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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.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 7-14, 2010

Theme: Live with Urgency: Share God's Transforming Power

March 7-14 our church will join other Southern Baptist churches in praying for North American missionaries. Look for your Week of Prayer guide featuring eight North American missionaries in your bulletin.



Why Give to Annie Armstrong? Because three of four people in North America are lost. One hundred percent of dollars given to the AAEО go to support over 5,000 missionaries and their ministries in the United States and Canada.

Though the stories and methods are different, missionaries share a common urgency for sharing the gospel with North American. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless, leading worship at a ski resort, or leading Back Yard Bible clubs, missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®.

Lent, in Christian tradition, is the period of the liturgical year leading up to **Easter**.

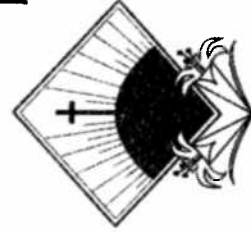
The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer — through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial — for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the events linked to the Passion of Christ and culminates in Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Conventionally, it is described as being forty days long, though different denominations calculate the forty days differently. The forty days represent the time that Jesus spent in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by Satan.

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 28

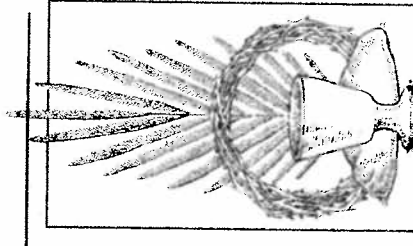
Holy Week Communion Service

Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.



Good Friday ~ Friday, April 2

Easter ~ Sunday, April 4



Family Emergenc(ies)

Connor Zane Kendrick is the latest emergence from the merger of two beautiful people, Joe and Lacy Kendrick. What a treasure!

Shortly after his arrival, I was privileged to stand behind a big glass window with beaming dad Joe. Together, we gazed amazed upon the cherubim, smurf-seraphim in all his natural glory. I thought to myself, "Joe! What have you and Lacy done?"

He was wiggling, squiggling and occasionally bellowing. They say a newborn can't actually see for days, but I'm sure little "C-Z" was gazing a hole right through Joe! His searching eyes seemed to say:

"Hey dad, I've misplaced mommy. Could you go get her for me?"

Let me take a moment here to ask, did I officially share with you that Beckham Thomas Poole is scheduled to e-merge from momma E-Liz in early June? Proud daddy Dan's already beaming just as did his dad 31 years ago.

(I also hear that Bryan and Lindsay Ingram are scheduled for an amazing stork delivery about that same time... and, there's no hiding that Shonda Smith (and daddy Davin) is GREAT with child. Umm... seems like I'm missing someone...)

Back to business: This stroll down stork's row impresses upon me the sheer power of the innate compulsion to diversify the gene pool through procreation (have babies.) So much of life and love are tied directly to our God-given, instinctual powers to increase the numbers of those "created in the image of God."

Life is no accident. God put the powers within to sustain our kind by merging (becoming one) so that little ones can in turn e-merge (be born.) Life is a generational continuum of merging and emerging, each essential to the other. What I am saying is this:

Vital to "God's good way" inside of us (the way we're put together) is the imperative not only to spawn new little ones, but also to nurture, raise, and let them go – that's right, just as Moses said to Pharaoh, "Let my people go!" The "letting go" part is more thorny than all the other parts combined. It needs to begin early and never end.

As parents, that's our deal: nurture, raise, and let go. If we fail to let go, not just

physically but emotionally, if we make them obligated/chained to us, if it's about us, our feelings, hopes, dreams for them (???)... then our precious ones will wiring the blood from our souls trying to get free. They can't help it; it's the way God made them.

For parents, letting go is the "pain of childbearing" described to Eve in the Garden. (God knew about it since He was at the time in the pain-filled-midst of letting them go!)

Think with me for a moment: throughout the gestation period, mom and baby are MERGED as one: mom IS baby, baby IS mom. Upon birth, baby E-MERGES ("e"="outta here") from mom, no longer merged, no longer one.

Quite scary, especially for the little one, and so the first response of a baby is a head-thrown-back, hair-raising scream.

As a practical matter, of course, crying clears the lungs. But I suggest the real stimulus for crying is not the lungs but something deeper called separation anxiety. It's an overwhelming feeling that something drastic, perhaps life-threatening has been severed from ME. ("Hey dad, I've misplaced mommy. Could you go and get her?")

Separation anxiety occurs instinctively when we fear that some part of the "self" is in danger (or perhaps missing altogether!) It's an emotional reaction, a survival response engrained not only in humans but also in most creatures. And... it happens to moms and dads too. The instinct has served us well, but sooner than later our frontal lobes should get the memo: emergence is NOT an emergency. "This will NOT kill me!"

And so begins the painful, lifelong process of separating in order to become separate, individual persons/selves. It's gotta happen. No choice in the matter. Just as a baby could not long survive in the womb, so too, the child will not grow or thrive while imprisoned by the powerful forces of do/ding, fearful adults... not even in the name of love.

I don't know how to say it better. Kids MUST e-merge, not only from the womb, but also from the powerful emotional forces that dads and especially moms use to keep them connected, controlled and otherwise in check. As I said, it takes a long time and the letting go is a two-way, tear-filled journey... except that parents are s'posed to be smarter than kids thus NOT making this more difficult than need be. Calm down, please?

Things can be made more difficult by intruding into kids' lives, interfering with consequences in trivial matters far less than life or death (lots of things come to mind here), and by failing to help kids form and keep boundaries (not having boundaries of our own) ... those kinds of things.

It seems to me that truly loving someone might not be about having a "feel good" shockwave when we see, touch or think of them. Perhaps love means doing what's really best on behalf of another... even if it means short term pain of withdrawal.

I hope I'm not coming across as a wanna be expert when everyone knows I am not. I would say I've pretty much violated most of the ideas above. But past behind, I sense there's something in these insights that could set some smothered- souls free. (Kids smother moms and dads too.)

The good news for the emerging (maturing) child is this: the power of God in you to become a separate person is stronger than the power that holds you back. YOU CAN DO IT. ITS NOT TOO LATE!

The alternative is NOT good. A person who does not eventually form his/her separate identity runs the risk of being taken over by another... usually by some "other" who likewise has no idea who he/she is. When two such people merge, it's called an EMERGENCY! (dial 911.)

Now, I want you all to know that all this has NOTHING to do with little Connor, the mighty Beckham, or any other super kids and parents that we know personally. It's all about someone else, far, far away.

That said, for everyone else on the planet: hold those little ones ever so lightly. They were born on-the-way away... and if we do our best to move aside and lovingly help them go, if we adorn them with our blessings as they grow, then they'll likely return much sooner than later – and, perhaps, with the unspeakable gifts of little ones waddling behind... a Poppa's (& Mema's) bliss indeed!

In Jacob's dream the angels were coming AND going, the prodigal child left AND returned, likewise with Adam, Eve, AND most of God's sinner/saints. They went out AND they came back. No going away = No homecoming. Recall the words of Jesus:

"I'm going away... but I'll be back!"

JOY!

Pastor Mike

McSHIN FOUNDATION

For the month of January, McShin accepted 7 new clients which found shelter and support in its recovery houses. These new clients have jobs and are doing well. McShin refers to "capital recovery", a term used to describe recovering addicts contributing to society as productive individuals. Thanks to McShin, hundreds of individuals who want it, and are willing to work for it, are a part of this capital recovery. Think of it is a stimulus plan, without the bailouts.

If you have time, please visit the McShin website at www.mcshinfoundation.org. Some upcoming events include a St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser featuring comedian and former addict Mark Lundholm and the Annual Awards Banquet in April. Mark appeared in our fellowship hall about a year ago. I remember well one of his often used phrases, "first thought wrong". Mark was referring to an addict's craving. But how many times has our "first thought" been wrong about so many things?

Please feel free to contact me about information regarding the McShin Foundation. My home phone is 672-7745 or send an e-mail to ddunston53@verizon.net.

David Dunston

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF RECOVERY/SUPPORT MEETING

Held each week in Hatcher's West Wing.

For additional information call 249-1845.

These meetings are scheduled by McShin.

Sunday – 12 Noon -5:00 p.m. McShin Office Open
5:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Monday 12:00 Noon AA Meeting
5:30 p.m. Women's NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Tuesday 12:00 Noon AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday 12:00 Noon AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Thursday 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bi-Polar Anonymous

Friday 8:00 p. NA Meeting
6:30 p.m. CODA Meeting

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Couples Recovery Meeting
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous
10:00 a.m. SA Meeting
11:30 a.m. CODA Meeting
12 Noon – 5:00 p.m. McShin Office open
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Debtors Anonymous
8:00 p.m. NA Meeting

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Next meeting will be Sunday, February 28, 4:00 p.m. The primary topic of discussion will be the Children's Easter Party. As always, all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUMMER MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS CAMP

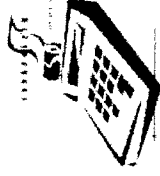
July 12 – 16, at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center. This is for children and youth who have completed grades 4 – 9, prior to camp. For additional information contact Dr. G. (Gerry Robinson) at 266-9696 ext. 103 or email him at grobinson@hatcherchurch.org.

HEARTS IN MOTION

Caritas will be at Overbrook Presbyterian March 13 – 20, 2010. Hearts In Motion, once again, will be preparing and serving one of the dinner meals. This year it will be on Monday night, March 15. Anyone who wishes to help, please feel free to join us. We will start around 5:30 p.m. They are planning for 40 men and have asked if Hatcher could help supply some of the following items – **men's white socks, and small bags of chips, bottle water, Little Debbie desserts, and snack crackers**, to go in their lunches for the week. If you, your Sunday School Class or other groups would be willing to help on the 15th or with the supplies, please contact Cathy Carter (873-3769). Please bring the supplies or money to the Friends Sunday School Class (Conference Room) by March 7, so that Overbrook can get the rest of the supplies before the men arrive on the 13th.

SEWING NIGHT REPORT

On January 22nd (before the snow storms), Hearts In Motion members and several other Hatcher members worked on making jumpers for girls on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota. We had a great turn out. Thanks to everyone who donated material, money, and their time and talents. We have 14 finished jumpers and several others in different stages. We have enough material to make plenty more jumpers, for our next sewing event which will be April 16 and 17th. Thanks again for your generosity. Cathy Carter.



About the 2010 Census

In March 2010, more than 130 million addresses across the nation will receive a 2010 Census form. The U. S. Constitution requires a national

census once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. Every person living in the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens. Additionally, census data directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

Among Our Church Family

Congratulations and Welcome Connor Zane Kendrick!

Joe and Lacy Kendrick are the proud parents of Connor Zane Kendrick, born February 17, 1:19 p.m. Connor weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Rev. Joseph and Lacy Kendrick,
1121 Westbriar Dr., Apt. 105, Richmond, Va. 23238

HOSPITALIZED

Duke Hospital, NC: Deidre Green (Dee Dee) Phillippi

UPCOMING

Chef Tommy Stewart will have his hip replaced on March 4, at St. Mary's. - See details under *Wednesday Night Dinners.*

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Lacy Kendrick and Connor Zane Kendrick
Robert (Bob) Ragsdale (Friend of Kathy Ridenour and HIM)

June Barnes

Cynthia May's father, Harry Hall

Rick Haldeman, broken hip (Vivian Huckstep's son)
Kathy Ridenour's father-in-law, Ivan Dexter Ridenour

REHAB

Ruth Britton - going into Nursing Home in North Carolina
Manor Care at Stratford Hall: Alma Layne (Richard Layne will be going there also on March 2)

Beaufort Healthcare: Janice Carlton
Westport Manor: Marion Mills, Room 314

SYMPATHY

Garland and Helen Meador, in the death of their granddaughter, and to Sharon Meador Rice, in the death of her daughter, Laura Dawn Peters Jones, 37, February 14.

R.C. and Hazel Cook, in the death of her sister, in N.C.

CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend, February 26-27 is the Virginia Baptist All-Sate Choir. Two of our members, **Heather Stamey** and **Jordan Elrod**, will be performing in the mixed choir.

VA Baptists have been doing an All-State choir for children grades 4 through 12 for the past 5 years. The choristers are auditioned singers from VBGA churches all over the state. They sing challenging music and each year sing a wonderful closing program. This year the final concert will be at **Second Baptist Church, Richmond at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 27.**

CONGRATULATIONS

George and Martha Williams celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary, February 17, 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Henrico High footballer and Hatcher member Rip Ripley on his selection and commitment to West Point on Friday, February 12. His coaches and school administrators shared sincere words of congratulations and affirmation. During his high school career, Rip excelled not only academically, but he also served as President of the Student Body. Ten years ago, he was an eight year old kid standing in our baptistry with a newly claimed faith in Jesus. Later this year he will enter one of the most prestigious institutions of the modern era. We congratulate Betsy, Vic, Daniel, and Ryan as well! We are so proud of you all.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Baptized on Sunday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.

Mary Sullivan (Sulli) Clexton, 3103 Meadowbrook Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060, 755-6188

Joel Elrod, 8387 Shire Court, Mechanicsville, VA 23111, 730-6726

Mrs. June Banes -- (Tim Singleton's step mother), 3005 Briar Lane, Henrico, VA 23228, 728-2226

Jeanette Murphy, 2120 Dumbarton Road, Henrico, VA 23228, 262-0440

Mr. Danny Hall, 1720 Devers Road, Richmond, VA 23226 901-2911

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS

Join us for a wonderful meal and an evening full of activities for all ages.

You can make a dinner reservation using the welcome card in the pew racks or you can call the church office. Please make or cancel your reservations by Noon on Tuesday. Cost is \$5.00 for main meal and \$3.00 for snack meal.

March 3: Main Menu: Baked meatloaf, potatoes, cabbage, rolls, dessert, tea/coffee. Snack Menu: Chicken fingers.

March 10: Stuffed pork chops, baked apples, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/tea. Snack Meal: Hamburgers.

Chef Tommy Stewart will have his hip replaced on March 4, at St. Mary's Hospital. He will be out for four weeks. The Kitchen Committee is working with him to ensure NO interruption of our meals. We WILL continue to have quality meals while Tommy is recuperating. Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to send Tommy a card, his address is 4224 Wynclyff Dr., Richmond, VA 23235.

THANK YOU

Our Child Development Center is using some of the classrooms on the second floor while the Asbestos Removal Project on the third floor is taking place. Thank you for the spirit of cooperation that our Sunday School Classes and Organizations have shown during this process.

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ST. PAUL'S 2010 COMMUNITY

LENTEN SERIES

A Gospel for the 21st Century

Weekday, Monday – Friday during Lent
Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17 – Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31

For over 100 years, St. Paul's Episcopal Church has sponsored this program, which features notable speakers and delicious lunches. Each 30-minute service begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served in the Parish Hall in two settings, one from 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and the other from 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. The lunches are freshly cooked hot meal or cold plate if you prefer and are reasonably priced at \$7.00. Take-out and frozen entrees are also available. All proceeds from the meals are distributed to those in need in the city, the state, the Diocese, and abroad. Reservations are not needed but can be made for groups of six or more by calling 643-3589.

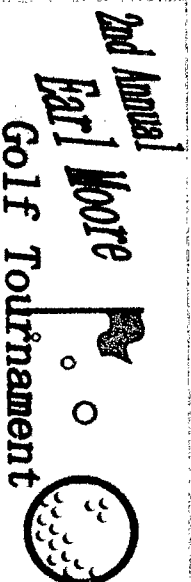
Pastor Poole and Gerry Robinson will be trying to attend each Thursday, so if you are interested in going, give them a call and possible arrangements to car pool can be made. St. Paul is located at 815 East Grace Street, next to the Capitol Square. Limited free parking is available on a first come, first served basis. Brochures are posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office will additional information about the dynamic speakers and the menus. For additional information you can also go to the website: www.stpauls-episcopal.org.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 14, 2:00 a.m. – Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13

NOTES FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE:



At The Crossings Golf Course

Saturday, April 17, Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.
The cost will be \$190 a foursome, or \$47.50 per person. Mark your calendars now: more details coming next month. Contact Danny Denton @ 405-2290.

New Softball Coach

There will be a coaching change in the 2010 Softball Season. Mitch Wilhelm will now lead the team to victory - hopefully plural - this spring and summer. The games will begin in April. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Mitch Wilhelm. His email address is: mitchwilhelm1@cavtel.net.

LAMB'S BASKET

We are in need of volunteers to work at Lamb's Basket for the following days: Thursday, March 4, Friday, March 26, and Friday, April 2. It is possible that our schedule days of working will increase in the future, so if you have never worked at Lamb's Basket, please give it a try. We are also in need of people with trucks who will be willing to pick up food at various stores who have started donating to us. Some heavy lifting is required.

Thank you, Barbara Lucord

VISIBLE RESULTS

Live Outloud Attendance 1/03/2010 – 2/21/2010	121
Bible Study Fellowships 1/03/2010 – 2/14/2010	186
Traditional Worship Service 1/03/2010 – 2/14/2010	137

FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Budget Needs per Week - \$13,142.31	
Receipts from February 21, 2010	\$ 12,098.54
Memorial/Endowment Gifts	\$ 10.00
All Other Receipts	\$ 1,986.88