

HENDRICKS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE HERALD



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Update from the Pastor Search Committee

Thank you for participating in the Congregational Listening Sessions. We are compiling comments and will share with the congregation soon.

*Lad Daniels, Chair
Pastor Search Committee*

The Pastor Search Committee officers are as follows: Lad Daniels, chair; Mary Bridgman, vice chair; Debbie Hagan, secretary. Other members are Jordan England, Charlotte Haines, Joyce Hanson, Dawson McQuaig Jr., Elizabeth Spradley, and Justin Weise. Please keep the committee in your prayers.

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Summertime Gladness

by Britt Hester, Minister of Youth and Christian Education

If you ask any youth or children's minister what the busiest time of the year is, most of them will answer, "Summer." And while that is true, summer also provides meaningful opportunities for those of us who work with youth and children. Throughout the school year, we get the benefit of a pretty tight schedule to structure our time together. For the most part, Wednesdays and Sundays are set, and occasionally we'll get together for fellowships and other activities that break up the predictability. It's nice to have that structure, but it's also easy to get lost in the routine. What summer provides is a chance to do things we wouldn't normally be able to do during the school year.

Summer opens a world of possibilities for our students. For some of our students, this summer will be the first time they have traveled out of the country when we go to serve in Guatemala. For others, they will travel with us to Passport camp for the first time ever. For others, there will be chance to deepen and grow in their relationship with God and one another through our Bible study series that will run throughout the summer. And for still others, they will experience the depth and meaning of relationships with their peers as we play, serve, and learn together.

So, while summer is no doubt chaotic, it is also filled with endless opportunities for us to meet the risen Christ in everyday life. I hope you will join me in praying for our students as they embark on this summer journey together, and may God give each of us the faith to join them in the fun and chaos!



Narrative Lectionary for June:

JUNE 2

ROMANS 6:1-14

MATTHEW 6:24

JUNE 9

ACTS 2:1-4

ROMANS 8:14-39

JUNE 16

PSALM 113

LUKE 15:8-10

JUNE 23

PSALM 69:1-16

MATTHEW 7:7-11

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS

PRACTICING OUR FAITH:
Resource: *Practicing Our
Faith: A Way of Life for a
Searching People* by
Dorothy C. Bass

Location: E-4

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY:
This class reviews the
weekly narrative
lectionary verses and
shares ideas on how
God's Word is alive and
active in the lives of all of
us today.

Location: E-2

Kitchen Corner

By Sharon Maszy

“Summertime and the livin’ is easy.” Or so the old song goes. I’m not sure about easy for Gene and me, but definitely easier. Our last regular Wednesday night fellowship meal will be June 12. We’ll start back up on Wednesday, September 4. It will be very nice for the kitchen ministry volunteers to have a break, but I know we will all miss the chance to see our church family and share a meal during the week.

We still look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 5. The menu will be sort of a riff on an indoor picnic. So plan to come, comfortable and casual.

Wednesday, June 12, will be a great evening. We are welcoming the IWS (Institute for Worship Studies) students, staff, and faculty. The Institute for Worship Studies has offices here on the HAB campus and has two week-long sessions each year here for its students. IWS offers post-graduate degrees in ministry. Its goal is to form servant leaders in Christian worship renewal. This evening meal is a wonderful time to welcome 100+ Christian brothers and sisters to our church and community. They come from all over the world to attend IWS with the common goal of learning how better to serve and share our God.

No worries, you will not be left to fend entirely for yourself for Wednesday dinner the rest of the summer. Joyce Hanson, with a little help from her friends I’m sure, is preparing a list of restaurants to try on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. No reservations necessary; just drop in as often as you are able. You will find a nice group of people, probably a little different mix each week, to have dinner with, some good conversation and probably a laugh or two. Watch the bulletin and emails for details and locations.

Have a lovely, safe, “easy” summer!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENUS

JUNE 5

FRIED CHICKEN,
BREAD, SALAD BAR,
MASHED POTATOES
AND GRAVY, PEAS
AND CARROTS, CAKE

JUNE 12
IWS GUESTS

EYE OF ROUND,
BREAD, SALAD BAR,
BAKED POTATO
CASSEROLE, GREEN
BEANS, AND BANANA
PUDDING

A Well-Kept Secret

by Joyce Hanson, HAB Member

For many years, two women's mission ministry groups have quietly served our community and world. Both groups want to get the word out and invite other women in our HAB community to join them and get involved!

The Towers Group provides eight luncheons a year at the Jacksonville Towers in San Marco. Those age 70 and over are invited to a beautifully decorated, home-cooked lunch, but most importantly, friendship and loving support from the group. If you are interested in joining the HAB Towers ministry, contact Judy Kermitz at 904-707-7399.

Actively Caring Through Sharing, or ACTS, helps sponsor the Stepping Stones Christmas lunch each year. They also support three children on three different continents--foster care for a child in China, a group home for a Watoto child in Africa, and tuition for a child in the Ruth School in Romania. This group only meets three times a year, but reaches people every day through their service, sponsorships, and prayers. Contact Joyce Hanson for details about participating in this group.

Spend Time with Kids This Summer

By Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

Working with children can be exhausting, especially during the summer with camps, VBS, and running around. But one of the best parts of an exhausting summer is spending dedicated, slow time with our children. You see, during the school year our families are going a mile a minute. I get maybe, if I am lucky, one solid hour a week with our children. But during the summer I get five straight days of three hours a day, and then four days away at camp.

The summer allows me to spend time with our children away from the hustle and bustle of the school year. When I take a group of almost 20 children to PassportKids in June, each child will engage in nearly 20 hours of worship, devotional time, learning, and play. They will meet people from different churches and different walks of life. Most important, for me, is that our children will get to spend time together learning about God. During VBS our children spend three hours a day for five days learning about God. They will spend hours learning, playing, and worshipping together. The hours that our children spend engaged in VBS do not include the countless hours our volunteers will spend preparing, decorating, and planning for this great week.

The summer with our children is a great opportunity to get plugged in as a children's ministry volunteer, and it is an even better time to watch as our children grow in their faith! Come join us and see for yourself!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Parents, we've moved Vacation Bible School up a little this year to July 8-12 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please register your child as a participant as soon as possible. You can also sign up to volunteer on our website at habchurch.com/childrens-ministry.

The Bookshelf

by Julie Babcock, Church Librarian

While we appreciate your thinking about the library, **PLEASE don't bring in any more books until further notice.** I need to catch up, and the library is looking very cluttered! I am in the process of getting about 200 donated books on the shelves.

We are still in need of volunteers for Sunday mornings. This summer's schedule change means that coverage is needed from 10:10-10:25 a.m. every Sunday through August. With many folks getting away for vacations, more substitutes are needed. If you could donate your time in a pinch, but with some notice, please email me at babjc@comcast.net or call me at home at 731-9359. If you are at church on Wednesday evenings, I am also in the library before dinner and am at dinner almost every week.

Thanks bunches for considering giving a few minutes of your time. There is very little to learn or do other than to be in the library.



Photos of members of our women's ministry celebrating with residents of The Jacksonville Towers in San Marco. See article on previous page for details.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH FAMILY

Dear HAB Family,
Ed and Barbara Buice would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, and calls. Ed is over his fall, and I'm having my last gel shot in both knees on Friday, April 26.

-Barbara and Ed Buice

Congratulations...

...Helen Parker, daughter of Fred and Suzanne Bass Parker, graduated from FSU with a degree in mechanical engineering on May 4.

Sympathy to...

...Bob & Karen Heistand in the death of Bob's mother, Louise Heistand, age 97, on Sunday, April 21, 2019.

...Leslie, P. J., Tyler, & Casey Burkhalter in the death of Judy Beatrice, Leslie's mother, on April 24, 2019. The funeral service was May 1 in our sanctuary, followed by burial at Oaklawn.

THE OFFERING PLATE

	Sept '18-Feb '19	Mar '19	Year to Date
Offerings & Other Revenue	\$613,763	\$93,034	\$706,797
Expenses	(615,636)	(93,570)	(709,206)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,872)	(536)	(2,409)
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	633,353	105,559	738,912
Above/(Below) Budget	(19,590)	(12,525)	(32,115)
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	31.4	31.37	

Planning for Our Future

Throughout the past several months, you've heard and seen information highlighting the long-term benefits that HAB can realize through the continued growth of our endowment fund. Since its inception in 2006, the endowment has already provided over \$80,000 in distributions to benefit our church and its mission. Our goal, which has been shared with you, is to increase its balance from the current level of \$275,000 to approximately \$1.75 million, which will provide enough to cover our capital maintenance reserve budget requirements each year. Reducing or eliminating this large annual budget item will allow additional funds to be used for other purposes such as missions and outreach.

Our goal was shared with you during the Palm Sunday service, and via a brochure that you received in mid-May. As is so often the case, this congregation has responded to our call. Thus far, between current contributions and pledged legacy/estate gifts, over \$850,000 has been committed to the endowment!

We are so grateful to share this progress with you! And we also hope that you'll consider providing for this cause, if you haven't already done so.

Budget and Finance Committee

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....HAB Listening Session: Parlor
9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study
10:30-11:30 a.m.....Combined Worship: Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

Tuesday, June 4

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

Wednesday, June 5

5:30-6:30 p.m..... Meal Served: FH
6:00-7:30 p.m.....HAB Listening Session: Parlor
6:30-6:55 p.m.....Vespers: Chapel
7:00-8:30 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

June 9-15 Guatemala Mission Trip

Sunday, June 9

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study
10:30-11:30 a.m.....Combined Worship: Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

June 12-15 PassportKIDS Camp

June 12-19 IWS on Campus

Wednesday, June 12-IWS GUESTS

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

Sunday, June 16

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.....Donuts with Dads: Chapel
9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study
10:30-11:30 a.m.....Combined Worship: Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, June 17

5:30-6:45 p.m..... Sulzbacher Feeding

June 17-21 CBF General Assembly

Wednesday, June 19

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

Sunday, June 23

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study
10:30-11:30 a.m.....Combined Worship: Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

Wednesday, June 26

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

Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.....Sunday Bible Study
10:30-11:30 a.m.....Combined Worship: Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.....Patriotic Celebration: FH
4:00 p.m.....Romanian Church: Chapel
7:00 p.m.....Burmese Church: Chapel

On the horizon...

Wednesday Night Supper Meet-Ups beginning June 19

We'll be announcing the dates for each of our Summer Supper Meet-ups soon, but here are some of the places we'll be gathering, so stay tuned!

European Street on Beach

Beruit

Kazu

Seafood Island in San Marco

Loop in San Marco (parking by Southside Baptist)

South Kitchen on Park Street

Al's Pizza on Phillips Hwy.

Athens Cafe

Tijuana Flats

M Shack in Riverside

Your Monthly Funnies

by Gene Maszy



