



Hebron Community Church

July 2025 Newsletter

July 2025—Signs of Revival

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love... There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:7-8, 18-19 (NRSV)

These were some of the words of scripture that Associate Conference Superintendent Kari Howard shared with us on our first morning of our NC GMC Annual Conference, held in Winston-Salem, June 25th-28th. The theme of our time together was Holy Love, and that was shared and taught in various ways throughout the conference. Holy Love is the kind of love that God has for us, it's a love that calls us into a relationship with God, and then ever deeper in that relationship, closer to the holiness that God wants for us. God initiates and we respond.

This is the kind of love that is spoken of in the fourth chapter of 1 John. God proved his love for us in Jesus coming into this world to be the sacrifice for our sins, and through His suffering death and resurrection offers us victory over sin, death, hell and the grave. It's that love that calls us to respond in repentance for our sin, but also to 'move on toward perfection' as a way of living into the love of God and seeking the holiness of God for our lives. It's that love that also calls us to love our neighbors, as God has loved us. To live in a relationship with God is to live in love, as God is love.

Too often, in recent years, love has been confused and misinterpreted. We have equated love with universal acceptance. We have been told that God loves us as we are, and we don't have to change. We've also been told that to love others means to accept everything about them, but that is not scriptural. True love means wanting the best for someone. God loves us as we are, but loves us too much to leave us in our sin and heading toward death and destruction. That love should also make us want to help our brothers and sisters to live into the abundance that God has for them, as well, which means turning from the ways of this world to seek the holiness of our God.

Throughout the conference we were reminded that if we want to change this world, we need to share the good news of Jesus. As Rev. Shane Bishop asked on Friday night, 'Do we love Jesus enough to share His good news with the world and do we love people enough to share Jesus with them?' Unfortunately, so often, the answer to these questions are 'no', no matter what we may try to say. We've gotten comfortable and we've worked ourselves into a corner of fear when it comes to sharing Jesus. As Bishop Jeff Greenway reminded us, 'We've got some heart work to do.'

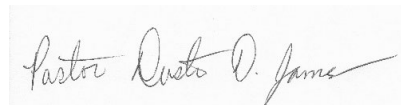
God is moving in our midst and I'm seeing signs of the revival that I and many others have prayed for, for a long time. God is using the movement that is the GMC across NC and the world to make disciples of Jesus and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. I know I'm blessed to be a part of what God is doing among us, and I want to see the flames of revival spread like wildfire throughout our state and around the world. We saw those flames at conference last week. It was not business as usual, and hasn't been any time we've gathered as a GMC. There is expectancy for the Holy Spirit to move, and move He is. Even the business of the Annual Conference is bathed in worship and prayer. All the speakers are prayed up before taking the stage, so that they share as God would have them to. There's spirit-filled worship, preaching and teaching, and we all received the call to go forth with God's Holy Love.

The revival that we're seeing across the GMC is only because regular people, lay and clergy alike, are really seeking after God and His love and holiness. They're letting the Holy Spirit empower them to be bold in worship and witness, to see lives changed by the power of God. God wants us to catch fire the same way here at Hebron, but we have to get out of the mindset that God can't use us, that it's only those who have certain gifts, but we are all called and equipped to go forth in Jesus' name.

As Rev. John Woods reminded us in the Board of Ministry report, "God can call anybody, because the gospel needs to be heard by everybody." And again, as Shane Bishop said, "God is a God of multiplication. He can multiply anything, but nothing." God can use every one of us for His glory, and take even our most stumbling efforts to share Him and His gospel, and multiply them. All we have to do is give Him something to work with.

God is here and God is moving in mighty ways through His Holy Spirit to bring revival. I pray that we let Him catch us on fire here, as well.

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin D. James

July Birthdays

1st	Amy Marrs
3rd	Holly Packer E.C. Sykes, V
5th	Rev. Carl Singley
6th	Teresa Wilson Steve McCauley
8th	Annabelle Allred Claire Wilson
9th	Ronnie Cook
10th	Carol Dixon
13th	Daisy Cook
14th	Eli Allred
16th	Malia Holliday
20th	Nicki Crews
26th	Margaret Creekmuir Hailey Brady
28th	Kay Shaver Kim Settlemyre Dee Smith
29th	Rachel Sykes McConnell
30th	Maddie Crisp John Culberson

Up Coming Events in August

- 2nd Friendship Circle Crafts 10 - 1
 - 4th SPRC at 6 pm
 - 9th Backpack Giveaway
Friendship Circle Crafts 1 pm
 - 10th Church Council
 - 16th Family Fun Day
 - 18th Friendship Circle 7 pm
 - 19th Newsletter Deadline
 - 22th Crafting in Hut 12 – 10 pm
 - 23rd Crafting in Hut 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
 - 28th Methodist Men at 6:00 pm.
 - 31st 5th Sunday
- 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.

Methodist Women-Friendship Circle

Thank you everyone for supporting our Father's Day candle burning. We appreciate you all.

Ladies of the Friendship Circle are busy working on a craft for the Fall Festival! Our next meeting will be July 21st. Ladies please bring glue guns, if you have them. If you would like to help with this project, come when you can. There is plenty of fun "stuff" for everyone! The Saturday craft days are August 2 at 10:00 and August 9 at 1:00. We will meet in the Hut.

Please look for our bake sale at the yard sale here in July. Contributions of bake goods are appreciated, and shoppers are encouraged.

Enjoy your summer vacation plans and ladies, join us when you can.

HEBRON COMMUNITY CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Present:

Dustin James Jay Wilson Ben Boney Betty Boney
Pat Snipes Sandy Dixon Buster Albright Robin Sykes
Sammy Lankford Martha Graham

Also in attendance:

Margaret Lankford Lois Dixon

Pastor Dustin opened our meeting with prayer and a reminder we should always be open to God's direction. The apostles were not well-educated, neither did they have special qualifications when Jesus asked them to follow Him. Whatever God calls us for as individuals or as a group, God will provide what we need to fulfill His purpose.

There was no Council meeting during the month of May. The Minutes from the April meeting was approved on-line.

TRUSTEES

There is still an issue of excess humidity at the parsonage. Since we have had a period of high humidity, Sammy would like to wait until the humidity lowers and the weather is dryer to see if the problem lessens. There was discussion regarding placing a second dehumidifier in the house or a dehumidifier under the house.

FINANCE

The current financial information was distributed. Buster pointed out we have two extra expenses which will be coming up in July. Work will begin on the window in the Hut which faces the back of the property. The floors in the Hut will be cleaned and polished.

SPRC

The committee has been meeting each month since January in order to accomplish the goals that were initially set and will therefore be able to take time off through the summer. The Senior Pastor Performance Review was completed by committee members and ratings were combined for a total rating of, "Meets Expectations". There were many positive comments and some Exceed ratings. The performance review will be done again in the fall.

NOMINATIONS

There are two changes to Missions and Outreach. Bob Swanson will no longer be serving on the committee, and a member will be selected to function as Vice Chair.

WORSHIP

Hebron will be celebrating 175 years on September 21! Planning is underway to emphasize the importance of this occasion. A few of our historic items will be incorporated into the celebration. While some clean-up in the church has been done, September 13 has been set as a final clean-up day.

There will be no 5th Sunday song fest this month. Both Lois and AnnGayle will be away that day. We will have a regular service with Ann Jessup leading the music and providing a special.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Today's hot dog lunch was a success. The donations were \$826 which includes a donation from the Friendship Circle. So far, \$2,000 has been collected for the clean water project, with more anticipated.

We will continue to collect food during the month of June to help supplement school-age children and their families for the summer. Pat has left messages for Racheal and Tiffany, at S.A.F.E., to discuss what our mission should be for the next quarter (July-September).

VBS will be held on June 19, 20, and 21. Plans are being finalized.

In addition to the collection for S.A.F.E. which will begin in July, we will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for distribution on August 9, from 9:00-12:00.

Helping Hands has not recently been called on for help. Two Sunshine Baskets have been delivered and both recipients were very appreciative.

The Ride Mission is not well known throughout the congregation. An effort will be made to make everyone more aware this is a service which is offered. There was discussion regarding the possibility of making the church van handicap accessible.

PASTOR

Three dates are set. We will have a yard sale on July 12. On July 19, we will have an ice cream fun day and on August 16 we will have a family fun day.

There will be a second meeting to hopefully form another small group. There is one group which has tentatively formed following the last Saturday meeting.

Annual Conference begins the week following VBS, beginning Wednesday and ending Saturday. Dustin will take the Bibles with him which are being donated during VBS.

Dustin has been invited to deliver the message at his former church's Homecoming on August 10, so he will not be with us that day.

METHODIST MEN

The men offered to match the Friendship Circle's donation of \$500 to purchase shoes for children in Guatemala.

The men have videos which may be used by other groups as a program or lesson.

Forms for the scholarship offered by the men will be available Sunday, June 15.

METHODIST WOMEN

The Friendship Circle is still sending birthday cards, along with gift cards, to the residents at Springview Homes in Elon.

Plans are ready for the Father's Day Candle Burning.

All ladies of the Circle feel blessed to be able to support different organizations with a donation. This year, donations have been sent to pay down end-of-year school lunch debt, to Samaritan Purse's clean water project through our Missions and Outreach Committee, S.A.F.E., to benefit Hebron's discretionary fund, to Samaritan Purse's ongoing recovery efforts in the Western part of North Carolina, and funds for children in Guatemala for shoes.

The next meeting scheduled for the Administrative Council is August 10.

Respectively submitted,
Martha Graham

Hebron Vacation Bible School 2025!

We are blessed to have had so many special children attend our VBS this year and to have so many special folks to help. Our theme was "Exploring God's Universe". The activities and lesson and crafts centered around God's world. Thanks to everyone who helped and those who provided Bibles for Dustin to take to Conference! We pray they will be a blessing to the recipient.

Missions and Outreach Committee – July 2025 Newsletter

Once again you have "loved up" to help provide food for children and their families during the summer months. Breakfast and lunch are not provided when school is out for the summer. The vestibule grocery container is overflowing with canned goods and non-perishable items. Arrangements will be made for pickup by S.A.F.E. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile need. Look for your next mission opportunity to partner with S.A.F.E. soon.

Hebron's church wide yard sale is scheduled for July 12th. The Friendship Circle and ladies of the church will provide a variety of baked goods and snacks for purchase as well. More information will be provided on the website and mid-week Flock Notes.

A family fun day with games, food and ice cream is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th. Plan to bring the entire family and guests for a day of fun and fellowship.

Our Hot Dog luncheon to raise funds for Samaritan Purse's Clean Water Project was very successful. The amount donated that day was \$826. As of June 8th, \$2131.00 had been collected from the Pancake Supper, Sunday morning collections and the Hot Dog Luncheon. All funds collected will be sent this month to Samaritan's Purse for Bio-Sand Water Filters. Over 20 families will be able to use the bio-sand filters to turn muddy, dirty, bug-filled water into life-sustaining clean water because of your love and participation in this worthwhile mission. God bless you all!

Sunshine Baskets continue to be delivered to members when needs arise. Contact the Helping Hands Team if you know of someone who could use a "basket full of love".

Hebron has a Ride Mission for anyone who may need a ride to the doctor, to the grocery store, for shopping needs, or even to the airport. Contact Sammy Lankford or Robin Sykes for more information or if you desire this service.

Hebron love and 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.

July 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sunday School Worship	30	1 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg.	2 6 Bible Study	3	4	5
6 Sunday School Worship Communion	7	8 6 Prayer Mtg.	9 6 Bible Study	10	11	12 Yard Sale
13 Sunday School Worship	14 7 Friendship Circle Edu. Bldg	15 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg.	16 6 Bible Study	17	18	19 Family Fun Day
20 Sunday School Worship	21	22 6 Prayer Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	23 6 Bible Study	24 6 pm Methodist Men	25	26
27 Sunday School Worship	28	29 6 Prayer Mtg.	30 6 Bible Study	31	1	2 Friendship Circle Crafts 10-1

Nursery Schedule / Children's Church

Greeters

Acolytes

July 6th

Marti Graham & Jay Wilson
Carolyn Wilson & Jane Avery

Debbie Blalock

Marleigh Lankford

July 13th

Becca Bartlett & Markie Roberts
Chris Perera & Sylvia Price

Carlos Montejo

July 20th

Pat Snipes & Betty Albright
Cicero Sykes & Markie Roberts

Peyton McBride

July 27th

Robin Sykes & Betty Boney
No Children's Church

Bob Swanson

Annabelle Allred