

The Herald

HENDRICKS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH | MARCH 2020

After 14 wonderful years with Kyle Reese leading Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, we want to wish Kyle and Amy and their family Godspeed as their lives take a slightly different direction. Kyle, our senior pastor for the past 14 years, is now deputy director of OneJax at the University of North Florida, an organization dedicated to achieving civility, understanding, and respect for all people, where differences are welcomed and celebrated, much like HAB.

Although Kyle is leaving the position as HAB's senior pastor, the Reeses are not leaving Jacksonville, and they will continue to be members of HAB. Please come on **Sunday, March 29**, and celebrate all of them. Peyton and Wyatt will of course be present, and Hannah is flying in from Waco to join the party.

The event will be at the **home of Gary McCalla**. His house and his yard, with spectacular river views, are a gorgeous venue for a picnic. There will be **wonderful food, live music** with the Beau & the Burners band, and **great fellowship**. Gary collects antique cars and will have a few of them on display in his spacious driveway.

There will be **valet parking** because the house is on a cul-de-sac. The valet parkers will also have **golf carts** for those unable to walk far comfortably, and **big huge umbrellas** in case of (God forbid!) rain.

Please **RSVP to Laraine** at laraine@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745, ext. 333, **by Wednesday, March 25**, so that we can have a reliable head count.

If you would like to know more about Kyle's new position, you can go to OneJax's website: onejax@unf.edu.

Recognition Event for the Reeses

Sunday, March 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

3904 Alhambra Drive West

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by Wednesday, March 25**

Featuring great food, live music, & wonderful fellowship!



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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

Lenten Discipline

By Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

We enter into the Lenten season with conversations about moving closer to God, fasting, exercising, reading Scripture, whatever it may be for you. Lent is a season of discipline. But in order to fully grasp that concept, we have to understand what Christian discipline requires of us. We are not talking about a militaristic, fearful discipline. Christian discipline draws us closer to God—closer to who we truly are in Christ.

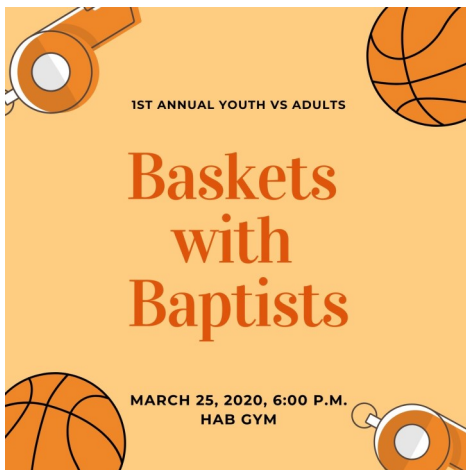
Lent invites us into the space of penance, of giving up things to create a way for us to grow closer to God. But if we are not careful, we can simply slip into the pattern of discipline for discipline's sake. We must wake up every morning and read for an hour; we must go on a 30-minute walk at lunch—we must, we must. But we forget the second half of those statements. We wake up early and we get to sit in silence and read a devotional. We go for a 30-minute walk and we get to pray and meditate, drawing us closer to God.

Our Lenten journey helps us build a restorative relationship that we can only find in Christ. It is the feeling

when you get to hold your grandchild for the first time, when you get the first glimpse of your bride as she walks down the aisle. It is that time when you land the dream job and everything you have worked so hard for has come to fruition. It is the feeling that who you are is perfectly defined and realized in that moment.

Our discipline should bring us to that feeling on Easter morning—the feeling that our identity is completely wrapped up as a child of God. We can only get to that feeling when we practice a disciplined life that is wrapped up in drawing closer to God by praying, reading, silence, or whatever it may be for you. Our Lenten journey invites us into that space; it invites us to recognize that we are better and we can do better.

We have an invitation to find rest in Christ, and it is up to us and our community of faith to step into this invitation ready and willing to find our identity in Christ. What a journey we get to go through Lent to find ourselves—to find rest! Are you ready?



Baskets with Baptists

By Britt Hester, Minister of Youth & Christian Education

A few months ago, Chelsea Weise came to me with an idea. She was dreaming about ways we could bring the whole church together in a fun, entertaining way that might also serve as an opportunity to support our youth. Her idea was a church-wide youth vs. adults basketball game. My initial reaction was one of caution. When would we do it? Who would play? Would people actually come? How long would the game last? What about food and concessions?

After talking it through with Chelsea, I got excited about the possibilities. When was the last time we had an event like this at HAB? How much fun would it be to watch our adults go up against our youth in basketball? Could we do a fun halftime show? Might we provide HAB t-shirts? What about a raffle that would raise money for our youth while also providing an incentive for people to come?

The more we talked, the more our excitement grew, and as a result we are offering our first annual youth vs. adults basketball game at HAB on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m. We are calling the event “Baskets with Baptists.” Everyone is invited to come be a part of the festivities and participate in the fun. Adults who are interested in playing can contact Chelsea or me, but even if you are not playing in the game, there will be fun activities throughout the night.

Since it is a Wednesday night, dinner will start earlier at 5:00 p.m. so everyone has a chance to eat dinner prior to the game. In the gym, we will have concessions for sale such as water, popcorn, and other snacks. We will also be selling t-shirts and raffle tickets at the game. The game will feature two 15-minute halves with a halftime show in between. If you are interested in performing at halftime, please let us know!

Beyond the game itself, we hope this will be a night simply to be with your church family as we celebrate the gift of our relationships to one another and the way this community of faith draws us together. Sports have a unique way of bringing people together from all walks of life, and we hope this night will be similar. So, please save the date and make plans to join us on Wednesday, March 25! All are welcome!

Art Exhibit: *Echo*

By artist *Erin Kendrick*

The words and music of Bobbie O'Connor's *Screams Echo*, a story about the generational trauma caused by the history and prevalence of lynching, inspired me to create a new body of work about the spaces left behind when a black male is murdered unjustly. In O'Connor's story the fictional lynching of Charlie, a young boy whose unchecked affection irrevocably led to his death; the economic lynching of Daddy who was denied an opportunity to create a better life for his family; and the recollection of the real, modern-day lynching of Trayvon Martin, a teenager who simply wanted to be left alone, remind me that in this country...life is about access. It reminds me of the lengths to which those who have even the smallest perception of power will submit to, to limit, or eliminate African-Americans' access to progress. It is an unnerving and relentless practice that has affected the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of not only the men in this story, but also the women that they leave behind. These women—mothers, grandmothers, and daughters—continue to exist in the spaces that these men once occupied. This body of work highlights the stories of the women of *Screams Echo*—Granny, and her granddaughters Rita, Frances, and Simone, each living with the physical and emotional trauma passed on through generations of witnessing these physical and psychological lynchings of the men they know and love.

Screams Echo Performance is part of the Ritz Chamber Players' March 19 Concert
Bobbie O'Connor (narrator), Kenyada Williams (actress), Kahri Joyner (cellist)
Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Art Opening
***Echo*—New Works by Erin Kendrick**
Wednesday, March 4
6:00-7:00 p.m.
in the narthex

Come help us welcome
artist **Erin Kendrick** and
composer **Bobbie O'Connor!**



Furman Singers at HAB
Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, conductor
Sunday, March 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Founded in 1946, the Furman Singers choir is recognized as one of America's premier collegiate ensembles, touring annually across the United States and Europe. Under the direction of Dr. Hugh Ferguson Floyd, the Furman Singers showcase a repertoire that covers everything from Renaissance motets to the finest choral music of the 21st century. Make plans to join us for an exciting concert!

Little Friends Learn about Polar Weather

Little Friends Preschool is a treasure!

We at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church may take great pride in our wonderful daycare and preschool. In January, the learning focus was on the polar regions of our planet and what the word “polar” means. As you know, because you sent your clean, empty gallon milk jugs every week, we built an igloo! (Thank you, Justin and Macaiden Weise, for your trusty clear duct tape, your tape measures, and your ingenuity!) Meteorologist Lauren Rautenkrantz from Channel 12 talked to the kids about polar weather, and our art time every week this month was directed toward all things cold.

Little Friends board chair Julie Mason read to the children, as did our church librarian, Julie Babcock, who does it faithfully every third Thursday. If you’d like to read on a Thursday (library time is 11:00 a.m. every week and lasts about half an hour), let Chelsea know—she’s at littlefriends@habchurch.com. You can bring your own age-four-appropriate book or choose one from our library.

There is so much to be proud of with Little Friends, not the least of which is our excellent curriculum and our 94% readiness-for-kindergarten rate. We have a daycare and a preschool full of eager learners!



Our miraculous igloo made with no ice!



Learning about polar weather from channel 12 meteorologist Lauren Rautenkrantz



Kitchen Korner

By Sharon Maszy

Christians everywhere celebrated Ash Wednesday on February 26. I'm so glad HAB follows the liturgical calendar. Lent and Advent, especially, become special times in the life of our church family. By the time you read this we will be well into the 40 (not counting Sundays) days of the Lenten season. According to Google, the purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego. The practice of "giving something up for Lent" falls under the category of mortifying the flesh. Usually we give up something we like to eat or drink, like wine, chocolate, or desserts. You might think of penance, too, as the act of doing something extra, like setting aside 30 minutes for Bible study and devotion. Whatever you choose to do "for Lent," hopefully it will be something that quiets the outside noise and lets you hear the soft voice of God.

None of this is about food, but yet, it is. God has so richly blessed us. The meals we prepare, serve, and enjoy every Wednesday evening at HAB are evidence of the feast he sets before us. The fellowship we experience deepens our relationships within the family of God. May



MARCH MENUS

Wednesday, March 4

Meatloaf with special sauce, mashed potatoes, lima beans, shrimp gumbo soup, salad, fresh bread, carrot cake

Wednesday, March 11

SPRING BREAK: NO MEAL

Wednesday, March 18

Nacho bar, Mexican rice, pinto beans, tomato bisque soup, fresh bread, everything cake bar

Wednesday, March 25

Oven BBQ chicken, mac & three cheeses, seasoned greens, loaded potato soup, Greek salad, fresh bread, coconut cake

Lent be a time you experience the love of God more intensely. May your heart be prepared for the joy of Easter.

See you Wednesday night for supper!

Senior Adult Luncheon

On Sunday, February 16, senior adults enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Sissy & Dawson McQuaig; a program planned by Suzanne Jenkins, Shirley Dasher, and Sarah Cooke; entertainment by Lee Turner; decorations by Becky Sullivan; and photos by Tim Rucci and Britt Hester. HAB's deacons and youth served the meal.

Several individuals were nominated by their peers as outstanding senior adults. The nominees were Jeanette Allen, Ann Carter, O'Neal Douglas, Sheryl Gates, Debbie Hagan, Gene Maszy, Sharon Maszy, Frank Metcalf, Janet Metcalf, Eleanor Rogers, Becky Sullivan, Caroline Welkley, and Jon Yost.

*A good time
was had by all!*





Sympathy to...

...Cecil Acree in the death of his son Craig on Monday, January 27, 2020. The service was February 8 at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville.

...Rosemary English in the death of her sister-in-law, Frances English, on February 1, 2020. Frances' service was February 22 at Beaches Museum Chapel, Jacksonville Beach.

From the Library

By Julie Babcock, church librarian

In this issue I'd like to tell you about a book in our library. It isn't brand new, but it's well worth your time. In case you missed this one, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah is a fascinating story of World War II, a superb story of a small French town and its citizens being invaded by the Germans. Families and life-long friends are torn apart, but the sheer bravery of the people get them through those devastating years. A wonderful work of historical fiction, this story of two sisters is both thought-provoking and harrowing. It is sad. It is real. It highlights the bravery of women living in the midst of the war. If you like a well-written story, you will find that this is one of the many hard-to-put-down books Miss Hannah has written. Others in our library include *The Great Alone*, *Winter Garden*, and *Magic Hour*. We have several more Kristin Hannah books to entice you back!



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 6, 2020.

For the Fiscal Year beginning Sept. 1, 2019			
The Offering Plate	Sept '19-Dec '19	Jan 2020	Year to Date
Offerings & Other Revenue	\$460,478	\$77,122	\$537,600
Expenses	(388,382)	(89,270)	(477,652)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	72,097	(12,148)	59,948
Budgeted Offerings & Other Revenue	413,173	103,294	516,467
Above/(Below) Budget	47,305	(26,172)	21,133
# Days Operating Cash on Hand (period-end)	41.60	39.10	



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



Sunday, March 1

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:45-9:45 a.m. Worship Service: Sanctuary
 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship: Chapel
 10:00-10:45 a.m. Bible Study Classes
 11:00 a.m.-Noon Worship Service: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. HAB Singers: Choir Room
 6:15 p.m. Youth SNAC (Sunday Night After Church)
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, March 2

8:00-9:00 a.m. Men's Monday Study: D-1

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth Group: Gym
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, and More: E-wing
6:00-7:00 p.m. Art Reception: Narthex
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

Saturday, March 7

**SPRING FORWARD! SET YOUR CLOCKS
 FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING
 TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT**

Sunday, March 8

8:45-9:45 a.m. Worship Service: Sanctuary
 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel
 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-Noon Worship Service: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Furman Singers Concert: Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, March 9

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

Wednesday, March 11

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES EXCEPT...

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

Sunday, March 15

8:45-9:45 a.m. Worship Service: Sanctuary
 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel
 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-Noon Worship Service: Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. HAB Singers: Choir Room
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, March 16

8:00-9:00 a.m. Men's Monday Study: D-1
 5:30-6:45 p.m. Sulzbacher Feeding

Wednesday, March 18

5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal Served: FH
 5:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting: D1
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth Group: Gym
 6:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Music, Missions, and More: E-wing
 6:30-6:55 p.m. Vespers: Chapel
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

Thursday, March 19

7:30 p.m. Ritz Chamber Players Concert: Sanctuary

Sunday, March 22

8:45-9:45 a.m. Worship Service: Sanctuary
 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel
 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-Noon Worship Service: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
 4:30-5:00 p.m. HAB Ringers: E-9
 5:00-6:00 p.m. HAB Singers: Choir Room
 6:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship
 6:00-7:15 p.m. Master Ringers: E-9
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel

Monday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 25

5:00-6:00 p.m. Meal Served (note time change): FH
6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth-Adult Basketball Game: Gym
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir: Choir Room

Sunday, March 29

8:45-9:45 a.m. Worship Service: Sanctuary
 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments: Chapel
 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.-Noon Worship Service: Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Romanian Church: Chapel
**4:00-7:00 p.m. Recognition Event for the Reeses:
 3904 Alhambra Drive West**
 7:00 p.m. Burmese Church: Chapel



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