



Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church | July 2022



A Round of Applause for the Children's Team!

By B.J. Hutto, Pastor

Friends,

One of the joys of ministry is that I get to see so many church members use their time and their talents in the life of the church. I get to see **Becky Sullivan**, when she's volunteering in the office, writing notes to church members in her beautiful longhand. I get to see **Gene and Sharon Maszy**, and their teams, work with **Angela** in the kitchen and prepare nourishing meals for our church family. I get to see folks like **P.J. Burkhalter** work in the sound booth getting ready for worship services. I have also, these last few months, been able to see another group of church members generously share their gifts as well.

As their program area has entered into an interim, the members of our Children's Team—**Patti Carson, Julie Carter, Anne England, Courtney Hester, Ansley Parfitt, and Rachel Gunter Shapard**—have stepped forward and served admirably. Here's just one, recent example: A few weeks ago, they decided that young parents in our church needed a night out. Therefore, they contacted a group of parents, decided on a night that would work for most people, and coordinated childcare in the nursery at HAB. **Eighteen young children**—some from HAB, some from Little Friends, and some who are just neighbors of ours—spent a fun night together at the church, and their parents were able to go out and enjoy themselves. A brilliant idea, brilliantly executed!

Above and beyond exciting events like that, they have also done hard work in the background as well. They went out and found two stellar new nursery workers, **Shayla Johnson and Berta Torres**, who are becoming dearly loved by our littlest ones and their parents. They're supporting teachers, such as **Laraine Humbert, Rebekah McLeod Hutto, and Linda Nelson**, who have done a fantastic job teaching on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. They've sat down and made a plan and built a calendar that will carry the children's ministry forward into the fall. This team has worked together over the spring and summer to make sure that the youngest members of our congregation know



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how much they're loved by their church and know how much they're loved by their Lord. They are also ensuring that our new minister—whoever he or she is—will be set up for success from day one. These are all great gifts that they're giving us!

Therefore, whenever you see them next, please thank them, and if you're so inclined, let them know that you'd be happy to pitch in if they ever need an extra hand. At the same time, please also continue to hold them, and our children, and our upcoming ministerial search in your prayers. These are exciting times at HAB!

Kind regards,
B.J. Hutto

YOUTH ON MISSION

Our youth spent the week of June 13-17 doing mission work in Jacksonville. They worked at UCOM (United Community Outreach Ministry) a couple of days. They prepared plants and painted clay pots to take to some of our homebound members and had great visits with them on two different afternoons. The youth also tackled cleaning up the resource room at church. In addition, they had an afternoon at the beach and a day at Summer Waves. Awesome chaperones were **Leslie Brown, Laurie McDonald, Brad Wilson, Tommy Shapard, and Britt Hester!!!**





PASSPORTkids!

Exploring Missions in a World without Borders

Our children will be going to **Passport Kids Camp** in Eatonton, Georgia, from July 17-20. They will participate in Bible study, missions, worship, a variety show, and much more!

Thank you to our amazing chaperones, **Rachel Gunter Shapard** and **Lou Gena Sosa-Dedman!** Children going to camp are Simon Carter, Ryan Chandler, Skyllar Flynn, Matthew Repper, Mac Shapard, and Abby Smith-Sosa.



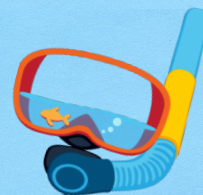
Children (up through fifth grade completed) are invited to a **POOL PARTY** on **Sunday, August 7**, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of the Valentis, 1019 Elder Lane, Jacksonville.

Thank you to our wonderful Children's Team: Patti Carson, Julie Carter, Anne England, Courtney Hester, Ansley Parfitt, and Rachel Shapard. They have been working hard planning meaningful activities for our children! On Friday, June 17, they planned a very successful **Parents' Night Out**. There were **18 children** who participated. They had pizza, watched a movie, and did a rock-painting craft. A good time was had by all! (See picture on page 1)



A new summer **Sunday school** class for children entering first through fourth grades began in June. The class meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 in room E-14 and is taught by Laraine Humbert and Linda Nelson. During June they studied Joseph and his eleven brothers. July's lessons are on the Ten Commandments. Please invite all first-fourth graders that you know!

POOL Party





Sympathy to...

...Dee Bumbarger in the death of her husband, Harold "Buzz" Bumbarger, on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

...Mary Ann Corbett and Lynn Harper in the death of their mother, Mary Harper, on Friday, June 10, 2022. There was a memorial service on Saturday, June 18, followed by a reception. Mary was 106!

Congratulations to...

...Amanda & Gavin Knight on the birth of their son, Oaklyn Obadiah Knight, on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Big brother is Rezyn, and proud grandparents are Laraine & Vernon Humbert.

...Martha Douberly on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Reese Everly Wilson, on June 16, 2022. Proud parents are Jessica & Ryan Wilson.

Quarterly Conference

Sunday, July 24

2:00 p.m. by Zoom

Agenda includes...

Vote on new committee & team members

Vote on new deacon slate

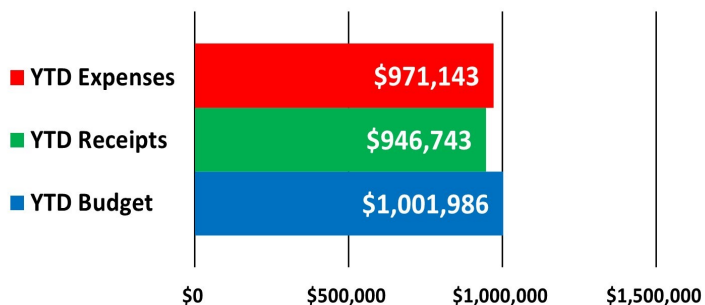
Vote on annual church calendar

END OF YEAR APPROACHING!

Just a quick reminder that HAB's financial year ends on August 31. If there are outstanding gifts that you have been meaning to send into the church this year, now's the time!

(Also, remember that here at HAB, all gifts are considered outstanding!)

Budget Year-to-Date at 6/23/2022



Where in the World Is the Church Mouse?

The Church Mouse is taking a little break this month. In the meantime, if you know of events that need to be celebrated (yours or others'), please email the Mouse at churchmouse@habchurch.com.



"Take the Word with you!"

Sermons are available

for download at

www.buzzsprout.com/225151



Where in the World Is HAB?
#HABOnTheMap



Who in the World Is HAB?

We have many wonderful HAB folks who serve God by working behind the scenes. You may not see them or realize everything they do, so we want to take turns highlighting some of these people who make our church family so great!

Susan Howell

“Tell us who you are.” My name is Susan Howell. You may know me as the lady who greets you and gives out bulletins (and hugs) on Sunday mornings on the office side of the sanctuary. I am retired after spending 20 years in the Navy & another 20 working for the Navy. Yes, I’m a double dipper.

“How did you come to HAB?” I moved to Jacksonville in late September 2006. I joined HAB the first Sunday here and I knew I was home. I had been visiting HAB for years when I was in town visiting family. My parents were Jim & Jewell Howell, my

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older sister was Julie (Karl) Kronquist, and my younger sister is Debbie Hagan (Ted). Yes, I am the middle child. My niece, Dr. Karla Repper, and her two sons, Lucas and Matthew, attend HAB as well.

“What do you do at HAB?” As I stated earlier, I give out bulletins on Sunday morning and am also an usher. I have served on the diaconate for several years. I am part of the rotating cashiers who take the money for Wednesday night meals. Every other Thursday morning you can find me in the office answering phones and doing whatever they need. I’m one of the cooks when HAB prepares meals at Sulzbacher. I’m also on the Baptism Team

with Jon Yost. One of my most rewarding jobs is being on the Bereavement Team. I know first-hand what it means to the family. I represent HAB on the Board of the Towers of Jacksonville, where I’m presently serving as president.

“What’s your favorite thing about HAB?” HAB is a family. We celebrate each other. We mourn with each other, and we lift each other up. I have witnessed all of these first-hand. Both of my nieces, Karla Kronquist Repper and Kay Kronquist Gackle, were married here. Lucas and Matthew Repper were baptized here. We felt the prayers for our family when we went through the sickness and deaths of Mama, Daddy, and Julie.

“What’s something about you that most people don’t know?” I was on a ship in the first Persian Gulf War, and my family was at Wednesday night study when they got the word that we were at war. We didn’t have cell phones or email back then. My name was one of the first put on the prayer list as military overseas. I thank HAB for supporting my family and me during that time. Some of you know, like Eleanor, that I got my sense of humor from my daddy. I just picked up where he left off.

I am no angel (just ask Debbie), but being a member of HAB makes me want to be a better person and Christian. An article about me would not be complete without this phrase: “ROLL TIDE!”



Morning Prayer

Sunday mornings
9:00 a.m.
in the chapel

Morning prayer is a great time to prepare our hearts for the worship service and provide a mindset and a posture to begin the day in praise. We will sing together, read the Scripture, and of course, pray in unity. This special time will encourage us to be with God and teach us how to do so. The beauty of prayer is that God delights in our personal conversations with him because he cares for us.

Led by Jim Hart &
Mira Smetaniuk of IWS



Texas Boys Choir

Dr. Todd Prickett, Interim Artistic Director

Wednesday, July 6th, 2022 | 7:00pm

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