

The Hatcher Herald

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Happy
Spring

To everything
there is a season
and a time
to every purpose
under heaven.

Eccles. 3:1





Hatcher Happenings

- March 2** 10am Bible Study
11am Worship Service
- March 3** 10:30am Staff Meeting
- March 5** **Ash Wednesday**
11am Bible Study
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- March 8** 10am **International Women's Day—McShin**
9:30am Moments of Hope
- March 9** 10am Bible Study
11am Worship Service
Deacons Meeting
- March 12** 11am Bible Study
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- March 15** 9:30 am Moments of Hope
12:30pm (Ingram Family)
- Service for Marie Stewart (Sanctuary)**
- March 16** 10am Bible Study
11am Worship Service
- March 17** **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
5:30pm—6:30pm **McShin Idol Event**
7pm Finance Meeting
- March 18** 7pm Church Council Mtg.
- March 19** 11am Bible Study
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- March 20** 11am Love & Fellowship
11:30am meet at Anna's Mechanicsville
Spring Begins
- March 22** 9:30am Moments of Hope
6:00pm –11:00pm **Private Event Dance**

- March 23** 10am Bible Study
11am Worship Service
- March 26** 11am Bible Study
6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
- March 30** 10am Bible Study
11am Worship Service

Bible Study



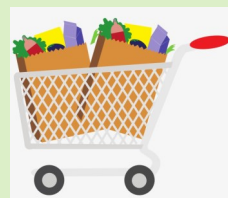
We will continue our bible study on Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

If you're interested in attending please let the Church Office know via phone, email, or sign up on the sheet located in the Sanctuary Foyer on Sundays.

We have a light lunch following the study and want to make sure we have enough food prepared.

Special Thanks to Terry Hoover and her team as they work so hard to provide us with the most amazing food during this time of fellowship!

Lamb's Basket and Giving



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

Lamb's Basket Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 am
8419 Oakview Avenue, Henrico, VA 23228.

Thank you to all who give contributions to help the Lambs Basket, there are a lot in need so very much appreciated.



March 2025. That was a fast 2 months as your interim pastor. I have enjoyed our times together in worship, and Bible study and ministering together.

Pastor Terry has done so much to make our transition a smooth event. But this is church and everyday is different. I am blessed just the same to be a servant among you.

The next 6 weeks we will focus on preparing for Easter. We call this time of sacred preparation Lent. It is 40 days of seeking God's grace, performing acts of humility and giving, intentional prayer and fasting.

We'll celebrate the imposition of ashes on Sunday, March 2nd (traditionally done on Ash Wednesday) for the convenience of our members who cannot attend Wednesdays. On that Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward to receive the bread and the juice. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this special time of worship. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the themes for each week.

A word about the resources God has entrusted us with. The church office will be making some changes in the coming weeks in order to make more coins available for outreach and ministry. I am asking each of us to be sacrificial givers to the ministries of the church. Literature, buildings, utilities and unexpected expenses are part of who we are. Let's honor God by continuing to be a lighthouse on Dumbarton.

The Lenten Season: Our Journey to the Resurrection



Themes for Our Lenten Season

Temptation

Forgiveness/ Confession

Fasting / Giving

Simplicity / Humility

Prayer

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 2	Phyllis Johnson
March 5	Margie and Preston Pugh*
March 6	Jennifer Butler
March 8	Randy Lynn
March 10	Donna Washington ***
March 10	Michael Heflin
March 12	Howard Weis
March 13	Patty Kucera
March 14	Laura Pugh Stokert
March 16	Betsy Craig
March 17	Shirley Smith
March 18	Charles Fleet Liz Mattox Glover
March 20	Amanda Fultz Amy Myers Sibley Carol Gaines
March 23	Kathy Ridenour Stan & Megan Andrewski*
March 24	Alice Phillips
March 25	George Weis
March 27	Ben Jones
March 28	Linda Pomfrey Christopher Stratton
March 29	Sue Mitchell Bob & Shawn Carlton* Debby and Woody Roberson *
March 31	Preston Pugh Erin Roehm April Manley

*Indicates Wedding Anniversary

*** Birthday acknowledged (deceased)

In Our Prayers...



Doris Sharpe and Pastor Sharpe
 Barbara Burks—(Kay Craig's sister)
 Barbara & Billy Lucord
 Bernie Pomfrey—Healing
 Betty & Rick Bancroft - Health
 Issues (Betty is home)
 Bob Carlton
 Carol McCann—Healing Cancer
 Carrie West-Bailey (Carol West's daughter)
 Claude & Carrie Dickerson
 Cookie Martin — friends & family
 David & George (Lena Taylor's brothers)
 Debbie Cargo (Kay Craig's niece)
 Family of Donna Washington
 Dianne Goodman - (Heart) friend of Barbara Trimmer
 Earl Phaup - Vincent Phaup Car Accident
 Gloria Tiller (Shirley Tuck's sister-in-law)
 J R. Cox
 Janet Henderson (family of Susan Dawson)
 Janice Lynn - Recovering Home
 Judy Williams (Sharon Bracken's sister)
 June Banes— Healing
 Kathy Crone
 Margaret Carins (friend of Cookie Martin) Heart Issues
 Mary Bottoms (Friend of Lena Taylor)
 Mary Dunston -Special prayers needed for Mary and family to include
 her daughter Angie and son-in-law Matt
 Mattox Family
 Megan (Janice Lynn Family)
 Mike Davis (Cookie Martin's nephew)
 Nancy Melton (Kay Craig's sister) nursing home issues
 Niki and Grant Rettig -- Father
 having surgery
 Pastor Search Committee
 Patricia Hoover Allen's Family
 Peggy Ingram Family
 Rick Perkins
 Sandra Wiltshire — Healing
 (Phyllis Bolton's daughter)
 Scout Craig (Kay & Joe Craig's granddaughter)
 Zachary Unroe (Jane Stanard's grandson)
 Zeke Noble (step great grandson of Al & LaVerne)

Our Deepest Sympathies and Condolences to:

Peggy Ingram and her family on the loss of her
 Mother, Marie Stewart.

Receiving for Marie Stewart will be March 15th
 in the Sanctuary, 12:30pm-1:30pm and services will
 follow.

A reception will be in the fellowship hall after
 services.

Finance report to the Hatcher Family

Over the past two years our church has experienced expenditures for multiple costly projects. All have been required or needed to continue using our facilities as well as to enable our church to generate rental income through the McShin Foundation and, hopefully soon to include Precious Angels.

Since 2023, we have been involved in the following projects:

Sanctuary and West Wing – heating and cooling systems have been replaced for more than \$500,000. Hatcher's Endowment provided almost \$180,000. The church had to utilize its "rainy day" savings for the balance.

Increase in electrical service has required the electrical supply for the west wing to be separated from the rest of the facility and upgraded. This project is underway and the cost is estimated to exceed \$35,000.

East Wing – the chiller (outdoor unit for air conditioning) is currently being replaced. This will cost \$127,000.

The east wing's first floor infant suite had to be reconfigured to meet County of Henrico requirements. The cost for these required improvements has cost about \$30,000. A fire alarm system is required by the county and is being scheduled for installation. The cost is about \$31,000. Endowment will be funding the fire alarm system.

Future projects include:

Boiler replacement for the east wing (No estimate expected to be \$100,000)

Demolition of the White House (estimate \$28,000)

Steeple Repair estimated cost \$200,000

Heating/Air Conditioning for east wing, third floor (no estimate at this time)

Sanctuary Roof Repair (no estimate at this time)

East Wing Roof Repair (no estimate at this time)

All these projects will be decreasing our "rainy day" savings.

Hatcher has been blessed over the past 100 years with nice facilities for his ministry. God provided these resources for his ministry and he is depending on us to continue his ministry.

If you could help by giving some additional offerings to help us pay for these projects it would be appreciated. We are so grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of Hatcher members.

Thank you

Finance Committee



Ministry



Love and Fellowship

We will be going to Anna's Italian Restaurant in Mechanicsville, Thursday March 20th, and will meet at the church to car pool at 11:00am, or meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am if you are going directly. The address is 7009 Mechanicsville Turnpike, VA 23111.



Hearts In Motion

There will be 2 mission projects for the month of March. On Saturday, March 8th we will be donating cornbread and bottled water for 320 people expected at Restoration Church for



Moments of Hope. Other people will be handing out the food that day. They have asked us to deliver the cornbread to the church on Friday, March 7th and the water on Saturday, the 8th.

The other project will be providing Bingo at Chestnut Grove on Monday, March 10th, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Contact Kathy Ridenour or Sue Mitchell if you can help with Bingo on the 10th.



Hatcher Kids

March 9 — Karen Stamey

March 16 — Belinda Blanchard

March 23 — Terry Hoover

March 30 — Debbie Welch



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday March 9, 2025 at 2:00 am.

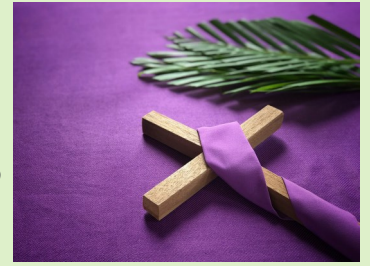
On Saturday night clocks are set forward one hour, losing one hour to

“spring forward.”

Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later on March 9, 2025.

There will be more light in the evening.

What is Lent?



“Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon or Teutonic word “lencten,” which means “spring.” As strange as it is to Baptist ears, it’s easier than Quadragesima, the Latin term for the period (meaning “40 days” or more literally, “the 40th day”).

As its names imply, Lent is a 40-day observance that occurs each spring. (The 40-day period excludes Sundays, which are to be weekly celebrations of the Resurrection.) Why 40 days?

Jesus fasted in the wilderness and was tempted for “40 days and 40 nights” (Matthew 4:2). As he used these days to prepare for his public ministry, so we use them to prepare for his resurrection and to minister in his name through the rest of the year.

In addition, the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness for 40 years of purification before entering their Promised Land. The world was flooded for 40 days during the time of Noah, washing away the evil that had infested it. According to tradition, Jesus’ body lay 40 hours in the tomb before the Easter miracle. All these facts led early Christians to set aside 40 days before Easter for spiritual preparation and purification.

Why is Lent relevant for Baptists?

Three reasons for observing some form of Lenten practice suggest themselves, in ascending importance.

One: we need to live in community with the larger body of Christ. Since the vast majority of Christians practice some form of Lenten observance, joining them in some way is a good step toward solidarity of faith and ministry. This is also an important witness to others, answering Jesus’ prayer, “May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me” (John 17:23).

Two: we cannot fully appreciate Jesus’ resurrection unless we have experienced something of his sufferings. A fast of some sort is an appropriate means of spiritual identification with our Lord’s suffering for us.

Three: we need a period each year for intentional spiritual introspection and contemplation. John R. W. Stott said that he required an hour a day, a day a week, and a week a year to be alone with his Lord. We need a time every year for spiritual renewal. Just as students need a Spring Break, so do souls. Lent is a wonderful season for such renewal: as the physical world is renewing itself, so should the spiritual.

By *Jim Denison*



HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

2022-2025	2023—2026	2024—2027	
Wayne Duke	Susan Dawson	Belinda Blanchard	Jim Blanchard
Cookie Martin	Peggy Ingram	Jerry Myers	Donna Myers
Michael DiGaetano (yoke)	Bill Mosseley	Terry Hoover	Sharon Gayness (Yoke)
Tom Ingram	Debbie Welch	Mary Boegershausen (Yoke)	

Church Officers

Moderator: Alice Phillips
 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/Jerry Welch

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. & Susan Haynes

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