

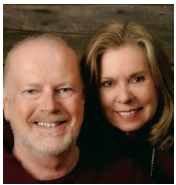
The Herald

HENDRICKS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH | APRIL 2019

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CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, March 31, there will be a called business meeting at the end of each worship service for the purpose of electing the Pastor Search Committee. The Special Nominating Committee has worked prayerfully and diligently to select members who represent the diversity of our congregation. The following members are being recommended and will be voted on as a complete slate (i.e., not individually).



Mary Bridgman has been a member of HAB for 38 years. A retired lawyer/corporate executive, Mary is an active deacon (previously serving as chair), serves as team leader for the New Members Team, and participates in the Sanctuary Choir and Sunday Bible Study. Mary is married to Ben, and they have a grown daughter and two grandchildren.



Lad Daniels is a retired businessman with careers in manufacturing and its related areas and real estate development. He has been active in local, state, national, and international organizations, including non-profit, religious, and governmental. Lad joined HAB upon his marriage to Anita Snell, and he has served on the Personnel Committee, as deacon, and as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.



Originally from Hilton Head, South Carolina, **Jordan England** has been a resident of Jacksonville and member of HAB since 2011. Jordan is married to previous HAB staff member Anne England, and they are the parents of Elizabeth (5) and Charlotte (2). Jordan is the Founder and CEO of the e-commerce furniture brand Industry West.



Debbie Hagan is married to Ted; has been a member of HAB since 1983; and is a deacon, director of the Master Ringers handbell choir, and team leader for the Primetimers. She is active in the homeless ministry, prayer shawl ministry, volunteer receptionist, and as a substitute teacher for Little Friends. Debbie received a Bachelor of Music Education from Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia, and a Master of Health Care Administration from UNF. She is retired from 33 years at Florida Blue.



A native of Macon, Georgia, **Charlotte Haines** and her husband Rick have lived in Jacksonville for 20 years and are the proud parents of two daughters—Carson (15) and Riley (10). They joined HAB in 2014, and the whole family enjoys participating in worship, Sunday school, Wednesday night fellowship, youth & children's programs, music, and a variety of committees and activities. Charlotte served on a search committee at another church, is a graduate of the University of Georgia, and works full-time at The Haskell Company as a commercial interior designer.

Pastor Search Committee Nominees are continued on the next page.

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



Joyce Hanson's family has loved and been an active part of HAB for almost 70 years. She is a long-time Sunday school teacher. She taught in the Duval County Schools' hospital homebound program for 30 years. In retirement, Joyce and Malcolm enjoy traveling and volunteering at HAB and in the community, including UCOM (United Community Outreach Ministry), Sulzbacher Homeless Center, and Meals on Wheels, among many others.



Dawson McQuaig, Jr.'s first memories of being at HAB are sitting on the steps of the old sanctuary as a kindergartener in Vacation Bible School. HAB has impacted his entire life. It was here that he heard the call to ministry, and HAB is the center of his family's life. Dawson served as chair of Imagine 2020 Team and is an active deacon. He looks forward to serving as we seek a pastor to guide our church in the years to come.



Elizabeth Spradley has been an active member of HAB since 2006 and has served on the Personnel Committee and the Discernment Team. Elizabeth has been Senior Vice President of Human Resources for 31 years with The Suddath Companies, has been active in the Jacksonville community volunteering with numerous non-profit organizations, and served as a board member for Goodwill for a number of years.



Justin Weise and his family have been members of HAB for five years. He is married to Chelsea, and they have two children, Maddie and Macaiden. Justin currently teaches high school history at Providence School and will be joining the Episcopal School of Jacksonville in the fall to teach history and coach football. Justin served as HAB's interim youth minister during 2015.



Planning for Our Future

While it is difficult to predict the future, we do know that, over the long-term, many different forms of resources will be needed to continue HAB's mission in our community and in our world. As we live out the coming weeks, months, and years, our congregation will undoubtedly continue to share time, talent, and treasure to further HAB's mission to share the love of Christ with those around us.

When we consider this long-term vision, it is important that we also continue to serve as responsible stewards of the tangible resources—our finances, campus, and facilities—that allow our mission to endure.

In the upcoming weeks, you will hear more from our Budget and Finance Committee, along with other church leaders, regarding steps that we can take to position ourselves for ongoing success. Specifically, we will share details surrounding our church's endowment, and ways that you can participate.

We appreciate the ever-present generosity of this congregation, and look forward to sharing more with you soon!

Sincerely,
Budget and Finance Committee

Together We Can Make a Difference

By Sharon Maszy

In the March *Herald* I shared what an impact our Sunday Bible Study series on world hunger made on Gene and me. At Wednesday night fellowship suppers, we rolled out the HAB version of “pay it forward.” When you pay for your meal, you can choose to add a little extra; the amount will go on a post-it on the board behind the cashiers. When we have good leftovers, San Marco Church picks them up to use in the free meals they give out on Wednesday nights at their church. Gene will use the money as it adds up on the post-its to supplement the donated food to make it a more complete meal. We plan to continue this effort as part of HAB’s mission focus on hunger.

The information Trent Fisher shared in our class showed us lots of ways people are battling hunger in our world. There are amazing local organizations at work everyday in Northeast Florida. If you have fruit trees in your yard, there’s a very simple way you can work to alleviate hunger in our community. Any fruit you pick that you are not using can be taken to UCOM (United Community Outreach Ministry). If you don’t want to pick it or maybe you just can’t reach it, there are local groups that are gleaners. Yes, just like in the Bible, they come pick your unharvested fruit and share it with organizations that reach out to the hungry. I know about two: Society of St. Andrew endhunger.org/florida/ and Edible Northeast Florida ediblenortheastflorida.ediblecommunities.com/food-thought/citrus-gleaning. My daughter-in-law Mary calls Forgotten Fruit, forgottenfruit.org to finish picking the fruit off their trees. It is amazing how many oranges and grapefruits they harvest, off just a few trees, to donate to local food pantries.

One more hunger initiative I’m going to explore is Waste Not Want Not. It’s a local organization endorsed by IWS (Institute for Worship Studies). This volunteer-based group exists to prevent the discarding of items that can be used to fight hunger and poverty in our community. They do this by rescuing food daily from numerous sources, for distribution to local charitable organizations. They currently make 130 scheduled rescues every week and serve over 78 groups weekly. See their website at <http://wastenotflorida.com>. What a volunteer opportunity!

Coming up in April at HAB, we have supper every Wednesday followed by vespers or a special program. There’s always mission/music group for the children. Watch the bulletin for more information. We’re also planning a special Cuban meal for our church family. We learned so much about CBF and missions on our recent trip to Cuba that we want to share it with you. We’ll be joined in this effort by Dawson and Sissy McQuaig and Rachel Shapard. Hope to see you soon!

What’s on the Menu?

April 3

Eye of round, salad bar, twice-baked potato casserole, green beans, bread, and dessert

April 10

Shrimp and grits, salad bar, corn, sausage, bread, and lemon bars

April 17

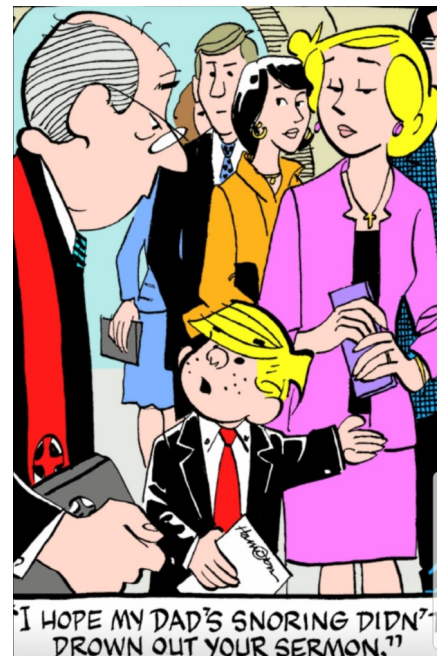
Company chicken, wild rice, broccoli, salad bar, bread, and coconut cake

April 24

Poppy seed chicken, rice, green beans, salad bar, bread, and dessert

Your Monthly Funnies

By Gene Maszy



From the Library....New Titles, New Volunteers?

By Julie Babcock, Church Librarian

There are several new titles in our library by your favorite authors: Greg Iles and James Patterson, to name two. We also have some new non-fiction you may want to check out. Many of our newer books are on current best-seller lists. Stop in and see what's new! There are two immediate needs in staffing the library: More volunteers are needed to staff the library from 10:40-11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Some of those who have been doing this for two years have health problems or are care-givers and cannot continue these duties. If we can get some new volunteers, you would have this responsibility only once in two months. Please contact me at babjc@comcast.net or 904-731-9359. A second library need involves about an hour per week, preferably on Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. until dinner at 5:30 p.m. Since our holdings have grown, the shelves need to be rearranged and labeled. I am hopeful that someone will come forward to tackle this job! Stop by, talk with me, and see just what is needed. If you have not looked into the many and varied holdings in the Library and Media Center, now is a good time to do so. I think you will be pleasantly surprised!

Connecting with Our Church Family Through Story and Song

By Britt Hester, Minister of Youth & Christian Education

Acts 2:46-47a states, "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people." Since the beginning of this school year, our students, under Tommy and Laraine's leadership, have sought intentional ways to share what we do on Sunday nights with our church family. Specifically, we have searched for ways to join members in their homes to share songs, tell stories, and pray for one another. Last month we had the privilege of spending time with Ann Carter in her home. This month we spent time with Bill & Dottie McLearn. Each visit brought a unique experience, but each visit left us feeling more connected and uplifted because our time spent together. Scripture consistently reminds us of the value of spending time with one another, when we inspire and encourage one another through song and prayer. These visits have been a blessing for our students and adults, and as we continue to share in this ministry together, we invite you to join us if you are interested. If you would like for our students to visit with you, please let Tommy or me know. We would love to come to sing, pray, and spend time with you!





Sympathy to...

...Bill & Sylvia Whitley and family in the death of Bill's sister-in-law. She died on February 19, 2019 in Charleston, South Carolina.

...Gladys & Lee Hutchins in the death of Gladys' sister on February 21, 2019, in Richmond, Virginia. The funeral was February 27 in Richmond.

...the family and friends of Lucy Hedgepeth, who died the week of March 10.

Dear Kyle, staff, and church family,

Words can't begin to express my gratitude for your prayers and visits to my mom and prayers for my family after the loss of my dad. 2019 has been challenging, but knowing God is present in everything is comforting. My mom is getting better. Her speech is okay, but everything else is improving faster.

Thank you and God bless,
Leigh Ann Rassler

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Denise Thomas—Joined February 24, 2019

Denise was born at NAS Jacksonville and has lived in Jacksonville for most of her life. Her parents, Benjamin and Kathryn Carpenter, continue to live in Jacksonville and are very active members of Westside Baptist Church. Denise's brother, also named Benjamin, lives in Anchorage, Alaska. Son Walker is a senior at UF studying media production, and son Gabriel is a freshman at Mercer University. Her "family" also includes a standard poodle and a cat.

Employed in private wealth management at SunTrust Bank through SunTrust Investment Services, Denise works with families, many of whom have been multi-generational clients for over 30 years, to address complex needs involving investment, risk management, tax, and legacy planning. In her spare time, Denise enjoys gardening, reading, walking and exercising.

Coming to HAB from Arlington Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Denise is already involved in Sunday Bible Study and is passionate about helping friends and others going through abuse, divorce, and other difficulties in life.

The Offering Plate			
	Sept '18 - Jan '19	Feb '18	Year To Date
Offerings and Other Revenue	\$ 539,307	\$ 74,456	\$ 613,763
Expenses	(520,864)	(94,772)	(615,636)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 18,443	\$ (20,316)	\$ (1,872)
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	527,795	105,559	633,353
Above/(Below) Budget	11,512	(31,102)	(19,590)
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	37.3	31.4	

DID YOU KNOW? You can give online at habchurch.com/give.

Waiting for the Alleluias

by Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

It has become a tradition for our children at HAB to bury our alleluias on the first Sunday in Lent. When we bury our alleluias, we write the word “alleluia” and a prayer on some seed paper and then bury those in our community garden. It is more than a fun activity; it is a symbolic act of our journey through Lent.

As we plant our alleluias, we recognize that during this season we put our alleluias to rest. We do this so that when the “alleluia” returns on Easter Sunday, we will hear it anew. We will be refreshed and overjoyed; we will begin to truly feel what that alleluia means in light of the risen Christ.

But we don’t just bury them, dust off our hands, and move on. We continually tend the ground where they are buried. We get our hands dirty and help our alleluias sprout—because that is the beauty of Lent. We walk through the season of Lent, recognizing that sometimes we may feel that God is distant, even as we continually work toward that Easter moment.

Lent is a time where we struggle, where we fast from things that distance us from God. For many people, Lent can be a time where we briskly move through these 40 days to get to the alleluia. But as our children are learning, waiting for the alleluias take time. We must foster them out of the ground. A seed buried will only go as far as we are willing to take it.

To get to Easter, we must tend to our souls. We must strive each day toward being closer to God—knowing that some days will be harder than others, but we are moving closer. Just like our buried alleluias are growing closer to sprouting, so are our souls.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. worship services

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:00 p.m. worship in the chapel

Good Friday, April 19

7:30 p.m. worship in the sanctuary

Easter EGGstravaganza, April 20

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—bounce houses, egg hunt, family fun!

Easter Sunrise Service, April 21

at the gazebo in San Marco, time TBA

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. worship services

Save the date...

Committee & Team Planning Lunch

April 7, 12:15 p.m.

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, & TEAM LEADERS are asked to attend the Committee Planning Lunch in the fellowship hall. This is your one opportunity to plan your budget and programming for the coming year. The meal is free, but reservations for lunch are required by Thursday, April 4.

Contact Laraine at laraine@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745, ext. 333.

Your service is greatly appreciated!

CHURCH WORK DAY

April 13 8:00 a.m. to NOON

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

April 14 at 12:15 p.m.

(Please make meal reservations by April 11 to Laraine at 904-396-7745 x 333 or laraine@habchurch.com.)

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 1

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

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

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

6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym

6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel

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

Sunday, April 7

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

11:00 a.m.-noon. Eleven O'clock Worship: Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Committee & Team Planning Lunch: FH

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, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym

6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel

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

Saturday, April 13

8:00 a.m. to Noon Church Work Day

Sunday, April 14—PALM SUNDAY/QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

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: 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, April 15

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

5:30 p.m. Sulzbacher Feeding: Sulzbacher Center

Wednesday, April 17

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

6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym

6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel

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

Thursday, April 18—MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service: Chapel

Friday, April 19—GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service: Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20—Easter EGGstravaganza

10:30 a.m. to Noon. EGGstravaganza

Sunday, April 21—EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 a.m.-9:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary

10:00 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

7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 24

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

6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth: Gym

6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel

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

Sunday, April 28—COMBINED WORSHIP with Ken Medema

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Combined 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

6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel





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