

This is my letter that was shared with our congregation in the Worship Service January 21, 2024, and then presented to the church family in our Business Session on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Please note, that with the church's approval my responsibilities and commitment to Hatcher Church will remain as they are until our Search Team is elected, brings a pastoral candidate, and Hatcher then calls a new Pastor. It is hoped that this prayerful process will bring a smooth transition, exciting expectation, and God's leadership for our new pastor. It has been a joy to have served you and to have been your pastor.

My Dear Friends:

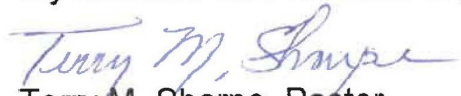
Please accept this **Letter of Request** for my Pastoral Position to be considered as that of "Transitional Pastor". As Transitional Pastor, my work responsibilities would remain in place for leadership, pastoral care, administrative support, continuing with biblical, and spiritual guidance. My commitment to our Church Family would remain as it is.

This is to notify Hatcher of its need to address an organized process to prepare for new and future pastoral leadership. This is to further notify the Hatcher Church Family of its need to elect or select a Pastoral Search Committee to begin the prayerful process of seeking the Lord's leadership for Hatcher's future pastor(s).

It is my desire to offer pastoral support during this period of transition and continue to offer stability and leadership until the Lord calls Hatcher's New Pastor.

When the new Pastor comes, it will be time for me to leave you. If this does not meet your approval, please inform me as to how I may best serve you.

My love and care for each of you,



Terry M. Sharpe, Pastor
Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Hatcher Happenings



February 4	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
February 5	10am	Staff Meeting
February 7	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
February 11	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
February 14	Happy Valentine's Day!	
	Ash Wednesday	
	11am	Bible Study/Ash
		Wednesday Service
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
February 15	11am	Love & Fellowship
February 18	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
February 19	7pm	Finance Committee Meeting
February 20	7pm	Church Council Meeting
February 21	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
February 25	10am	Bible Study
	11am	Worship Service
February 28	11am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal

In the next quarter it will again be time for the **Nominating Committee** to begin its work of filling leadership vacancies, but before this can begin a new chairperson and committee must be elected, as my term is expiring. *You*, as a congregation, can have a significant impact in this important process. Even though the new service year does not begin until September, I'm reaching out to you now with the purpose of allowing you time for prayer and reflection on:

1) your suggestions for nominees for this committee;

2) you to be receptive to hearing God's calling you to fill this vacancy now or other vacancies as they are revealed later in the year.

Your input is valuable regardless of whether you are currently serving or have in the past. As you have heard "It takes a village to raise a child," it also takes a fully active congregation to sustain and grow a church!

Please contact me with your recommendations for the Nominating Committee. I can be reached at (804)677-0183 or

amwphillips62@gmail.com.

Alice Phillips

Lamb's Basket Volunteers 2024

Our church supports the Lamb's Basket in supplying volunteers each month to go in and help sort/clean. Hatcher has one day each month designated to come help them out.

The hours are **10am-12pm** each volunteer day.

The dates for 2024 are:

February 8th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th

Please join us in helping support the Lamb's Basket so they can continue to supply those in need with much needed food!

We hope you can join for our first upcoming date of the year:

Thursday, February 8th.

Hatcher Happenings

Pastor Search Committee

With Pastor Terry Sharpe stepping back into a transitional pastor role. It is now time for the Church to organize a Pastor Search Committee, information on this process is as follows:

How Hatcher Organizes to Call a New Pastor

A Pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. The election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose, of which public notice has been given in at least two worship services preceding the called meeting. An affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of those members present is required for a Pastor to be elected. The Pastor, thus elected, shall serve until the relationship is terminated by His or the Church's request.

How the Pastor Search Committee is Formed

When there is a Pastoral vacancy, a Pastor Search Committee shall be nominated by the Deacon Executive Officers and elected by the church to seek out a suitable Pastor. The recommendations of the committee will constitute a nomination. Any church member has the privilege of making suggestions to the committee for its consideration. The committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one name at a time. Details of the Pastor search process should be maintained in the Procedure Manuel.

Duties:

1. The Pastor Search Committee shall meet immediately under the direction of Deacon Executive Officers, select a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary to preserve records of the meetings. The committee should agree upon a time and place to hold regular meetings.
2. The Pastor Search Committee shall recommend salary, benefits, and relocation allowances for the new Pastor.
3. The Committee shall report on its activities at each Quarterly Business Meeting and monthly through the Herald or bulletin until a recommendation is made.
4. After an appearance of the prospective candidate before the church, prayer, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, the committee shall make a written recommendation concerning the individual to the church.
5. The Committee shall be automatically disband following the call and reception of the new Pastor.

Saying Good-Bye

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation from Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church as its Office Administrator. Hatcher has very much always felt like a home to me since I grew up within its walls and the majority feel like family. Many of you have helped me grow into the person I am today and for that I will be forever grateful. Unfortunately, like Jesus himself once said in Mark 6:4-6:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives, and in his own home. He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith."

I feel that as much as I try here, my "own town/home" will never have the faith in me as others who did not see me grow up as a child and awkward teenager do. I pray only good things for Hatcher's future and I hope you can support my decision, even if you do not necessarily agree with it. My last day will be February 29th.

Heather Stamey

Among Our Fellowship

FEBRUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

**Indicates Wedding Anniversary*

Thank You!

The family of Jean McFadden wishes to express their appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy from Hatcher members at her passing as well as for the many cards that were faithfully sent to her during her three years at Westminster Canterbury.

Congratulations!!



Congratulations to **Mary & David Dunston** on the birth of their new grandson.

William Leighlan Ford was born to **Angie & Matt Ford** on January 12th!
Weighing 7lb, 4oz.

Congratulations to **Susan Dawson** on the birth of her new Granddaughter.

Blakelee James Dawson was born to **Stacy & Jay Dawson** on December 12th!
Weighing 10lb, 6oz.



WELCOME
LITTLE ONE

Worship AND Discipleship

THE PROMISE TO BE LIKE JESUS

February 4th

The Lord's Supper, the Promise of His Presence

A Celebration of an Inventory?

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

February 11th

Preparing for Lent

The Human Options for Our Lives

Acts 15:26-41

February 18th

1st Sunday of Lent

When and How God Confronts Us

Mark 11:1-8

February 25th

2nd Sunday of Lent

The Necessity for an Attitude Evaluation

Matthew 5:3-10

THE CHOSEN SERIES CONTINUES

We are going to continue our 11am study on Wednesday's surrounding The Chosen series. This has been such a fun study, truly bringing Jesus and the disciples to life. If you have not joined us yet try to make it to our next gathering. Following the study we get together and eat lunch. Terry Hoover really has outdone herself with the meals she has prepared for us!

If you want to join let the church office know each week so we have an accurate headcount for food. You can call, email office@hatcherchurch.org, or sign up on the sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary each week.

Meeting February 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th this month, hope to see you there!



Ministry

Love & Fellowship

Love and Fellowship will be meeting at the church at 11am on Thursday, February 15th.

They will be heading to Cracker Barrel, 3620 Mayland Court Henrico, VA 23233

You are welcome to drive yourself but if you need a lift let Terry Hoover know at (804)205-0737.



OLD COUNTRY STORE

Hearts In Motion

The WMUV is sending a medical team to Kenya on March 1st. They have requested inexpensive reading glasses, sunglasses, and toothbrushes (**no toothpaste.**) Deadline will be Sunday, February 18th.

There is a collection box in the 2nd floor elevator lobby.

ALSO

Moments of Hope has requested blankets for the homeless people they support so a box has been placed in the 2nd floor elevator lobby for that collection as well.

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

20 Years with McShin

We had a wonderful service on Sunday, January 28th honoring our relationship with the McShin Foundation. John Shinholser, co-founder of McShin, officially retired and it was so nice to hear from not only him, but his wife and co-founder of McShin, Carol McDaid. The stories they shared were truly touching and at times comical hearing about how McShin came to be. Hatcher was also blessed to have former pastor, Rev. Michael Poole, come back to speak on his experience of bringing McShin to Hatcher. Other speakers included current CEO and COO of McShin, Honesty Liller and Jesse Wysocki.

We pray many more years to come on this wonderful relationship with the McShin Foundation and wish John Shinholser a very happy and fulfilling retirement!

Hatcher Kids



Baptism

At the beginning of last month we had a very special service of baptism!

Three of our wonderful children took the next step in their faith journey by vowing to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Living a life that honors Him!

Brianna Meador, age 10

Lorelai "Rory" Cheely, age 8

McKenzie Meador, age 7

It was a beautiful service and we are so thankful to God for making it possible.

Volunteer Opportunity

Would you be interested in taking a shift sitting with the kids during the 11am Worship Service? Following the Children's Moment in the Worship Service you would take them back to room 288 for some fun!

If you would be interested in taking a shift one Sunday please reach out to either the Church Office or Terry Hoover with what Sunday works for you and we can get you into the rotation.

Be a
Children's
Ministry
Volunteer!

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

Deacons

Co-Chairs — Lena Taylor & Carol McCann
 Secretary—Debbie Welch Treasurer—Wayne Duke

<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2022-2025</u>	<u>2023-2026</u>
Carol McCann	Wayne Duke	Susan Dawson
Karen Stamey	Cookie Martin	Peggy Ingram
Lena Taylor	Michael DiGaetano	Bill Moseley
	Tom Ingram	Debbie Welch

Church Officers

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

Committee Chairpersons

Counting: Mary Atwell
 Endowment: Belinda Blanchard
 Finance: Jerry Myers
 McShin: David Dunston
 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

Building & Grounds: David Dunston
 Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
 Hostess: Kay Craig
 Kitchen: Terry Hoover
 Transportation: Ray Clary
 Ushers: Eddie Harris
 Communications: Jerry Myers
 Audio/Visual: Ray Clary

Building Use Coordinator :	William Moseley
McShin Board Representative:	David Dunston
Wedding Coordinator:	Terry Hoover
LAMB'S Basket Representatives:	Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
Benevolence Coordinator(s):	Karen Stamey, Rev. Dr. Carol McCann, & Susan Haynes

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Joyce Salmon, Financial Secretary
Michael Gaines, Organist
Heather Stamey, Office Administrator
J. Brandon Johnson, Maintenance
Jerry Myers, Webmaster
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator