

Sharpe Insight...

Though we don't have a precise picture of what Hatcher will look like two years from now, we are at least getting some early indicators as we observe other congregations as they attempt to regather. Positively, there is a genuine excitement as more churches open and as members return. The potential challenge is dealing with the expectation that Hatcher will look like it did in 2019. It will not. Please prayerfully read this information as it will provide thought provoking concepts necessary for Hatcher becoming a stronger church.

Ten Realities for Regathering Churches by Thom S. Rainer

Trends discovered by Dr. Rainer of CHURCH ANSWERS of the Southern Baptist Convention:

- 1. If Churches are going to grow, it must come from evangelistic efforts.** Transfer growth and growth from cultural Christianity will be a dwindling source for growth. Congregations must be serious about reaching people with the gospel.
- 2. Churches will have about 20 percent fewer people in attendance one year from now.** That is the median point of the trends we are seeing. We are updating trend shifts in either direction.
- 3. Church facilities will be reconfigured.** This trend was already underway. It has been exacerbated by the pandemic. We have mentioned on numerous occasions that worship centers will be smaller, but other ministry facility trends are on the horizon as well.
- 4. A core of members will have a greater commitment to serve through the church.** That's good news, but we don't yet know how big that core will be. It may be much smaller than in our past.
- 5. Digital giving will increase to about 70 percent of all giving.** That number will probably be realized in about a year. Keep in mind, that percentage is a median. Your church could likely be different.
- 6. Churches will evangelize and minister to their communities greater than at any point in the past several decades.** Again, this news is really good. It also portends well for the rebirth and renaissance of neighborhood churches.
- 7. The number of churches with Sunday evening worship services will significantly decrease.** Again, this trend was underway before the pandemic, but it has been accelerated.
- 8. Church adoption will continue to grow.** Church adoption is almost synonymous with church replanting. It takes place when an existing congregation decides to become a part of the family of another congregation.
- 9. Church fostering will continue to grow.** This is an incipient movement that continues to have momentum. A healthier church agrees to help a less healthy church for a defined period, usually a year or less.
- 10. Shifting demographics will favor rural churches and churches in smaller towns.** The pandemic taught employers and employees that most employees can work from any location. Many of these workers chose to move to less populated areas with a more reasonable pace of life.

Blessings upon blessings to everyone,

Terry M. Sharpe

Church Happenings

Looking ahead at Hatcher Church...

September 5, 2021

9:45 am – 10:50 am ● 9:45am Bible Study

11:00 am – 12:00 pm ● 11am Communion

11:00 am – 12:00 pm ● 11am Worship Service

September 6, 2021

all day ● Office Closed / Labor Day

7:00 am – 7:05 am ● 7am Daily Devotional

September 7, 2021

7:00 am – 7:05 am ● 7am Daily Devotional

10:00 am – 10:30 am ● 10am CDC Chapel Time

10:30 am – 11:30 am ● 10:30am Bible Study

September 8, 2021

7:00 am – 7:05 am ● 7am Daily Devotional

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm ● 6pm Prayer & Bible Study Mtg

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm ● 7pm Choir Practice / Sanctuary

September 9, 2021

7:00 am – 7:05 am ● 7am Daily Devotional

September 10, 2021

7:00 am – 7:05 am ● 7am Daily Devotional

September 11, 2021

all day ● Recovery Fest

● Building

● CDC

● Committees

● Mcshin

● Ministry

● Office

● Holidays

● Main

● Staff & Service

● Weddings

[Click here for more details](#)

Bible Study Group



Please join us for Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. It is held in the large SS room on the second floor (down the hall from the Church Office). Call Phyllis Johnson or Janice Lynn if you have questions.

Office and CDC Closed

The Hatcher Church office and CDC will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 7th.



Coming Events

September 6 Labor Day / Office Closed

September 8 6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

September 11 McShin's Recovery Fest

September 12 Grandparent's Day

September 19 12:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

September 20 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg.

Church Happenings

September 2021 WORSHIP THEME

"THIS MONTH'S THEME IS THE FOCUS OF A VITAL FAITH"

September 5

Communion Service

"Putting Faith Into Practice..."

Focus: The Lord's Supper Calls Us Into Faith

The Gospel of St. Luke 22:14-20

September 19

"Faith is So Much More than Belief..."

Focus: A Faith Needed For Living In Today's World

The Gospel of St. Matthew 22:37-39

September 12

"Our Lack of Faith Reveals Our Need for Faith..."

Focus: The Ability To Move From Belief To Action

The Epistle of James 2:14-26

September 26

"Where is Faith When You Need it? ..."

Focus: Jesus Calls Us Into A Growing Faith

The Gospel of St. Luke 7:1-10

September 2021 Wednesday Evening Bible Study

"How is Hatcher Becoming a New Testament Church"

September 1

Hatcher's Ministry Strengths

II CORINTHIANS 2:12-3:18

What Have We Learned About Ourselves this Year?

How Are We Planning for the Coming Year, 2022?

Are We a Growing Church?

September 15

A Caring Church Develops Community

(How Are We Growing Community?)

Community is Life Giving

Colossians 3:13-14 and Romans 12: 4-5

September 22

A Place of Safety, A Place to Grow, A Place to Belong

Hebrews 10:24-25

September 8

The Signs of a New Testament Church

JOHN 12:37-50, ISAIAH 6:8-10

How Church Must Balance Ministry Needs

(TODAY, MOST CHURCHES CANNOT DO THIS!)

September 29

Visually Seeing What is Spiritually Alive and Discerning What is Dead

Matthew 16:18, Matthew 24:1-51, Mark 13:1-37, II Corinthians 4:4

Church Happenings

Welcome New Deacons

Thank you all that submitted ballots nominating members to fill the two Diaconate vacancies. Joining us in September are Carol McCann and Frank Martin. Both are already ordained and ready to start serving as deacons. Let's all extend to them a warm Hatcher welcome and congratulations!

Alice Phillips, Nominating Committee Chairperson

Please Welcome Haven Mills

The childcare Development Center has a new cook. Haven Mills has a passion for cooking. She will be preparing and serving beautifully prepared and nutritionally balanced meals to the children in the CDC. Before she joined our staff, she worked as a patient cook at VCU in Richmond. If you see her, please make her feel welcome!



Wednesday Family Night Dinners ARE ON HOLD

Due to some unforeseen circumstances as well as concerns about the Delta variant cases rising, we will be postponing the Wednesday Night Dinners. We will reevaluate and try to bring dinners back by October 6th.



Hymn Sing at Hillcrest Baptist Church

After months of waiting, the Hymn Sing is has returned. They Hymn Sing is held on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. This event is a time for praise and fellowship for all that attend. Lunch will be served and donations are appreciated. If you have any questions please call Jean Sharp at 402-3842 or Martha Adams at 336-3708.



Volunteers and Food Needed

Lamb's Basket is ALWAYS in need of volunteers! No two days are the same and the influx is never predictable either, so flexibility is the best attitude to have!

Food: 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 and pass it forward.

Church Happenings

Hygiene Kits Mission Project



Virginia Baptist Disaster Response, in support of Virginia Department of Emergency Management, had asked churches to create hygiene kits which would be available as refugees from Afghanistan come to the United States and move toward resettlement. However, they had such a good response, they no longer need the kits for this purpose. However, we can still donate the kits which can be used for other situations, such as the areas recently hit with hurricane Ida and all the flooding in many areas as a result of the hurricane. So please continue to donate through the month of September as they will still be used where needed.

We are able to accept the following **small or travel-sized** items, placed in 1-gallon sealable/Ziploc plastic bags:

Soap	Comb/brush
Shampoo	Facial tissue
Deodorant	Shaving cream/razor
Washcloth	
Toothbrush/toothpaste	

Feminine hygiene products and diapers will be packaged separately.

Deadline for donations will be September 30th. There will be a collection tub in the elevator foyer on the 2nd floor.

Please contact Sue Mitchell if you have any questions. Email: smitchell@parkerpollard.com or cell # (804) 513-4086

Thank you,
Kathy & Sue

The Deacons let our Shut-ins know they are ONE-IN-A-MELON!



Last spring the deacons had some fun with the "You've been egged" project. We reached out to our shut-ins as well as some members that could use a little extra love from their church family. We filled bags with cards, candy stuffed plastic eggs, and book marks. We hand delivered them Easter weekend. We had such a great response to this we decided to create a "Thinking of you" ministry. Several times a year we will deliver fun themed goody bags. Our latest delivery was in August where our summer theme was "Watermelons." We filled bags with prayers, poems, a word search, coloring sheets, as well as a pack of colored pencils, and some candies. We are having a lot of fun getting creative with ideas for themes and goodies for future deliveries. If you know of a member who could use a little extra love or you would like to help with deliveries contact Karen Stamey by phone (804) 640-7035 or email karenstamey12@gmail.com.



Church Happenings

September Birthdays

September 2	Melissa Dickenson	September 14	Esther Day
September 3	Brian Martin Scott Martin	September 15	Ray Clary
September 4	Beverly Cook	September 16	Chris Harris Bettie Zimmerman
September 5	Megan Parpart Heather Lynn Smith	September 18	Noah Ranson
September 6	Jean Johnston Megan Lynch	September 21	Robbie Robertson Jr.
September 7	Fran Faber	September 23	John Steffy
September 8	Ashley Wine	September 25	Debra Brinkley Peggy Ingram
September 11	Darrell Clowers	September 28	Susan Haynes Thomas Ingram
September 12	Edward Harris Derek West	September 29	Vickie Garnett Leona Smith
September 13	Brandon Jones	September 30	James Haden Sharon Newcomb

Happy Anniversary!

September 19 Sandra & Phillip Taylor

With Sympathy

The family of **Byrd Farmer** who passed away on 9/1/21. His funeral will be at Hatcher on September 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

One of our church members **Bessie Hannan** passed away during the restrictions of the pandemic on 4/6/2020. There will be a memorial service for her at Imperial Plaza on October 3, 2021 from 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Masks will be required. Please RSVP to Karen Cook in the church office. If anyone would like to share a memory, please contact Karen Cook in the church office 266-9696 and she can get you in contact with the family member planning the Memorial.

The family of **Haynie W. Crafton Jr.** who passed away on 8/14/21. He was buried in Louisa.

The Memorial service for **Tallie Bowles** will be at Hatcher Church on Saturday, October 23, 2021 the time is TBD.



Church Happenings

Virginia Rent Relief Program

Several state and federal tenant protections that are active through this fall and next summer can help Virginians stay in their homes rather than be evicted.

Through June 30, 2022, if someone in a tenant's household has experienced a financial hardship related to COVID-19, their landlord may not take any action to get possession or evict for nonpayment of rent unless the landlord gives tenant a 14-day nonpayment notice informing the tenant about the Rent Relief Program.

Unless the tenant pays in full, enters into a payment plan, or has already applied for RRP, the landlord must apply for RRP on the tenant's behalf within the 14-day period. Tenants may apply for the Virginia Rent Relief Program at www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp.



Among the basic eligibility requirements are:

- household income at or below 80% Area Median Income;
- rent amount at or below 150% fair market rent;
- loss of income related directly or indirectly to COVID-19;
- or increase in expenses related directly or indirectly to COVID-19.

Payments are made directly to landlords. A landlord who refuses to accept rent relief may be illegally discriminating on the basis of a tenant's source of funds, according to Virginia Attorney General Mark R. Herring. Suspected housing discrimination can be reported to the Virginia Fair Housing Office at www.dpor.virginia.gov/FairHousing.

Among other state protections, a landlord may not evict a tenant without following court eviction process. In that process, a landlord first sends a written notice and next files an unlawful detainer (eviction) lawsuit. The landlord must get a court order of possession, followed by a writ of eviction. Through Sept. 28, tenants in eviction lawsuits for non-payment of rent can get a case postponed for 60 days by coming to court with written proof of reduced income due to COVID-19.

For details about state and federal protections, visit www.stayhomevirginia.com/. Additional Resources include the Virginia Lawyer Referral Service (800-552-7977), and the Eviction Legal Help-

Love & Fellowship Senior Group Meeting

The Love & Fellowship Group meets every third Thursday of the month. Next meeting will September 16, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Craig 804-221-3910.

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2021-2022

** indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2022*

Deacons

Chair — Karen Stamey
Vice Chair — Lena Taylor

Secretary—Alice Phillips
Treasurer—TBD

2019-2022

Janice Conroy
Virginia Garrett*
Jackie Matthews
Donna Myers
Jerry Myers
Karen Stamey*

2020-2023

Susan Haynes
Terry Hoover
Alice Phillips
Lena Taylor

2021-2024

Carol McCann
Frank Martin

Church Officers

Moderator: Rick Bancroft
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
Clerk: Debbie Welch
Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione*
Counting: Mary Atwell
Endowment: Bob Llewellyn
Finance: Belinda Blanchard
McShin: Phyllis Johnson
Nominating: Alice Phillips
Personnel: Rick Bancroft

Program Leaders

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

Team Leaders

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

Building Use Coordinator : William Moseley
McShin Board Representative: Phyllis Johnson
Wedding Coordinator: LaVerne Taylor
LAMB'S Basket Representatives: Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Terry M. Sharpe, Pastor
J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music
Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center
Stuart Joerg, Organist
Joyce Salmon, Financial Secretary
Karen Cook, Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator
Jerry Myers, Webmaster

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