



Hebron Community Church

August 2025 Newsletter

August 2025 - Back to School Time

"See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a God so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to Him?" Deuteronomy 4: 5-7 (NRSV)

It's hard to believe that it's already August. There's been so much going on in our world and in our church that time, as always, has been flying by. By the end of this month, the kids will be back in school, to the heartbreak of most kids and delight of most parents. While we enjoy spending time with our kids, it can be nice to have them at school and occupied part of the day, although schedules tend to get busy again. Although there can be the dread of school, there's also excitement, especially when it comes to looking at new backpacks and school supplies, and of course, new school clothes. I remember being ready to see my friends again after summer, but wasn't always ready to be back in the classroom, although as an adult, I've learned that those times were good times. Things were much simpler back then, and I appreciate the time I was able to spend studying and the lessons I learned.

The kids will be learning new things to help them in their future. While they may wonder about whether they'll ever really need some of the things they learn in school, I've been surprised by just how much I have needed here and there as an adult. It's good to be able to remember the lessons that my teachers cared enough to teach me, even if I didn't really appreciate it at the time. They have helped shape who I am today and (hopefully) make me a more productive adult.

As I was thinking about how important it is to learn the lessons that we learn in school, I was also thinking about the lessons that we learn from God. God has given us His word, that we might learn from Him and what He would have us do and be as His followers. Just as the lessons we learn in school help make us more productive as adults, the lessons we learn from God can make us more productive for Him. The scriptures are recorded for us to learn of God's will, and also learn from those who have lived for God in the past and their triumphs, as well as their struggles.

The book of Deuteronomy was given by Moses to a people about to enter into the Promised Land. They had been wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, as the older generation of those who had been led out of slavery in Egypt died because of their disobedience and failure to trust in God. Moses knew that he didn't have much time left. He had been called by God out of a burning bush to go back to Egypt and lead His people out. He had seen the deliverance of God through the plagues of Egypt, as well as the miracles that God had wrought all along the way in the wilderness as God led His people and provided for them. He had seen the power of God, and even though he would not enter into the Promised Land himself, because of his own disobedience, he wanted to remind the people before he left them of all that God had done on their behalf.

In teaching them what God had done before, He taught them the importance of following all that God had told them. Several times in the book, we see him warning the people not to forget the works of the Lord, and to use that as a lesson to always follow God's ways in the future. Here in chapter 4, he tells them that if they follow the "statutes and ordinances [of God]...this will show [their] wisdom and discernment to the peoples". They will be a light to the nations around them if they truly follow God, and other nations will see that theirs is the One, True God. If we follow what we have learned of God's will today, as seen in God's word, it will show that we are also wise and discerning. God's will is for our good. He loves us and only wants the best for us, even when it may be challenging. Many of the things I learned in school may have been challenging at the time, but I am grateful now for the instruction. Of how much more worth are the teachings of God?

As the kids prepare to head back off to school this month, let us be grateful for those things we learned in school that helped make us who we are today, and even more so, let us show our gratitude to God for what He has taught, and is teaching us, by following His will. It may not always be easy, but it's worth it, and we can trust that He only has our best interest at heart. May the God who is always near to us when we call on Him, bless you this month and always.

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Dustin D. James". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Dustin D. James

Methodist Women

We of the Friendship Circle thank everyone for supporting our recent bake sale. It was a hot day for a yard sale, but folks were still hungry!

Distribution of shoes, in Guatemala, is underway. We look forward to learning about the outcome of the entire project, once it is completed.

We have been working on a project for the Fall Festival and are excited to put some finishing touches on our tabletop Christmas trees. There may be trees decorated with other themes as well. All ladies are welcome to our August crafting days. They are on Saturday, August 2, at 10:00 and Saturday, August 9, at 1:00. Everyone bring snacks and drinks. Join us as we prepare for another great Fall Festival!

August Birthdays

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
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

- 6th Hut Reserved 12-5
 - 7th Baby Shower Hut
 - 13th Church Clean Up Day 9:00 am
 - 14th Church Council Meeting 3:00 pm
 - 15th Friendship Circle 7:00 pm
 - 19th Crafting Hut 12-10
 - 20th Crafting Hut 9-4
 - 21st 175th Anniversary Celebration
 - 23rd Newsletter Deadline
 - 25th Methodist Men 6:00 pm
 - 28th Hut Reserved 12-3:30
- Every Tuesday night at 6 pm is Prayer meeting in the Prayer Room
- Every Wednesday night at 6 pm Bible Study
- Pastors Meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

Missions and Outreach Committee – August 2025 Newsletter

I am thrilled to report that a check in the amount of \$2500 has been forwarded to Samaritan's Purse for the Clean Water Project. Thanks for your donations at the Pancake Supper and Hot Dog Lunch. Some Sunday morning offerings were also a part of the total. In addition, the Friendship Circle voted to give \$300 to this mission. The grand total given was \$2531.00. Twenty-five families in refugee countries will receive life-sustaining clean water with the use of Bio-Sand Water Filters. These families will also be introduced to the giver of the "eternal living water", our Lord Jesus Christ.

A representative from S.A.F.E. picked up a trunk load of food items from our Vestibule on July 1st. I was not certain he could get it all in his vehicle, but he informed me that he knew how to "pack in" large quantities.

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On behalf of S.A.F.E. he was very impressed and appreciative for our participation. Thanks to your love for our neighboring children, many will have nutritious food for the remainder of the summer.

In accordance with our ongoing support of S.A.F.E., we are collecting canned food and non-perishables for July, August and September. The need is concentrated on canned meats, but all food donations are appreciated. The food basket remains in the vestibule. The Friendship Circle has donated \$200 and will use it to purchase canned meats.

We are running behind on our annual Backpack Giveaway. The giveaway date is August 9th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The needs are great for **15-20 backpacks** in addition to all the supplies for elementary students. The table for distribution is in the hallway leading to the Hut. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to this mission for our local elementary school students

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Large bookbags (non-rolling)	Pencil pouch or box	Tissues
12 count pencils	Pencil top erasers	Ziplock bags
Handheld pencil sharpeners	Highlighters	Hand sanitizer
Colored pencils	24 count Crayola crayons	Hand-pump soaps
Unscented 6-10 pack glue sticks	Washable markers	Band-aids
Expo black dry erase markers	Fiskar scissors – blunt tip	Lysol wipes
Fiskar scissors – regular	Clipboards	Clorex wipes
½ to 1 inch binders	Notebooks (any colors)	Paper towels
Non-spiral Composition books	Plastic pocket folders	Ruled index cards
Wide ruled notebook paper	Corded children’s headphones (no earbuds)	
15-20 Backpacks		

Helping Hands Ministry remains available as the need arises. The ministry team includes Pastor Dustin, Linda Williams, Betty Boney and Margaret Lankford. You can also contact Cathy Clayton, Administrative Assistant in the church office.

The Sunshine Basket Ministry has been very well received and appreciated. Contact the Helping Hands team if you have a request for a church member who could use a “ray of sunshine”.

Lastly, members have benefitted from Hebron’s Ride Mission. Contact Sammy Lankford or Robin Sykes if you need a ride to the doctor, pharmacy or airport.

Hebron blessings, Pat

~SAVE THE DATE~



Hebron Founder's Day
175th Celebration
September 21, 2025

Join us for a day to celebrate the past, present, and future of our church. A covered dish lunch will follow a special service.

Please share this date with your friends and family.

August 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Sunday School Worship	28	29 6 Prayer Mtg.	30 6 Bible Study	31	1	2 Friendship Circle Crafts 10-1
3 Sunday School Worship Communion	4 9-4 ALM 6 pm SPRC	5 9-4 ALM 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg.	6 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	7 9-4 ALM 5:30 – 8 Hut Reserved	8	9 Backpack Giveaway Friendship Circle 1 pm
10 Sunday School Worship Church Council 3 pm	11 9-4 ALM	12 9-4 ALM 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg.	13 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	14 9-4 ALM	15	16 Family Fun Day
17 Sunday School Worship	18 9-4 ALM 7 Friendship Circle at Betty Albright's	19 9-4 LAM 6 Prayer Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	20 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	21 9-4 ALM	22 12-10 Crafting	23 9-4 Crafting
24 Sunday School Worship	25 9-4 ALM	26 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	27 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	28 9-4 ALM 6 pm Methodist Men	29	30
31 Sunday School Worship 5 th Sunday						

Nursery Schedule / Children's Church

Greeters

Acolytes

August 3 rd	Marti Graham & Becca Bartlett Rachel Lankford & Jenny Allred	Jr. & Robin Sykes	Marleigh Lankford
August 10 th	Joannie Wilson & Jenny Allred Cicero Sykes & Markie Roberts		Carlos Montejo
August 17 th	Jay Wilson & Betty Albright Carolyn Wilson & Jane Avery	Michael & Renee McPherson	Peyton McBride
August 24 th	Joannie Wilson & Markie Roberts		Annabelle Allred
August 31 st	No Children's Church Betty Boney & Robin Sykes No Children's Church		Peyton McBride