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UPDATE from Personnel Committee

We are all saddened by Dr. Kyle Reese's resignation this past Sunday. We will have many opportunities to reach out and express our love and appreciation to him.

Let us share the following as we move forward:

Dr. Reese to serve as Pastor-in-Interim

The Personnel Committee has accepted Kyle's gracious offer to serve part-time after May 1 in an interim capacity until a new senior pastor arrives. During this time, he will lead on both Sunday and Wednesday, coordinate staff meetings, and be available for funerals and weddings for members. This is good news! We do all need to respect the fact that he will have a new full-time position at OneJax beginning in May!

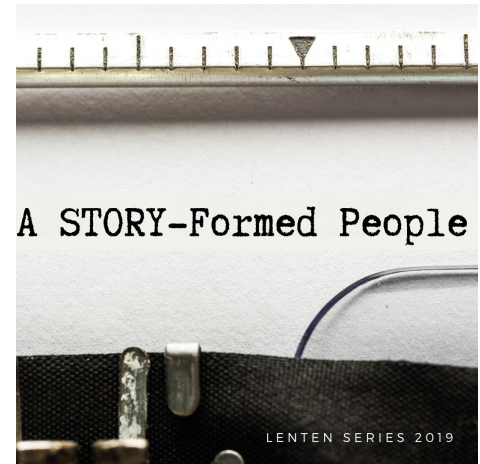
Pastor Search Committee

The bylaws call for a Special Nominating Committee, to be chaired by the current

Nominating Committee chair (Norma Hagan), which will nominate nine church members to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. This slate will be presented to the church for election at a business meeting. The nine members are all "at large" (not serving because of current position) and should represent the diversity of the congregation. The Pastor Search Committee will elect its own chairperson.

Be in prayer for Norma and the Special Nominating Committee as they seek to determine the best committee to do the important work of finding a new senior pastor.

Hugh Greene,
Personnel Committee Chair



Our Lenten theme is *A Story-Formed People*. Sunday sermons and our Sunday Bible study beginning March 10 will center around this theme. Join Lenten Sunday Bible study facilitator, Jack Mitchell, on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel for a large group lesson followed by breakout smaller groups for discussion. Join us each week or if you cannot make one session, join our HAB Sunday studies resource hub Facebook group to stay in the loop!

Annual Pulpit Exchange with the Temple

Friday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. Kyle Reese will preach at the Temple (Congregation Ahavath Chesed, 8727 San Jose Blvd.).

Sunday, March 3, Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar will preach during HAB's 11:00 a.m. service.

Kyle T. Reese, D.Min., Pastor • **Thomas M. Shapard**, M.Div., M.M., Minister of Music & Worship

Britt Hester, M.Div., Minister of Youth and Christian Education • **Claire Kermitz Chinn**, M.Div., Minister of Children and Mission

Vickie M. Landers, B.B.A., Church Administrator • **H. Kendell Smith**, Dip.C.M. Minister of Music Emeritus

Help Us Build a Home One Envelope at a Time

By Britt Hester, Minister of Youth & Christian Education

By now you have probably heard that our high school youth and a cohort of adults from our church are traveling to San Raymundo, Guatemala, to build a home for a family in need. During the week of June 9-15, our team will be working with a mission organization called *Casas por Cristo* (Homes for Christ). Casas por Cristo partners with local churches to identify people with inadequate shelter needs. Once a family is identified, groups like ours come to build a home for the family. Of course, going on a trip of this magnitude requires serious commitment. Our team members and I meet regularly to prepare financially, physically, and spiritually for this trip. As our preparation continues, we invite you to partner with us to help make this home a reality for a family in need.

One way you can help is by participating in our Wall of Money fundraiser. What is the Wall of Money? Well, it is what its name suggests: It is a wall of money. The issue, however, is there is no money on the wall initially. On the wall are numbered envelopes, which contain instructions. You take a numbered envelope off the wall, and whatever number is on the front of the envelope is the amount of money you place inside. For example, if you take an envelope numbered 73, you will place \$73 in the envelope and place it in the collection box. There will be 200 numbered envelopes that will be on two separate walls.



Photo: example of Money Wall

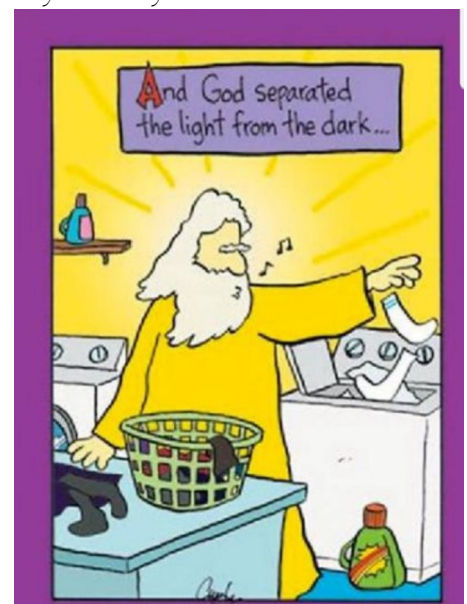
One will be in the narthex and the other in the fellowship hall throughout the month of March. Our hope is to fill all 200 envelopes by the end of March. The money raised will help us cover the costs of the trip, which include airfare, building supplies, transportation, food, housing, and immunizations. We hope you will partner with us in this way to help bring security and stability to a family in need in San Raymundo. In the meantime, continue to pray for our team, for the family we will serve, and for ministry of Casas por Cristo. Thank you!



Photo by Britt Hester taken at the recent Mission Madness event as our students, along with other CBF Florida youth, worked together to serve our community.

Your Monthly Funnies

By Gene Maszy



Paying It Forward

By Sharon Maszy

Crossroads: Where Faith Meets Life, subtitled “A Future Free of Hunger: What the Bible shows us about simple solutions we can take,” was one Sunday morning study, taught by Trent Fisher, offered in the last series. As we are interested in all aspects of food and ministry through food, of course, Gene and I chose to attend that class. What eye-opening, almost mind-blowing, insights Trent shared with us about hunger in today’s world. He opened with the question, “Have you ever, really, truly, been hungry?” It was thought-provoking. One thing we took away from the study was that yes, the problem is huge, so just do what you can do. At HAB our Hunger Initiative Mission focuses on meeting the needs of those facing food insecurity in our community.

What can we do, today, now, in our community?

Maybe some of you have noticed at Wednesday night supper there’s a big display board behind the food. It has a big headline “Pay It Forward” and recipes tacked up that are some of the ones we use on Wednesday to prepare the meals for our church family. This effort is our way, just one way, we can meet the hunger needs of our community. And this is how you can be a part of that mission. When you pay for your supper on Wednesday night, pay it forward with an extra dollar or

two. You will be given a post-it note to record the extra amount. Then the cashier will stick the note up on the board behind him/her. So what happens with that money?

San Marco Church, on the corner of Naldo and LaSalle (formerly Swaim UMC), is feeding the hungry and homeless every Wednesday night. Their volunteers prepare meals for sometimes more than 60 people. Gene has met with their minister, and they will be very happy to take our perfectly good leftovers from Wednesday night meals and special events. But we want to do better than that! For example, when we have leftover meatballs and sauce, we want to be able to give them pasta and garlic bread. When we have savory roast pork, it’s very easy to make an extra one to share. You get the idea! That’s where your “pay it forward” dollars come in. Gene will take down the necessary amount in post-it notes and pay for the extra food.

Let’s all be looking for ways we can do even a little bit to alleviate the hunger in our world. Don’t forget UCOM when you grocery shop, watch the news for community efforts you can support, and always pray that God will open our eyes and hearts to the needs of others and our opportunities to respond.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

If you are interested in being considered to serve on the diaconate, please contact Laraine at the info below. (To be eligible to serve on the diaconate as stated in our Constitution and Bylaws, Article III, sections 1 & 2, deacons must be at least 21 years of age and must have been a member of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church for at least one year.) We are also collecting names of individuals who wish to have their names removed from the list of those eligible to be nominated for deacon.

Please contact Laraine with either of these requests at laraine@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745, ext. 333, by March 8, 2019.

March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

Pork loin, broccoli, mashed potatoes and gravy, chocolate cake

March 13

No Meal - SPRING BREAK!

March 20

Ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread pudding

March 27

Spaghetti and meatballs, tiramisu poke cake

All meals served with bread, salad bar, and beverages.

Expanding Community by Expanding the HAB Lunch Program

by Caroline Welkley, Lunch Program Volunteer

HAB is expanding the bag-lunch program to address the barriers that keep some of our marginalized (homeless, food- and safety-insecure) neighbors stuck in a cycle of despair. Through the six years of the bag-lunch program, HAB already has formed significant relationships with these folks, primarily men. We now hope to continue building the relationships to the point that those who wish empowerment may respond to a “hand-up,” as well as the “hand-out.” Through interviews, individually and in a group, we have discovered that five men who frequent the church office for their lunches see their biggest need as finding and maintaining a job. Some of the skills and work experience they identified are food prep (restaurant); concrete work; brick-laying; plumbing assistant; and the willingness to perform janitorial work, yard work, furniture-moving, and auto-detailing. We also uncovered that any skills that may be present and the desire to work are not enough to launch them into earning and maintaining an income. For example, the lack of dependable transportation limits the scope of jobs to an area that routinely can be reached by walking or on a bicycle, since the JTA bus service is undependable for making it to work on time in many instances. For HAB

neighbors, that pretty much limits them to the 32207 zip code. Other barriers further erode the ability to obtain and maintain substantial employment, some of which are being arrested and jailed for 90 days on a regular basis when notification of long-standing child support arrearages popup when the person applies for jobs or public benefits; excessive monetary judgments as well as other legal matters that accrue because the person cannot afford an attorney; lack of photo ID; lost or destroyed Social Security cards; uncorrected errors in public benefits; addictions and self-medication due to inadequate access to health care; and lack of adequate affordable housing and interim housing in the 32207 area.

“Drug addiction, mental illness, a deficiency of marketable skills — they all keep the poor locked in a troubling cycle of dependency and despondency” which requires the “reweaving of the social fabric of the community.” This “reweaving” is accomplished through mixed-income neighbors using their “breadth of clout and ideas . . . to improve chances for the poor.” *Charity Detox*, Robert D. Lupton, p. 132, Harper Collins Publishers 2015.

Want to be a part of the expanding lunch ministry here at HAB?

Here are some ways to participate:

1. Stock our lunch closet with perishable food items that do not require a can opener.
2. Donate those carry-out utensil packs you never use.
3. Contact Jennifer Mayo about packing lunches or how to make monetary donations at 904-304-4118.
4. If you would like to help with the expanded care as is mentioned in the article, call the church office at 904-396-7745 and leave a message for Debbie Hagan and/or Caroline Welkley.

5. Continue to pray that God will use our mission efforts through the Hunger Initiative to expand community, create connections, and lead to conversations about the love of Christ.





Sympathy to...

...Missy & Chuck Creel in the death of Missy's father, Cager Campbell, on Sunday, January 13, 2019. Graveside services were held January 24 at the National Cemetery, where he received full military honors.

...Justin, Chelsea, Maddie, & Macaiden Weise in the death of Dawn Weise, Justin's mother. The celebration of life service was February 8 in our sanctuary, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the calls, prayers, and cards during my treatment. Please continue to pray as my treatment continues for three more weeks.

Thank you,
Kendell Smith

To our HAB Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for the many prayers and cards sent to Chuck and me during the recent passing of my father, Retired Commander Cager Campbell, U.S.N., who was buried January 24 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. I'd also like to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl which brought me great comfort and the Bereavement Team who arranged a donation to Sulzbacher in my father's memory. He would have greatly appreciated this donation this as he did volunteer work for the Jacksonville Food Bank and the Salvation Army before he was so ill, and also donated money to Sulzbacher as he desired to make a positive difference in others' lives.

Sincerely,
Missy Creel

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| The Offering Plate | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | Sept '18 - Dec '18 | Jan '19 | Year-to-Date |
| Offerings and Other Revenue | \$ 451,800 | \$ 87,507 | \$ 539,307 |
| Expenses | (425,507) | (95,356) | (520,864) |
| Operating Surplus/(Deficit) | 26,293 | (7,849) | 18,443 |
| | | | |
| Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue | 422,236 | 105,559 | 527,795 |
| Above/(Below) Budget | 29,564 | (18,052) | 11,512 |
| | | | |
| # Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end) | 39.5 | 37.3 | - |

Praying Toward Easter

by Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

It is easy to get in the spirit of Christmas (well before Advent even starts). The Christmas decorations seem to go on display earlier and earlier every year. The Christmas carols ring through our houses and businesses, and everything seems just a little brighter. But on the flip side of Advent and Christmas we have Lent. We have the somber season where we are encouraged to give up candy, coffee, sweets, really anything that seems indulgent. I mean, we start the season off by placing ashes on our foreheads and remembering that we are all going to die. What is festive about that? Talking with children about the season of Lent is hard because it tends to be a lot of self-reflection, self-denial, and sacrifice—concepts that are hard for children to understand.

I don't have all the answers and I am still figuring it out, but one of the best ways I have found to talk and connect with children during Lent is through prayer. Not just any type of prayer, but praying through the Lord's Prayer.

During the seven weeks of Lent pray and try to practice the prayer:

Week 1: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Week 2: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Week 3: Give us this day our daily bread,

Week 4: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Week 5: And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,

Week 6: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Week 7: Pray the full prayer every morning.

The goal is to be able to pray these prayers in such a way that they become engrained in your daily life—to act as Jesus would and when we aren't sure what decision to make we have that little voice in the back of our head telling us to forgive. Children get repetition; children get conversation. So throughout Lent talk to your children about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Tell them about the grace and salvation of Jesus. Tell them about your experience of being baptized. And pray together—pray daily—pray nightly. Find a way to sit, walk, stand, or roll around with your child and pray together. For in that moment, you and your child are walking closer to Jesus, and I don't think there is anything more holy than that moment.

Parents, want some resources to help your family pray toward Easter? Sign up for a weekly email Family Prayer Guide and a text reminder each week! Just text "LENT" to 904-297-4007.

SAVE THE DATE

March 10

Special Children's Sunday

School: "Burying Our Alleluias"

To help children move into the Lenten season, we are going to "say goodbye" to the Alleluia. Children are invited to join us for this special lesson as we write/decorate a special seed paper with the word "Alleluia." We will bury the paper in our garden and watch what happens when our "alleluia" returns on Easter Sunday!

Welcome New Member!

Joseph Edmonson joined on Sunday, February 17, 2019, by profession of faith. He is in the third grade and participates in our children's ministry programs regularly. He is the grandson of Shirley and Lonnie Dasher. Welcome, Joseph!



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, March 1

7:00 p.m. Kyle Reese preaches at the Temple

Sunday, March 3

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-noon. Pulpit Exchange, Rabbi Bahar: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth: Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. Master Ringers: E9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service: Sanctuary
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 13—SPRING BREAK

No evening activities EXCEPT...

7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 20

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, & More: E-wing
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Moms Meet Up: Parlor
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Sunday, March 24

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

Monday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 27

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, & More: E-wing
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Moms Meet Up: Parlor
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth: Gym
 6:30 p.m. UNF, FSCJ, & Don't Miss a Beat Choir Concert
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Sunday, March 31

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-noon. Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Community Choirs Festival: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Youth: Choir Room
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Upcoming Lent/Easter Events

Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19 Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 20 EGGstravaganza

Sunday, April 21 Easter Worship Services

Sundays beginning March 10 we will begin exploring our Lenten Theme: "A Story-Formed People" in our worship services and in our Sunday Bible Studies. We look forward to preparing for Easter with you!

Learn more at habchurch.com/easter



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