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## Sharpe Insight...

An interesting lesson for the American Church comes from the last pandemic in 1918. When Lenin came into power after the Bolshevik Revolution, he made it unconstitutional for the Russian Orthodox Church to continue ministering to those in need and caring for the poor. He wanted the Communist Party to become both Father and Mother to all the people's needs – a warm blanket on a cold night. And after the pandemic, when the financial suffering of the Russian populace was significant, the weakened citizens let Communism fill the void. Sadly, the Russian Church seemed relieved to back away from its service of ministry to the Russian people, and with little apparent remorse headed off to a large clergy conference that same year to debate the color of their priests' vestments. I fear American Churches are in a similar position; many are content to focus their efforts on religious issues and back-burner their calling, mission service, and caring ministries for needs of their towns and communities.

This is the moment of change for the American Church. By our government rendering the church of Jesus Christ as **non-essential** we have been called out by society. Do we hear it? And the Spirit is speaking too. Do we hear Him? This is the time for us to return to a more potent vision of doing church. Hebrews 10:24-25 says:

***Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.***

My personal prayer for the coming year is God will continue to provide his protection and guidance and keep us safe as a church family.

*Terry M. Sharpe*

**Pastor Sharpe**



**Thank you so very much** for all of the holiday food and decorations for our 11 recovery houses. McShin loves our partnership with Hatcher! Have a great 2021!

*Honesty Liller*

# Hatcher Church

## Very Special Reminders and Safety Information from Pastor Sharpe:

I was tested and diagnosed positive for the Covid-19 Virus and also with a flu strain. I am doing well and doing fine. My physician has placed me in quarantine until January 3. What does this mean for us as a church family?

Hatcher's last in person worship service was Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. In this service, did we:

1. Wear our mask?
2. Practice social distancing?
3. Use the best safety guidelines available?
4. For those in attendance, did you get the virus?

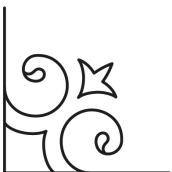
Hopefully, answering these few questions gives assurance our safety guidelines are working.

Understanding this virus and how it is transmitted is most complex. Getting the accurate facts in order to do tracking is most tedious, as attempting to locate the point(s) of exposure is most difficult in tracing. Whether passing too closely someone in Publix, Kroger, Walgreens, CVS, Target, Walmart, Home Depot, or sharing worship space at church, we must display our best safety techniques. Personally, it makes me very proud that we at Hatcher display the most vigilant and caring example possible for our safety.

Resuming this Sunday, January 3, 2021, and for those members who feel safe and receptive, Hatcher will continue to provide in person worship experiences at 11 a.m. However, for our members who are facing health restrictions and having pre-existing conditions please continue to worship with us in the safety of our internet services. Hatcher wishes to provide for everyone a comfort area necessary for everyone's needs. We are all at different stages of health and needs in our lives and during this time of crisis, Hatcher will continue to provide a foundation for ministry at everyone's level of comfort and spiritual receptivity.

Without Daniel's ministry of involvement, administration, and video editing, we would not have had a Christmas Eve Service or Worship experience for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Daniel, Warren, and Carol for providing your leadership and service.

**Pastor Sharpe**



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## JANUARY 2021

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study Topics

This Month will be  
“Understanding the importance and meaning of the  
different sacrifices in the old testament”

To Fully understand what Jesus did for us on the cross  
we have to know this from the Old Testament

#### January 6

What is a Burnt Offering?  
and its Purpose?

Leviticus 1; 6:8-13; 8:18-21; 16:24

#### January 20

What is a Fellowship Offering?

Leviticus 3; 7:11-34

#### January 13

What is a Grain Offering?

Leviticus 2; 6:-14-23

#### January 27

What Are Sin and Guilt Offerings?

Leviticus 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30 and Leviticus  
5:14-6:7 and 7:1-6

## JANUARY 2021 WORSHIP THEME

### The Mystery of God

#### Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us  
and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

#### The Things We Do NOT Know About God

#### January 10

The Mystery of God in the Law and  
Grace

Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-22;  
Acts 1:7-8

#### January 24

The Mystery of God in Jesus the Priest  
(Aaron)

Luke 4:16-20 and Matthew 21:9-13

#### January 17

The Mystery of God in Jesus the  
Prophet (Moses)

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 and John 9:15-17

#### January 31

The Mystery of God in Jesus the King  
(David)

John 18:33-37 and John 19:19-22

# About the Church



January 1 Elizabeth Carlton Campbell

January 2 June Banes

January 5 Ann Duke  
Cecilia Fleet

January 7 Pat Patterson

January 19 Dee Robertson Bowles

January 21 Janice Lynn

January 22 Johnnie Newcomb

January 28 Jerry Welch

January 30 Pastor Terry Sharpe



## Deepest Sympathy to:

The Family of Catherine Pennington Beard (sister-in-law of Jean Beard) who passed away 12/21/20.



Rebecca Clark wishes to express her deepest gratitude for your condolences, offers of help and fellowship after the loss of her husband, Lewis M. Clark.

## Happy Anniversary

January 11 Jackie and Stuart Matthews

January 27 Cookie and Joe Martin  
60th Anniversary



**American Red Cross**  
Capital Virginia

**Volunteers Urgently Needed  
in our community.**

Visit: [redcross.org/volunteer](https://redcross.org/volunteer)

or contact: **Charles White**,  
American Red Cross of Virginia

[charles.white6@redcross.org](mailto:charles.white6@redcross.org) or  
(804) 382-8055

# Church Happenings

## *This week at Hatcher Church...*

### **January 3 (Sun)**

- 9:00 a.m.      *Zoom Bible Study with Betsy Ripley*  
11:00 a.m.      *In person Traditional Worship*  
                         *Communion*  
11:00 a.m.      *Live Streaming Service / Internet Service*  
                         *on our Facebook pages and web page*

### **January 4 (Mon)**

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

### **January 5 (Tue)**

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

### **January 6 (Wed)**

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

### **Poinsettias still available to be picked up.**

If you did not get a chance to pick up the poinsettias you can still come and pick them up this week during office hours 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Since only a few church members had an opportunity to see how beautiful they looked in the sanctuary, we took some photos to share with you. Some are posted on our new Instagram page: [www.instagram.com/hatcherbaptistchurch/](https://www.instagram.com/hatcherbaptistchurch/)

They have been getting watered so they are healthy and looking great!





# Hatcher Church

## Pray for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

### **Message from Hatcher's Finance Committee**

It is very sad news that our church services must be cancelled for the rest of 2020 due to potential COVID exposures. December is usually a time when members consider making year end contributions to the church. The church depends on these contributions to meet our budget needs. God has richly blessed the church, even as we struggle with COVID issues. Our finances have remained relatively strong due to the continued faithful financial commitment of our members. If you were planning to make your normal contribution or a year end contribution, please consider mailing it to the church at 2300 Dumbarton Road, Richmond, VA 23228 ATTN: Finance Secretary, or use the bill pay option at your bank or our online giving option on our web page at [www.hatcherchurch.org](http://www.hatcherchurch.org) and select the online giving option.

Thank you,  
Belinda Blanchard, Chair  
Finance Committee

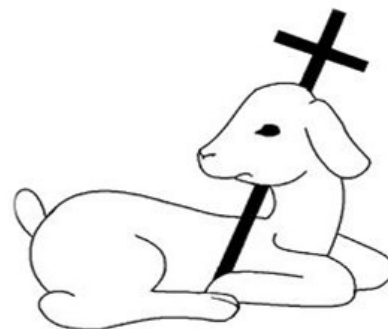
# Mission & Ministry Partners

## 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.

## 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.



## Lamb's Basket participated in AmazonSmile

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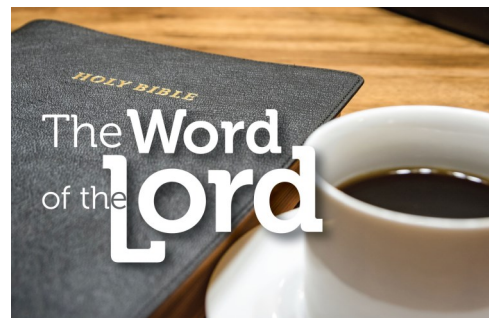
You shop. **Amazon gives.**

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](https://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?

## 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.



## 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  
LAMB'S Basket Representatives: Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione

## 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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