



Sharpe Insight...

To Our Hatcher Church Family:

Having to cancel our first service of Advent, when we would be lighting the candle of Hope, is most disappointing for your Pastor as well as our entire church family. However, it does not remove our Hope and resolve for a most blest Christmas Season and wonderful Advent celebration. In our next worship on December 6, 2020, we will be lighting the first Candle of Hope and also observing the lighting of the second Candle of Preparation. We will be observing Communion which further reminds us to be prepared for Jesus in our lives. The Worship on December 6, should be a happy celebration and a powerful beginning for our Advent. As we look forward to Jesus' Birth and Coming, allow us to be reminded...

Matthew 1:23 announces the birth of Jesus saying, *"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means 'God with us')."*

The God of the universe, the One who created us, came down to us. He tasted thirst and felt hunger. He shivered in the cold and laid His head on the bare ground to sleep. He wept with friends overwhelmed by grief and watched as everyone walked away from Him in His darkest hour.

His ministry was unexpected — modeled after a humble servant instead of a stately king. Matthew summarized His mission saying:

"This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

'Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope'" (Matthew 12:17 – 21).

No pomp or proclamations. Jesus spent His ministry among the sick, outcast, and isolated. He came to bring hope to those who had none. As we, the Hatcher Church Family, look toward to Christmas, maybe we too long for hope. At some time in our lives we have known injustice. At times in our life we too, have felt bruised, barely existing. Remember that even in our brokenness, Jesus is with us. He feels our sorrow. He knows our anxieties. He wants us to experience and know His hope as we approach this Advent Season, let us be reminded "Jesus is the first and last and the only Christmas Gift"

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Sharpe

Advent Themes for 2020

Hatcher Memorial's Christmas Gatherings You Don't Want to Miss!

It is often said we make too much of the Christmas Season....**NOT SO!**

Christmas is a BIG deal and deserves a BIG celebration. It is not an everyday event when God reminds mankind how He came to earth. Everyone is invited to relearn and retell this wonderful story, so we will know the most precious gift ever given, Jesus the Christ! Allow these Safe Christmas Gatherings to help our hearts prepare for the biggest day of the year.

November 29

Hope First Sunday of Advent

December 6

Preparation Second Sunday of Advent

December 13

Joy Third Sunday of Advent

December 20

Love Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24

Christmas Eve (5:00 p.m.) Communion

December 27

Where Do We Go From Here?



Advent Themes for 2020

DECEMBER WORSHIP THEME

November 29 The Candle of Hope First Sunday of Advent

"In a World Gone Blind, God Gives the Gift of Hope?"

Luke 1:18-25

December 6 The Candle of Preparation Second Sunday of Advent

"Is the World Prepared for the Gift of God's Understanding?"

Matthew 1:18-25

December 13 The Candle of Joy Third Sunday of Advent

"Jesus' Gift of Joy, Strength for Our World"

Luke 2:1-7

December 20 The Candle of Love Fourth Sunday of Advent

"God the Father's Unspoken Gift...His Love"

Matthew 2:19-23

December 24 Christmas Eve (Thursday) 5:00 p.m. The Christ Candle is lighted

"Knowing God's Gift for the World, the Light of Jesus"

John 1:1-5

December 27 Where Do We Go From Here?

"Hatcher, Stabilized by its Past, Preparing for God's Future"

Hebrews 10:23 and Matthew 6:34

About the Church



December 2	Cynthia May
December 11	Margie Pugh Betsy Ripley Stacey Austin (Russell)
December 12	Vivian Farrish
December 18	Elsie Britton Ann Lee Cathy Buchanan
December 19	Thelma Greenwood Eleanor Sizemore
December 22	Jane Williams Denzler Debby Robertson Sharon Gayness
December 30	Sandy Biggs Lee
December 31	Barbara Woods



Deepest Sympathy to:

The family of **John R. Herring** who passed away on 11/24/20

The family of **Leo Carman** who passed away on 11/24/20

The Family of **Jean Andrews** who passed away 11/26/20

The Family of **Roy Lee** who passed away 11/28/20

The Family of **Vivian Reed** who passed away 11/28/20

The Family of **Carolyn Lloyd** who passed away 12/1/20

The Family of **Connie Hain** who passed away 12/2/20

Thursday, December 24th

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service



Church Happenings



December 6 (Sun)

- 9:00 a.m. *Zoom Bible Study with Betsy Ripley*
11:00 a.m. *Worship Service Theme: First & Second
Sunday of Advent – Candle of **Hope & Preparation**
Communion*
11:00 a.m. *Live Streaming Service / Internet Service
on our Facebook pages and web page*

December 7 (Mon)

- 10:30 a.m. *Zoom Administrative Staff Mtg.*

December 8 (Tue)

- 10:30 a.m. *Senior Bible Study*
7:00 p.m. *Ladies Ensemble*

December 9 (Wed)

- 6:00 p.m. *Zoom Prayer and Bible Study Mtg*



Mission & Ministry Partners

It's better to donate decorations before the holiday, so someone else can enjoy them this year. You can do this before you decorate this year or if you've already trimmed the tree, you can still take care of all the other holiday decorations you have stashed away. Anything you haven't put out is prime for purging.

HMBC will be collecting Christmas Decoration to give to the Recovery houses of McShin. We are asking for gently used or new decoration, items that you would be proud to display in your home. There will be a donation box set up in the parlor on the table near the kitchen door. Please bring your items in by December 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Bancroft.



Lamb's Basket participated in AmazonSmile

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **LAMB's Basket** every time you shop. There's no added cost. Just go to smile.amazon.com, and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to LB.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. How easy is that?

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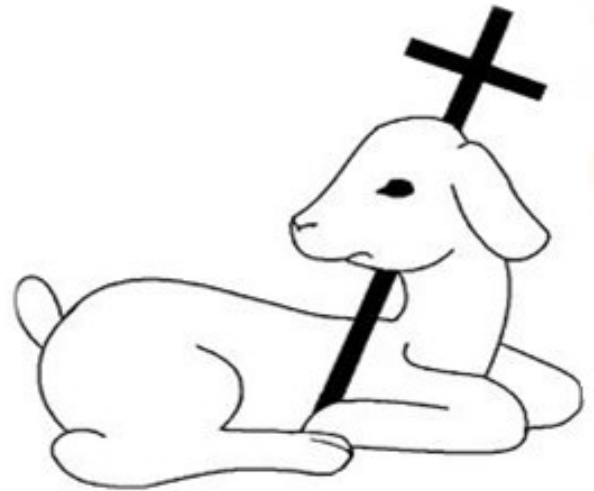
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lamb's Basket is ALWAYS in need of volunteers! Especially those that can do some heavy lifting. Keep in mind when volunteering, to ask what can you do FOR them, not what you will or will not do & they have to accommodate you. No two days are the same & the influx is never predictable either, so flexibility is the best attitude to have!!! All manner/sorts of dry goods are the most appreciated.

Lamb's Basket Food Pantry

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church participates in Lamb's Basket, a food pantry organization in Henrico, which serves as many as 75 hungry people each of the three days it is open each week. Here are some ways you can support the Lamb's Basket Food Pantry of the Lakeside churches:

- Outreach & Service ...They give to anyone that has a need.
- Giving Food

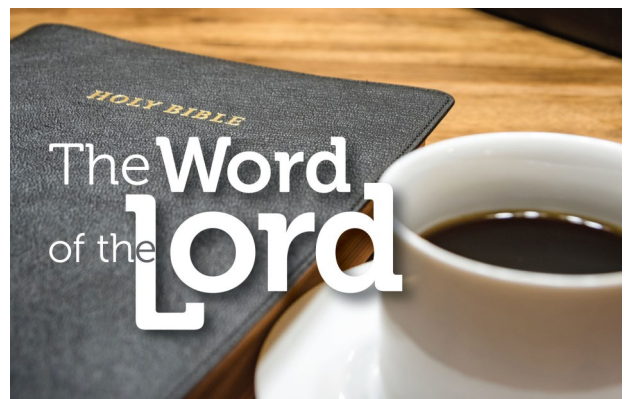


FOOD NEEDED

Pasta, sauce, PB & J, cereals, canned fruit, canned meats seem to be great staples, as they can go a longer way for more than just one meal. Also remember the need for plastic bags, paper bags and 12 count egg cartons are needed too. This is a great way to recycle them & pass it forward.

Seniors Bible Study Group

Please join us at the new Seniors Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to study the book of Galatians. It will be held in the large SS room on the second floor (down the hall from the Church Office). This group will be small and will be following COVID guidelines. Call Phyllis Johnson or Janice Lynn if you have questions.



Church Happenings

DECEMBER, 2020

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Topics

This Month will be
Complete Titus

December 2

Titus Chapter 1

"Developing Guidance in Church"

December 23

Jesus Was Born in Spring

"N.T. Clues as to Jesus Birth"

December 9

Titus Chapter 2

"Instruction for Stability"

December 30

"How We Believe Guides What We Believe"

December 16

Titus Chapter 3



Deacon Christmas Food Baskets Drive

The Deacons are sponsoring the Christmas Food Baskets to benefit individuals and families in the 23228 area code. The food drive started on **Sunday, November 29, 2020.**

Just like the Thanksgiving baskets, our Deacon Fellowship provides Christmas Baskets so everyone may experience God's blessing at this special time of year. The Deacons are asking those desiring to assist in this wonderful ministry to our community to please bring your donations of non-perishable items in. there will be a collection box in the foyer by the stairs to the balcony to save people from having to go down to the fellowship hall. Gift Cards are also welcome and can be given to Karen Stamey, our Deacon Chair,



Poinsettia Orders

2020 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will adorn the Sanctuary on December 220th

To purchase a poinsettia,
given in honor or in memory of a loved one,
please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Please include a check made payable to
Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church
with a notation of Poinsettia in the memo section.

Poinsettias cost \$13 each or 2 for \$25.

***Orders must be received in the office by
Monday, December 14th.***

Please print clearly the names as you want them
to appear in the bulletin.

In Honor of _____

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In Memory of _____

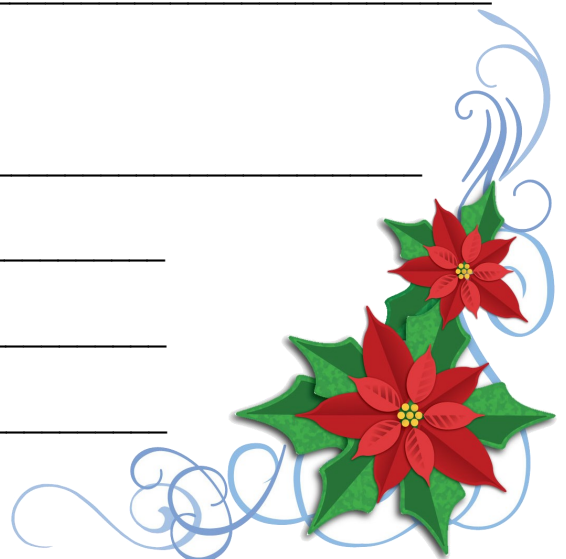
In Memory of _____

Given by: _____

Phone #: _____

Total Number of Poinsettias Ordered: _____

Amount of Check: _____



HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2020-2021

** indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2020*

Deacons

Chair: Karen Stamey
Vice Chair: Lena Taylor

Secretary: Alice Phillips
Treasurer: Mary Dunston

2018-2021

Virginia Garrett
Bill Mosely

2019-2022

Janice Conroy
Jackie Matthews
Stuart Matthews
Donna Myers
Jerry Myers

2020-2023

Susan Haynes
Terry Hoover

Church Officers

Moderator: Rick Bancroft
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
Clerk: Carol McCann

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: Phyllis Johnson
Nominating: Alice Phillips
Personnel: Wayne Duke

Team Leaders

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

Building Use Coordinator : William Moseley
Wedding Coordinator: Margie Pugh
McShin Board Representative: Phyllis Johnson

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Terry M. Sharpe, Pastor

Daniel Ripley, Associate Minister for Communication and Outreach

J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music

Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center

Stuart Joerg, Organist

Sharon McNanee, Financial Secretary

Karen Cook, Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator

Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator

Jerry Myers, Webmaster

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