



Hebron Community Church

November 2025 Newsletter



November, 2025—Showing Our True Colors

November is here, which means Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. Another year is almost gone, and here we are—with the holidays right around the corner we know that a new year isn't far behind. So often we get so caught up in looking ahead, especially during the holidays, or we get so caught up in just seeing what's right in front of our faces as we try to survive from one day to another, that we forget to pay attention to what's going on around us. There is a lot, good and bad that is going on around us all the time. Even though we have been reminded recently of the spiritual warfare we're in and the darkness of the world, there is also so much beauty all around us. I pray that we don't fail to notice or fully appreciate the beautiful creation that God has given us to enjoy, especially at this time of year.

I would say I love seeing the fall colors as much as anyone, and absolutely love this beautiful time. I have always enjoyed just looking out across the mountains at all the reds, yellows, and oranges, and have enjoyed many rides along the Blue Ridge Parkway through the years, to see the beautiful tapestry the colors make. Just last week, although I was working and in training long hours, I was able to see the beautiful colors going up the mountain and in Piney Flats, TN, just outside Johnson City. I am always amazed as I think about the creative mind behind all the wondrous beauty. To think that God thought through the changing of the seasons and designed it so that the chlorophyll in the leaves would give way as the sun makes less of an appearance each day and the true color of the leaves would shine through, is truly astounding. Growing up, I just thought the leaves were green, and then changed as they were dying, but didn't understand that the green was caused by exposure to the sun and the different colors in fall were the true colors. Along with other things I have learned along the way, it makes me truly stand in awe of creation and the Creator.

Even more amazing to me, as I ponder the time God took in designing creation, is the thought of how much more time God took in making humanity. We truly are fearfully and wonderfully made, as the psalmist says in Psalm 139. God formed us out of the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life (Genesis 2:7), and has remained faithful to His creation throughout history. No matter how much we mess up, He is always there to forgive us and re-create us into all that we were created to be.

The changing of the leaves reminds me of what happens to us when we accept the love of Christ and enter into a relationship with our Creator. We live in a world infected by Sin and that Sin separates us from God, but when we accept Christ's love, He begins to work in us to remove the Sin from our lives. As He does this, our true color begins to show through. Our true beauty that we were created with, begins to come to the surface, as God's love works in and through us.

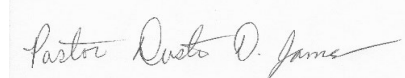
The image of God that we were created with gets marred by Sin, but is never gone, and when we allow God to work in us He restores that image to its original beauty.

The reason I was in Piney Flats last week was for the second part of a training on evangelism and leadership with the International Leadership Institute. Our Conference did the training with the Mid-South Conference, and it was great to get to know some of our GMC brothers and sisters from another Conference. I know evangelism gets a bad image, as too many of us have seen evangelism done badly over the years, but at its core, it's just sharing the good news (gospel) about Jesus. One of the core values of the ILI training is having a passion for the harvest. One of the reasons why there is so much darkness in the world is because there are a lot of people who are lost, without Jesus. There are a lot of people who are hungry and need someone to share Jesus with them, so that they can be changed into who God created them to be. Part of what that starts with is us being changed by God's Spirit at work in our lives, and helping us to see others the way God does, someone that He loved enough to give His Son for.

It doesn't have to be as complicated as we often try to make it. It can start with the people we see all the time, our family and friends, our co-workers, or the parents of our children's friends. Talk to them about Jesus, or at least invite them to church, where I can help introduce them to Him. In scripture, when Nehemiah wanted to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem after the exile, he had everyone start with the wall around their house and they were able to rebuild the wall in record time. After the beginning of the year, you'll be hearing some more about the training, as we'll be looking to share the training with our churches here in the Southern Circle and the Burlington District.

Let us never forget to praise God for creating and re-creating us in His image, and let us share Him with others so He can do the same in their lives, and person by person we can change the world. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, we truly have so much to be thankful for—in the beauty around us, in all that God has done in us and our church, and for all He is still doing, but not just one day a year—we need to be thankful everyday and in every way.

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin D. James

November Birthdays

1st	Walker Wilson
3rd	Bradley Dixon Ollie Vermeer
6th	William Overby
8th	Johnny Greeson Ellie Vermeer
10th	Jeff Wilson
11th	Wendy Nelms
15th	Donna Flack
16th	Amanda Blankenship
18th	Douglas Wilson Sarah Creekmuir
19th	Angela Hundley
24th	Zachary Holliday
25th	Richie Mullis April Strader
26th	Rebecca Richards
29th	Jordan Jeffreys Agler
30th	Lucas Lobaugh, Jr.

Up Coming Events in December

7th Isaiah Café open 9:55 to 10:25 Quilt Hallway
5 pm Christmas Program / Dinner

14th Angel Tree Collection
5 pm Roar Youth Meeting in the Hut

14th Friendship Circle will go out for Christmas lunch

16th Newsletter Deadline

21st Lessons in Carols and Scripture
5 pm Roar Youth Meeting in the Hut

24th 6 pm Christmas Eve Service

28th 5 pm Roar Youth Meeting in the Hut

31st 11 pm New Year’s Eve Party

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.

The children ‘s library could use more books suited for youth. We have a good selection for younger children but not as they get older. If you have any books you are willing to share, they may be placed in the children’s Sunday school room in the lower level of the education building or given to Martha. Thank You!

HEBRON COMMUNITY CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Sunday, October 12, 2025

Present:

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

Also In Attendance:

Lyn Albright

In the absence of Pastor Dustin, Jay opened our meeting with prayer and a devotion. The devotion was based on 1st Peter 4:10-11, use your gift faithfully and your words as words for God, God's glory and power forever. God wants availability, not ability.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Jay reported, in Dustin's absence, the committee is almost ready for Charge Conference.

TRUSTEES

The sewer line, in the basement, has been replaced. The lights, outside of the Hut, are now working. Upgrades to the kitchen sink have been made. Once the water filters are changed, maintenance will be caught up.

SPRC

SPRC has not met in October but will be meeting later this month. Recommendations for the 2026 budget will be finalized.

WORSHIP

The Worship Committee will meet on October 26, at 3:00, in the Hut. Ways to incorporate survey suggestions into the worship service will be discussed. The desire to have a choir was mentioned in several of the survey results. Having our interested members sing on a quarterly basis is one way we might be able to begin having a choir for our worship. November 30th is a 5th Sunday. Rather than the special music during the worship service, we will gather in the Hut that evening. Ann Jessup will arrange music for the 5th Sundays. December 21st we will also have special music. This will be during our worship service.

Our all-church Christmas dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 7. We have had the meal provided the past two years but there may be a covered dish meal this year.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

All food collected for S.A.F.E. was collected on this past Thursday. The amount looked to be the most donated in any one quarter, so far. Rachael had her vehicle packed. We will not ask for food donations for October through December. The concentration will be placed on the Shoe Box Christmas gift drive and the Angel Tree donations.

The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive is now underway. Shoeboxes have been placed in the vestibule and will also be available at the Fall Festival. The final collection date is Sunday, November 16. The boxes will be placed on the altar, as they return, and Dustin will bless them during the worship service on the 16th.

The Mebane Christmas parade Committee will notify us the week of November 10th whether we have been accepted to participate in this year's parade. Once we have been notified we have been accepted, Pat will notify Michael McPherson and the Hebron Parade Committee. Michael will be asked to provide driver and vehicle information. The rules and regulations can be presented to the Council at the November meeting. Michael will have the trailer in his shop so decorating can begin. Renee and Chris will be asked to head the Parade Committee. Names were taken of folks who might be interested in helping with the float. The date of the parade is December 5th. All participants need to be in place by 6:30 p.m.

Since Pat will be out of town quite a bit during the next year, Chris Parera has been asked to serve as co-chair of Missions and Outreach beginning in 2026.

METHODIST MEN

There will be no meeting for October. The joint meeting with the women of the Friendship Circle will be rescheduled.

METHODIST WOMEN

Nothing to report.

FINANCE

The report ending September 30th was reviewed and discussed.

PASTOR

Jay reported Dustin is very excited about the forming of a youth group with our sister churches. It will begin with a bonfire November 1st and the first meeting will be Sunday, November 2nd. Meetings will be held at Hebron with the other churches assisting.

Dustin is leaving for a training session this afternoon and will return Wednesday.

Our next scheduled meeting will be November 9th at 3:00.

There being no further business, we dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Graham

Methodist Women
Friendship Circle

This is an exciting time for our women's Circle. We've just finished helping with the Fall Festival, which was a lot of hard work but also a lot of fun, great food, great people, great activities.

Now we are looking forward to our Senior Recognition Sunday service on November 2, followed by a covered dish lunch for the congregation to share with each other.

On Monday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hut, join the Friendship Circle ladies in watching a video presentation of the distribution of the Steps of Love shoes in Guatemala. The men's and women's groups helped make this happen and we are looking forward to seeing the actual presentations. If you are interested, whether or not you are active in the women's or men's groups, please join us. Friendship Circle will meet at 6:30 pm prior to the video at 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 29, at 10:00 a.m., to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. It is almost here! Everyone come and help from the youngest to the oldest. It's wonderful to see the cherished ornaments placed on the tree, the wreaths hung, and all the decorations placed.

It's a great season of the year at Hebron.

November 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 School Worship 3 Worship Committee	27 9-4 ALM	28 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	29 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	30 9-4 ALM	31	1 6-9 pm Roar Youth Kick Off Bonfire
2 Sunday School Worship Communion Senior Citizen Lunch/ All Saints Day	3 9-4 ALM	4 9-4 ALM 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg.	5 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	6 9-4 ALM	7	8
9 Sunday School Worship Veteran Recog. /2 pm Parade Com. Church Council 3 pm 5 Roar Youth	10 9-4 ALM	11 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	12 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	13 9-4 ALM	14	15 11 AM Funeral for Pauline Holliday
16 Sunday School Worship 4 Charge Conference	17 9-4 ALM 6:30 Friendship Circle 7 pm Video from Guatemala	18 9-4 ALM 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	19 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	20 9-4 ALM 6 pm Methodist Men	21	22
23 Sunday School Worship	24 9-4 ALM	25 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	26 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	27	28	29 9 Decorating of the Church
30 Sunday School Worship 1st Sunday of Advent / Angel Tree 5 Roar Youth	1	2	3	4	5	6

Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 2nd! Turn your clocks back one hour.

	Nursery Schedule / Children's Church	Greeters	Acolytes
November 2 nd	Joannie Wilson & Markie Roberts Chris Perera & Sylvia Price	Jr. & Robin Sykes	Marleigh Lankford
November 9 th	Betty Boney & Becca Bartlett Joannie Wilson & Robin Sykes		Carlos Montejo
November 16 th	Jenny Allred & Jay Wilson Carolyn Wilson & Joannie Wilson		Peyton McBride
November 23 rd	Joannine Wilson & Rachel Lankford No Children's Church		Annabelle Allred
November 30 th	Robin Sykes & Markie Roberts No Children's Church	Bob Swanson	Annabelle Allred

November 2nd Isaiah Café will be open from 9:55 am until 10:25 am with small pastries and juices available in the Quilt Hallway.