



HENDRICKS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!

October 23-24, 2021

By Anna Valent

This month HAB celebrates a milestone 75 years of serving God, Jacksonville, and communities around the world. From the beginning, our church led through action, living the message of the Lord through grace and acceptance. Some of our members are families that have been a part of this church for generations. Others have found HAB in more recent years.

Take a walk down memory lane with us as we share stories on social media and in Sunday services in these final weeks leading up to our celebration weekend. These are the stories of our history, fun memories, and tales of loving support told through the eyes of our members. It's a fun journey through the life of HAB before we launch into the next 75 years!

On October 23 and 24 we celebrate this anniversary together. From the very beginning, church members realized the importance of outreach to the youth in our community and started our athletic program, so we are all celebrating this anniversary together. Saturday will be a fun-filled community celebration complete with a Home Run Derby, bouncy houses, food trucks, activity booths, and so much more! *Reflection and Fellowship* will be held in the chapel, providing a special time for you to share your special HAB memories. We hope the entire community will join us, and we encourage you to bring friends!

On Sunday, we will host Campus Open House from 9:00-10:45 a.m., when we will enjoy pictures of our church and ministry through the years, followed by worship at 11:00 a.m. and outdoor lunch following the service. The lunch is free, but **reservations are required by Tuesday, October 19**, by contacting Laraine at

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

Menu: mixed appetizers, rack of pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, dinner roll, cheesecake with raspberry drizzle. Make your reservations NOW while you're thinking of it!

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Saturday, October 23, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Home Run Derby (ballfields)

Fall Festival Games and Activities (front lawn)

Food Trucks

Reflections and Fellowship (chapel)

Stroll down memory lane with clips from HAB on Broadway and personal stories of HAB over the years. Enjoy a vast display of photos showing all the wonderful people and families who have called HAB their home throughout the decades.

Sunday, October 24, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

9:00-10:45 a.m. Campus Open House

Enjoy historical photos and displays located throughout our campus. Visit the new exhibit in the transitional art gallery in the sanctuary narthex. Relive 75 years of HAB through pictures, words, and memorabilia in D-4. View the history video in the chapel. Don't forget to pick up a copy of our 75-year history: A Place of Grace, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

11:00 a.m. Worship (sanctuary)

Noon Lunch under the Tent—reservations required; see above

B.J. Hutto, Ph.D., Pastor • Thomas M. Shapard, D.P.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

To Dream Dreams: Sanctuary Musicking

By Dr. Tommy Shapard, Minister of Music and Worship

In a series of articles that started in the July *Herald*, I am introducing a model for music ministry based on my recent years of making music at HAB and in the Jacksonville community. These rich experiences were deeply woven into my doctoral work at SMU that led to a model for music ministry based on Micah 6:6-8. Posing the prophet's question, "What does God require" (in our music-making)? How can musicians in congregations like HAB do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God? In short, I see three broad areas of music-making that group together the various ways we make music in our community of faith: prophetic musicking (do justice), pastoral musicking (love kindness), and sanctuary musicking (walk humbly with God). This month, I want to focus solely on sanctuary musicking.

Sanctuary musicking is that musical activity that takes place within the HAB sanctuary. This includes our worship of God on Sunday mornings as well as other gatherings such as concerts, funerals, weddings, recitals, or ecumenical and interfaith services. And, even though the music performed and presented in the sanctuary can function pastorally as well as prophetically, the main emphasis on music in the sanctuary is anchored to specific ritual and liturgy that is mostly planned and rehearsed (trust me, there's quite a bit of improvisation that happens too!). One might also call some of this music-making "priestly musicking," since the musicking occurs while the congregation is gathered around Word, Table, and Pool.

Musicking that takes place in the sanctuary typically carries with it an aesthetic that is dependent on rehearsals, skilled technique, and precision and beauty, or at least that is the goal. Sanctuary musicking celebrates, embraces, gives thanks, grieves, performs, and points to an eschatological future as the community is gathered on campus. Sanctuary musicking, at times, can be a small glimpse into heaven, as one of my mentors was fond of saying, or perhaps a look into the "not yet."

Sometimes musicking occurs in the sanctuary outside of our normal 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Recitals and concerts also take place on our campus. Local, regional, and national ensembles and guest musicians perform in our sanctuary each year. The Ritz Chamber Players; the UNF Chamber Singers; the FSCJ Choirs; the Jacksonville Children's Chorus; the Ancient City Brass Band; the Furman Singers; choirs from both Morehouse and Spelman Colleges; as well as acclaimed artists such as Bradley Welch, organ, and Ken Medema, singer-songwriter, have found our sanctuary and community of faith a hospitable and supportive center for high quality music-making. Moving forward into the future, this will continue to be a significant role for HAB, as we continue to open our sanctuary doors to musicians and artists from around the world.

Next month I will highlight the second area of the Micah model for music ministry, pastoral musicking.

To God be the Glory,
Tommy



Home

By Rev. Britt Hester,
Minister of Youth & Christian Education

As many of you know, each year in our youth ministry we have a theme. This theme guides our programming throughout the year, providing us with something like a "North Star" to keep us focused and grounded. I find this approach helpful as we discern God's presence in our lives. It brings up thoughts and memories that awaken us to the Spirit at work in our midst, and often it bolsters our ability to see people, situations, and circumstances in a different light as we reflect on a common theme together.

This year's theme is "Home." Over the past year and a half, I have thought a lot about what home means. In many ways during the COVID-19 pandemic, I felt far away from home. I'm sure most of us felt that way. Not unlike the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, this year has felt like a departure from what is known, predictable, and safe. "And they said each other, 'We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt,'" Israel says in Numbers 14:4. Wouldn't that be nice? Don't you wish we could pack it up and go back to "normal," back to home?



While the pandemic has tested and stretched us in ways we could never imagine, what has emerged for me is this idea that home is not in fact a destination. As I sit here writing this article in the Atlanta airport, I'm struck by the reality that we often think of home as a physical location. After all, as we often say when we travel, "I can't wait to get home." But I don't think we necessarily mean a mere physical location when we utter this statement. We are talking about something more.

While a house can bring us much comfort and joy, a home is what we make it. You can have the most beautiful house in the world, filled with every amenity one can dream of, but if that house is full of anger, discontent, and divisiveness, one would hardly call that a home. When we think of a home, we

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think of warmth, joy, and radical acceptance that is rooted in unconditional love. Home is that place where we can remove our masks, both literal and figurative, and be ourselves. Home is a place where we feel safe, secure, and satisfied because of the grace that is shared and extended by all who partake in community.

The band, The Head and the Heart, has a great line from their song “Lost in My Mind” where they sing, “Mama once told me, ‘You’re already home where you feel loved.’” Perhaps home, then, means something more. Maybe home isn’t predicated on location, but on love. Maybe home is about creating and sharing space where we experience and extend the love of God, which knows no bounds and excludes nobody. Maybe home is what we’re all longing for...and maybe it’s not as far as we think.

UCOM Emphasis

By Rev. Claire Chinn, Minister of Children and Mission

Wednesday night suppers have resumed, and two worship services and Sunday School are back in full swing. Things seem to be finding a rhythm around our church campus, and it is a great feeling. Our local partners are in full swing as well, and many of them are busier than ever.

Many of you have been faithful volunteers in the life of United Community Outreach Ministry (UCOM) and have seen first-hand the important ministry that they provide to our community. A large part of the work they do is to help families that are food insecure. Food insecurity is a prevalent need in our community and in Jacksonville as a whole. Duval County has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in our state, with 20.1 percent of adults and 26.7 percent of children experiencing food insecurity—meaning these adults and children are not sure where their next meal will come from or when it will be.

UCOM works to provide groceries so that families in our community can have access to foods that can alleviate the stress and anxiety that hunger can cause. This is where we come in. UCOM depends on community partners and individuals for donations of food and financial resources.

During October we will be doing a targeted campaign that will conclude in conjunction with UCOM’s annual Gala. It will be a great way to celebrate another year of UCOM’s ministry in our community. We will be collecting rice and beans (larger bags of rice are recommended so the bags can be portioned for specific families) during these months. For these months there will be specified donation boxes in the sanctuary on Sundays and in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays to collect both food and finances.

I look forward to celebrating the great work of UCOM through generous donations over the next months.

The Story Behind B.J.’s Beautiful Plaid Stole

by Julie Mason

When B.J.’s installation date was set (in the fall of 2020), installation event co-chairs Elizabeth Spradley and Julie Mason put their heads together and decided to just ask B.J. what he would like the congregation to give him to commemorate such a significant occasion, to make sure that whatever it was, it would be something he actually wanted. Turns out that, ever since graduation, B.J. had longed for a stole made from the tartan unique to the University of Aberdeen in Scotland where he earned his doctorate. Trouble was, material for the plaid could only be purchased by a graduate of the university. Moreover, the mill that weaves the tartan was indefinitely closed due to COVID.

What to do? Rebekah Hutto came to the rescue. In B.J.’s dresser drawer was a long, wide scarf made of the University of Aberdeen tartan! It was so long, in fact, that it would adequately provide enough material for one side of a stole. Thankfully, the university gift shop still carried them, and in B.J.’s name, Rebekah ordered another one.

Next problem: what kind of cross would B.J. want on the breast of the stole? Again, Rebekah to the rescue. The Jerusalem cross has deep personal meaning for the two of them, so it was decided to use that one. Next came the issue of figuring out exactly where on B.J.’s chest should the

cross be located? And could a template for the cross be found that could be sewn or otherwise attached to the stole? For the cross itself, did we want two colors of gold or just one? And WHO could create the stole? WHERE could we find a seamstress experienced in the construction of such a stole from scratch?

The research seemed endless and often led to dead-ends, but *finally* a template for the cross was found, *finally* a brilliant seamstress was located who determined she could construct it, and *finally* a terrific embroiderer was discovered whose machines turned out the perfect crosses.

The stole came in on time and under budget. When it was presented by the Pastor Search Committee during the moving and emotional installation service, the gorgeous plaid of the stole against the red of B.J.’s doctoral regalia and the sea of Pentecostal red worn by the other clergy and the congregation were a magnificent sight and a wonderful expression of the joy and excitement of the day. One member was even heard to say that our new pastor was the grandest tiger in the jungle!





**Congratulations to
Vladimir Lagodny**
on his 15-year anniversary
of employment with HAB!



WELCOME New Members

TERI & KEN HIGGS

Although Teri didn't move to Jacksonville until she was 13, she and Ken both consider Jacksonville their home. They raised their son here and have extended family in the area that makes for frequent and fun gatherings, a favorite pastime for both. Attending HAB

until he was in his early teens, Ken has roots with HAB, going back to his grandparents.

Ken and Teri were friends in high school who reconnected after years apart. They soon got married and are now celebrating 39 years together. Ken is a retired general contractor with a degree from University of Florida. This has come in handy with ongoing remodeling projects at their 1930 San Marco home that they share with their furry friend Gracie. Teri went to nursing school in Texas and worked as a critical care nurse for 40 years, most of those years with Baptist Health.

They described joining HAB as one of the biggest decisions they've ever made. As they entered the retirement phase of their lives, they wanted to find a church fellowship and pastor with whom they could share the journey of life going forward. They found HAB to be true to its description, "A different way of being

Baptist," and they quickly grew to love and appreciate B.J. as a warm and welcoming pastor and friend. They have already connected with a Bible study class and have quickly made new friends. We are so grateful to have Ken and Teri as part of the HAB church family. WELCOME!



CORRECTION

In last month's *Herald*, there was a mistake in the description of new member **Drew Thomas**. He is a "mostly retired civil engineer." We apologize for the error.

SHARON TIMMERMAN

Sharon comes to us from the great state of South Carolina. Living there all her life, except for her college years in Virginia, she made the move to Jacksonville less than a year ago. Her son and his family have lived here for a number of years. Sharon's husband Dick was in assisted living in South Carolina when COVID hit. As hard as it was for them to leave their friends and their church, they felt the best thing for everyone was to relocate here so they could be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Sharon's career was in education, first as a kindergarten teacher and then in district work as a trainer. She has always had a passion for reading. In fact, one of the first things she did when she moved to Jacksonville was to get a library card. She loves to travel, when she can



safely do that again, and bake.

She came to Hendricks by invitation of her neighbor, Elaine Weathers, who was a warm and welcoming friend as Sharon made this difficult transition. She says she has felt at home at HAB and has absolutely no doubt this is where God wants her to worship and serve. We are so grateful that Sharon has chosen to become a part of the HAB family. WELCOME!



From the Church Mouse

Our congratulations to **Caroline & Justin Letchworth** on the birth of their daughter, **Daisy Isla**, on Monday, September 6, 2021. **Judy & Robert Kermitz** are proud grandparents. **Claire & Sam Chinn** are aunt and uncle, and **Dash & Poppy** are big brother and sister! Daisy is a beautiful baby. The Mouse hopes she visits HAB very soon!



We have all enjoyed seeing the travels of our HAB sanctuary picture ("Where in the World is HAB?") drawn by **Echo Saunders**. The Mouse received one this month with a lovely note from **Martha Douberly**. "Here is a picture of me with all my children, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter in Palm Coast at the beach the first week in September.



A good time was had by all." What a special time spent with a special lady. You know they had fun!

The Mouse is not the only quiet worker behind the scenes at HAB! On August 30, **Gene Maszy, Anita and Lad Daniels, Steve and Janis Price, and Susan Howell** prepared 100 lunches in our church kitchen for Baptist



Health team members and delivered them to Baptist Hospital in San Marco. We received the following thank-you note: "Thank you so much for your support of Baptist Team members during this surge of COVID cases. The team has been delivering care to all those who need it. Being recognized by the community for their efforts is the motivation they need to keep it going. The team, including materials management and housekeeping, enjoyed the 100 meals provided last month. I can't say thank you enough! Sincerely, Nicole Thomas." Thank you from your church family as well!

Kyle Reese reports: "**Katherine Hill** and **Davis Millians** were married on Saturday, September 18, at 5:30 in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Kyle Reese. The bride wore a lovely white dress, and the bridesmaids wore dresses that were not white (the reporter is colorblind). The groom and groomsmen wore black tuxedos. A good time was had by all."

Your HAB Church Mouse



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so your church family can celebrate the joys,
milestones, and special recognitions in your life!





Sympathy to...

...Shirley & Lonnie Dasher & family in the death of Shirley's brother, Mark Harrell, on August 21, 2021.

...Mary Jane & Alan Cooper in the death of Mary Jane's cousin, Zan Gibbs, on August 19, 2021. A service was held in Huntsville, Texas, on August 23.

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Thank you...

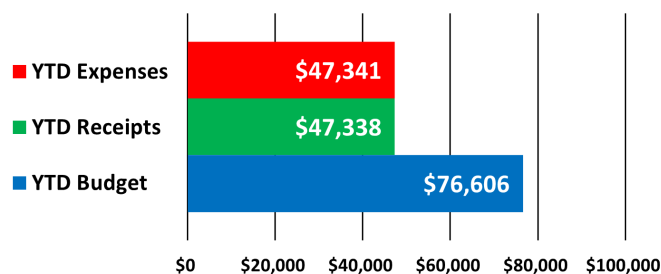
We want to thank our wonderful HAB family for all the lovely cards, notes, phone calls, and visits. We are so appreciative and thankful for your prayers and concern for Bill while he was healing after his surgery and other health problems he was dealing with. He is much better now!! We miss everyone and hope to attend services soon. God Bless each of you. Love & prayers, **Bill & Shirley Adkinson**

I would like to take this moment and say thank you, HAB members and HAB church staff, for the wonderful cards and prayers. I could feel the love and care from them. Thank you for the love and concern. **Bill Sistare**

Dear HAB Church Family, I could never put into words my appreciation for your continued support for me and my family since the loss of our beloved Hugh. Bobby, Bradley, and I have moved to North Carolina, me to my hometown of Spruce Pine and both boys to Durham. Although the three of us are still in the transition process, we are reminded through your cards, calls, love, and support that HAB has always been our family church. You have walked many paths with us, and we cherish those memories. Thank you for loving us, teaching us, and supporting us. May God bless you richly. With love and appreciation, **Tammy Patterson**

Dear HAB friends, I'm sorry I haven't been able to be with you lately, but I've been there each Sunday by television. Thank you for your good thoughts and prayers. It is so wonderful to have friends like you who are thinking of me, as I am thinking of you. God be with you and bless you in these troubled times. Love, **Myra Wilson**

Budget Year-to-Date at 9/24/2021



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Choose "Donate" and then
choose "Give."

Update on the S.T.E.A.M. Lab

By Julie Mason, Little Friends Board Chair



Little Friends is expanding! The excellent curriculum and the loving ambiance of the Little Friends daycare and preschool has proven to be very popular with parents, and it is operating at full capacity. Plans for methodical, continued growth are in place, and this time next year we expect the registration to have begun its climb toward our five-year goal of doubling enrollment.

The renovation of the former media center/library into a S.T.E.A.M. lab is coming along. Repairs are being made to the floor, and we hope to hold open house for the church during the weekend of HAB's 75th anniversary, October 23-24. "S.T.E.A.M." stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics, all of which will have a place in the new facility.



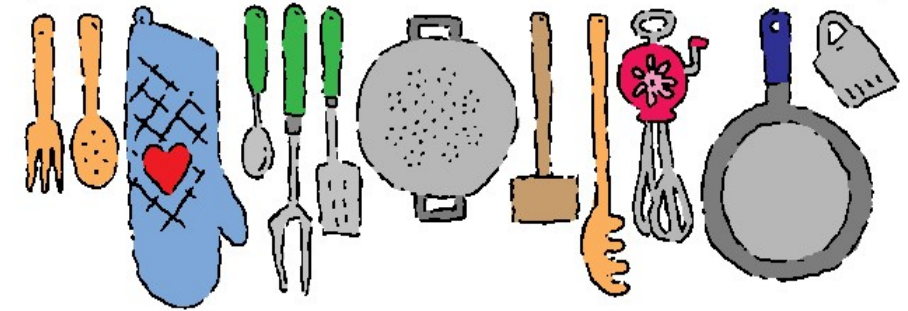
Kitchen Korner

By Sharon Maszy

Wednesday night dinners are back on the calendar at HAB, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will be requiring reservations by the previous Sunday if you are joining us for dinner. Reservations just make life so much more manageable. I think the COVID restrictions have gotten us in the habit of more complete planning of events. That may be the silver lining in a very black cloud. Vespers, youth, and children's programming follow the meal every week.

Of course, everyone has their calendar marked for the HAB 75th anniversary weekend, October 23-24. Saturday will be loaded with fun. We will have lunch on Sunday, outside, under the big tent, prepared and served by an all-volunteer team. It promises to be quite a celebration. We are looking forward to sharing a delicious meal and making new memories with our church family. **Reservations are required for the meal by Tuesday, October 19**, by contacting Laraine at laraine@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745, ext. 333.

This month the famous Martha Stewart gets most of the credit for the recipe. I was going to do a crab cakes recipe that I had made, and we liked. Then I recalled one of our favorite meals during our Maine vacation, cod cakes. You can use any firm white fish in this recipe, and it's much thriftier than crab! This will make 8 nice size patties, 4 generous servings. It would also be great for a special appetizer. Just make smaller cakes, maybe 20-24 little cakes of deliciousness.



Lemon-Parsley Fish Cakes

- 1 pound cod (or any firm white fish, I used wahoo)
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil

Place the fish in a baking dish. Brush with olive oil. Bake the fish in a 400-degree oven until cooked through, 15-20 minutes. Let cool completely. Pat dry with paper towels. Flake with a fork.

- 1 large egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 Tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 3 Tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped
- ¼ cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- salt and pepper
- 6 Tablespoons breadcrumbs (I used panko)
- 3 dashes hot sauce
- ¼ cup finely chopped red bell pepper (optional)

In a large bowl, combine flaked fish and all the other ingredients, adding 1/8 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Mix gently until ingredients just hold together.

Form mixture into eight equal size patties. At this point I chilled them for about 30 minutes. You could freeze them on a baking sheet until firm, wrap each one in plastic, store in a resealable freezer bag for up to a month. Thaw before cooking.

To serve the cakes: Heat 1-2 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook the cakes until golden brown, about two minutes on each side. Serve hot with your favorite tartar sauce or remoulade.

The next time I make them I'm going to make Sissy's family recipe of remoulade. It's equal parts ketchup and mayonnaise, generous amount of Old Bay seasoning, and hot sauce to your taste. Enjoy!

Weekly Dinners on the Grounds

What: Dinner on the Grounds

When: Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Central Breezeway

Who: Children, youth, & adults

Reservations are required by Sunday for the following Wednesday by contacting Laraine at laraine@habchurch.com or 904-396-7745, ext. 333. Cost: Adults \$9, children \$5, immediate family maximum \$20. You can pay online at habchurch.com; then choose "Give" and then "Donate" and designate for "Meals."



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