

The background of the cover is a photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of red, orange, and yellow. A wooden fence runs along the right side of the road. The entire cover is framed by a thick orange border.

Hatcher Herald

2025

*Hello
September.*

Hatcher
Memorial Baptist *Church*

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Hatcher Happenings

Sept 1	Office Closed, Labor Day	
Sept 3	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sept 6	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
Sept 7	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:30 p.m.	Special Choir Rehearsal
Sept 10	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sept 13	9:30 p.m.	Moments of Hope
	12:00 p.m.	Brandon Car Wash
Sept 14	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Sept 17	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sept 18	11:00 a.m.	Love & Fellowship
Sept 20	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
	10:00 a.m.	Ham Radio Club
Sept 21	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Sept 22	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Sept 23	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Mtg.
Sept 24	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sept 27	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
Sept 28	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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 food.

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

Volunteer Day, every second Thursday of the month. Please contact Kathy Ridenour to find out the current needs.

Bible Study



Bible study will commence on Wednesday September 10, at 11:00 a.m. in room 270.

The Chosen season 5 is scheduled to start September 17.

There are eight episodes:

1. "Entry"
2. "House of Cards"
3. "Woes"
4. "The Same Coin"
5. "Because of Me"
6. "Reunions"
7. "The Upper Room Part I"
8. "The Upper Room Part II"

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer on the table, or call the office to register.

A light lunch will be served.

We look forward to seeing you.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

JOIN US AS WE FUNDRAISE FOR MCKENZIE'S
2025-2026 COMPETITION DANCE FEES!

**\$10 per car or
\$15 per Truck/Van/SUV**

**Saturday, September 13th
12pm-5pm**

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church
2300 Dumbarton Road
Henrico, VA 23228

From Pastor Steve ...

What is faith?

We learn from the Bible, in the book of Genesis, that Abel offered to God what was acceptable, Noah obeyed God, Enoch walked with God, Abraham followed God. We learn that they were men who had faith. Their faith was in God.



The faith of the men and women listed in Hebrews chapter eleven took God at His word. Their reliance was not on themselves or in their “willing” something to happen. Their trust was in Who God revealed Himself to be and on what He had said.

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (Hebrews 11:1-8 ESV)

Faith is only as strong or reliable as the object in which the faith rests. For example, we can have faith that difficulties in life will never occur to us, but that faith is not based in reality or fact. Jesus said, “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 ESV) We are not to trust for certain circumstances but in the One Who gives us peace in and through any circumstance.

Faith is believing. Faith is reliance. Faith is trust. The believing, reliance, and trust that God honors must be upon the Person, work, and Word of God.

Someone recently told me, “I want to go to heaven when I die, so I have to try harder in my life.” This grieved my heart. My response to him was, “To go to heaven you have to trust in Jesus Christ. He alone is our righteousness. This is what God has told us in His Word, the Bible. Forgiveness and eternal life is a gift from God.”

No amount of willing, striving, relics, chants, ceremonies, intentions, or any other human effort will gain eternal life. Forgiveness of sins and everlasting life is a gift. We either receive it or we don't. A gift is received, not worked for or purchased by us. The gift given to us has already been purchased. It was purchased with the blood of Christ Jesus the Lord. We simply receive His gift by faith. We trust His promise. He has said, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 ESV)

Let us cease from our empty trust in ourselves in earning or somehow deserving forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Let us believe what He has said. Let us rely upon what has been written. Let us trust in what has been delivered to us from His Word. Let us, by faith, receive His gift, and then let us love Him and serve Him. Let us know that we live for Him, not *for* our salvation since we never do enough to earn it, but we live for Him *from* our salvation. He has loved us and rescued us by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Lord. Let us rejoice in this—in Him—with our lives, for His glory.

Ministry



Deacon Board Officers

Co-chairs: Debbie Welch and Terry Hoover

Treasurer: Wayne Duke Secretary: Susan Dawson

Hearts In Motion

There will be Bingo at Chestnut Grove on Monday, September 8, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please let us know if you can help out.



We will be collecting toiletries and cards for GraceInside to distribute to the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. If you wish to donate funds, please give to Kathy Ridenour or turn in check to the office with GraceInside or FCCW listed on the memo line.

Any questions, please contact Sue Mitchell (smitchell@parkerpollard.com) or text (804) 513-4086.

Love & Fellowship

We will be going to Kitchen 33 and Bakery, 13155 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059 on September 18. If you need a ride please be at the church at 11:00 a.m. We will be taking the church bus. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m.



Hatcher Kids

September 7 — Belinda Blanchard

September 14 — Debbie Welch

September 21 — Karen Stamey

September 28 — Terry Hoover

Pastor Steve plans on working from the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays at this time from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and will work remotely on the other days (besides Sunday, of course). These will be the hours until he relocates locally. He is available to contact anytime via phone, text or email.



Email: pastorsteve@hatcherchurch.org

Pastor (804) 896 - 6565

Janis (804) 276 - 2060

WELCOME NEW DEACONS FOR THE 2025-2028 TERM

Thank you to everyone who submitted ballots nominating members to fill the Diaconate vacancies. Joining in September are:

Sharon Bracken (yoke*)

Mary Dunston

Alice Phillips

Linda Pomfrey (yoke*)

Kathy Ridenour

Jerry Welch (serving 2025-2026)

Let's all extend to them congratulations and a warm Hatcher welcome to the Diaconate! Thank you to these folks for agreeing to serve!

*(yoke) During the deacon's first year of service the experienced deacons will work closely with the yoke(s) to guide and mentor them as to the roles and responsibilities of a deacon.

Personnel Happenings

Our Hatcher staff has celebrated some big milestones with June Peters making her year mark in May and Jane Gillen making her year mark in August. Michael has now been here 3 years as of July. Brandon has been working on this facility for the past 2 years as of January with a never-ending list of things to do. Warren has been here since the pyramids, but as the Minister of Music for 5 years as of January. Steve has come on board as of July. Each of them has such special talents and energy that keeps Hatcher moving with so much being done behind the scenes. Thank you to each of them seems like such a small phrase but is truly genuinely meant with the greatest of respect and sincere thankfulness. Please take the time to congratulate, thank them or just say hi.

Thank you! Susan Haynes

MC SHIN FOUNDATION'S 21ST ANNUAL

 **RECOVERY FEST** 

JOIN US !



SEPTEMBER 6, 2025
12 PM - 5 PM

THE MC SHIN FOUNDATION PARKING LOT
2300 DUMBARTON ROAD
RICHMOND VA

   

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ATTENDING OR VENDING EMAIL APRILS@MC SHIN.ORG

Prayer for
September

May You Have:

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy,
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough wealth to meet your needs,
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

And God to Keep You going..
Bless You & Your Loved Ones.

inspire. *Positive* soul sensations.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept 3	Stephen Smith Al Taylor
Sept 4	Blake Martin
Sept 9	Pete Delano
Sept 12	Bob Carlton Trey Elder Eddie Harris
Sept 14	Esther Day
Sept 15	Ray Clary
Sept 16	Brittany Gary Chris Harris Bettie Zimmerman
Sept 17	Cole Weis Janis Battaglia
Sept 19	Phillip & Sandra Taylor*
Sept 25	Debra Brinkley Peggy Ingram
Sept 28	Tom Ingram Susan Haynes
Sept 29	Michael Huyoung
Sept 30	Sharon Newcomb

* Denotes Wedding Anniversary

ONGOING CANCER TREATMENT

Betty Bancroft
 Betty Weis-Betty Bancroft's daughter-in-law
 Billie Riston-Recovering at home
 Carol McCann-Healing Cancer
 Debra Truslow-Lena Taylor's daughter
 Dolly Waller-Betty Waller's sister-in-law
 Mary Rivers-David Lyons' sister
 Sandy Branson-Stage 4 brain cancer
 Scott Benton-Shirley Tuck's son, brain cancer
 Taira Baudoin-Jerry Phaup's girlfriend
 Trisha Pedersen-Mary Boegershausen's step-daughter

Harriett Garnett passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to her family, especially her children Valerie, Laurie and Larry. Pastors Steve and Terry will be conducting her celebration of life service at HMBC on September 14, at 2:30 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Angie and Matt Ford-Mary Dunston's daughter and son-in-law
 Barbara Melton's cousin, Helen new cancer treatment and husband Mike radiation complications
 Bernie Pomfrey-Healing
 Betty Spencer-Kidney surgery recovery
 Billie Riston-Healing at home
 Billy Goodman-Barbara Trimmer's friend
 Bob Carlton
 Carrie West-Bailey-Carol West's daughter
 Chris Carter-Heart surgery, Sept 9.
 David & George-Lena Taylor's brothers
 Debbie Cargo-Kay Craig's niece
 Diane Wert-Hip issues
 Donna Myers-Hearing loss issues
 Dottie Whitlock
 Elizabeth Sydnor-Daughter
 Ernesto Angeles Family-(McShin)
 Greda Bishop-Kathy Ridenour's niece, spleen issues
 Griswald Family-(McShin)
 Heather Johnson-Karen Stamey's daughter
 Janet Henderson-Family of Susan Dawson
 Joann Wegman-Friend of Lena, fall
 Judy Knight-Donna Claytor's Mom, Hospital
 Judy Williams-Sharon Bracken's sister
 Kathy Crone
 Kim Sheleva
 Kristina Craig-Open heart surgery recovery
 LaVerne Ramsey-Eyesight & Fall with injury
 Lena Taylor-Recovering at home, knee surgery
 Lisa Moore Walker-Daughter of Judy Moore
 Michael Williams-Waddell's brother
 Pam Sherman-Health Issues., Friend Sharon Newcomb
 Ray Tuck-Shirley Tuck's son, Sheltering Arms Recovery
 Missionary Scout Craig-Kay & Joe Craig's granddaughter
 Terry Hodson-Friend of Kathy Ridenour, had extensive elbow surgery, please pray for complete healing.
 Vickie Mattox-Ongoing eye treatments for wet macular degeneration of right eye
 Zachary Unroe-Jane Stanard's grandson

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Brian Fleet
 Chris Haynes
 Spencer Sharpe
 Victor (Rip) Ripley III-Son of Vic & Betsy Ripley
 Jordan Jeffery Lane-Grandson of Martha Patterson Powers

We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to Kay Craig and family, her sister Nancy Melton passed away August 25th.

Tea Time

The Hatcher Ladies Tea to welcome Janis Battaglia will be held on Sunday, September 21, after worship service in the Parlor at 12:30 p.m. Save the date, and wear your favorite hat. Hearts in Motion will provide food for this event. We will have door prizes. If you have a relationship with a business that may like to donate something please ask, then let us know what you have. You can also donate a new gift from home. Hope to see you here, for fun, food, and fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. to either Sharon Vecchione (804) 647-4353 or Kathy Ridenour (804) 840-9847 by phone, text or email. Sign up sheet is in the foyer on the table.



APPRECIATION TO TOM INGRAM FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The members of the Endowment Committee want to express their sincere appreciation to you for your fifteen years of dedication and sound judgement in the oversight of the Endowment Fund. Your first priority was always the welfare of our Church and service to our Lord. During your tenure on the Committee the Endowment Fund distributed \$422,837 to fund Church projects and the fund balances grew from \$342,599 in December 2010 to the current balance of \$1,161,190. The Committee will deeply miss your knowledge and love for our Church and we pray for your health. Thank you, Belinda Blanchard, Mary Atwell, Joe Craig, Mary Dunston, Gary Hoover and Bob Llewellyn.

If you presently have a 401(K) you should look into this: What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

Did you know a QCD is an alternative for a required RMD from your 401K plan?

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

- **What it is:** A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from a traditional IRA to an eligible charity.
- **Who can do it:** Individuals aged 70½ or older can make a QCD.

Benefits: Tax-free: The amount of the QCD is excluded from your taxable income.

No itemization needed: You don't have to itemize deductions to benefit from the tax exclusion.

Counts towards Required Minimum Distribution (RMD): **How it works:**

The distribution must be made directly from the IRA trustee to the charity.

Month of August 25, 2025



Revenue 27,212

Expenses 30,309

Net Loss (3,097)

Online Giving



Hatcher Website



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	Bill Moseley	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, Susan Haynes and Lena Taylor

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Battaglia Sr., *Senior Pastor*

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

June Peters *Financial Secretary*

Michael Gaines, *Organist*

Jane Gillen, *Office Administrator*

Kay Craig, *Love & Fellowship Coordinator*

Jerry Myers, *Finance Chairman*

Brandon Johnson, *Maintenance*

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