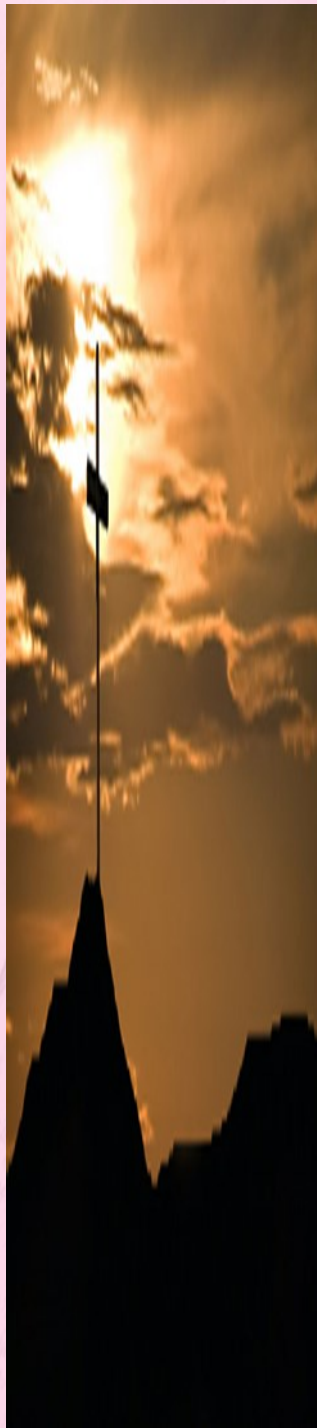




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Sharpe Insight..



We are saved when we open ourselves to the Lord and his love, and draw nearer to the Lord; and we do that by living our lives loving him. What does that mean? It means obeying his commandments (avoiding evil), and loving others.

We may have been taught that believing in the Lord is enough to be saved. But belief (or faith) without actively living that faith is not truly believing. Certainly, we cannot earn our way to heaven by our works. But we only truly believe or have faith when we actively work to do God's will. Love (or charity) must be united with faith in order for either to be real.

Jesus saves us, not just through his death, but through his life. He overcame evil and restored a sense of balance in the world, giving us the freedom to choose good or evil. He taught us how we should live our lives; in fact he showed us how to do it. It is only by so doing that we can be truly complete. Jesus set the stage so that we are free to choose.

We must make our personal decision to turn our lives to God through Jesus and in so doing, the Holy Spirit then comes to lead us, protect us and yes, even pray for us when we cannot. This is how Jesus saves us personally, collectively and the world....."For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

Jesus confirms our salvation through the power and example of His resurrection.

Let us now journey with Jesus into the **Desert Places** in the coming Lenten Season to see and know the Resurrection!

Pastor Sharpe

Children's Ministry

As many of you know Covid all but killed not only Hatcher's, but several other church's Children's Ministries. It broke my heart to see the church where I thrived in all my past youth activities suddenly cease to have a youth following at all. It had been a hope of mine to come "home" to Hatcher and have my daughter's experience the wonderful memories that I had growing up here.

Returning "home" however had different realities. I saw that there was no where for my children to go at all for both Sunday school and during the worship service. I am the type of person where if I see a need, I am there to help in whatever ways that I can and in my first moments upon returning here I realized that if I wanted my children to have the happy memories I once did, I would have to create it for them.

The adventure began!

I wish I could share with you all how crazy I probably appeared as I combed the church over. I searched high and low and as Pastor Sharpe put it "I begged, stole, and borrowed" to secure a room of their very own. I fill it with donated furniture, toys, and the most important bit, love. It warmed my heart the first Sunday we were open to see my girls having an absolute blast and later complaining as I dragged them out of the room to go home.

We started with just my four.

Then we slowly but surely started to grow. Each child that has graced us with their presence have been such joys to work and play with. They teach me as much as I teach them and we truly enjoy being together every Sunday. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard out of the mouth of different children "This place is the best! I can't wait to come back!" or how many times I have seen children having to be dragged from our room because they, like my own children, were having too much fun to leave.

We appear small in numbers because we are never all here at the same time but if all the children we have had in attendance here since we began were present all together one Sunday, we would have 27 children total!!!!

I am ecstatic how well our Children's Ministry has grown in just under a year. We have done so much together already and I am so excited to see where the next year takes us. Thank you all for your continued support of our youngest believers!

Heather Stamey



The Children have been learning about all the different animals that Heifer International provides and what makes them so vital to struggling families.

These pictures show them making Alpacas after learning about how yarn is made from their coats!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Join us at

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Saturday, February 11th, 2023 from 5-7pm



As our Children's Ministry hosts a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to raise money for Heifer International with the goal to send a girl to school in an underprivileged country! At 6pm we will have a talent show filled of all ages and varieties of talent. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 a person or 2 for \$25. They may be purchased after our 11am worship service at our ticket booth located in the sanctuary foyer Sunday, January 29th and Sunday, February 5th.

They may also be purchased through the church office!

5:00 pm—Doors Open

5:30 pm—Dinner is Served

6:00 pm—Show begins



Hearts In Motion

Hearts in Motion will focus on collecting donations for Lambs Basket. With the price of food (and everything else!) going up, donations are down but needs have increased. In addition to the collection box at the ramp door on the first floor near the elevator and the ramp door leading to the 2nd floor, there will be a box in the elevator foyer on the 2nd floor for February.

Contact Sue Mitchell or Susan Haynes if you have any questions.

Ministry



*God's Gifts Equip
Us for Ministry*

Love & Fellowship

Love and Fellowship will be meeting on **Thursday, February 16th at 11am** in the Fellowship Hall. They will have a salad bar and be playing BINGO!

Wednesday Night Suppers

This will be a pilot project for February, March, and April 2023.

Starting February 1st at 5:00 pm our McShin friends will begin dinner. Our McShin friends have to eat dinner and be back in class at 6:00 pm. Serving them first will give them enough time to eat, have some time for fellowship, and get to class without being tardy. The fellowship hall will be set up for McShin and set up for Hatcher church family.

This allows clean up to happen in one area while a group eats in the other area.

Trying this pilot project will meet the needs of McShin getting to their classes on time, allowing those church members who can not get to the church until 6 or after time to get here, ensure the choir members have time for Bible study and dinner before choir at 7:00pm and allows those in the congregation to have options of eating early at 5 and getting back home before dark. This is just to a pilot project, if this does not seem to work out we will try other options.

The Wednesday night suppers for the church family will begin Ash Wednesday February 22nd at 5:30 pm prior to the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. The church family meals will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday.

The menu for February is as follows:

- February 1st** Fried Chicken (2 piece meal), green beans, mashed potatoes, dessert and beverage
- February 8th** Sliced Ham, lima Beans, mac n cheese, applesauce, dessert and beverage
- February 15th** Bake Potato Bar and Chili, various toppings (Sweet Potatoes) and toppings, dessert and beverage
- February 22nd** BBQ sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert and beverage

Costs for all meals is \$10.00

Here are specific areas where help will be needed: Servers, help clean up, collection of money, and help with prep.

Please talk with Carol McCann if you can help in anyway possible.

Hatcher Happenings

Creating Kindness

Monthly Challenge:

This month every time you have a positive thought regarding someone, verbalize it.

There will never be a time where someone doesn't want to hear nice things about themselves!

Heather Stamey

Lamb's Basket Needs

The Lamb's Basket had their board meeting Tuesday, January 17th. They are in most need of Jelly, mac & cheese, any canned vegetables or dried beans, canned meats, tuna, chicken, spam, ham; spaghetti & pasta sauce (provides more servings.)

Also, cat/dog food. If big bags are given, it is then split up in gallon bags to go further. Sometimes toiletries/toilet paper items are asked for too, such as individual bars of soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, hygiene items.

Another area of concern is when a church and/or organization is scheduled to work and then do not show up. This puts a huge strain on those who do show up so please, if you are unable to show up for volunteering, let someone know at Lamb's Basket so they can adjust accordingly!

Monthly Offering Update

During the month of December, the Church received **\$33,343** in general fund offerings. Your gifts exceeded the monthly budget by **\$3,643!**

Thank you for your generosity!

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2/1	Bernie Pomfrey
2/3	Trevor Thornton
2/5	Ken Strickler
2/6	Brianna Meador
2/7	John Tadlock
2/13	Peggy Elder
2/14	Brenda Mills
2/16	Jacqueline Matthews
2/17	Charles Bowles
	Amanda Helmlinger
	Julie Snyder
2/20	Jennifer HuYoung
	David & Mary Dunston*
2/22	Tina Shook
2/23	Ray DeStephens
2/25	Nicholas May
2/26	Blair Harris
2/27	Preston & Marjorie Pugh*

* indicates Wedding Anniversary



THIS MONTH

2/1	5pm	McShin Dinner
	6pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal
2/5	10am	Sunday School
	11am	Worship Service
	12pm	Deacon's Meeting
2/6	10am	Staff Meeting
2/7	10:30am	Adult Bible Study—Room 270
2/8	5pm	McShin Dinner
	6pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal
2/9	5:30pm	National Day of Prayer Meet
2/10	6pm	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
2/11	5pm	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
2/12	10am	Sunday School
	11am	Worship Service
2/14	Valentine's Day	
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study—Room 270
2/15	5pm	McShin Dinner
	6pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal
2/19	10am	Sunday School
	11am	Worship Service
2/20	7pm	Finance Meeting
2/21	10:30am	Adult Bible Study—Room 270
	7pm	Church Council Meeting
2/22	Ash Wednesday	
	5pm	McShin Dinner
	5:30pm	Church Dinner
	6pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal
2/26	10am	Sunday School
	11am	Worship Service
2/28	10:30am	Adult Bible Study—Room 270

In Our Hearts & Prayers

RECENT & UPCOMING SURGERIES

Jerry Myers—Pacemaker—Rescheduled to 2/24
Sharon Gayness—Knee

PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Swan (Family of Frank Martin)
Barbara and Frank Walker (friends Sharon Newcomb)
Bernie Pomfrey
Betty Spencer
Brenda Mills
Cindi Bruce (Friend of Robert Redden)
Cookie Martin
Coventry Haywood
David & Robin Noll
Debbie Peak-Breast Cancer Diagnosis; 2nd time
Donald McCann (Brother of Carol McCann)
Duane Pannell (Dottie Whitlock's Cousin)
Fred Waller (Betty Waller's Husband)
Gary Duke
Harriett Garnett
Hatcher CDC
Irene Baine (Mother of Thomas Jenkins)
Janet Henderson (Family of Susan Dawson) - Loss of spouse
Jean Beard
Jeff & Sandra Taylor (son of Evelyn Konwerski)
Jeremy Holste—Glaucoma (Son of Monument Heights
Pastor, John Holste)
Jerry Welch
Jim Haden
John & Erin Rhoem-Covid
June Llewellyn
Kathy Crone
Kimberly Britton-Oliver
Laverne Ramsey's son's wife—Liver Transplant
Louise Crigger-Hospice (Mary Dunston's Aunt)
Marie Stewart-Covid
Mark Carter
Martha Price—Hospice (Mother of Sharon Gayness)
Nancy Poythress
Nancy Walker
Pete Delano
Peggy & Tom Ingram-Covid
Rick Roddenberry
Rose Bookman
Scott Benton (Shirley Tuck's Son)
Scout Craig (Joe & Kay Craig's Granddaughter)
Sharon Newcomb
Skye Parsons-James — CDC Cook
Stuart Joerg
Susan Dawson
Tabatha Hudson
Townley Gordon

February Worship Themes

“UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERIES OF GOD BEYOND THE LAW”

FOUNDATIONAL VERSE : 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.

FEBRUARY 5

Where Do We Go From Here?

DEUTERONOMY 29:24--30:6

HEBREWS 10:18-25 AND MATTHEW 6:34

Service of Communion

FEBRUARY 12

The Mystery of God in King Jesus and in King David

JOHN 18:33-37 AND JOHN 19:19-22

FEBRUARY 19

The Mystery of God in Jesus the Messiah (Savior)

GENESIS 49:10-11 AND ZECHARIAH 9:9-11

FEBRUARY 26

The First Sunday of Lent

The Mystery of God in Jesus the Lamb and the Lion

February Wednesday Night Bible Studies

FEBRUARY 8

FOLLOWING THE PRAYER LIFE OF JESUS

FEBRUARY 15

FOLLOWING THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF JESUS

FEBRUARY 22

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Service In the Sanctuary

“Following the Jesus of Nazareth”

Staff News

Meet Brandon!

Brandon Johnson is our new full time maintenance person! He has been hard at work doing much needed building repairs. He also has been cleaning any and everything he sees. Our church is looking better every single day! Thank you God for blessing Hatcher Church with Brandon Johnson!!



Meet Carol!

Rev. Dr. Carol McCann is our new part time associate pastor! She works hard behind the scenes planning an organizing ministry and Missions such as starting back up our Wednesday Night dinners and heavily assisting with the meal side of the Children's Ministries Fundraiser Dinner. Overall she helps take the load off of Pastor Sharpe so that he can get the occasional days off that he so deserves! Thank you God For blessing Hatcher Church with Carol McCann!!



Deacon News

The Deacons are doing their best discovering ways to serve HMBC as we enhance God's kingdom here on earth. We will institute **Deacon of the Week Ministry**. Beginning the first week of February the deacon of the week will work hand in hand with Pastor Sharpe doing hospital, home bound ministry, and other opportunities during their time together. The deacons are looking forward to learn new skills while giving an extra hand to our Pastor. Knowing this is a new ministry opportunity for the church, **Virginia Garrett** has volunteered to be our first Deacon of the Week. The Deacon of the Week will be introduced to the congregation during the Sunday morning service each week as they share in the service with offertory prayer. The bulletin will have the name of deacon of the week and their phone number therefore, if a need arises and you are not able to contact the pastor or associate pastor there will be a third avenue of service.

My Hands....

...Your Service



Your first Deacon of the week is

Virginia Garrett!

Virginia is retired from Bank of America and used to teach Sunday School.

She enjoys county cross stitch and spending time with Lucy the dog.

Thank you Virginia for your loyal service to our Lord and to our Church!

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, Pastor

Dr. Carol McCann, Associate Pastor

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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