



# Hebron Community Church

## June 2024 Newsletter



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It seems that the changing of the seasons comes sooner and sooner every year, and this year is no exception. It seems that summer is already here with its afternoon storms—storms that seem to pop up almost out of nowhere; storms that can be frightful in their fierceness; storms that sometimes seem to end as abruptly as they start. Sometimes, it's hard to tell there was a storm and other times, there is much damage left to be cleaned up and some things that never will be the same. It seems since we've been in the parsonage, we've seen a few trees around the house fall. Just this past week, a large tree at the edge of the field behind the house has fallen. I've always enjoyed the beauty of watching an approaching storm—to watch the clouds come rolling in, a dark contrast against what can otherwise be beautiful blue skies. This was especially true when I lived in the mountains, where you could watch the storm coming across the mountains, sometimes from miles away. The post-shower freshness can be a beautiful thing, especially when seeing the occasional rainbow that follows the storm.

It always reminds me of the awesomeness of God's beautiful creation and how often we take for granted some of the things that truly show God's power and majesty, but it's also a reminder of the way storms come in our lives. Sometimes, they are quick and then leave without much trace, and sometimes they rage on and leave damage that must be repaired. I love the following words from 1 Peter, and have been reminded of them and their power here recently. 1 Peter tells us to be thankful when we go through trials in our lives, because through them we can be refined like gold in the fire, and although not an easy process, we come out the better for it.

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NRSV), says: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." While we don't want to face trials in our lives, for those that know what it means to go through the fire, these are comforting words. Everything in this life will come to pass. All the hardships and trials that we face in this life are only for a little while, but the rewards are eternal.

When we go through hardships, we find where our real strength lies—in God’s mighty hand and we learn to depend on Him for all that we need. Often trials bring a closeness to God that we may never have if life were easy all the time. I know for me personally, recent events have helped me see the beauty in these words even more. I have been so blessed to see so many ways that God’s Spirit is moving—in our church, and in my own life, but I’m also now facing some trials and while it’s definitely not something I would choose and God knows I’m ready for this to be over, I’ve also seen the power of God’s Spirit. Seeing the Holy Spirit moving in such a powerful way during our Memorial/ Pentecost Sunday service, literally brought tears to my eyes, and I believe many others. I know that God is moving here and is bringing revival. I know we’ve had to go through some painful things to get here, as individuals and as the church, but God will work all of these things for our good and for His glory. I can say that I’m living proof of that.

God truly is good, all the time. Even when we face the trials and hardships of this life, we know we’re not alone—we’re never alone. God walks through the storms with us, and will uphold us in His mighty hand. And we will see His Spirit move in mighty, powerful ways, if we hold fast to our faith in the One who goes before us. God bless you. I love you, and although I know it won’t always be easy, I’m looking forward to what God has in store for us, if we remain faithful, and let His Spirit move and move us.

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin James

#### Birthdays in June

1st	Katie Dallas
2nd	Shelley D. Whitescarver
3rd	Jay Wilson
7th	Kayleigh Holliday
13th	Glenda Shields
14th	Sarah Whitescarver
15th	Margaret Lankford
16th	Zachary Brady
22nd	Mickey McDaniel
23rd	Caleb Sykes
24th	Lyn Albright
26th	Taylor Wilson
	Timothy Wilson
29th	Nora Jane Lobaugh
	Pat Snipes

#### Up Coming Events in July

2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 pm VBS Planning Meeting
	4:00 pm Fall Festival Planning Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm SPRC
6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm Finance Committee
9 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 pm Church Council
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	VBS
16 <sup>th</sup>	Father’s Day Candle Burning
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	GMC Conference
27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm Methodist Men

Hebron Community Church Newsletter – Outreach and Missions Ministries – May 21, 2024

The Outreach and Missions Team is working diligently and prayerfully to take “Jesus into the community”. We encourage everyone to get involved in some way to help us provide food and supplies to those in need. These projects afford us an opportunity to share Jesus with all the people we serve.

The S.A.F.E. food drive is ongoing through June 2nd. If you have not donated canned goods or non-perishables, please plan on doing so. Hungry children and their families will appreciate having plenty to eat during the summer months.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 13th – 15th. A planning meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 3pm. If you would love to participate in any capacity, please come to the meeting or let Joannie Wilson or Robin Sykes know of your availability to help.

Backpack Giveaway donations will begin on July 7th and end on August 11, 2024. More information will be forthcoming.

Please reach out to me if you have ideas for Hebron’s Outreach and Mission Ministries.

Blessings and Hebron love,

Pat

Friendship Circle News

Thank you all for your support for our Mother’s Day candle burning! Now, Father’s Day is approaching, and we ask for your support by burning the candle in memory or honor of special fathers in your life. We will decide at our June meeting how to use your donations.

It is once again time to honor a student with the Annie Mae Wilkinson Scholarship. Look for the applications and think of anyone you might know who would welcome a little help! All applications must be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Marti

HEBRON COMMUNITY CHURCH VBS 2024 HAY DAY

Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

5:15 Registration

5:30 Dinner

6:15 to 6:30 Opening

6:30 to 7:30 Music/Crafts/Games

7:30 to 8:00 Storytime/Dismissal

Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

9:45 to 10:00 Opening

10:00 to 11:30 Crafts/Music/Storytime

11:30 to 12:00 Lunch

12:00 to 1:30 Playtime and Hayride

## June 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 9-4 ALM	28 9-4 ALM	29 9-4 ALM 6:00 Bible Study	30 9-4 ALM 7:00 Safe Sanctuary Training	31 12-10 Crafting	1 9-4 Crafting
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship / Communion 3 VBS / 4 FF	3 9-4 ALM 7 pm SPRC	4 9-4 ALM	5 9-4 ALM 6:00 Bible Study	6 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Finance Committee	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3:00 Church Council	10 9-4 ALM	11 9-4 ALM	12 9-4 ALM 6:00 Bible Study	13 9-4 ALM VBS	14 VBS	15 VBS
16 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Candle Burning	17 9-4 ALM 7:00 Friendship Circle	18 9-4 ALM Newsletter Deadline	19 9-4 ALM 6:00 Bible Study	20 9-4 ALM GMC Conference	21 GMC Conference	22 GMC Conference
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1-5 Nicholson Reunion	24 9-4 ALM	25 9-4 ALM	26 9-4 ALM 6:00 Bible Study	27 9-4 ALM 6:00 Methodist Men	28 12-10 Crafting	29 9-4 Crafting
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### Nursery Schedule

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Sykes / Joannie Wilson  
 June 9<sup>th</sup> Brenda Moss / Maddie Moss  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> Jay Wilson / Markie Roberts  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> Betty Albright / Pat Snipes  
 June 30<sup>th</sup> Joannie Wilson / Marti Graham

### Greeters

Lyn & Buster Albright  
 TBA  
 TBA  
 Ben & Betty Boney  
 Junior & Robin Sykes