

# HATCHER HERALD

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*Hatcher Memorial, a Baptist Church with a rich heritage of worshiping 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.*



### Sunday, November 7

## *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

**"Fall  
Back"**

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before  
going to bed on Saturday, November 6.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 7.



## *All Saints Day*

**Combined LOL and Traditional Service November 7, 10:30 a.m.**

**A Service of Remembrance of members who  
passed away during the year and an opportunity  
to remember friends and loved ones.**

*Located in the Sanctuary foyer and outside the Chapel are two large, red "All Saints" Banners. You are invited to place a ribbon/bell on the banner in memory of someone you want us to remember on "All-Saints Sunday" during the Memorial Service. Cards are available at the banner to list the name(s) of your loved ones you want to be remembered.*

### 2010 Stewardship Theme:

## *Celebrating God's Blessings!*

The subgroup of the Finance Committee is working on a proposed Budget for the New Year. On October 24, they met with the entire Finance Committee in order to set forth this year's challenges.

On Sunday, November 14, the Budget Subgroup plans to present the 2011 Proposed Budget to the Finance Committee for affirmation and further recommendation to the church body in a Business Meeting, December 1 and 5.

The church office will mail copies of the proposed budget to members on Tuesday, November 23. A Special Called Business Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 1, with the conclusion of the meeting on Sunday, December 5.

### PLEDGE CAMPAIGN:

Our theme will be *Celebrating God's Blessings.*

Special services will be the Sundays of November 28, December 5, and Pledge Ingathering Day, December 12.

Stewardship Committee Members:

*Cookie Martin, Betty Hoffman, Liz Haden and Woody Robertson.*

## What on Earth Does God Want?

Before the beginning, the Triune God stared at a blank page... nothing, nothing, nothing to write, nothing to say, just nothing. Why? Because nothing has happened, (at least not that we're aware of.) "What shall we write?" asks One. "What have we done?" asks Two. "What do we want?" asks Three. Yes, WHAT DO WE WANT? Let US begin there!

Most scientists believe the universe is still expanding... the Unstoppable Force of the original "Let there be light" explosion racing outward into pre-creation at 186,000 miles per second for the past 13.5 billion years. Shockwaves of subatomic forces unleashing chaotic vibrations outward from "the beginning." To this day, the universe carries its charge outward (though some scientists think otherwise.)

In any case, creation didn't appear as static perfection, not even in the "Garden" where bouquets of heaven hung from every bush and tree. (Even there things needed birthing, nurturing and care; appetites fed; curiosities satisfied, etc.)

By the end of "five days," God (whom we know personally as Jesus Christ) knew what God wanted. "Let's make mankind in our image." By implication, let's create beings that think, imagine, dream, love, act, feel, care, know, grow, and seek what's right and good, creatures who CREATE! These ones must live and love freely from their hearts, the goodness of their souls, as We—THE DIVINE THREE!

In the EPIC STORY OF JESUS CHRIST, God longs for creation that loves and serves without coercion or threat. In order to get that, for whatever reason, pardon the expression, all hell must break loose. And, if we, His creatures, are to partner in the re-making of a New Heaven and Earth, we must also be part of the breaking of the old.

That Triune conversation must have been difficult: "If we give them free wills, they will unleash hell, no doubt, and, to be sure, it's going to get bad. But if we don't give them freedom, they'll be mere puppets. Let's do it!" So it was decided in the wisdom of the Divine Three to let BE.

So they did and so did we... what else could we do? It was not only predictable but inevitable... a genuine "Yes" is often preceded by a defiant "NO." Chomp. Gulp. What have we done!

As a result, chaos arrived in waves, bringing a tide of sin with wages: death – Cain kills Abel, men abuse their wives, children trapped in dysfunctional systems, and the memory of God fades. The Scriptures overflow with stories of love/hate, peace/war, loyalty/betrayal, injustice, famine, greed, heroes/villains, subplots unfold, and stories within stories within stories get wrapped into God's BIG STORY. God's pages no longer blank!

Hell unleashed, God personally arrives on earth and moves to the front lines. The Divine Babe comes through the womb of a virgin maid; God grows into a man and suffers the ultimate injustices of that day... a shameful Roman cross.

God's Epic Story of Creation in Jesus Christ does not end in death, but in resurrection. His Body on earth – The Church knows both triumph and pain. We invite the whole world to hear God's story and use their God-given powers of choice to CHOOSE HIM! We've all said "NO," but now we are called to freely say the everlasting "YES." Not a one-time "yes" but an everyday, all day, everlasting "YES." The song says:

*In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,  
You can have all this world,  
But give me Jesus*

Each day, we must summon the wisdom and power of the ever-present Holy Spirit. We must raise our sails and catch His gentle wind. One day at a time, we must choose among the paths of life, to help or harm, trust or be faithless, to hit back or turn the other cheek, act wisely or on impulse. The list could go on... we can steal, kill, abuse, lie, disrespect, OR the opposites... produce fruits of the Spirit – goodness, kindness, meekness, 'n such.

Whatever our choices, we must always remember that GRACE has brought us

safe this far and GRACE will lead us on. The grace of the crucified Lamb saves for sure and forever – one day at a time. It's not our doing! It's HIS STORY and OUR STORY only by invitation!

God wants people who know and love Him from their hearts apart from threat or coercion. It takes tons of divine chutzpah to let heaven and hell go head to head, like Rocky Mountain Rams in mating. But that's what's happening. And, like it or not, we are being called to choose between the kingdoms of this world and the Reign of God. It's not easy.

Let's together and forever choose the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of this world. He wants... well, you know by now. Never forget: "Fear not" is the most common greeting when heaven speaks to earth. God's not given a Spirit of fear!

So here's the Triune God, filling up page after divine page, making notes, calling audibles, and rebirthing a creation that loves and serves Him from their hearts rather from fear or coercion. Hallelujah!

"Let's give our people this Greatest Commandment: 'To love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength and soul.' "Yes! And let's give them a second on the same order: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Well said!"

The Lamb has literally walked through hell on and under earth to get what God wants. His gifts are forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. He makes whole and holy all that is broken and defiled.

Today, Jesus calls you into HIS EPIC STORY! He says, put the past behind. Leave your sins at the Cross and follow me. Use your life to bless all whom I love. Share this Good News, THIS STORY OF REDEMPTION to the entire created order! "All things" x 5! (Col. 1)

Recall the final words of Alma Layne's favorite hymn, "This is My Father's World."

*"Jesus who died shall be satisfied;  
And earth and heaven be one."*

Make is so!

**Pastor Mike**

## *Among Our Church Family*

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Mrs. Mary Cogar  
Died October 17, 2010

### **SYMPATHY TO**

Chuck and Georgia Cogar, in the death of his mother, Mary Cogar. Chuck's address: 9479 Coral Crest Lane Vienna, Va. 22182

Louise Glass, in the death of her younger sister, Mildred Packett, on October 22. Louise's address: 2303 Oakwood Lane, Henrico, Va. 23228

Betty Ragland and Pat Smith, in the death of their nephew, Jerry Grey Mitchell, Sr., on October 22.

### **HOSPITALS**

**Henrico Doctor's Forest:** Helen Eaves, Room 461  
Alma Layne, Room 504  
Elaine Sale, CCU 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**St. Mary's:** Lee Delano, CCU 19

### **HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL**

Irene Williams Clarence Bryant  
John Hajduk, Julie Snyder and Ann Duke's father  
Zachery Unrow, Jane Stanard's grandson  
Chris Weis Bessie Winn

### **REHAB**

Manor Care at Imperial Plaza: Rev. Zane Grey Ross  
Frank Moore – Emeritus of Deep Run, 1800 Gaskins Road,

### **UPCOMING**

Henry Tignor – Knee surgery on 11/8

### **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

*Each month we will be praying for one of the Churches in the Lakeside area. Here is the prayer for October*

"Today we pray for Church of the Epiphany. We pray for Reverend Mary Brennan Thorpe, who serves as Priest-in-Charge, and all those in positions of responsibility. May the Holy Spirit work through the church to encourage its members, to heal those who are broken, set free those in bondage, lift up the discouraged and gather the wayward. May we see with them the work of God's Kingdom expanding in Lakeside, Metro Richmond and our world. Amen"

### **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

**Please note:** Beginning November 3, the main meal price increased \$1.00. There was no change in snack meal price.

#### November 3

Main Menu: Roast beef, baked potato, green beans, rolls, dessert, coffee or tea. Snack Menu: Chicken fingers

#### November 10

Main Menu: Baked ham, yams, green beans, rolls, dessert, tea/coffee. Snack Menu: Pizza

## *Congratulations to Michael HuYoung*

Michael HuYoung has been recognized as a 2010 honoree of Virginia's Leaders in the Law. "Leaders in Law" are setting the standard for other lawyers – those who changed practice, advanced the law or improved the justice system in Virginia.

### **Here is a short profile of Michael, written by his law firm, Barnes and Diehl:**

"Michael HuYoung: Leader in the Law 2010; Fellow in the Virginia Law Foundation; VSB Bar Council Member; Chair-Elect and Board of Governors of the VSB's Diversity Conference; Faculty of the VSB's Professionalism Course; Board of Directors of Asian Pacific American Bar Assoc. of Virginia; co-chaired Virginia Criminal Justice Conference; formerly on the Board of Governor of VTLA and chaired its Criminal Law Section; recognized as a Best Lawyer in American, a Virginia Super Lawyer, and a Virginia Legal Elite; serves on Henrico Citizen Committee for Voting Rights; and coaches Trial Competition Teams at the University of Richmond School of Law."

Michael recently answered a number of questions put to him in reference to his award, here is a sample of his remarks: **What do you consider your biggest personal accomplishment and why?** "To live the American dream is an accomplishment most immigrants who come to this great country can only imagine. My family entered the United States as refugees with nothing. Now, I have a successful career in an honored profession, share a wonderful life with my supportive wife and loving daughters, and my peers acknowledge and honor my efforts. Who could ask for more?"

**What are two facts about you that most people, including your closest friends, may not know?** "I am a devout Christian and attend Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church. Even though I have tried hundreds of cases, I am a bit nervous before each trial. To my clients, their case is the biggest event in their lives, and I want to be successful for them."

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### **HATCHER HEALTH HAPPENINGS:**

Thank you, to the 16 people who signed up to donate blood last Wednesday. Your willingness to participate, whether you were able to donate or were deferred, is greatly appreciated.

### **Opportunity for Seniors**

Lakeside HealthCARE Ministry is sponsoring three Medicare informational meetings for the Lakeside community. They will be held on Sundays, Nov. 7, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, 7809 Woodman Road. If you have questions about your Medicare-D options or have other questions, these meetings are for you. A representative from United Healthcare Medicare solutions will be present to answer your questions. This year any changes must be made before December 31. Please call 767-2276, to make a reservation.

Janice Lynn RN – Parish/Faith Community Nurse

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***This Sunday, October 31***  
**Breast Cancer Awareness Day**

Wear your pink in honor of breast cancer survivors and in memory of those who did not. Information will be distributed at both services along with a written testimony by Sharon Vecchione, in which she shares her experience as a breast cancer survivor. Sharon now serves as a Call Coordinator for Reach to Recovery for the American Cancer Society.

**Deacon Ordination**

9:00 a.m. Live OutLoud Service with the Laying On of Hands during the 11:00 a.m. Traditional

**Trunk or Treat**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., in Hatcher's parking lot.

***Annual Turnip Festival***

**Thursday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.**

Join the Love and Fellowship Group for this annual event. You can enjoy turnips cooked many unique and delicious ways, with corn bread on the side. And, to make this event even more special, Rev. Norman Burnes will be the Special Guest Speaker.



***Music Note***

The Music Ministry is in need of several Handbell ringers, and the Live OutLoud Worship Band needs Guitarists and Keyboardist. Contact Gerry Robinson at 266-9696, ext 103, email: [grobinson@hatcherchurch.org](mailto:grobinson@hatcherchurch.org), if you are interested.



**Annual Lakeside Community**

**Thanksgiving Service**

**Tuesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.**

**At The Church of the Epiphany**

***YOUTH NEWS***

**Sunday, November 14, 4:00 p.m.**

Parent Meeting in the White House, to make plans for the 2011 Valentine Banquet

**Sunday, November 28, 2:00 p.m.**

Turkey Bowl at Moody Middle School

**Sunday, December 12**

Family Gingerbread House Night, in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 19 - Youth Christmas Party**



**LAMB'S BASKET**

Items needed for Lamb's Basket: Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, dry beans, and plastic bags. Please continue to pray that Lamb's Basket can find a refrigerator truck to transport donated items. Call to donate your time to the pantry. Thank you so much for your continued support.

*Susan Haynes and Barbara Lucord*

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE**

The GA's and the Pathfinders are working with the Samaritan's Purse Service Project to assist with Operation Shoebox. Boxes are in the foyer and outside of the Chapel for donations to send shoeboxes to children around the world. Donations include: toiletries like toothbrushes and toothpaste, hard candy, school supplies, cups/saucers, small toys, clothes and shoes. Remember we want to pack as much as we can inside the shoebox. All donations of items or money is appreciated. Last year we packed and sent over 50 shoeboxes. Each box costs about \$7.50 to ship.

*Vickie Mattox, Project Coordinator*

**VISIBLE RESULTS**

Live Outloud Average attendance	1/03/2010 - 10/24/10	100
Bible Study Fellowships	1/03/2010 - 10/24/10	178
Traditional Worship Service	1/03/2010 - 10/24/10	142

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Projected Budget Needs per Week		\$ 13,142.31
Receipts	October 24, 2010	\$ 8,344.36
State Missions	YTD	\$ 497.00
All Other Receipts		\$ 1,663.88