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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Hatcher Memorial, a Baptist Church with a rich heritage of worshipping God through fellowship, music, and proclamation, is committed to reaching people for Christ and developing them through sustaining relationships, caring ministries, and Christian education supported by continuous prayer.

Hatcher Reached Out to Standing Rock Reservation, in South Dakota

Thirteen members from Hatcher Church spent the week of August 1—7, on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, using their gifts and talents to bless others. They worked with kid's clubs, medical teams, construction, woodworking, sewing, etc. We look forward to them sharing their stories and pictures with the church in the days and weeks to come.

Welcome Home Mission Team

Cathy and Ernie Carter

Wayne Duke and Cathy Thomas

Cecilia, Charlie and Chris Fleet

Janice and Dave Lynn

Barbara, Tom & Ashley Woods and Tyler Earley

***And Hatcher is
Reaching Out to Lakeside***

***"I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink ..."
Matthew 25:35 (NFU)***



The Hatcher Prayer Team has been invited to host a greeting table at the Lakeside Farmers Market on Saturday, August 28. We will be giving out bottles of water, prayer cards and receiving prayer requests. We will **BE** there from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Come, help us show the presence of Christ through Hatcher Church. We invite you to sign up for a 30 minute or 1 hour shift. A donation from Sunday School classes or individuals would be most appreciated to cover the cost of the bottled water and ice. Please contact Mary Dunston (672-7745) or Phyllis Johnson (387-6915) to volunteer or make a donation. **Let's BE!**

INSIDE-OUT!

The sermon title last Sunday, "Inside-Out," was probably borrowed from a book, conference speaker, or whatever. In any case, the expression means "something's not right and needs fixing." Isaiah 1:10-20 indicts God's people regarding the practice of worship. Something's outside-in and needs to be turned inside-out!

Outside-in worship gathers on the Sabbath and/or holy days, in a "sacred" place, with like minded people, collects offerings, sings songs, lifts hands in praise, fulfills an obligation, and departs unchanged. Ho hum... critique the music, sermon, Mrs. Jones' hat, Billy Bob's jeans (and bare feet!) It's the kind of worship that not only God hates, but we hate too.

Nothing makes a soul feel smaller, less significant, than treating worship as an event – ring the start bell, watch the clock till it's over, hallelujah! Join the Red Lobster rush. On the other hand, nothing makes a soul feel more alive than preparing for and engaging in meaningful, inspiring corporate worship that turns Outside-in (street to seat) worship into Inside-out (seat to street) worship.

Verse 10: "Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!"

Scathingly, Isaiah refers to the priests (worship leaders) as "rulers of Sodom" and the people of Judah (congregants) as "Gomorrah." These were two very **wealthy** cities located on the southern edge of the Jordan Plain, cities destroyed c.a. 2000 BC. Their source of **wealth**: tar which bubbled from the ground and to this day surfaces in the waters of the Salt Sea.

While some in recent days have suggested foolish uses for tar balls (hair gel, jewelry, beach toys), the tar of Sodom/Gomorrah was used to seal leaky buildings and boats. In the Mediterranean world, tar was quite a lucrative "export." Moreover, the region was fertile, a great place to live. Modern excavators have uncovered no less than three burial sites from the period with some 150,000 graves.

People who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah were **wealthy**. (Gen 13:10 NIV) "*(Lot) looked up and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan was well watered, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt....*"

So often, great wealth opens doors for great wickedness. Such occurred in these cities. Hence, Isaiah's scathing reference. According to one writer,

These cities had become a byword for wickedness in extreme; and divine annihilation. The particular wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah—contrary to popular assumptions—is a matter of their greed and injustice. The fullest accounting of the "sin" of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Old Testament is in the book of Ezekiel: "This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not

aid the poor and needy." (Ezekiel 16:49). (Feasting on the Word, Year C, Vol. 3, p 318.)

Hmmm. The guilt of sister Sodom and her inhabitants? "Pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy." The Prophet Ezekiel understands the "guilt of Sodom" as does Isaiah: Judah, like sister Sodom, fell prey to a culture of "pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy."

Specifically, Isaiah denounces the inability of religion to turn itself "inside out." In plain speech, he says

"God hates your worship." "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?...I have had enough....I do not delight...."

The problem: A strong disconnect between what happens inside the sanctuary on Sunday and outside through the week. "Your hands are bloody!"

It would be easy to deflect Isaiah's accusation as "America's problem," or Congress, the Governor, Supreme Court, or Madelyn Murray the hare. Yes, it's tempting to dodge the piercing laser of God's indicting light, but the fact remains that Isaiah's scathing judgment implicates those of us who practice Outside-in worship: specifically, worship as an event: get up, dress up, show up, occasionally look up, and watch the clock till hands point straight up... all of which seem to make God throw up.

What then must we do? **Isaiah's new definition of worship:** Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! (*What does that mean?*) **Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.**

If God has a bias, if there's a place He shows up first, if God could choose where to hang out, it's NOT where life is easy, among shouts of joy and flowing Champaign. No. God shows up first in the loser's locker room (right Chris?) in the jail cell, food pantry, clothes closet, recovery house, the bedside of a child who cries for the comfort of a father that will never come, the empty checkbook of a widow left in a lurch, or holding the hand of a single parent at wits end. Being in those places with God is what it means to turn the church Inside-out.

Worship becomes "Inside out" in places like Standing Rock reservation where alcoholism, poverty and hopelessness affect every family, or inside-out is the VA Hospital with the Seeker's monthly visit, or Lamb's Basket with Barbara Lucord; bingo at the nursing home with the Friends or Wednesday night bible study this summer where almost every adult class helped Ethel fix wonderful meals, or, Vacation Bible School where little ones were given love and care.

Isaiah's trying to turn the people of God from Outside-in to Inside-out. When that happens, the hungry are fed, prisoners visited, and sick healed. When worship

turns Inside-out, God is connected with community and vice versa. Isaiah says in so doing we connect God with a world in pain.

Isaiah and the witness of Scripture warn: if a church does not engage in issues of social justice, poverty, crime, caring for the oppressed... then run away from that church for such is the **guilt of Sodom**...

"Pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not help the poor and the needy."

Let's be reasonable, says the Lord. It's time to turn around. Though your sins are as scarlet they shall be as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. God says, listen to me, if you move in this direction, seek justice and aid for those on the margins, the dissed, the outcast, the widow and orphan, then your future is good. But if you take another path, things are going to go badly. One way or the other, says the Lord, I'm going to turn you inside out.

The message is not for those who do not worship; nor is it for another church. The message is specifically for us. We must allow it to work like yeast in dough, bubbling and churning until we, the church called Hatcher in the village of Lakeside, turn Inside-out... as we eat lunch, rest this evening and especially as we, like dough, rise in the morning and become bread to those in need.

Pastor Mike

NOTE: for the fuller version of this message go to the pastor's blog: <http://pastormikepoole.blogspot.com/2010/08/inside-out.html>

NOTE 2: One of my most enjoyable experiences in recent years was this summer's Community Bible Study. Special thanks to Ethel Schenk (see below) and also to Cathy Carter who aided in providing very nice Bibles for the entire class of about 25-30 each week! It was truly an Inside-Out experience!

A message from Ethel Schenk

Thanks go to the following for their generous support of our Summer Dinners over the past six weeks. Preparers and servers were: Elsie Britton and Mariah Oliver (Elsie's granddaughter) Jean Johnston, Cathy and Ernie Carter, Wayne Duke, Elizabeth Meagher, Kathy Ridenour, Johnnie Pedigo, June Llewellyn, Talley Bowles, Marsha Bobbitt, Donna Herring and Betty Bancroft. Meals were provided by the Faith, Friends and Faith Gospel Fellowship, Pathfinders, Across the Hall Classes and the Love and Fellowship Group. Your acts of love and caring were very much appreciated by our guests. The workers had a grand time as they worked. Everyone was blessed by the Bible Study that followed the dinners, which ended with all of us holding hands in a big circle and repeating the Lord's Prayer. POWERFUL!!!

Thanks so much, Ethel Schenk

2010 "BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION"

Hatcher's WMU is collecting new socks and underwear for school-age children for the Church Hill Baptist Center. (Boys prefer boxers, girls prefer bikinis.) These items need to be brought by Sunday, August 15. There will be a collection box in the foyer by the elevator on the main floor. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

We will be having our next Children's Ministry Team meeting Sunday, August 22, at 3:30 pm. We would like for as many teachers, leaders and helpers to attend as possible. Don't forget our 3rd Floor Work Day (Date and time TBD – to be determined.)

Youth

COOK OFF FUNDRAISER

The Youth will sponsor a participant in the BBQ Cook Off for the McShin Recovery Fest on September 11, Noon until 5:00 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. They will sell food and soft drinks to raise money for our youth. Come out and support them.

CBFVA Youth Fall Retreat

October 1-3, at Camp Little Crossroads
Cost is \$97.00 (\$50.00 deposit is due at sign up.)

The McShin Foundation's
6th Annual Recovery Fest and
KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off
Saturday, September 11, Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 11220 Nuckols Road

FEATURING:

*Live Music, including Judy Collins,
Homeward Bound, and other local bands;
Speakers; Voter Registration; Fun kids activities;
Health Care Providers; and much, much more!*

This event is anticipating at least 5,000 people. The event is co-hosted by Celebrate Recovery and the A & E Network. Henrico County's Sheriff, Mike Wade, will be recognized for his 10 years of dedication to the RISE program, one of the best jail based recovery programs in the country. There are Richmond area restaurants and individuals participating in the Barbecue Cook-Off. (See Youth note above.) Tickets will cost \$2.00 at the door, but Hatcher Church has some FREE tickets. Just come by the church office or call to reserve one. Come join the fun and spread the message of hope to individuals and families who suffer with substance abuse disorders. For more information you can contact David Dunston, 672-7745, or contact McShin at 249-1845 or email: HONESTYB@MCSHIN.ORG

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS:

We need your help. We are coordinating the "adoption" of your college students to loving Hatcher members. These adoptive parents want your student to know that someone in their Hatcher family is thinking of them while they are hard at work at school. In order to adopt them out, we need their current information. So please call us or drop us an email with your student's address and birthday. Remember, we can't do this without your help. Margie Pugh – 501-0046 (h), 281-6692 (w), Marjorie.pugh@genworth.com
Kathy Ridenour -- 672-1420; casey1961@verizon.net

Adopt a College Student:

We have several Hatcher kids who will be heading off to college soon and would love to hear from their Hatcher family while they are in school – just some words of encouragement, a few cards, maybe some goodies/care package – whatever you would like to do for them - just to let them know that someone is thinking about them. If you or your Sunday School Class would like to adopt a college student, please give us a call or drop us an email. We'll get you the information that you need. Margie Pugh – 501-0046 (h), 281-6692 (w), Marjorie.pugh@genworth.com
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HEARTS IN MOTION SUMMER PROJECTS

Hearts In Motion's summer project is to help fill the shelves at the LAMBS Basket. They still have a special need for **jelly and personal items**. You can deposit your items in any of the LAMBS Basket collection boxes and they will be taken over. HIM will also be collecting school supplies for Chamberlayne Elementary School this summer. If you would like to donate, here is a list of suggestions as provided by Marsha Bobbitt, who teaches at Chamberlayne: *Pencils, crayons, glue sticks, notebooks - regular and the composition notebooks, erasers - pink and the pencil top erasers, markers, highlighters, plastic 2 pocket folders, and red pens and black ink pens for the upper grades to use.* There will be a box outside room #155 (first floor of the east wing) on Sunday mornings for collecting these school supplies.

LAMB'S BASKET: Hatcher is assigned to provide volunteers on Saturday, August 28, to clean.

ANOTHER PANERA BREAD FUND RAISER EVENT!

Monday, August 23, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Panera Bread, 8800 Staples Mill Road. For LAMB'S Basket to receive credit, a flyer must be presented with each purchase. They were over-whelmed by last year's response, let's do it again this year. Flyers will be in the hall near the office or from Susan Haynes and Barbara Lucord. Copies can be made and passed out to anyone.

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, August 29 – Promotion Sunday for children and youth, grades K- 12th Grade.

Monday, September 6 – **LABOR DAY** – Church Office and Child Development Center closed for the holiday.

Wednesday, September 15 – Family Night Dinners and Children’s Activities and Fall Programs begin.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA RACEWAY MINISTRIES



NASCAR Race Weekend
September 9 – 11
Richmond International Raceway
Volunteers NEEDED to
DISTRIBUTE cups of cold water,

homemade cookies, and Christian driver literature;
PERFORM as singers, musical groups, or clowns, magicians, etc.; **SERVE** as chaplains, crisis counselors, logistics coordinators/assistants, or support persons. Volunteer Orientation and Training is Thursday, September 2, 7:00 p.m., at the RBA Building, 3111 Moss Side Avenue.

Wanted!! Thousands of Cookies!!!

“Homemade” cookies should be bagged in clear zip lock plastic bags with 2-3 medium sized cookies. A label saying “Compliments of Hatcher Baptist Church” may be put on the bags. Please deliver to RBA Office September 7 - 9, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

VISIBLE RESULTS

Live Outloud Average attendance 1/03/2010 – 8/08/2010	105
Bible Study Fellowships 1/03/2010 – 8/08/10	173
Traditional Worship Service 1/03/2010 – 8/08/10	135

FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Budget Needs per Week \$ 13,142.31

Receipts August 8, 2010	\$ 12,044.79
All Other Receipts	\$ 915.98

SURPRISE!

“This is your life, Norman Burnes!”
You are invited to a reception honoring
Norman Burnes For Fifty Years of Ministry
Sunday, August 15, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Bon Air Baptist Church Commons,
2531 Buford Road, Richmond
Sh! Please keep the SECRET!...
but Spread the word!

Rev. Norman Burnes served as our Interim Pastor and continues to meet with our Love and Fellowship Group several times a year. All who know and love Norman, are invited to his surprise reception.

Cleanup at Better Together Garden
Saturday, August 28 8AM

Last month’s cleanup had very little participation, so we need to reschedule another one. If we can work together to make this one a success the beds should look nice for the fall. Pick up some flowers to brighten up the garden. Bring gloves and weeding tools. Water will be provided. Call Bill Elrod with any questions (730-6726).

*The Friends of Bryan Park and
City of Richmond’s Department of
Parks and Recreation
will celebrate the 100th Anniversary
of Joseph Bryan Park*

With a public celebration in the park, on Saturday, September 25, from noon to 6 p.m. Hermitage Road and I-95.

The event will include bands, food vendors, craft booths and educational and non-profit exhibitors and is expected to attract as many as 4,000 visitors to the park.