '18	Year to Date
Offerings and Other Revenue	\$ 86,370	\$ 92,470	\$ 178,840
Expenses	(102,490)	(105,425)	(207,915)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(16,120)	(12,955)	(29,075)
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	105,559	105,559	211,118
Above/(Below) Budget	(19,189)	(13,089)	(32,278)
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	25.3	22.1	22.1



## Sympathy to...

...Carolyn & Paul Hinckley in the death of Carolyn's mother, Evelyn Horton, on Wednesday, November 14. Evelyn's service was November 19 at Garden View Baptist Church.

...Pat Weyer, Lynne Kruse, and Billy Weyer and families in the death of Garry Mann, who was Pat's nephew and Lynne and Billy's cousin. Garry died Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

...Gavin & Amanda Humbert Knight in the death of Gavin's brother Donald (Richie) Daley on November 23, 2018. Richie's funeral was December 1 in Atlanta.

## HAB Welcomes New Members



### Mary Laurel Underwood—Joined November 4, 2018\*

*\*Please Note: Due to an omission of some of Mary Laurel's introduction, we are re-running her "Welcome" in this month's edition.*

Mary Laurel is the daughter of long-time member Bob Underwood, who passed away last spring, and the sister of Melissa Crawford, who also joined HAB the same Sunday. Mary Laurel is a Jacksonville native, having lived mostly in the San Marco area. She recently made a career change from a long-term management position with Bono's BBQ to Underwood's Jewelers in San Marco. She previously attended Deermeadows Baptist Church.

Mary Laurel enjoys attending 11:00 a.m. worship at HAB, spending time with family and friends, photography, playing piano, following sports (especially the Jaguars), neighborhood runs and outdoor sports and activities, dance, sketching, and attending art exhibits and craft shows. Although losing her dad has been difficult, she says she has been blessed by the reconnections that resulted from it. She has especially enjoyed hearing stories about her family growing up at HAB, and deeply appreciates the support of her church family.

*Mary Laurel Underwood pictured with her sister Melissa Underwood Crawford, who also joined on November 4, 2018. Melissa was featured in our December 2018 Herald.*

### Vivian Pinner Watson—Joined November 4, 2018

Vivian is married to Jeff Watson, and they have two children, Felicia (25) and Christian (21), who is a junior at UNF. She is the daughter of Dr. Tom and Elnora Pinner. Dr. Pinner, who passed away last year, served as interim pastor before Kyle Reese came to HAB.

A Florida native, Vivian has called Jacksonville home for almost 20 years, most of that time living in Ponte Vedra Beach, moving to the San Jose area two years ago.

Vivian is a Marriage and Family Therapist who has worked in private practice as well as an administrator and school counselor in Jacksonville Independent schools. Beginning in January she will be employed as a therapist with Baptist Behavioral Health.

Raised in the Baptist denomination, as an adult Vivian has enjoyed membership in Presbyterian and Methodist churches, as well as serving in Episcopal schools for 15 years. She comes to HAB from Beach United Methodist in Jacksonville Beach.

Vivian enjoys travel and learning about history. She has visited much of Europe and the United States and reports many more locations on her bucket list. Favorite pastimes include spending time with friends and family as well as nature hiking and boating.

Vivian has volunteered in Vacation Bible School and is looking forward to participating in the upcoming HAB summer mission trip with her daughter.

## Tips for Setting Meaningful Resolutions

by Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

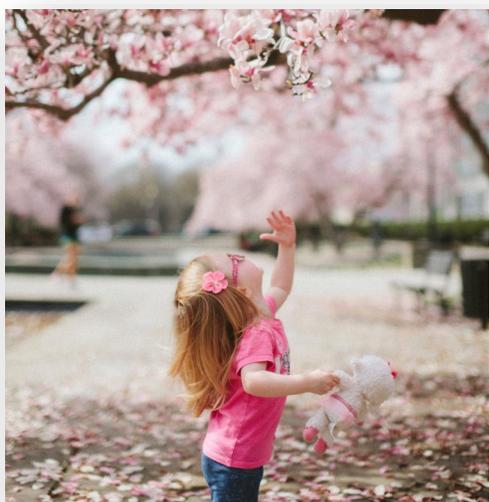
It is that time of year when we all start talking about New Year 's resolutions—we talk about getting in shape, eating better, spending less money on things, and spending more time with family. We speak in grandiose terms of how this next year is going to be the best year we have ever had.

Don't get me wrong. All those things are great—but after spending plenty of time with children, I have learned something different about New Year's resolutions. I have learned that maybe we should be making a New Day resolution. Perhaps instead of making these big sweeping statements that you are going to eat a kale salad every day for the next year, we should try to wake up each and every day with the idea today- this day is going to be the best ever.

Next time you have the attention of a young elementary student, ask them what they did over the weekend. Ask them about their summer vacation. Then ask them what they plan on doing next month. My guess is that they will tell you these grand stories of playing with friends or how much fun they had playing with their cousins at their grandparents' house. Then I would expect you would be met with a blank stare when you ask them about something months in the future.

That is what I love about how a child sees the world. They are so captivated with their stories, their experiences, that it propels them to joy during the day. They carry with them the joys of yesterday, and they let that drive them. They take the wonder of the world with them into every day. What an amazing world that would be if we could do that.

My challenge for myself and what I want to share with you is this: Instead of looking ahead to 365 days by setting a New Year's resolution, why don't we spend each and every day finding the wonder in the stories we hear, finding the joy in seeing an old friend? Why don't we stop long enough when we are outside to pay attention to the birds chirping and the wind rustling the leaves? Why don't we carry the wonder of the world with us wherever we go? Let us find the wonder of the world with each breath we take.



# Mark Your Calendar

## Tuesday, January 1—NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Church office closed*

## January 2-9: IWS ON CAMPUS

### Wednesday, January 2

5:30-6:30 p.m. .... Meal Served: FH  
6:30 p.m. .... IWS Convocation: Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 6

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .... 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. .... NEW Sunday Bible Studies  
11:00 a.m.-noon. .... Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. .... Romanian Church: Chapel  
6:00-7:15 p.m. .... Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

### Monday, January 7

8:00 a.m. .... Men's Book Study: D-1

### Wednesday, January 9

5:30-6:30 p.m. .... Meal Served: FH  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Children's Choirs: E-wing  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Moms Meet Up: Parlor  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Youth: Gym  
6:30 p.m. .... Vespers: Chapel

### Sunday, January 13

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .... 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. .... Bible Study Classes  
11:00 a.m.-noon. .... Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. .... Romanian Church: Chapel  
6:00-7:15 p.m. .... Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

### Monday, January 14

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. .... Women's Book Study: D-1

### Tuesday, January 15

1:00 p.m. .... Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: D-1

### Wednesday, January 16

5:30-6:30 p.m. .... Meal Served: FH  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Children's Choirs: E-wing  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Moms Meet Up: Parlor  
6:30 p.m. .... Vespers: Chapel  
7:00-8:30 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

## Sunday, January 20—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .... 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. .... Sunday Bible Studies  
11:00 a.m.-noon. .... Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. .... Quarterly Conference: FH  
4:00 p.m. .... Romanian Church: Chapel  
4:30-5:00 p.m. .... HAB Ringers: Choir Room  
5:00-6:00 p.m. .... Sunday Night Youth  
6:00-7:15 p.m. .... Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

### Monday, January 21

8:00 a.m. .... Men's Book Study: D-1  
5:30 p.m. .... Sulzbacher Feeding: Sulzbacher Center

### Wednesday, January 23

5:30-6:30 p.m. .... Meal Served: FH  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Children's Choirs: E-wing  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Moms Meet Up: Parlor  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Youth: Gym  
6:30 p.m. .... Vespers: Chapel  
7:00-8:30 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

### Sunday, January 27

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. .... 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. .... Bible Study Classes  
11:00 a.m.-noon. .... Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. .... Romanian Church: Chapel  
4:30 p.m. .... HAB Ringers: Choir Room  
5:00 p.m. .... Sunday Night Youth  
6:00-7:15 p.m. .... Master Ringers: E-9  
7:00 p.m. .... Burmese Church: Chapel

### Monday, January 14

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. .... Women's Book Study: D-1

### Wednesday, January 30

5:30-6:30 p.m. .... Meal Served: FH  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Children's Choirs: E-wing  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Moms Meet Up: Parlor  
6:00-7:00 p.m. .... Youth: Gym  
6:30 p.m. .... Vespers: Chapel  
7:00-8:30 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

**January 20, 2019, 12:15 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**Please make reservations for lunch  
by Thursday, January 17, to  
[laraine@habchurch.com](mailto:laraine@habchurch.com) or  
904-396-7745 x333.**



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