



Hebron Community Church



August 2024 Newsletter

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As I thought about what to write for this month's newsletter, I was thinking about how much time has flown by. In some ways, it seems like we just started our time together, but there has been so much that has happened in the last year. We began our ministry together one year ago on August 1st, and I know I have been truly blessed by the ways I have seen God at work among us.

God's Spirit has been moving in many ways in our church, and in the Global Methodist Church, which we are now a part of. The Annual Conferences that I have been to with the GMC have been the most spirit-filled I have ever seen. We aren't just starting a new denomination; it's a new movement of the Spirit, based on historic Methodism, and more than that--based on God's Holy Word. My experience, which has also been echoed by others, is that there is a sense of freedom that we didn't have in our previous denominational experience. We're free to talk about the important matters of faith, and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. We're free to truly worship God in spirit and in truth. I have been personally blessed by our Circle Pastors' meetings, which have been more prayer time and spirit-filled than any meeting I've ever been to. I look forward to the ways that God will continue to use the GMC in the years to come.

On a local level, we've seen God moving here. I know we've had to find new ways of doing some things, sometimes without people who are no longer here, but we have pushed forward and sought to serve God in many ways. We have used our blessings to bless those around us, in our church, in our community and around the world, through the backpack and school supply giveaway, donations for S.A.F.E., right now through our Reading Program, which is finishing up, donations to Piedmont Rescue Mission, Methodist Home for Children, Zoe Church of God in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala and more.

We've seen times of fellowship that have been a blessing, including our Fall Festival, Christmas Party, a Kite Flying Family Fun Day, various lunches in the Hut, and so much more. We've had a study group that has now looked at sharing our faith better, the book of Revelation, and now going through Genesis. We've seen God moving in our worship services on Sunday mornings. Especially moving was Pentecost Sunday, when we had everyone gather around the altar and we prayed together, but that's just one example of the ways we've experienced God in worship.

We've grown together, we've grieved together, we've cried and laughed together. I can say for my family that we have felt so much love and support in this past year, as we have faced personal trials, including unexpected health crises. We are so appreciative of all the ways y'all have shown your love and support for us, as we have made our home here. God has been so good, and we are so blessed.

I look forward with great anticipation at what God has in store for us in the coming year and beyond. I believe we're only seeing a taste of what God has in store for us here at Hebron, if we just stay faithful to what God would have us do and be. There's no limit to what God can do through our church, if we believe and let His Spirit move. I've said it in worship, and I really believe it's true, that we're seeing a new great revival and we can be a part of it if we let Him use us as He wants, for His glory. God is here and God is moving! Praise God!

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin James

Anyone who has children or youth books and would like to donate them to the church, we will be glad to accept them. Don't forget that we have an adult library for you to check out books to read also.

Birthdays in August

1st	Stephen Dodson
4th	Tim Dallas
5th	James Whited Zoey Chatfield
6th	Nancy Mann Kathie Blalock
8th	Sarah Gibson
11th	Lucas Lobaugh, Sr.
16th	Susan Martin
17th	Damien Overbey
23rd	Carol Lineberry
24th	Sandra Hooks Lucas Brady
25th	Daniel Flack
26th	Roger Dale Williams Madelyn Creekmuir
27th	Jimmy Cook
28th	Jim Dawkins
29th	Shannon Long

Up Coming Events in September

- 15th Wilson Reunion
 - 16th Friendship Circle
 - 17th Newsletter Deadline
 - 20th – 26th GMC General Conference
 - 20th Wedding Rehearsal
 - 21st Wedding of Chris Presley and Bob Perera
 - 26th Methodist Men
- Every Wednesday night at 6 pm Bible Study

INVITATION

All women of the church! You are invited to attend a bridal shower for Chris Presley, daughter of Debbie Blalock. The shower will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please, Chris and Bob have all the household items, so are asking for monetary gifts which will be donated to Abundant Life Ministries in their honor. A receiptable will be provided for your gift. If you write a check please make it payable to the Friendship Circle. Come and extend your wishes for Chris at this joyous time.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 4th. There will be a special worship service to recognize the one year anniversary of Hebron Community Church a Global Methodist Church AND the one year anniversary of when we welcomed Dustin, Evelyn and their family. Dustin has been a blessing as our pastor. Following the service, we will gather in the Hut to enjoy a covered dish lunch together. How special! Let's praise God together that Sunday.

If you would like to help set up for lunch, we will meet at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 3rd. It should not take long.

Update from the Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle ladies are busier than usual during the summer months this year. The \$1,000.00 we pledged, has been sent to the Zoe Church of God in Guatemala to help with a training program for women there. This training will help them better provide for themselves and their families. It gives us much joy to be a small part of this project which hopes to help so many.

We are looking forward the first Shower to be held in the church for a while. We are honoring Chris Presley who will be married in September. Ladies of the church, please find your personal invitation to attend this special day for Chris, in this newsletter.

We decided, at our last meeting, to hold a bake sale in conjunction with the yard sale on July 27. While you may not read this until after that date, perhaps you saw us and visited with us that morning.

We are beginning the planning stage of offering shirts, with Hebron Community Church and the Global Methodist Church logo, for those who would enjoy wearing and representing the church this way. We will be taking prepaid orders. Watch for further information regarding this project!

Friendship Circle will be providing 24 backpacks for the Back-to-School program which is currently in progress at our church.

All ladies, remember no dues, no voting for membership, you are all welcome and invited to participate in the Friendship Circle. If you have any questions, please just ask.

Outreach and Missions – July 23,2024

The Summer Reading Program ended July 25th. On average, 9-12 children participated from Garrett Elementary and from Hebron. All the children were engaged and had a great time reading and hearing stories. Children were encouraged to take books home to read with their parents from our library. A light breakfast and a bag lunch was provided for each child. The parents were very appreciative. We are already brainstorming efforts to expand the Reading Program to more children next year. A special thanks to Pastor Dustin and volunteers who devoted their time facilitating the program for our community.

School supplies continue to be donated for the Backpack Giveaway. Forty-Eight backpacks have been donated. Supplies to fill the backpacks are still needed. You will find the list on the back of the prayer list in the weekly bulletin and listed below. The “blessing of the backpacks” will be offered during the church service by Pastor Dustin on Sunday, August 11th. The giveaway date is Saturday, August 17th. If you know an elementary child in need of assistance with school supplies, please pass along this information.

Also, Helping Hands continues to gift “Sunshine Baskets” every month to Hebron members who need a little extra “Hebron love”.

Blessings,

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| Large bookbags (non-rolling) | Pencil pouch or box | 12 count pencils |
| Pencil top erasers | Handheld pencil sharpener with cover | Highlighters |
| Colored pencils | 24 count Crayola crayons | Washable markers |
| 6 or 10 pack Glue sticks (unscented) | Expo black dry erase markers | Fiskar scissors – blunt tip |
| Fiskar scissors - regular | Clipboards | ½ to 1-inch binders |
| Notebooks (any colors) | Composition books (non-spiral) | Plastic pocket folders |
| Wide ruled notebook paper
(no earbuds) | Ruled index cards | Corded children’s headphones |

In addition, supplies are needed for the classrooms:

Tissues, Ziplock bags, Hand sanitizer, Hand-pump soaps, Band-aids, Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Paper towels

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the needs of our community children. No task is too great with God on our side and His love in our hearts.



The 2024 Hebron Community Church Summer Reading Camp ended Thursday, July 25. We met 2 days a week for 3 weeks, from 9:00 to 12:00. We had a successful reading camp and were able to assist 15 students from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade. We also offered a class in Spanish for students with Spanish as their primary language.

The mornings began by gathering in the sanctuary and reciting pledges to our nation's flag, the Christian flag and the Bible. Dustin offered a prayer for us as we began the morning.

Following the opening, the students enjoyed a simple breakfast before going to their classrooms.

Each class had a specified time to spend in the youth library which is located on the upper floor of the education building. Lois Dixon acted as librarian and provided books for the children as well as sharing stories with them. The students were allowed to borrow the books to enjoy at home.

The class instructors set their own lesson plans. Some of these included "field trips" throughout the church building and grounds. These were popular! As the children left, each was given a sack lunch and bottle of water bottle to take home.

All of this was only possible because of the volunteers who worked with the children. Evelyn James, Pastor Dustin, Lois Dixon with her granddaughter Lily, Joannie Wilson, Deanne Greeson, Suzanne Harrington, Sylvia Price, Betty Boney, Leslie Tredinnick, Ann Jessup, Robin Sykes, Pat Snipes and Martha Graham shared their time and experience to make the Camp work smoothly.

Notes and suggestions are being taken for Reading Camp 2025.

Friendship Circle is taking orders for T-shirts with our church name and the Global Methodist logo. Please find the insert in your bulletin each Sunday to place your prepaid order. Orders will be taken for 3-4 weeks with delivery expected 3-4 weeks following placement of the order. We expect to have the shirts by Fall Festival. Checks should be made to the Friendship Circle. Cost is \$10.00 for youth sizes and \$15.00 for Adults sizes.



August 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 6:00 pm Bible Study	1	2	3 4 pm Set up for Lunch
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Communion 1 Year Lunch School Backpack Collections Ends	5 9-4 ALM	6 9-4 ALM	7 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	8 9-4 ALM	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Blessing of Backpacks	12 9-4 ALM	13 9-4 ALM	14 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	15 9-4 ALM	16 12-10 Crafting	17 9-4 Crafting Backpack Giveaway
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2 pm Bridal Shower	19 9-4 ALM 7:00 Friendship Circle	20 9-4 ALM Newsletter Deadline	21 9-4 ALM Ministry Board All Day 6:00 pm Bible Study	22 9-4 ALM Ministry Board All Day 6:00 Methodist Men	23	24 Ice Cream Social and Community Event
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26 9-4 ALM	27 9-4 ALM	28 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	29 9-4 ALM	30	31

Nursery Schedule

August 4th Robin Sykes / Jay Wilson
 August 11th Maddie Moss / Brenda Moss
 August 18th Betty Albright / Pat Snipes
 August 25th Betty Boney / Jenny Allred

Greeters

Margaret Lankford

Acolytes

Marleigh Lankford
 Carlos Montejo
 Peyton McBride
 Annabelle Allred