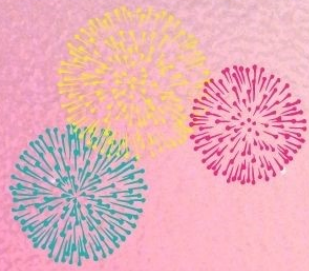


Hendricks Herald

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Where in the World Is HAB?
#HABOnTheMap



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“Sent: A Church on the Go”

By Rev. Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

Summer is in full force at HAB! That typically means for one week during the summer our campus is filled with fun decorations, music is blasting, and kids are laughing and playing. All things that bring a big smile to my face. Working with the children’s advisory and ministry teams, we decided to try something a little different this year. With our children’s safety and health our top priority, we began to look at a VBS that allowed for families to fellowship together, for children to learn alongside their parents, and for our children to play together. From these conversations the idea of a Friday night VBS of sorts was created.

From this idea “Sent: A Church on the GO” was birthed—a simple phrase that offers so much. Over the course of four Friday nights, every other week, from the end of June to the beginning of August, we will be meeting either at HAB or at local parks and learning about Bible characters who were sent out into the world to share the good news of God’s great BIG love.

We will learn about Isaiah and how he shouted, “Here am I, SEND ME!” Parents, be warned—we will be making megaphones that night! Another night we will learn about a few female heroines of the Old Testament and making superhero(ine) capes to remind us that we can all tell the story of God’s love. The shepherds will teach us that the miraculous birth of Christ changes us and we cannot wait to spread the good news with great joy! And finally we will look at Paul’s journey of being a man of great faith and great heart.

Our summer will take us from the Old Testament all the way to the early Church, helping us learn along the way that God sends each and every one of us, no matter how small we may be, to share God’s love.

How will you be sent this summer?



Did You Get It? (Some Words about Missions)

by Caroline Welkley, Lunch Program Volunteer

“Dear Sisters and Brothers” (to quote Pastor B.J.), did you get the recent Sunday sermon about David standing between the monster, Goliath, and the severely intimidated Israelites? If you did, then I eagerly look forward to your response to my following requests. I am asking you to step up to compassionately intervene with me on behalf of HAB’s neighbors whose well-being is threatened by the “giants” of government bureaucracies and oppressive or disabling circumstances. These are the folks to whom HAB (through the generous and persistent efforts of Jennifer Mayo) provides nutritiously-designed bag lunches, on a daily basis, Monday through Friday.

Those bag lunches have been the first step for HAB to provide ministry to a number of qualified people who have shared their additional needs that require us to take the next step toward “eliminating giants” that stand in their way and keep them stuck in the mire of hopelessness, despair, low self-esteem, etc., such as inability to access health care, public benefits, VA benefits, birth certificates and photo IDs, eye exams, employment, adequate housing, and legal counsel, among others.

The Next Step is the program that HAB started before the COVID-19 pandemic (during which I managed to keep in touch with a few folks to help with some of their life-altering issues). But now, HAB is designating an office space to provide **The Next Step** the ability to kindly meet with people on a regular basis in order to identify and assist them with overcoming the challenges they have been unable to overcome by themselves due to the giants (perceived and/or real) that confront them. *Will you take your “next step,” be a champion, and step up to help in the name of Jesus?* For instance: (1) *Could you volunteer* 2 hours per week, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., or 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on Wednesday or Thursday, for Next Step intake interviews, at the HAB office? (I will give you guidance on how to do this.) (2) *Could you donate* a laptop computer (that will support updates) to The Next Step program so that folks can gain access to public benefit applications and renewals? **I look forward to your “Yes!” Call me, Caroline Welkley, at cell 904-525-0087.**



What the Pastor's Reading: *Contact* by Carl Sagan

By Dr. B.J. Hutto, Pastor

"The gods exist because nature herself has imprinted a conception of them on the minds of men." —Cicero *De Natura Deorum*, I, 16

"Jesus said to Thomas, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'"

—John 20:29

I can't remember when I decided to add Carl Sagan's novel *Contact* to my Kindle. (Confession being good for the soul, I have to admit to having a bad habit of just buying novels whenever Amazon puts them on deep discount.) I'd never seen the movie, I didn't know anything about Sagan's writing, and I had only a passing acquaintance with his scientific reputation. However, several weeks ago I was scrolling through my Kindle, searching for something new to read, and my interest was piqued when I came across it in the list. So I decided to check it out, and boy, am I glad that I did! The fictional aspects of the story are fine, and the scientific ones are finer, but the main thing that I would like to point out about this novel is this: *Contact* is one of the finest examinations of the human religious instinct—and, indeed, of religious belief itself—that I have ever come across.

I don't mean to say that it has anything to do with Christianity—Christianity as such isn't seriously engaged in the story—but Sagan's characters wrestle with some of the fundamental questions of life: *Why are we here? Why does any of this exist? Where is our proper place within the creation? Is there a higher power, and, if so, what's our proper relationship with him/her/it/them? If there's a higher power, how does that affect the ways we relate to our neighbors?* What's more—and without giving away spoilers—by the end of the story several main characters have to wrestle with the nature of religious belief as well: *How do you relate a life-changing experience to others when they weren't there to share in it? What if it can't be replicated? What does it mean to believe something that you can't prove? What is it like to have that affect the way your peers view you?*

Suffice it to say, I was taken by this book. Sagan's prose reads very well. The story is engaging and well-paced. The characters are dynamic. And instead of being a story focused on hard, observable science that believes that only those things which can be repeated under laboratory-controlled conditions are real, *Contact* actually explores those areas of life that go well beyond our human understanding.



To Dream Dreams

By Dr. Tommy Shapard, Minister of Music and Worship

In my next few *Herald* articles, I'd like to share some insights from my doctoral work at SMU, which began in the summer of 2016. At that time, I was already concerned about the long-term vitality of music ministries in churches like HAB and had begun new ways of musicking with the HAB Singers. Those same questions are even more pressing following events in 2020, where cultural shifts affecting churches have accelerated during the pandemic. Realities in church attendance and Christian affiliation in the United States significantly impact the practical matters of church life, such as budgeting, programming, and scheduling. I think trends point toward a leaner, more pointed way of doing ministry that will require imagination and innovation by laity and staff in the years to come.

The HAB music ministry has felt other shifting forces over the past two decades due to the old worship wars, a decline in music education in public schools (and churches), and a culture that has commodified and idolized musical performance. These have all impacted broader musical participation in our daily lives, communities, and churches. Music-making has become a specialized activity over decades, leading us away from singing, instrument playing, and dancing as common activities that build up community through participation. Churches have lost the joy of being hospitable and curious in our music-making. Too strong an emphasis on performance excellence in society has elevated judgment and shut down in many of us our human inclination to sing, clap, and play *with* one another. Created in God's image, we are made to express ourselves with our voices, minds, and bodies. Limiting music-making in and from the church to only specialists, a favored style or culture, or certain spaces contradicts core values of Jesus' ministry as recorded in the Gospels and limits one's understanding of God.

My work over the past few years with the HAB Singers, coupled with my research at SMU, takes the first steps in exploring ways to balance our musicking as a congregation through augmenting our mission and reconfiguring our vision as a ministry. Fear not. Music will continue to play an important role in the worship life of

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churches around Word, Table, and Pool, as it has for centuries. We are blessed at HAB with a musical heritage that continues to inspire and sustain us today. The Spirit is already moving and breathing new life as we move out of the pandemic. Thanks be to God.

In upcoming articles, I will detail how music-making in our sanctuary, church members' residences, hospital rooms, and in the public square—prior to the pandemic—provided the first steps in molding our musical activity around the Micah directives in Micah 6:6-8, to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God, and how this Scriptural model begins expanding our music ministry at HAB for the twenty-first century.

Join with me,
Tommy



From the Church Mouse

Golfers, listen up! **Carle Felton** shot a hole in one a few weeks ago! He was playing the course at San Jose Country Club. Since 1999, Florida golfers have hit 2199 recorded hole in ones. Carle just brought it up to a nice round number, 2200.

All of you college basketball fans will recognize the fellow in the pool with our own **Jordan England**. It is **Dick Vitale**. He was a high school, college, and professional basketball coach, but he is better

known as the colorful and enthusiastic basketball announcer for ESPN for 41 years! He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008. Jordan was on vacation in Hawaii with **Anne** and daughters, **Elizabeth** and **Charlotte**.

Just a little news that the **Dundon (Dan and Sharon)** grandparents, would like to share. Their youngest granddaughter **Maisy Anne Webber** graduated June 1 from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and has been accepted at the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) for the fall semester. Their eldest granddaughter, **Emma Grace Webber**, graduated from Berry College in Rome, Georgia, *magna cum laude*, with a Music Education BA: Piano Pedagogy & Performance Kindermusik teacher; First Steps in Music teacher. She plans to teach in Jacksonville and will also be seeking students for private lessons. Needless to say, the Dundons are very proud of their granddaughters' accomplishments and so thankful the girls are both dedicated to God.

We are so grateful for our teachers. Special recognition goes to **Dawson McQuaig, Jr.** He was selected, by the students, as Teacher of the Year at Harvest Community School. Harvest and HAB are blessed by Dawson's dedication to education and ministry.

There is very noteworthy news in Florida government too. **Linda Nelson's** daughter, **Julie Taylor**, was appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to serve as judge on the Duval County Court. This court covers Duval, Nassau, and Clay counties. Judge Taylor's legal career includes assistant public defender, private practice, and assistant state attorney in the 4th Circuit, where she was director of county and juvenile court before becoming the court's general counsel. Since 2017, she has been general counsel for the 4th Judicial Circuit Court. In 2021, she was appointed special magistrate and civil traffic infraction hearing officer.

*****Remember, e-mail the Mouse at churchmouse@habchurch.com so your church family can celebrate the joys, milestones, and special recognitions in your life!**

Your HAB Church Mouse



Coordinating Council Approves Repurposing of Several HAB Spaces

By Steve Fordham, Coordinating Council Chair

Since HAB was established 75 years ago, we have enjoyed a sprawling campus across 14 acres with some 70,000 square feet of conditioned space situated in multiple buildings. When these buildings were constructed, each served a specific need and purpose. But with the passage of time, changes in our missions and ministries, the advent of technology, and evolving preferences of our members, a certain amount of space is now underused. And yet the cost of maintaining our facilities, including these areas, remains high. Each year, approximately \$200,000—nearly 20 percent of our annual operating budget—is devoted to maintenance and upkeep, utilities, insurance, and janitorial services.

During the last 25 years, we have explored ways of putting our facilities to better use so that they are not a financial drain on our church. You are probably aware that we have leased space to the Institute for Worship Studies, to Little Friends Preschool, and to other churches and ministries. To the extent that we can generate additional income from our property, we will have added resources which can be devoted to our congregation's ministries and missions.

The most recent move in this direction took place at a special meeting of the Coordinating Council on June 6. As representatives of Little Friends' leadership, Julie Mason, along with Chelsea Weise and Jack Mitchell, made a presentation to the Coordinating Council regarding the expansion of the preschool. After much discussion, a motion was made for the approval of three items:

- 1) Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church will support the expected growth of Little Friends.
- 2) The church will support changes to the church's current Media Center/Library in order to make the space more of a Little Friends/children's space.
- 3) The church will support the future use of six classrooms in the E wing for Little Friends' use during the week and will also explore space to install additional playground space on HAB's campus.

The motion for these items was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. This action by the Coordinating Council will do several things. First, it will allow Little Friends to methodically expand its capacity from 45 children to 100 children. While preparation for doing so has already begun, this expansion will begin in earnest in 2022 and continue over the course of five years. Secondly, this summer the school will proceed to repurpose the existing Media Center/Library space into a learning center for Little Friends' use. It will also allow the eventual weekday use of classrooms in E-wing. And, finally, it will direct church leadership to identify appropriate space on the campus for a second, larger playground, which is required by the State of Florida in connection with the school's increased capacity.

During the last 10 months, Little Friends has generated an operating surplus that will fully fund the only part of the expansion plan that will require a capital investment in the near term: the Media Center/Library conversion. This process, again, will begin this summer. Preliminary plans for the space include a much-needed reading lab, a children's library with a comfortable "reading rug" surrounded by low-reach bookshelves, separate reading nooks, and other inviting spaces that will encourage children to curl up with a book. It will also include a computer center to provide the children the technical knowledge and skills that are so important in today's world. Finally, it will include an office for the principal as well as a workroom for the teachers.

The repurposing of these spaces will be a win-win for everyone, especially since the church is not being asked to fund the Media Center/Library conversion. Alongside the church's staff, both of HAB's longstanding librarians, Eleanor Rogers and Julie Babcock, are supportive of the planned repurposing of that space. While Little Friends will use the upgraded spaces Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., these spaces will be available to be used by the church's ministries at other times. In time, the church will benefit financially both from increased rent and also from a sharing of the operating surplus generated by Little Friends. In addition, Little Friends brings young families and their children onto our campus where they are introduced to our missions and ministries, and it is our expectation that some of the young families with children enrolled in Little Friends will find a church home at HAB as well.

In conjunction with the repurposing of the Media Center/Library, you are invited to a book give-away on Saturday, July 17, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. During this time, you may select books from our adult fiction and non-fiction sections. This is a great time to stock your home library with books you've been wanting to read!

Little Friends is hiring for the fall! Are you or someone you know interested in working with interesting, intelligent, and wonderfully curious preschool children? Certified teachers and full-time floaters inquire within! E-mail Chelsea at principal@littlefriendsathab.com



Bob & Jackie Brann have long had ties to Hendricks Avenue Baptist. Friends with a number of members, Jackie taught many of their children over the years. In addition, their son Christopher participated in the HAB athletic program. The experience must have had a positive impact as Christopher was just named Director of Operations



for Women’s Basketball at Vanderbilt University!

Jackie is a Jacksonville native with Bob moving here as a child. In fact, Bob grew up in the house on Greenridge that he and Jackie have called home for decades. Married in 1975, they will celebrate their 46th anniversary on August 8 of this year. Congratulations!

Retired for 20 years, Bob has enjoyed a variety of careers from military service and sales to golf pro at San Jose Country Club. Jackie retired in 2005, having taught for 42 years. Thirty-two of those years were as a teacher of the gifted.

They both enjoy traveling and have made their way to Alaska and a number of countries in Europe. Bob plays bridge, while Jackie enjoys reading and cooking.

Attracted to the beauty of HAB itself, they have found the congregation to be warm and welcoming, which encouraged them to plant their roots with us. For that, we are grateful and look forward to many years of sharing our faith and service alongside them. Welcome, Bob and Jackie!



Sympathy to...

...Julie & Bill Mason in the death of Julie’s sister-in-law, Mary Alice Baldwin, who died June 3, 2021.

...Marie Tobias in the death of her mother on May 24, 2021. A funeral service was held in Alabama.

...Heather, Donald, Alex, & Zach Metcalf in the death of Marion (Mimi) Patrick, Heather’s mother and Alex and Zach’s grandmother. Mimi died on May 25, 2021. The service was in our sanctuary on June 19.

...Tommy, Rachel, Drew, Kate, and Mac Shapard in the death of Charlie Shapard, Tommy’s father & the children’s grandfather. He died on June 15, 2021. A memorial service will take place in Fort Worth, Texas, later in July.

...Rollin & Jan Isbell in the death of Rollin’s mother, Jeanne Isbell, on June 16, 2021. A memorial service was held in Illinois.

...Cindy & Richard Howard and Chris & Jill Jarrell in the death of Jack Spillers on June 11, 2021. Mr. Spillers was the father of Cindy and grandfather of Chris. The service was June 15 in Forsyth, Georgia.

...Mary Jane & Alan Cooper in the death of Mary Jane’s cousin’s husband, Walt Pinder. His funeral service was June 14 in Jesup, Georgia.

Thank You...

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all your prayers, calls, notes, and cards while I was in the hospital and recovering. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated. —Deborah Johns

Thank you, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, for supporting me personally this past year in so many ways. You have been a source of strength, comfort, and inspiration. You walked with me and my family through my severe case of Covid-19. You made sure I continued writing my doctoral thesis, and you encouraged me to keep moving forward. You celebrated with me when I graduated. And, after my dad died June 15, you have since wrapped your arms around the Shapard family in Jacksonville and in Fort Worth. —With a grateful heart, Tommy

Tracy and I appreciate the friendship, love, and support of the HAB family and staff and the opportunity to serve in the various outreach programs. On June 19 we moved into our new home at the Village Park retirement community in Peachtree Corners, Georgia. Our son was involved in the structural design during construction of this facility. The church office has our new address, should you want it. We will continue to worship with all of you via YouTube; turn around and wave at us sometime at the end of the service! — Bob & Tracy Forster

Budget Year-to-Date at 6/25/2021



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Kitchen Korner

By Sharon Maszy

It's summertime and the living' is easy. That song was originally composed by George Gershwin as an aria in the opera *Porgy and Bess*. It was 1935. What a timeless and beautiful piece of American jazz. It's now summertime 2021 and, hopefully, the livin' is easier for you than the 2020 summer of the pandemic. We shared a Wednesday night Dinner on the Grounds on June 9. The delicious Southern meal was lovingly prepared by Mary Jane Cooper, Dotty Pye, Lynne Galbraith, and crew. Thank you to Gary Andriess and Lad and Anita Daniels for coming in to help us plate the meals. COVID has changed many things, and the way we serve a meal is one of them. We were blessed with a mild summer evening, although it rained all around us, only a few drops early on. The kitchen ministry team is officially on break until August.

During the summer we will be gathering every other Wednesday to have dinner in a local restaurant. June 23 was our first one. We met at Hurricane Grill in San Marco. It was a small group but great company. We caught up on family news, shared summer plans, and laughed a lot too. Come out and join your HAB family; you will love the casual summer gathering and the warm fellowship. The restaurant schedule for July is listed below.

Our California grandchildren visited us in June, so our home kitchen was busy. By request, one night we had HAB Bistro Meatloaf. The kids had heard about it from their older brother who has helped us in the HAB kitchen. I am used to multiplying a recipe to feed a lot of guests; this one I had to reduce. Cooking for young people can be a challenge, too, but two of the three really liked it. That is a win because one of the three would only eat the vegetables! This is from the original recipe. Sometimes, for Wednesday suppers, we changed it by making

individual servings in a large muffin pan with a layer of cheddar cheese baked in the center of each meatloaf muffin.

HAB Bistro Meatloaf

1 ½ pounds ground beef (you can substitute ½ pound with ground pork or turkey)
 1 cup soft, fresh breadcrumbs
 ¾ cup oatmeal
 2 eggs, beaten
 1 teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 2 Tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
 ½ cup tomato sauce
 ¼ cup finely-chopped onion
 3 ounces evaporated milk (almost a half of a cup)

Mix all ingredients together. Shape into a loaf on a foil-lined baking pan or pack into a loaf pan. First, spray the foil or loaf pan with cooking spray.

Bake 1 hour, basting once with the following sauce. The internal temperature of the meatloaf will be 180 degrees when done. Let it rest 10-15 minutes before slicing.

Sauce for Meatloaf

¾ cup dark brown sugar
 ½ cup + 2 Tablespoons tomato sauce
 ¼ cup milk
 ¼ cup prepared yellow mustard
 2 Tablespoons apple cider vinegar

Mix all ingredients together in a small saucepan. Heat and stir until well mixed and the sugar has melted.

Baste the meatloaf with the sauce about 15 minutes before it is done. Pour the sauce over the sliced meatloaf to serve.

Put any extra sauce out for people to help themselves.

It's the sauce that really makes this meatloaf special.

Enjoy!



Wednesday Supper Meet-Ups

5:30 p.m. every other Wednesday
 Please join us!

July 7

Beirut Restaurant
 3928 Baymeadows Road

July 21

St. Mary's Seafood
 11290 Old St. Augustine Road



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