

March 7, 2021

Sharpe Insight...

As we journey through the Lenten Season, may we reflect on the inner strength that only can come from our Heavenly Father. Today, it is apparent so many Christians do not have the spiritual strength to cope with life decisions. To face life decisions on life's terms it takes the strength of the Holy Spirit. The grace of God gives us strength and the corresponding ability to do the things we otherwise could not do. This happens as a result of being in an intimate relationship with God, through his Son Jesus and experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit. The more intimate we are with God, the more time we spend quietly with him, and the more we yield to him and the more we depend upon him the more empowered we become.

Power from God does not come by way of religious-type activity and service. Today people have come to think that coming to church means coming to God. Having a relationship with Jesus comes as a direct result of abiding in God's presence and being connected to him in a very real and meaningful way. People can have a relationship with church but not with Jesus. Jesus reminds us of this when he says –

"Remain in me and I will remain in you.... apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

Jesus gives us a great example of how he received power from his Father, God. Shortly before his death on the cross, Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was sorrowful and full of grief-filled emotions as he prepared to do the will of God by dying on the cross for our sins. The "man" in him did not want to die. What did he do? Jesus went away to be alone with God.... to be in earnest prayer with him one-on-one. When he finished his prayer time with God, Jesus was prepared, equipped with the strength he needed to be able to die for you and me. **Matthew 26:36-46**

The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus prayed to his Father that just as he and God were one, that we all would "be in them." **John 17:20-21** This serves as a reminder that God desires us to remain as close as possible to him. He knows that for us to be able to do his perfect will, we need to maintain an intimate relationship with him.

'Abide in God's Presence' is one Spiritual Exercise that is conducive to a healthy life. The more we are in God's presence, the more power the Holy Spirit gives us to make healthy choices and to change our behavior. We are able to do things that we otherwise might not be able to do.

As the Hatcher church family, may we continue to walk together in God's love and spirit.

Terry M. Sharpe

March 7, 2021

11 a.m. Worship Service

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude Ms. Stuart Joerg

"The Prelude is the thin veil of solitude dropped so softly by the Holy Spirit between last week's sorrows and today's moments of spiritual strength for God's presence."

Chiming of the Hour Ms. Joerg

Welcome and Sharing of God's Grace

Pastor Sharpe

WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Responsive Reading Mr. Frank Joerg

Leader: When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

People: And he said to them, I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before

I suffer.

Leader: For I tell you, for I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.

People: After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said,

Leader: "Take this and divide it among you.

People: For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom

of God comes."

Leader: And he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

People: "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Everyone: In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new

covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Invocation Dr Carol McCann

Hymn of Praise Ms. Joerg, Mr. Warren Mitchell

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (416)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

*Offertory Prayer Ms. Alice Phillips

*Doxology

WE SPEAK TO GOD AND HE SPEAKS TO US

Scripture The Revelation 19:11-16 Dr McCann

Hymn of Worship "Here at Your Table Lord" (368) Ms. Joerg, Mr. Mitchell

Here, at Your table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel You near, in loving pow'r;
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin,
As to Your banquet hall we enter in.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
Touch with Your pierced hand each common day,
Making this earthly life full of Your grace,
Till, in the home of heav'n, we find our place.

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Sharpe

Special Music "Let There Be Peace On Earth" Linda Pomfrey

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Blessing for the Bread - Debbie Welch Breaking of the Bread. - Lena Taylor Blessing for the Cup - Lena Taylor Pouring of the Cup - Karen Stamey

Message His Light Shining Through Us" Pastor Sharpe

Hymn of Resolution "Blest Be the Tie" (387) Ms. Joerg, Mr. Mitchell

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts, and our cares.

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Closing Words of Comfort and Assurance

Pastor Sharpe

Postlude Ms. Joerg

(*Invitation to stand and sing as one is able)
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Church Happenings



Thank you so much for the Hatcher Herald that I have been receiving lately. I am grateful to have the prayer needs of the Hatcher family and all the other information. I am praying for the church and the needs of the church family.

~ Betty Loving Hofmann

Church Happenings

March 2021 WORSHIP THEME

His Light Shining Through Our Hands



March 7

His Light Shining Through Us Communion Service John the Baptist, Mark 1:1-8

March 14

His Light Shining Through Our Actions
Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10

March 21

His Light Shining Through Our Spirit
The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13

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 Topics

March 3

What is relational evangelism

March 10

Brutal Facts about Lakeside's lostness and mapping out our circles of Influence

March 17

How to tell your testimony conversationally

March 24

Napkin Evangelism

March 31

Discovery Bible Study and the Commands of Christ

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.

Church Happenings

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 18

Journey to the Graciousness of God (The beginning of how God's love changes our life)

Matthew 5:1-12



April 25

The Left Hand of God (Abram is called by God to go out on a journey, not knowing where to go) Genesis 12:1-9



Mission Project Hosted by Hearts in Motion

Hearts in Motion will be hosting a mission project for Moments of Hope, an organization dedicated to help the homeless and poverty stricken. We need help to pick up the food from their food pantry in Hanover on Thursday afternoon, March 18th, Friday night March 19th from 6-9 p.m.to make 450 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and pack lunches in Hatcher Memorial's fellowship hall, and Saturday, March 20th to take the lunches to the Brookhill Azalea Shopping Center on Chamberlayne Road.

We will be utilizing the tables to spread ourselves out for an assembly line to pack 450 lunches. We require that you be masked and keep a safe distance from each other in observance of the safety precautions required. We have been asked to provide the peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, lunch bags and sandwich baggies.

Please contact Sue Mitchell (804-513-4086) if you can help out in any way.

Hatcher Church

How to sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine waitlist

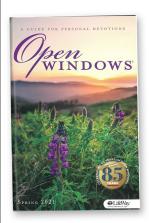
For those of you who do not fit the criteria for getting a vaccine may qualify under our Baptist polity all church members are faith leaders and therefore will qualify under that designation to be placed on a waiting list in 1B.



One resource for pre-registration for the vaccine in Virginia, is through <u>vaccinate.virginia.gov</u>. You only need to sign up once to get on this list, and your information will be added to the COVID-19 waitlist. You will get sent information and will be notified when you become eligible to schedule an appointment to receive the COVID vaccine.

You can also find more information on the Virginia Department of Health website.

Spring Open Window Now Available!



The Spring Devotionals of "Open Windows" are available and can be picked up at the entry door of the sanctuary.

Anyone desiring a copy by mail may contact Karen in the office (804 266 9696).



Tech Tips



Tip #3 Keep your antivirus software up to date
If you don't already have antivirus software installed on
your computer, consider downloading it. There are
many options available that can protect your device
from hackers or malicious viruses and software. These
tools run in the background on your computer, so you
don't have to do anything more than occasionally update them. You will then be able to browse the internet
while feeling a little more secure. Click to see some of
the best antivirus software out there.

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2020-2021

* indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2021

Deacons

Chair — Karen Stamey Secretary: Alice Phillips

Mary Dunston* Janice Conroy Susan Haynes
Virginia Garrett Jackie Matthews Terry Hoover
Bill Mosely Stuart Matthews Alice Phillips
Karen Stamey Donna Myers Lena Taylor

Jerry Myers

Church Officers Program Leaders

Moderator: Rick Bancroft Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and

Treasurer: Jackie Matthews Kathy Ridenour

Clerk: Carol McCann Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips

Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig

Committee Chairpersons Team Leaders

Personnel:

Wayne Duke

Sharon Vecchione* Audio/Visual: CDC: Ray Clary Mary Atwell **Building & Grounds:** Jimmy Blanchard Counting: **Endowment:** Bob Llewellyn Flower & Decorating: **Betty Bancroft** Finance: Belinda Blanchard **Hostess: Kay Craig** McShin: Phyllis Johnson Kitchen: **Iune Banes** Alice Phillips Nominating: Transportation: Ray Clary

Building Use Coordinator: William Moseley

Ushers:

Eddie Harris

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

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Karen Cook, Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator
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