



# Hebron Community Church



## March 2026 Newsletter

### March 2026: Staying the Course this Lent

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished." Matthew 4:1-2 (NRSVUE)

We are now a couple of weeks into the season of Lent. By this point, the fresh resolve of Ash Wednesday has likely settled into the reality of everyday life. Some of us are pressing on faithfully. Some of us may have stumbled in the commitments we made. Some may be wondering if anything is really changing at all.

And that's exactly why this season matters. Lent is not about a perfect forty days. It is about a persistent turning of the heart. Continually turning to God and giving Him whatever we can offer, and trusting Him to do more with it than we can.

In recent months, we've talked often about going deeper as a church—refusing to stagnate, refusing to settle for surface-level faith. Discipleship requires more than inspiration; it requires endurance. Growth rarely feels dramatic in the moment. It is usually quiet. It's slow, formed in daily obedience.

This middle stretch of Lent is where true depth is formed. It's here—in the routine, in the discipline, in the small unseen choices—that Christ shapes us. Just as Jesus remained faithful through His forty days in the wilderness, we are invited to remain steady in ours. Not striving to impress God, but surrendering again and again to His presence. Even Jesus was famished after His time in the wilderness. God knows it can be hard, but God will take whatever we give Him and multiply it for His glory.

Maybe this Lent hasn't gone as planned. Maybe the fast has gotten you famished. Maybe prayer has felt dry. Maybe you've realized just how distracted your heart can be.

That's not failure. That's awareness of our weakness. And that awareness is where grace begins to work, as we let the Holy Spirit do in and through us what we cannot.

Deeper discipleship isn't about proving something to God. It's about drawing near to the One who has already drawn near to us. It's about creating space for the Spirit to search us, refine us, and realign our priorities.

As your pastor, my prayer is that we would not let this season drift by half-finished.

Don't give up in the middle, when you begin to get famished. Don't rush ahead to the celebration of Easter. Stay present. Stay attentive. Let the Lord continue His work in you.

The cross is before us. We know that resurrection is coming. But formation is happening now. Let's stay the course. Let's go deeper, and as we go deeper, we will truly 'taste and see that the Lord is good'.

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin D. James

### March Birthdays

2nd	Justin Williams
4th	Mary C. Burgess
5th	Susan Dixon Agatha Johnson
7th	E.C. Sykes, III
8th	Margaret Cheek
15th	Shirley Burgess Mary L. Burgess
16th	Teresa Dallas
20th	Deanne Greeson Aiden Efland
23rd	Ellen Williams Helen Williams
24th	Charles Glosson
28th	Sue Anderson

### Up Coming Events in April

1 <sup>st</sup>	12 pm Lenten Service
5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunrise / Easter Service Isaiah Café open 9:55 to 10:25 Quilt Hallway 5 pm Roar Youth Meeting in the Hut
12 <sup>th</sup>	3 Church Council / 5 pm Roar Youth Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Roar Youth
20 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Circle at 7 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Newsletter Deadline
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Methodist Men at 6 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Roar Youth Meeting in the Hut
24 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Deadline
26 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Methodist Men Every Tuesday night at 6 pm is Prayer meeting in the Prayer Room Every Wednesday night at 6 pm Bible Study Pastors Meeting every Tuesday at 10:00 am.

HEBRON COMMUNITY CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
Sunday, February 8, 2026

Present:

Pastor Dustin James	Jay Wilson	Ben Boney	Betty Boney
Chris Perera	Robin Sykes	Lois Dixon	Ellen Williams
Johnny Greeson	Buster Albright	Sammy Lankford	Martha Graham

Dustin opened our meeting with prayer and a devotion based on James 1. We need to consider trials as joy because testing of our faith produces perseverance. When perseverance finishes its work, we may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved online.

NOMMINATIONS

No report

SPRC

No report

FINANCE

The January financial report was discussed. We need to be extremely aware of our spending. We ended 2024 having spent \$15,000 over what was collected, and in 2025, we were \$19,000 over what we took in. We need to reverse this trend. There was discussion regarding how to make the congregation more aware of our financial situation. Our church building is almost 60 years old. Considering the age of our church, we are in good condition, but a major repair would deplete our funds. We need to place our faith in God to help us, but we also need to be good stewards of what we have been given.

TRUSTEES

The roof is constantly being searched for leaks and normal patch work is being taken care of. The issue with the heat in the church has been corrected and we once again have heat. This is due mainly to Lloyd Heating and Cooling in Mebane. Lloyd worked at locating the problem our men had been unable to find and put in a tremendous amount of work for us.

WORSHIP

No report

MISSION AND OUTREACH

S.A.F.E. food donations will resume in February through April. Racheal Garcia, our contact and coordinator, said the greater need at this time is for canned meats, soups, and spaghetti noodles. She also said pet food is always appreciated. Please bring these items and any other donations through April.

Other Missions and Outreach programs and projects will be discussed at the Day Apart on February 28. If anyone on the Administrative Council is on this committee and plans to participate in making plans for the year, please let Chris or Pat know prior to February 28.

Helping Hands Ministry has been updated for more efficient and effective service for our Hebron Community Church family. Committee members have spent many hours updating this valuable mission. It will take 5 people to replace Margaret! Robin and Joannie are in charge of setup. Deanne is in charge of clean up. Ann will be the food coordinator and Betty B. will be contact coordinator.

Robin McCauley has generously agreed to head up the popular Sunshine Basket ministry which provides "comfort baskets" for widows, widowers, and other shut-ins. This includes scheduling the visits for the shut-ins and, due to a suggestion, notifying the congregation of birthdays of our shut-ins so birthday cards may be sent.

The Ride Mission is functioning. Jay has provided transportation to and from the airport for Sam Chang as Sam visited family. It was suggested more drivers could be added to those currently available.

METHODIST MEN

Johnny Greeson is the new president of the Methodist Men. The men are making plans for the next stew sale on March 7. They have provided their financial report for 2025.

Expenditures:	
Kenyon's	\$8,613.04
MHC	1,000.00
Kitchen supplies	238.75
Shoes for Guatemala	500.00
Scholarships (3)	1,500.00
Piedmont Rescue Mission	325.00

(The men's contribution to the church budget does not show as it was given as part of the Fall Festival proceeds.)

METHODIST WOMEN

The women are working on their annual spaghetti lunch which will be February 22, and they are planning on having a bake sale along with the men's stew sale March 7.

PASTOR

There was a 2-week break in the Christian to the C.O.R.E. training due to the ice and snow but the training will continue this Wednesday, February 11.

Lenten Lunches begin Wednesday, February 18, which is Ash Wednesday. We will have a service of ashes at that time. February 25 will be Hebron's day to be responsible for the lunch. We also need someone who will commit to being here early to see that the Hut is open for our guests as they arrive.

ILI, intense evangelism training, will be held here February 23-February 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. A love offering will be taken to offset utility use. On the 25th, ILI participants will join the Lenten Lunch service. There is a book available to purchase, but all information needed may be accessed online and printed.

An acolyte training session is being planned.

Our next scheduled council meeting will be Sunday, March 8, at 3:00. This Sunday is the beginning of Day Light Saving Time.

There being no further business, we were dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Graham

Methodist Women Friendship Circle

As always, ladies of the Friendship Circle are very thankful for the support shown for our fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your spaghetti lunch as much as we enjoyed preparing it. Our next fundraiser is a bake sale held along with the men's stew sale on March 7th. We'll appreciate your support in March. The Ladies' Spring Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at 11:30. Our guest speakers will be Gretchen and Steve from ALM. All ladies are invited to join us. We will also prepare Easter treat bags for Springview Homes, following our lunch. Pat S. will deliver them to the residents. Renee has offered to organize the preparation of a new church directory. Watch for information regarding this project!

Plans for Hebron VBS 2026 are underway! We are going to be “Wild for Jesus”. Our chosen Bible verse is Hebrews 10:24, “Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works”.

Mark your calendar for your family and friends. VBS will begin Wednesday, June 24 and continue through Saturday, June 27. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will begin at 5:00 and end at 8:00. A light supper will be provided. On Saturday, VBS will begin at 10:30 with a presentation by the kids for family, friends, and church members. This will be followed by a covered dish lunch and a fun time for all.

There will also be a brief presentation by the kids during worship on Sunday, June 28.

An age group has been added this year. Children from Pre-K to 10th grade are invited to attend.

Anyone who would like to be a part of this special time, please put your name on the signup sheet in the vestibule. With the addition of an age group, we will need more volunteers.

Everyone who will be working with children this year will need to attend a Safe Sanctuary session. Youth who want to volunteer for VBS should also plan on attending the Safe Sanctuary session.

Missions and Outreach Committee – March 2026 Newsletter,

S.A.F.E. donations are underway through April. The need is for canned meats and soups, and spaghetti noodles. Pet food is always appreciated as well. Please leave your donations in the vestibule in or around the blue basket.

Helping Hands Ministry has been revised to be more efficient in serving Hebron’s members and community. Thanks to the hard work of the committee members to bring about these exciting changes.

The Sunshine Basket Ministry has been very much appreciated by the recipients and will continue with additional outreach opportunities. More to come about this ministry.

The 2026 calendar of Mission and Outreach programs and projects will be available soon.

Blessings to all!

## March 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School Worship Communion 5 Roar Youth	2 9-4 ALM	3 9-4 ALM 10 am Pastors Mtg. 6 Prayer Mtg.	4 9-4 ALM 12 Lenten Service 6 Bible Study	5 9-4 ALM 6 SPRC	6 Stew Prep	7 Stew / Bake Sale
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March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nursery Schedule / Children's Church Becca Bartlett/Markie Roberts Chris Perera/Sylvia Price	Greeters	Acolytes Annabelle Allred
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Joannie Wilson/ Rachel Lankford Chris Perera / Sylvia Price		Marleigh Lankford
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Wilson / Jenny Allred Jenny Allred / Rachel Lankford		Carlos Montejo
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Robin Sykes / Betty Albright No Children's Church		Annabelle Allred
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Marti Graham / Becca Bartlett No Children's Church		Marleigh Lankford

March 1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah Café will be open from 9:55 am until 10:25 am with small pastries and juices available in the Quilt Hallway.

March 8<sup>th</sup> is when Daylight Savings time begins. Spring forward an hour!