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Hatcher's Growing Pains Are Exciting

"Growing Pains" in real life are painful to be sure....leg pains, voice changes, maturing physical appearance, feelings, and emotions. The positive in this human growth process is these chapters of development will soon end and the maturing process will stop. However, as a church family grows through the loss of members, pastoral changes, living through theological changes, watching our community or town change socially, economically, racially, or culturally, it must learn the spiritual acuity of what is called "Adaptivity for Growing a Maturing Faith for Ministry". What was effective in reaching, teaching, and growing new Christians for Jesus five years ago perhaps has exceeded its successful shelf life in mission education and ministry. Hatcher is presently having leg cramps, voice changes and experiencing new feelings and emotions. Hatcher is growing in its vision for ministry and is now evaluating the costs of being a vital New Testament Church in our 21st Century. Hatcher is beginning to pray, plan, and prepare for its 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2022.

Observed Growing Pains Are:

Before the Covid 19 crisis **Hatcher's Bible Teaching Ministry**...was taking the necessary steps for growing, adapting and changing. Under Alice Phillips' leadership and direction, Hatcher's Sunday School Director, classes were merging and joining together, mutually sharing teaching responsibilities, resource materials, and classroom space. This spiritual discipline of evaluation and introspection has brought vision and ideas as Hatcher strengthens its entire Sunday School. During this present crisis Betsy Ripley and Wayne Duke have brought Bible Teaching to us through the use of the internet. Even in this crisis Hatcher's Bible Teaching Ministry continues to adapt and grow.

The Facilities and Property Management Committee... with the leadership of Jim Blanchard, Rick Bancroft and Jerry Welch, the Building and Grounds Committee has been providing decision making and guidance at a record pace. The stress on our facilities is a primary concern and requires constant attention. The members of our committee are to be recognized and commended for "exceeding" a job well done. We need to be reminded our facilities were constructed from the 1920's through the 1960's and these facilities are in use full-time everyday 16 hours a day. Our Easter Offering Goal was set to repair our plumbing needs which have been tremendous.

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From the Pastor

Growing Pains continued -

Our church has purchased a Zoom license... which has given us the ability to provide our Sunday Bible classes, our April quarterly business meeting with 50 of our members in attendance providing a positive quorum to request the PPP Loan Grant, Zoom now gives us the ability to have the Deacon's Training Workshop beginning Sunday, May 3, it gives the ability for our committees to meet, and allows our weekly worship and administrative staffs to have their meetings.

Hatcher goes to internet worship...with the loss of our freedom to worship and to be collectively together as a congregational gathering, Hatcher's Staff has been providing worship experiences through its Facebook, Webpage, and YouTube addresses. The staff members have been planning, filming, recording, editing, and uploading the services and it appears that Hatcher services have had over 3,000 hits during this 7 week period.

Reaching Out To Our Seniors...with the mandated Shelter in Place and being quarantined, our Seniors are being remembered with our "love reminders". Most of our Seniors are not connected to the internet and may feel left out by not being a part of the internet worship experience. Wayne Duke, Alice Phillips, Dot Major, and Pastor Sharpe are the sign brigade moving the signs to different yards every 3-4 days until hopefully everyone will be reminded our love for them.

– Pastor Sharpe



Stewardship & Ministry

2020 EASTER OFFERING PROJECT UPDATE

Water Valves, Faucets and Lines

Our Hatcher Family is amazingly faithful. Amidst quarantine and the first ever extended period when we as a congregation have been unable to physically meet, we have continued to be faithful to our church and our Christian values and beliefs. \$5,070 has been contributed to our Easter offering. Our plumber has been hard at work. New cooper pipes have been installed from a bathroom to boiler room and the bypass water line has been installed to supply cold water to parts of the first floor, valves and faucets in the East Wing and kitchen have been checked and repaired or replaced as needed. Still on the list is to check and possibly replace several sump pumps. To date we have spent just over \$7,000.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING Give Online through the Hatcher Website

Thanks to Jerry Myers you are now able to give online through the Hatcher website! Just go to hatcherchurch.org and click on the menu. You will see an online giving option. Just enter your information and submit!

As always, you can mail your offering or call the office & we'll meet you at the ramp entrance

Thank you for your generosity!

*Dear Hatcher Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, thoughts and cards during this extremely difficult time. Losing a loved one is always hard but with the virus and all the social distancing rules it was so much more difficult. Your caring and love helped ease that pain. I so appreciate each of you.*

- Jo Mitchell, CDC Director

HATCHER CDC UPDATE

Spring 2020 was expected to be a very busy time in our CDC: the Teacher Appreciation Dinner, Graduation, and a Retirement Celebration were planned.

Instead, due to the COVID-19 quarantine, we are having to temporarily close the center as of Friday, May 1. This closing is strictly temporary. At this time, the plan is to reopen on Monday, May 18.

In the meantime, our director, Jo Mitchell, has been a hero on the front lines, providing childcare for parents who continue to work, including medical personnel and first responders. She and her dedicated staff have maintained standards of sanitation, monitored temperatures, and taken many other extra measures to ensure the safety of children and staff.

Both Jo and her Assistant, Judy Watkins, are scheduled to retire this month. Judy has been out on sick leave due to some health complications which make it imperative for her to avoid the virus. Jo has graciously put her retirement on hold until a suitable replacement can be found. Please pray for our CDC leaders, staff, and families. And when the reopening happens, we will celebrate health, teachers, kids, retirement, and so much more!

- Sharon Vecchione, CDC Chair

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, to Kay and Joe Craig, on the birth of their first great-grandchild on April 2, 2020! Olivia Kay, daughter of Jessica Craig and husband John.

Worship & Discipleship

CD Recordings of Sunday Worship Services

In an effort to reach those in our church family who are unable to connect with us through the internet on Sunday mornings for worship, we are now able to make and deliver a CD audio version of the services. If you or someone you know are interested in receiving a copy of these CD's weekly, please contact the Church Office and we can help arrange it. Thank you again to all our volunteers that have stepped up to make this a reality.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Although we miss being able to meet together on Sunday mornings for worship, we are now uploading an online video version of the service to both Facebook and YouTube. We invite you and your loved ones to connect and worship with us on these platforms as well as on our church webpage www.hatcherchurch.org (under the media tab at the top).



Zoom Bible Studies— Wednesdays and Sundays

As we continue to adapt during the Covid-19 pandemic, our weekly Bible studies have moved online! Please join us on Zoom at 6pm for an interactive Bible Study and time of prayer every Wednesday night led by Pastor Sharpe and our church staff. Betsy Ripley is also leading an interactive Sunday School lesson on Zoom starting at 10am. If you are unsure how to use Zoom, please contact Charlie Fleet in advance, at 804-514-2898 or churchadministrator@hatcherchurch.org, and he will help walk you through it.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

In addition to worship services on the Hatcher website and YouTube, we've included devotional and activity pages for each Sunday through May in this edition of the Herald.

These are also being mailed to members of the Adult Sunday School Classes. Additionally, there will be a weekly children's bulletin & activity pages sent out with the Wednesday prayer list each week, *Please continue to communicate with us in the church office about your prayer needs!*



Among our Fellowship

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!!

May 1	Betty Spencer
May 8	Nina Wharton
May 10	Judy Bowden Christy Mayes Margaret Mayes
May 14	Marie Bookman
May 16	Carolyn Lloyd
May 19	Susie Pittard
May 20	Talley Bowles
May 22	Susan Dawson
May 26	Janice & Dave Lynn Anniversary
May 28	Caitlin Dawson
May 31	Glenda Jones Dottie Whitlock

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family and friends of those who've recently lost loved ones:

James (Brink) Brinkley, Jr. Widower of Maria Brinkley	March 4
Patricia Partin Former Hatcher Member	March 11
Mary Catherine Pugh Daughter/stepdaughter of Preston & Margie Pugh	April 1
Bessie Hannan Hatcher Member & sister of Mary Pennington	April 6
Mother of Jane Stanard	April 6
Dorothy Jones Hatcher Member & Aunt of Susan Haynes	March 27
DJ Viglis McShin Academy Alum	April 4
Norma Grady Sister of Jo Mitchell, Hatcher CDC Director	April 4
Charles Chapman Wells Father of Susan Compton, former Hatcher Office Admin	April 24
Tom Hatton Uncle of Doris Sharpe	April 26

Sabbatical Adventure



Maria will be joining her husband, Randy, on his summer sabbatical to serve as BGAV Venturers for the Tipi Wakan Ministry on the Standing Rock Reservation in Cannon Ball, North Dakota.

For the last 11 months Maria has served on Hatcher's staff as the Ministry Facilitator and Coordinator. She has served so faithfully by coordinating the ministries, providing communication to our ministry leadership, organizing the calendaring for our facilities, creating the printed and electronic bulletin publications for worship, prayer services, and our monthly church publication, the Hatcher Herald. She has been the

face and voice of Hatcher Church whenever anyone made contact with us.

She earned her Doctor of Ministry Degree from BTR in May, 2019. Therefore, she was able to share her ministry skills in teaching and preaching and provide pastoral leadership. The church family of Hatcher has indeed been blest to have been the recipient of her love and guidance.

As they leave to serve, they go with our love and deepest gratitude and full support and prayers. Also, we are anxious to hear the marvelous blessings and results of what God is going to do through their ministry.

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2019-2020

• indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2020

Deacons

Chair — Mitch Wilhelm*
Vice Chair — Karen Stamey

Secretary: Susan Dawson*
Treasurer: Mary Dunston

2017-2020

Mary Dunston
Eddie Harris
Debbie Welch
Jerry Welch
Susan Dawson*
Mitch Wilhelm*

2018-2021

Virginia Garrett
Bill Mosely
Karen Stamey

2019-2022

Janice Conroy
Jackie Matthews
Stuart Matthews
Donna Myers
Jerry Myers
Sharon Vecchione

Church Officers

Moderator: Rick Bancroft
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
Kathy Ridenour
Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig

Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione*
Counting: Mary Atwell
Endowment: Bob Llewellyn
Finance: Belinda Blanchard
McShin: Cecilia Fleet
Nominating: Sandra Wiltshire
Personnel: Susan Haynes*

Team Leaders

Audio/Visual: Ray Clary
Building & Grounds:
Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
Hostess: Kay Craig
Kitchen: June Banes
Transportation: Ray Clary
Ushers: Eddie Harris

Building Use Coordinator : Bill Moseley
Wedding Coordinator: Margie Pugh
McShin Board Representative: Cecilia Fleet

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Rev. Terry Sharpe, Pastor
Rev. Charlie Fleet, Campus Pastor, Ministry and Administration
J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music
Jo Mitchell, Director, Child Development Center
Stuart Joerg, Organist
Jennifer Ramos, Financial Secretary
Rev. Dr. Maria Lynn, Church Office Ministry Coordinator
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator