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**OUR MISSION
STATEMENT:**

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

Lakeside's Got Talent Variety Show
February 11 & 12

***The 2011 Valentine Banquet will feature a delicious
meal served at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday
Seating will begin at 5:30 p.m.***

Menu: Spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert.

***During dinner, you will be entertained by some of the most
talented people in Lakeside.***

There will be impersonations, singing, dancing....

You have to see it to believe it!

Tickets are available for \$ 5.00 per person.



**All Women are in-
vited to the
W.M.U . Tea
Sunday, February 27,
2:00 p.m. in the Parlor**

You may ask – WHAT IS WMU?

It is Women's Missionary Union and it was founded in 1874. At Hatcher, we have Women on Missions Group (WOM), Hearts In Motion (HIM) and Girls in Action (GA) as part of the WMU. At the tea, members from each group will talk about what they do to make a difference in Lakeside, the Richmond Metro area, Virginia, our country, and around the world, a difference for the Kingdom of God, to share love and hope to people who have none.

Maria Lynn, the Adult Missions Coordinator for WMU of Virginia, will be there to share what is happening in WMU.

Cindy Poole will be adding extra special touches to make our tea fun and "girly" and we will have yummy treats from Kalico Kitchen, thanks to

Carolyn Mattox.

Please come and join us and find out about the exciting things that happen through the WMU and how you can help make a difference.



Following is a beautiful story of how God continues to work through Hatcher members and our Lakeside neighbors. Our heartfelt thanks to Bill Elrod and the many Hatcher folks that simply keep reaching out with prayers and acts of kindness in Christ's name.

Bill writes:

Unexpected blessings are the best kind—like finding a \$20 bill on the sidewalk, that first word coming out of the mouth of your child, or finding the dishes washed and put away when you come home. They're like a breath of fresh air. They put a smile on your face. Often these blessings come at a time when you need them most.

One such event happened to me back around 2004. Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church was doing a church-wide study called "40 Days of Purpose". The intention was for us to get out in the community to serve the people of Lakeside. Each group organized a project; our class had chosen to tend the yard of a man named Mr. Clark, on Clarke St. of all places! With work gloves on hands and yard tools in tow, we began the task. It was Summertime—dust was flying, sweat was pouring, and we were about to fall out.

Then, an angel appeared.

She appeared out of nowhere, smiling and holding a glass of tea. Sweet tea, not that stuff you get at restaurants—real, southern tea. She was standing on her front porch saying, "ya'll want some tea?" Did we? We practically hopped her fence and met this angel named Annie Brock.

As we gulped the tea like parched travelers, Annie asked us what we were doing. We explained, and she said "ya'll come by whenever your over here—I always have tea in the fridge". This was the first of many times we would stand on her porch. Before we got back to work, she said "ya'll come in and see my Grandson, Robert".

Robert was about ten years old, and bound to a wheelchair. We shook his hand, asked him about school, and took a tour of his room. He was very proud of his Nascar posters! We told him we would visit again. Outside, Annie told us he had Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that attacks the muscles, putting strain on the

heart. Life expectancy is usually around 12 years. Annie had been his primary care giver for several years.

As I got back to work, I thought about the two people I had just met. Both had difficult challenges, to put it mildly. Life had thrown them a curve ball. But they both were soldiering on, doing the best they could with what they had been dealt. They had courage. They had a Christ likeness that was inspiring. They had really good tea.

Over the next several years I had the privilege of getting to know them better. We visited them on Christmas and birthdays, and had Robert over to watch a movie. On one occasion, we took Robert to Kings Dominion. Wheeling him around the park was fun! We got him on some of the smaller rides, which he enjoyed, but he said "I want to go on one of the big roller coasters". I thought, sure, why not? Have you ever done something, and afterwards said "what was I thinking?!" Put it this way—I've done smarter things in my life.

The teen-aged roller coaster attendant looked at me doubtfully as I hoisted Robert out of his chair and into the seat. He said "are you sure you want to do this"? I looked at Robert. I'm not going to say he was completely confident, but he did nod his head. I told you he had courage, right? My confidence had disappeared into thin air, replaced by tiny drops of sweat on my forehead.

We heard the ominous clicking noises as the coaster ascended the first hill. I prayed. I prayed like never before—"God, please get us out of this mess"! We topped the hill, screamed down the other side, and entered the first turn. That's when the trouble started.

Robert couldn't support himself through the turn! I reached over and gave him a bear hug. Thankfully, I found I could keep him from bouncing around. I guess we were the only two non-sweethearts hugging our way through the ride. We mercifully came to the end.

When the attendant saw me, his eyebrows raised a bit. I must have been as white as a sheet! I looked over at Robert to see how he had fared—and saw a big grin! He said he wanted to do it again—I said, "let's get some cotton candy".

Over the next several years I would get a call or two from Annie—giving updates on Robert's condition. I was always amazed at

this woman's dedication—how she gave up so much to care for him. She was an example to me of what it means to serve unconditionally. I'm convinced there is a special place in heaven for people like Annie Brock.

Robert was taken to MCV this past winter. He had pneumonia. He came very close to passing away during this time, but he kept fighting. What a dread disease it is! It was always looming over him. He told me from his bed "God is with me". Amen. And He had a special place for him, too.

Robert was mercifully taken into God's presence on Thursday, February 4th. No more pain, no more sickness, no more wheelchair. One day I fully expect to see Robert walking towards me as I enter into that city. I bet there will be a grin on his face. Then I'll walk a bit further and thank the Lord for unexpected blessings.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So it is with the resurrection of the dead:
Sown in corruption, raised in incorruption,
sown in dishonor, raised in glory; sown in
weakness, raised in power,
sown a natural body,
raised a spiritual body.

A huge crowd gathered for a graveside service at Signal Hill on February 7. Many shared how Robert's determination and courage inspired them. Educators, healthcare workers, family and many friends shared bits of the story. We gave thanks to God and committed him to Jesus.

It's hard to imagine a Hatcher without thinking of the words "caring" and "community." From Hearts in Motion, class mission tasks, community oriented children's missions and music programs, the powerful way we continue to reach out to those among us in recovery, cross cultural ministries with immigrants, etc.

The GOOD NEWS of Jesus is GOOD indeed. He speaks to those of us who live in the margins, including the poor, the broken, unjustly treated and imprisoned. The story above evidences God's work in our midst, more today than perhaps any time in past decades, and certainly in the past 11 years. Keep going, church. Keep serving.

*Cast your bread upon the water
and it will return to you!*

Pastor Mike

Please keep the Journey Leadership Community in prayer as we gather for work on February 20.

McSHIN NEWS

The McShin Foundation Staff have a daunting task: Spreading a message of recovery from one of the most deadly diseases facing our nation today. It is a disease that knows no social, racial, or economic boundaries. A disease that causes job loss, separation from family and friends, homelessness and homes sold to pay for treatment of loved ones. It's a very long list of consequences. And there is a concern about the urgency of treatment. There is not always a lot of time. Incarceration and death are consequences lingering right at the doorstep for many. The good news is that miracles do happen. Every follower of Christ knows that. And there is a miraculous story to be told everyday from the dedicated efforts of those busy in action in our west wing basement. But the work has been spreading far beyond the walls of our basement. McShin has served as a model for peer based recovery groups popping up in other places in Virginia. And now, the Caroline County Recovery Community Center managed by McShin is open. This was no small feat since it wasn't necessarily received very well at the beginning. But the planning and persistence of McShin paid off, bringing hope in an area for individuals that really needed it.

I would encourage you to visit their website at www.mcshin.org, when you have some time. There is a wealth of information about what is available through McShin and the successes of the organization. And I don't think our friend John Shinholser will mind too much if you get a little satisfaction just knowing that Hatcher hosts such a progressive thinking, and aggressive acting organization blazing trails in the fight against substance abuse.

Written by David Dunston

Here is another way you can help support McShin:

LIVE IN RICHMOND

Inaugural Bluegrass

Invitational

Saturday, February 19,

Noon until 8:00 p.m.

Presented by McShin Foundation

and The Virginia Folk Music Association

At Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Price: \$10.00 per person

In addition to the great music there will be vendors, food and more. Come and enjoy as bands help carry the message of recovery through the soothing sounds of bluegrass music. Contact McShin for tickets.



PRAY FOR THE LAKESIDE CHURCH OF THE MONTH

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, at 8200 Woodman Road. The Rev. Robert Spencer is Pastor and Rev. Mr. Bob Griffin is the Pastoral Associate.

Among Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Lois McPeak
Died February 3, 2011

Lovetta Serry Martin
Died January 22, 2011

SYMPATHY TO

Annie Brock, devoted grandmother, in the death of Robert Compton, age 17, who died on February 4, 2011.

The family of Lois McPeak, including her three children, Jerry Kendrick, Charlotte Griffin, and Karen Ledford.

Jack Zicafoose, in the death of his sister, Irene Pitts, who passed away February 1, 2011, in Ashland.

Benny and Glenda Jones, in the death of her brother, Haskell Sims, in Mississippi, on January 31, 2011.

Lena Taylor, in the death of brother-in-law, Harry Taylor.

Phebean Serry-Kamal Sumara and family, in the death of her sister, Lovetta Martin.

HOSPITAL

Henrico Doctor's Parham: Charlotte Phaup, Room CO-1

Henrico Doctor's Forest: Clarence Bryant, Room 204

Mary Bryant, Room 351

Margaret Bournie, Room 229,

Cynthia May's grandmother

Memorial Regional: Rosella "Billie" Parrish, Room 3252

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

Bessie Langford, Nina Denzler's grandmother

Ray McCarty

Otis Duke

Lawrence Tyree

REHAB

Tyler's Retreat Rehab in Chester: Chappie Barbour, mother of Shirley Smith

CONGRATULATIONS

Ricky and Julie Johnston, on the birth of their son, Aiden Xavier Johnston, born January 21, 2011.

Also to grandparents, Dave and Rhonda Yushchak, Jeff Wilcox, Ricky Johnston, Sr., and Julie Pantan; Great-grandparents, Jean Johnston and Ronnie and Shirley Smith; Great-great grandmother, Chappie Barbour.

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED FROM

Louise Glass

Ethel Schenk

VISIBLE RESULTS

LOL Average attendance Jan 2 – Feb 6, 2011	107
Bible Study Fellowships Jan 2 – Feb 6, 2011	180
Traditional Worship Jan 2 – Feb 6, 2011	137

FINANCIAL REPORT

Projected Budget Needs per Week	\$12,891.37
Receipts February 6, 2011	\$ 15,035.32
Memorials/Endowment Gifts	\$ 25.00
All other receipts	\$ 1,555.45

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER

You can order whichever meals (Main or snack) by phoning the church office or by marking the back of the attendance cards in the pew racks. Main meal: \$6.00. Snack Menu Meals: \$3.00. Deadline for making or canceling reservations is Noon on Tuesdays.

February 16

Main Menu and Snack Menu: Lasagna, tossed salad, bread, dessert, coffee or tea.

February 23

Main Menu: Turkey with dressing, gravy, sweet potato, vegetable medley, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea.

Snack Menu: Turkey, macaroni and cheese, vegetable medley, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea.

LAMB'S BASKET

Food needs continue to be mac and cheese, personal needs, and baby food. Hatcher's assigned dates to provide volunteer workers: Friday, February 11, Saturday, February 19, and Friday, February 25. Of course, if you can work other days, please call. Thanks to all who continue to support LAMB'S with food and please keep those plastic bags coming!

Barbara and Susan

**JOURNEY LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY
HARVEST MEETING**

February 20, 12:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet during lunch. There will be chili, so bring a salad, vegetable platter or dessert to share. Members of JLC, please invite those in your Cottage Cluster.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, March 12. Remember: Spring Forward.

Sunday, March 13, 10:00 a. m.

Combined Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. – This service will feature all our Youth taking part in the Service.

March 13, 3:00 p.m.

Church-Wide Mission Action Awareness Event
In the Fellowship Hall

2011 Pastor-Deacon Conference

March 22, Second Baptist Church, 9614 River Road, Henrico, Va. 23229. Contact Jimmy Dean for details.

The Earl Moore Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 30, 8:00 a.m., at

The Crossings Golf Course

Same format as last year, Captain's Choice four-man, Shotgun start. Price is \$47.50 per person or \$190 a four-some. Also, mulligan's will be on sale the day of the event. Price includes green fee, cart, box lunch, drinks, range balls, trophies, prizes and a good time. Sign up by contacting Danny Denton at 405-2290, or email: danny-denton@comcast.net