

# *Bless the Lord,*

*O my soul,  
and forget  
not all his  
benefits.*

PSALM 103:2

*Hatcher*  
Memorial Baptist *Church*

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# Hatcher Happenings

Oct 1	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Oct 4	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
	4:00 p.m.	Preston Wayne Pugh Celebration of Life Services
Oct 5	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	RCFN Private Event
Oct 8	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Oct 11	9:30 p.m.	Moments of Hope
Oct 12	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Oct 15	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Oct 16	11:00 a.m.	Love & Fellowship
Oct 18	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
Oct 19	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Oct 20	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Oct 21	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Mtg.
Oct 22	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Oct 25	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
Oct 26	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	HMBC Halloween
Oct 29	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Oct 31	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Private Event Fellowship Hall

## Bible Study



Bible study will continue on Wednesday's, at 11:00 a.m.

*The Chosen* season 5 started in September.

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.

## History Room

The History Room will continue to be a work in progress as materials are found or they are donated. Material was recently added from a locked cabinet, including a guest book from someone's long ago wedding.

I have also created a history display in the curio cabinet outside of the church parlor. Displays will be rotated every few months.

The History Room is always open. Please be respectful of old fragile materials and leave the room as you found it. Sharon Vecchione



## From Pastor Steve ...



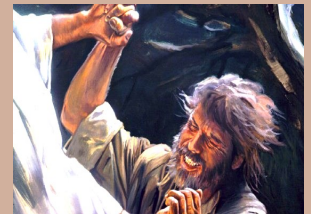
It has been my privilege and joy to study and preach through the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis, in God's Word since I arrived at HMBC in mid-July. The latest sermons have involved God's work in the life of Jacob, and recently have involved the compelling stories of Jacob's dream of a ladder from heaven to earth with angels ascending and descending, and of the stranger wrestling with Jacob on his return to the land of promise.

The following relates to this and is from a fine article from staff at GotQuestions.org:

To know Jacob's story is to know his life was a never-ending struggle.

God had promised Jacob that through him would come a great nation through whom the whole world would be blessed (Genesis 28:10–15). Still, Jacob was a man full of fears and anxieties. His brother, Esau, had vowed to kill him. His uncle, Laban, had cheated him for years. His two wives had an adversarial relationship with each other. After he fled Laban's ill-treatment, Jacob and his family camped in a spot chosen for him by angels (32:1–2). From there, he sent messengers with a gift to his estranged brother, Esau, and they returned with the news that Esau was on his way with 400 men (32:3–6). Fearing the worst, Jacob divided his family and herds so that, in case one group fell victim to Esau's men, the other group might escape. Jacob prayed for the Lord's help and then sent several caravans of lavish gifts ahead of him in hopes of pacifying Esau. Finally, Jacob sent his wives and children across the River Jabbok with all the rest of his possessions (32:22–23).

Alone in the desert wilderness, Jacob had the ultimate restless night. A stranger visited Jacob, and they wrestled throughout the night until daybreak, at which point the stranger crippled Jacob with a blow to his hip. Even then, Jacob held on. He must have known there was something supernatural about this stranger, because he demanded a blessing from him (32:26). The stranger then gave Jacob a new name: *Israel*, which likely means "he struggles with God" (32:28). The stranger gave the reason for Jacob's new name: "Because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome" (32:28). Jacob asks for the stranger's name, but the man declines to give it—Jacob knew with whom he wrestled. And then Jacob receives what he wanted: a blessing (32:29). Jacob limped for the rest of his life, but he "saw God face to face" (32:30) and received God's blessing. In his weakness, he was strong. The next morning, God's blessing of Jacob was evident. Esau, the brother Jacob had feared, received him gladly (Gen. 33).



In Western culture and even in our churches, we celebrate wealth, power, strength, confidence, prestige, and victory. We avoid weakness, failure, and doubt. Though we know that a measure of vulnerability, fear, and discouragement comes with life, we tend to view these as signs of failure or even a lack of faith. However, we also know that, in real life, naïve optimism and the glowing accolades of glamour and success are a recipe for discontent and despair. Sooner or later, the cold, hard realism of life catches up with most of us. The story of Jacob pulls us back to reality. It's in Jacob's story we can easily recognize our own elements of struggle: fear, darkness, loneliness, vulnerability, emptiness, exhaustion, and pain.

Even the apostle Paul experienced discouragement and fear: "We were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within" (2 Corinthians 7:5). But, in truth, God does not want to leave us with our trials, our fears, our battles in life. What we come to learn in our conflicts is that God proffers us a corresponding divine gift. He comes to us and manifests Himself to us in our struggles. It is through Him that we can receive the power of conversion and transformation, the gifts of freedom, endurance, faith, and courage.

In the end, Jacob does what we all must do. In his weakness and fear, he faces God. Jacob was separated from all others and from his worldly possessions, and that's when he grapples all night for what is truly important. It was an exhausting struggle that left him crippled. It was only after he wrestled with God and ceased his struggling, realizing that he could not go on without Him, that he received God's blessing (Genesis 32:29). May we keep seeking the Lord and not let go. May we live for His will and in His strength, for His purposes and for His glory.

# Ministry



## Deacon Board Officers

Co-chairs: Debbie Welch and Terry Hoover  
Co-Treasurers: Belinda Blanchard and Sharon Gayness  
Secretary: Susan Dawson

## Hearts In Motion

We will be collecting toiletry kits and greeting 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 a check to the office with GraceInside or FCCW listed on the memo line. The deadline is October 5.

Paul and Sharon Vecchione have graciously volunteered to deliver the items for us, as they have done for a number of years.

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



## Love & Fellowship

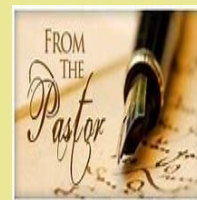
We will be playing bingo Thursday, October 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Chips, drinks, and dessert will be provided.



## Hatcher Kids

October 5 — Kathy Ridenour  
October 12 — Debbie Welch  
October 19 — Karen Stamey  
October 26 — 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](mailto:pastorsteve@hatcherchurch.org)  
Pastor (804) 896 - 6565  
Janis (804) 276 - 2060

## Halloween

**Saturday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 6pm**

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church,  
2300 Dumbarton Road, Henrico VA 23228  
Location: Parking Lot  
Tel: 804 266 9696 for more information**

### **Come Join us for some Halloween Fun**

This is a free family trunk & treat event so dress up, bring your ghoulies, play games, visit the trunks with treats. There will be food, candy and a bouncy house.

During the month of October, the mission activity will be to collect candy for Trunk or Treat. Trunk or treat will take place on Sunday afternoon 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There is a tub in the foyer near the elevator on the second floor for the candy, or you can leave it on the bench outside Warren's office. If you plan to be a "trunker", please arrive 3:00—3:15 p.m. to set up before the trick or treaters arrive.

If you can help with food please contact Terry and Gary Hoover we also have a sign up sheet in the foyer. We will need traffic and parking attendants. There are extra posters in the foyer to distribute to your neighbors and community if you wish.

Please contact Sue Mitchell or Terry Hoover if you have any questions.

## 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 for those that need food assistance.



Volunteer Day, is every second Thursday of the month, for members who wish to help.

## Tea Time



The ladies of Hatcher church recently held a tea time event in the fellowship hall in honor of the Pastor's wife Janis Battaglia. We all had a wonderful time, we dressed up, had delicious food and tea, played games, had prizes and a raffle. A big thank you to all that attended to make it so special and others that contributed, but especially to

Sharon Vecchione and Kathy Ridenour who hosted the event.



Janis would also like to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts and good wishes for her recent birthday.

More photos were posted to the Hatcher church facebook page.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 1	Joe Craig
Oct 2	Jeff Gary
Oct 4	Jared Wiltshire
Oct 7	Phyllis Bolton Dawson Davis
Oct 9	Jerry Myers
Oct 10	Charles Brammer
Oct 11	Sharon Vecchione Gary Duke Sandra Taylor
Oct 12	Rilton May Phillip Weis
Oct 13	David Dunston
Oct 17	Chris Haynes
Oct 20	Shannon Colby
Oct 23	Meredith Cheely
Oct 24	Brandon Johnson
Oct 26	Debbie Welch

## 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  
 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

## Loved Ones in the Military:

Brian Fleet  
 Chris Haynes  
 Spencer Sharpe  
 Victor (Rip) Ripley III-Vic & Betsy Ripley's son  
 Jordan Jeffery Lane-Martha Patterson Power's grandson

## Prayer Requests

Angie & Matt Ford-Mary Dunston's daughter and son-in-law  
 Bernie Pomfrey-Healing  
 Betty Spencer-Kidney issues  
 Billy Goodman-Barbara Trimmer's friend  
 Bob Carlton  
 Carrie West-Bailey-Carol West's daughter  
 Chris Carter-Heart surgery, September 9  
 David & George-Lena Taylor's brothers  
 Debbie Cargo-Kay Craig's niece  
 Diane Wert-Hip issues  
 Dottie Whitlock  
 Elizabeth Sydnor-Daughter  
 Ernesto Angeles Family (McShin)  
 Ethel Schenk-Back Issues  
 Gary Duke-Heart Surgery October 6  
 Greda Bishiop-Kathy Ridenour's niece, spleen problems  
 Griswald Family (McShin)  
 Heather Johnson-Karen Stamey's daughter  
 Helen-Barbara Melton's cousin, new cancer treatment,  
 and her husband, Mike, radiation complications  
 Janet Davis-Sharon Newcomb's friend  
 Janet Henderson-Family of Susan Dawson  
 Jeff Gary-Son of Wayne & Peggy Gary, his daughter Brittany,  
 Doris and Terry Sharpe's nephew, Jeff is at St. Mary's Hospital  
 ICU 4th floor  
 Joann Wegman-Lena Taylor's friend, fall  
 Judy Knight-Donna Claytor's mom, hospital  
 Judy Williams-Sharon Bracken's sister  
 Kim Sheleva  
 LaVerne Ramsey-Eyesight & fall  
 Lena Taylor-Knee surgery  
 Lisa Moore Walker-Judy Moore's daughter, hip pain  
 Ray Tuck-Shirley Tuck's son, at Sheltering Arms Recovery Center  
 Missionary Scout Craig-Kay & Joe Craig's granddaughter  
 Shannon Wiltshire-Sandra Wiltshire's daughter-in-law  
 Shannon Dulgher-Crystal Teasley's sister, kidney disease  
 Teddy Martin-Friend of Barbara Melton, shoulder replacement  
 and lung issues  
 Terry Hodson-Kathy Ridenour's friend, extensive elbow surgery,  
 pray for complete healing  
 Vickie Mattox-Ongoing eye treatments for wet macular  
 degeneration of the right eye  
 Zachary Unroe-Jane Stanard's grandson

We send our condolences to the family of Preston Wayne Pugh, who passed away September 28. Services will be held October 4, at HMBC. Kathy Ridenour has addresses where to send sympathy cards for the family.

Please call the office with any updates: (804) 266-9696

## Personnel Committee

The personnel policy for Hatcher has been revised and copies are in the foyer. The church will vote on the new policy at the business meeting on October 15. Copies of the former policy are available upon request.

## 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

## Nominating Committee

Copies of the final and completed nominating committee worksheet, which comprises of church officers, program and Bible school leaders, church committees, teams, and deacons, is now available in the sanctuary foyer. Please let me know if any changes or corrections need to be made. Thank you, Alice Phillips.

## 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 xxxxx

Revenue 27,212

Expenses 30,309

Net Loss (3,097)

Online Giving



Hatcher Website





## HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

<b>2022-2025</b>	<b>2023—2026</b>	<b>2024—2027</b>
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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