


Sharpe Insight...

## *The Hatcher Herald*

We are now in the Christmas season, a time for remembering God's Greatest Gift, Jesus His Son. The reason we give gifts to our loved ones is to remind them of how much they are loved, the Christmas gift we give demonstrates how much we care. May we be reminded that so often the gift of the Hand cannot be compared to the gift from the heart.

The Apostle Paul helps us to remember what we can offer to those whom we love, gifts that are too valuable to be purchased. He teaches us during this season of love how we can become The Body of Christ at Christmas by reflecting his Love....

 is patient  
is kind  
it does not envy  
it does not boast  
it is not proud  
it is not rude  
it is not self-seeking  
it is not easily angered  
it keeps no record of wrongs  
it does not delight in evil  
it rejoices with the truth  
it always **Protects**  
it always **Trusts**  
it always **Hopes**  
it always **Perseveres**  
*Never Fails*  
1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8



# Hatcher Kid's Happenings

## Parents Time Off

During the first three Friday and Saturday's in the month of December. Hatcher Church will be hosting a parents time off series geared towards helping parents in our community get some much needed time to themselves to revitalize and get that Christmas shopping done!

### Friday Nights 6-8:30pm

12/2, 12/9, & 12/16

Join us for dinner and movie!  
Kids can relax and eat after  
a long week of school/daycare  
activities!

### Saturday's 9:30am-1pm

12/3, 12/10, & 12/17

Join us for more fun as we  
learn the true meaning of  
Christmas through songs, games,  
crafts, stories, and the kid's  
favorite...snacks!

Register for one or multiple days  
at:

<https://hatcherchurch.breezechms.com/form/4f4acc>

\*Events are for potty trained

Or Scan Me  
To Register!



WHERE  
*Faith*  
IS  
*Fun!*





# DECEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>December 7</b>	Kay Craig
<b>December 9</b>	Michael DiGaetano
<b>December 11</b>	Charles Howe IV Marjorie Pugh Elizabeth Ripley Stacey Russell
<b>December 12</b>	Barry Evans
<b>December 14</b>	Carrington Matthews Christopher Matthews Joshua Strickler
<b>December 15</b>	Scott Allen
<b>December 18</b>	Elsie Britton Cathy Buchanan
<b>December 19</b>	Thelma Greenwood Ann Lee
<b>December 21</b>	Kelly Rhea Townley Gordon
<b>December 22</b>	Sharon Gayness Gene Payne
<b>December 23</b>	Sean Russell
<b>December 30</b>	Sandra Lee Kelly Strickler
<b>December 31</b>	Kevin Welch

## Hatcher Happenings

Join us  
Wednesday  
evenings at 6pm!



It has been recommended, beginning in December, our Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Meetings be by Zoom. It was evaluated with the early darkness, heating the building, those in attendance would be bracing for the heart of the Winter Cold, these factors may prove to be a savings for the church and still provide a time for Bible Study and Fellowship. This proposal will be prayerfully evaluated by our Church Council and Deacon Fellowship.

### December 7

"How Are We Prepared for the Christ Child?"

Luke 2:8-20

### December 14

"The Joy of a New Birth?"

Matthew 1:18-25

### December 21

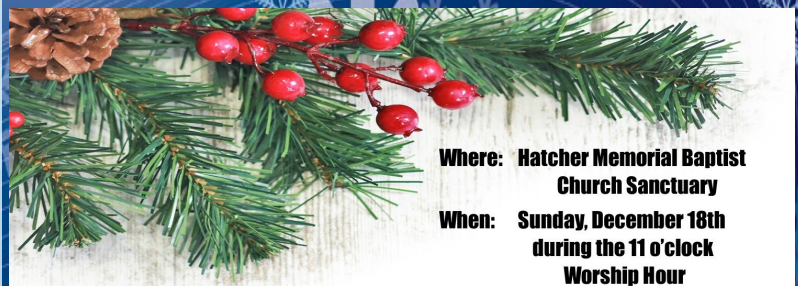
"When Our Human Knowledge and Strength fail Us"

Luke 2:1-7

### December 28

"God's Unspoken Love"

Matthew 2:19-23



**Where:** Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church Sanctuary

**When:** Sunday, December 18th during the 11 o'clock Worship Hour

Join us for a Hatcher Music Ministry Production

"How Great Our Joy"



Sounds of the Season

Christmas Cantata





### A Place for Families at Christmas

#### *Christmas Gatherings You Don't Want To Miss*

It is often said too much is made of the holidays. **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 that we will know the most precious gift ever given, **Jesus the Christ!** Allow these Christmas Gatherings to help our hearts prepare for the biggest day of the year.

#### **December 4**

The Second Advent service of Preparation.

*Preparation for the Journey*

The Gospel of Luke 2:1-7

#### **December 11**

The Third Advent service of Joy.

*Joy is Forever*

Nehemiah the Prophet 8:8-12

#### **December 18**

The Fourth Advent service of Love.

*God's Love is the Compass for Living*  
Christmas Cantata "How Great Our Joy"

#### **December 24**

Candlelight Communion Service at 5:00pm

*Jesus Gives Light to the Darkness*

The Gospel of Luke 2:8-15

#### **December 25**

*The Greatest Gift*

Christmas Day Reveals the Greatest Gift

The Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 4:00PM**

**DRESS CASUAL AND BRING THE KIDS!!**

# DECEMBER

## Events

### December 2

6-8:30pm Parents Time Off Night #1

### December 3

9:30am-1pm Parents Time Off Day #1

### December 4

9:45am Bible Study

11am Worship Service

### December 6

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

### December 7

6pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

7pm Choir Rehearsal

### December 9

6-8:30pm Parents Time Off Night #2

### December 10

9:30am-1pm Parents Time Off Day #2

### December 11

9:45am Bible Study

11am Worship Service

### December 12

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

### December 14

6pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

7pm Choir Rehearsal

### December 16

6-8:30pm Parents Time Off Night #3

### December 17

9:30am-1pm Parents Time Off Day #3

### December 18

9:45am Bible Study

11am Worship Service  
*Christmas Cantata*

### December 19

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270  
7pm Finance Committee Meeting

### December 20

7pm Church Council Meeting

### December 21

6pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

7pm Choir Rehearsal

### December 23

*\*Church Office Closed\**

### December 24

*Merry Christmas Eve!*

5pm Worship Service

### December 25

*Merry Christmas!*

4pm Worship Service

### December 26

*\*Church Office Closed\**

### December 28

6pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

7pm Choir Rehearsal



## *Hearts in Motion*

We will be contributing canned goods for the Christmas Baskets and The Lamb's Basket now that the Thanksgiving drive has ended. Lamb's Basket is in dire need of several items such as: canned veggies, fruits, pastas, pasta sauces, canned meats, and any holiday foods you deem appropriate. They, of course, still need their staple items like peanut butter and jelly and breakfast cereals as well as snacks for kids.

In addition to this drive we will also be holding a special collection for any new/gently used duffel bags, luggage, backpacks, etc. to donate to McShin. Many of their members have nothing more than a trash bag to carry their belongings in.

There is a collection bin in the elevator foyer for the McShin bags. Please place items for Lamb's basket in the bin inside the ramp door or the bin outside the fellowship hall. Mark the bag "Lamb's Basket" so they won't be added to the Thanksgiving (or Christmas) collection. Christmas Basket food can continue being placed in the Food Donation box (lovingly crafted by Hatcher's Children's Ministry) in the elevator foyer.

Thank you as always for all your help in these special projects!

*Any questions contact Sue Mitchell at (804) 513-4086.*

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## *Love & Fellowship*

The Love and Fellowship group will be meeting on Thursday, December 15th. They will be having a covered dish luncheon. Meats and drinks are supplied but you are asked to bring a side of vegetables, salad, or dessert. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be handing out gifts to the CDC Children and there will also be entertainment by Ms. Amy Ladd. You won't want to miss this fun filled afternoon!

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### **Book Fair Missions**

Thank you all so much for your contributions to support low income children at Washington Henry Elementary School. All because of you we were able to raise \$241 for children to be able to purchase books at their book fair December 5th-9th. This amount can potentially help 48 low income students!!

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Thanks to your generosity,  
the Church received  
\$28,815 in October for  
general fund  
offerings.

The October budget was  
\$29,700.



*Ministry*



## Look What God Is Doing

God has used HMBC to make fourteen food boxes for those who identifies as food insecure for **Thanksgiving**. These

Thanksgiving boxes went to fourteen families feeding over seventy individuals. What a Blessing for all. Those who gave, those who worked, and those who received.

Five of HMBC newest members have said, "I want to be more attached to the church family. How can I serve here at church?" **The Mailbox Ministry Team** is beginning to form where the team will mail cards to visitors, new members, sick, shut-ins, birthdays, and anniversaries. Yes, there are groups sending cards often and this will be an added mail out. This team will not take the place of what is happening it will just enhance the love of God others mailed out.

Preparing for the **Christmas Boxes** for those who are food insecure. Remember, we do a box for each McShin House. There are fifteen houses but one has twenty participants in the house so we will fill two specific boxes for that house. Also. we will be helping individuals and families who are food insecure **who did not receive help** at Thanksgiving. The deacon co-chairs are receiving names already of those in need for Christmas boxes. If you can bring groceries (non-perishables) and place in the boxes in the elevator hallway. The Deacons are not calling to ask if anyone needs a basket of food, we are receiving names unsolicited.

Did you see as the children left the sanctuary Sunday Morning the number of kids that were involved? Let us keep the prayers going as we see **the Children's Ministry** growing. The first three Friday evenings and first three Saturday mornings are set aside for families to bring their children to watched while parents do parent stuff. I am excited to be one of the seed planters in the hearts of these dear ones.

Look What God is doing at HMBC. I am grateful for all the blessings God brings our way. No negative Nancy's here if there is one or fifty children, we will plant seeds for Christ. We will be His hands, feet, arms, ears, and mouthpiece to share His Love. Thank You Heather Stamey for leading out in this ministry. There is room for all willing to serve. Serve through praying for the kids who want to come, for the families who need a little time to do parent things. Roll up your sleeves and serve popcorn and drink, sit near a child during a movie or cook a plain hotdog with ketchup. Be a blessing giving a dollar or two to buy crafts supplies or food. Be a blessing to God's gift—children.

*Deacon Co-Chair's Carol McCann & Lena Taylor*

## Bible Teaching Corner

Over 36 people attended the Sunday School gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 27. All classes met together to share coffee, donuts, pastries', and great bible study! It has been suggested that we do this every 5th Sunday of the month!

*Alice Phillips, Sunday School Director*

## Grief and Loss

Over 17 people participated in the weekly classes during the month of November on understanding grief and significant loss. This included those still going through the process as well as those who were desiring to learn how to be supportive of others living in sadness and sorrow. Pastor Sharpe will do another meeting after January 1st, stay tuned for the details in the coming weeks!

## Creating Kindness

I want to challenge everyone reading this to a kindness challenge each month. To kick us off I figured we start small: **Compliment 2 people you don't know at all or would usually not talk to.**

This can be as simple as saying you love their outfit! It only takes one small drop of kindness to start a ripple effect!

*Heather Stamey*





# HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2022-2023

*\* indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2023*

## Deacons

Co-Chairs — Lena Taylor & Carol McCann

Secretary—Alice Phillips

Treasurer—Janice Conroy

<u>2020-2023</u>	<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2022-2025</u>
Susan Haynes	Carol McCann	Wayne Duke
Terry Hoover	Frank Martin	Cookie Martin
Alice Phillips		Michael DiGaetano (yoke)
Lena Taylor		Tom Ingram

## Church Officers

Moderator: Dr. Carol McCann  
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews  
Clerk: Debbie Welch  
Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

## Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione\*  
Counting: Mary Atwell  
Endowment: Belinda Blanchard  
Finance: Jerry Myers  
McShin: Phyllis Johnson  
Nominating: Alice Phillips  
Personnel: Susan Haynes

## 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  
Communications: Jerry Myers

Building Use Coordinator :	William Moseley
McShin Board Representative:	Phyllis Johnson
Wedding Coordinator:	Terry Hoover
LAMB'S Basket Representatives:	Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
Benevolence Coordinator:	Alice Phillips

## Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

*Rev. Terry M. Sharpe*

*J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music*

*Virginia Hudgins, Financial Secretary*

*Michael Gaines, Organist*

*Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center*

*Heather Stamey, Office Administrator*

*Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator*

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