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Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

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## *Sharpe Insight...* Palm Sunday Begins Holy Week



When Jesus traveled through Jericho making his way with his disciples to Jerusalem, the air of excitement began to build because the people felt the strength, assurance, and presence of God before them. They had heard, they had seen, they had been touched, and now they had come to know whom to follow. They had seen God's authentic love in action and in the life of the young carpenter from Nazareth. The people could no longer be deceived by the illusion of God's presence of the Temple.

**On Thursday, evening (April 1) at 7:00 p.m.** Hatcher will be offering a combination service by observing and remembering the **Jewish Seder Meal** Jesus shared with his disciples (Baptist know this as the **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**). This service helps us to remember how Jesus offered the Bread and Cup of the New Covenant...this is usually followed the next day with the "**Tenebrae Service**" or the Service of Darkness" (Baptist usually know this as the **Good Friday Service**) Remembering that afternoon from the cross how Jesus spoke his last words. The service is concluded with the sealing of the tomb. A **Seven Candle Menorah is** usually the only light in the sanctuary and when the seven last words Jesus spoke from the cross are read, the seven candles are extinguished one by one until the sanctuary is in complete darkness... the service is then concluded by the Pastor closing the heavy Pulpit Bible, shut with force, enough that the sound can echo through the darkened sanctuary, which is symbolic of the sound of the Sealing of Jesus' Tomb. After sitting for several moments in darkened meditation, each worshipper is then requested to quietly exit and seek the Easter Morning Resurrection.

As we await the Resurrection Easter Service, may we at this time reflect and expect together, what Jesus is doing and has done in our lives.

Easter Blessings upon everyone,

Terry M. Sharpe





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## Looking ahead at Hatcher Church...

Mar 28 - Apr 3, 2021

March 28, 2021		Sunday	March 31, 2021		Wednesday
all day »	Holy Week		« all day	Holy Week	
all day	Palm Sunday		7:00 am – 7:05 am	<b>7am</b> Daily Devotional	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	9am Zoom Bible Study with Betsy Ripley		6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<b>6pm</b> Prayer and Bible Study Meeting	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	• 11am Worship Service		April 1, 2021		Thursday
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	• 12pm Deacon's Meeting		« all day	Holy Week	
			all day	Maundy Thursday	
March 29, 2021 « all day	Holy Week	Monday	7:00 am – 7:05 am	<b>7am</b> Daily Devotional	
7:00 am – 7:05 am	<b>7am</b> Daily Devotional		April 2, 2021		Friday
10:30 am – 11:30 am	• 10:30am Zoom Staff Meeting		« all day all day	<ul><li>Holy Week</li><li>Good Friday</li></ul>	
March 30, 2021		Tuesday	7:00 am – 7:05 am	<b>7am</b> Daily Devotional	
« all day	Holy Week				0 standard
7:00 am – 7:05 am	<b>7am</b> Daily Devotional		April 3, 2021 « all day	Holy Week	Saturday Calendars 🕀
10:30 am – 11:30 am	• 10:30am Senior Bible Study				<ul><li>Building</li><li>Committees</li></ul>
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	7pm Ladies Ensemble     Room 270		Click h	ere for more details	<ul> <li>Main</li> <li>Staff &amp; Service</li> </ul>

### "The Big Dig"



You may have heard that our 10,000-gallon underground oil tank that serves the East Wing is leaking and must be removed. Pollard Environmental has been retained to assist us in the navigation of the environmental requirements and to remove the tank. Fortunately, there is a State administered underground petroleum tank fund that will assist with some of the costs.

The tank is in the courtyard between the sanctuary and the East Wing. The tank is 4 feet below ground, 14 feet deep, 10 feet wide and 10 feet long plus at least another foot of soil must be removed. Steps are being taken to keep the CDC open and children safe. The parking and sidewalks behind the sanctuary and courtyard will be closed.

The work will begin about the second week of April and is expected to take 3 days.

March 2021 WORSHIP THEME

## His Light Shining Through Our Hands



#### March 28

His Light Shining Through Our Love The Beginning of Holy Week PALM SUNDAY John 5:16-23

#### MARCH 2021 Wednesday Evening Bible Study

March 24 Napkin Evangelism

#### March 31

Discovery Bible Study and the Commands of Christ

#### BAKERS NEEDED!

Hatcher church needs your help! The church is in need of a few more bakers to help with the monthly birthday cakes we



provide for the residents of the McShin houses. Please contact **Betty Bancroft at 804-334-9375** if you are interested.

### The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



In 1934 the annual Easter offering was named in Annie Armstong's honor. All proceeds go to train and support thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

We invite you to show your love for God by generously donating to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Look for a brochure and giving envelope in the Sunday church service bulletin or contact Karen Cook at <u>office@hatcherchurch.org</u> or call her at 266-9696 and she can mail one to you.

#### Mission Project Hosted by Hearts in Motion was a Success!!

**A Great BIG THANK YOU** to Hearts in Motion members, some spouses and our friends from McShin for their help this past Friday night, March 19th, making over 375 sandwiches and packing lunch bags for delivery the next day. Also, a big thank you to those who picked up the lunch items from the food pantry Thursday afternoon and those who made the delivery on Saturday. With all these helping hands, we finished in no time Friday night and had fun doing so. The staff from Moments of Hope were very appreciative of the help.



Sue Mitchell

### **Open House/ Parlor Service**

We will be hanging the plaque in Memory of Robert Schenk who generously donated (along with his wife Ethel and daughter Kimberly) for the parlor renovations back in June of 2020. There will be a small ceremony in the Parlor on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021 right after Worship Service. It will be a short presentation and all church members and friends are welcome to join.

#### Fleece No Sew Blankets on Sale!

Beautiful blue and white fleece blankets on **Sale for ONLY \$20! Proceeds will benefit the CDC.** 

If you are interested in purchasing a blanket, please contact Karen Cook at the church office 804-266-9696 or <u>office@hatcherchurch.org</u>



#### **Easter Offering Projects**

Throughout the years the generous offering contributions to Easter projects have enabled the Church to accomplish many much needed and valuable projects. Easter offerings provided funds to replace the windows, reglaze and repaint the trim on the sanctuary windows, and last year offerings enabled the plumbing to be updated. This year we have three projects listed in priority order:



- Sound and Streaming equipment Throughout the COVID lockdown our Church has been a leader in reaching out virtually to our members as well as the public. Church services have been provided via YouTube, Facebook, and our Hatcher website. If you have listened to the live streamed service, you know we need help with the sound.
- Drinking Fountains/Water Coolers Water coolers in the East Wing are not working and need to be replaced.
- Parking lot sealing and repair The parking area behind the sanctuary and across the street have dangerous sink holes and large cracks. This area serves the parents picking up children from the CDC in addition to church members.

Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to accomplishing these projects.

#### The Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Team



#### Deepest Sympathy to:

The family of Sylvia Bradbury (Karen Stamey's mom) who passed away 3/24/21.

The family of Eleanor Sizemore who passed away 3/21/21.

The family of **Joyce Tignor** who passed away 3/18/21. Joyce's funeral will be at Hatcher church on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

# Easter Lily Orders

2021 Easter Lily Order Form					
This Easter we will decorate our sanctuary with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 4th.					
If you would be interested in donating a lily, in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with a check made payable to Hatche Memorial Baptist Church and a notation of <i>"Easter Lily Order"</i> in the memo section.					
The lilies are <b>\$14.00 each or 2 for \$26.</b> Orders must be received in the office by <b>Monday, March 29th.</b>					
Please print clearly the name(s) as you want it (them) to appear in the bulletin.					
In Honor of					
In Honor of					
In Memory of					
In Memory of					
Given by:					
Phone #:					
Total Number of lilies ordered:					
Amount of Check:					



## **Tech Tips**

#### Tip #6 Use a captioned telephone

If you can't hear on your smartphone, consider a CapTel captioned telephone to help stay in touch with the people you care about. CapTel phones show captions of everything the caller says, to help you catch every word.

### Sneak Peak for April 2021 WORSHIP THEME

## His Light Shining Through Our Hands

#### April 4

Growing to Be Like Christ "Communion with Fellow Believers" (Healthy Christians Grow Healthy Relationships) Sharing the Bread and the Cup Luke 24:1-8

#### April 11

The Journey Begins (On the road through Jericho, Blind Bartimaeus receives his sight) Mark 10:46-52



### April 25

The Left Hand of God (Abram is called by God to go out on a journey, not knowing where to go)

April 18 Journey to the Graciousness of God

## You are invited...

#### The Pastor Extends a Special Invitation

The Pastor will be meeting in the Parlor each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. prior to worship with the Deacons and any of our members desiring to pray together.



### Seniors Bible Study Group

Please join us at the new Seniors Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. 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.



# April Birthdays

April 1	Cookie Martin
April 6	Sydney Taylor
April 10	Wanda Ogle
April 12	Judy Moore
April 16	Edith Greaner
April 17	Miriam James
April 22	Kim Schenk
April 24	Lena Taylor
April 28	Jean McFadden

## Thank You

Karen Traylor and her family wanted to express their deepest gratitude for your condolences, offers of help and fellowship after the loss of her mother, Eleanor Sizemore.



April Anniversaries

April 9

Shaw & Bob Carlton Terry & Gary Hoover Diane & Neil Wert

April 25

April 19



Ways to Give

Some of you have asked about the best way to give your tithes and Easter offering during this time:

## Mail to Hatcher church

2300 Dumbarton Road Henrico, VA 23228

## Or

**Drive thru Drop-Off**: call us and we will meet you at the ramp entrance to receive your offering. Call 266-9696

Or

Go to the Hatcher church website: https://www.hatcherchurch.org/give/



Daily Devotional with Pastor Sharpe

www.hatcherchurch.org/devotionals

#### HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2020-2021

\* indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2021

#### Deacons

Chair — Karen Stamey

#### <u>2018-2021</u>

Mary Dunston\* Virginia Garrett Bill Mosely Karen Stamey

#### 2019-2022

Janice Conroy Jackie Matthews Stuart Matthews Donna Myers Jerry Myers

#### Secretary: Alice Phillips

#### <u>2020-2023</u>

Susan Haynes Terry Hoover Alice Phillips Lena Taylor

#### **Church Officers**

#### **Program Leaders**

Moderator:	Rick Bancroft	Outreach/ Mission Director:	Sue Mitchell and
Treasurer:	Jackie Matthews		Kathy Ridenour
Clerk:	Sharon Vecchione (interim)	Sunday School Director:	Alice Phillips
		Love & Fellowship Coord.:	Kay Craig

#### **Committee Chairpersons**

CDC: Counting: Endowment: Finance: McShin: Nominating: Personnel:

Sharon Vecchione\* Mary Atwell Bob Llewellyn Belinda Blanchard Phyllis Johnson Alice Phillips Wayne Duke

#### **Team Leaders**

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

Building Use Coordinator :

William Moseley

## 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 Joyce Salmon, Interim Financial Secretary Karen Cook, Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator Jerry Myers, Webmaster

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