



# Hebron Community Church

## October 2024 Newsletter



### October 2024—Bringing in a Good Harvest

Here we are, about to begin October, and it seems like this year has flown by. When I was younger, I never really understood adults talking about how time seemed to fly by so quickly. Now that I'm a little older, I understand. As the saying goes, 'time flies when you're having fun' and that really is the truth. This year, there's been a lot of good things going on, between family and church. We've had some good worship services and Bible Studies, good fellowship in meals and family fun days, VBS, our Reading Camp, and so much more. I've been so blessed to see the movement of God here at Hebron, and am thankful to be a part of it.

Now we're getting into my favorite time of year—Fall. I know there's a lot to be said for the other seasons—Spring brings to life the earth in green and so many beautiful colors of flowers, Summer brings longer days and plenty of sunshine and time off with the kids, and Winter brings a break from the bugs and heat of Summer, and a chance for snow, which always makes me feel like a kid again. Then, there's Fall. Fall brings some cooler temperatures after a long hot summer, time to spend with family and loved ones giving thanks, and the beautiful colors of the leaves changing all around us. I've always been amazed at the beautiful creation that we get to enjoy. God planned every detail, and we get to watch the unfolding of His design around us every day. To me, there's nothing better than stepping outside on a crisp Fall morning and feel the slight chill in the air as I look out at the colorful trees, or riding through the mountains and seeing the beautiful tapestry, as the colors all play off each other in the sunlight.

Fall also brings the time for the harvest. We decorate our tables and our homes with the fruit of the season, from apples to corn to brightly colored gourds. We've already been decorating at our house, and my wife does such a good job of coordinating everything and making everything beautiful. Fall is an important time in the year. As I think about the harvest of crops, I also think about another type of harvest that we read about in scripture. Galatians 5 tells us about a harvest of the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV). These are fruit that Paul says should be seen in the life of believers, through the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also said, "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Luke 6:43-45 NRSV).

As we go through this season of harvest, let us pay attention to the harvest of fruit coming from our lives. Are we producing the fruit of the Spirit, or some other kind of fruit? I know right now, our culture tries to influence us to act and speak in ways that aren't very Christian-like, especially in the political climate that we are in right now, but as Christians, we need to respond out of the love of Christ and nothing else. We can get our feelings hurt or hear someone espouse beliefs completely contrary to our own, and our first

tendency is to react harshly, but if we have the peace of Christ, we can take a moment and respond differently. The way we respond shows what fruit is in our hearts, and people are paying attention. Although we are human, and our first inclination is bent toward sin and the ways of the world, through Christ, we can overcome the world and our own sinful hearts.

What kind of harvest are you bringing in? Is it a good or bad harvest? Pray to the Lord of the harvest, and He will help you by giving you the gifts of 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. It's not something you can do on your own—it's all through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. May he bring you a good harvest this season and always.

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,

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

Pastor Dustin James

#### Friendship Circle information for Oct. Newsletter

Thanks mainly to Rachel Lankford, a refresh is almost complete in the nursery. It is already being enjoyed.

Our church T-shirts have been ordered and we should receive them prior to the festival!

Friendship Circle ladies will be providing treats for our ALM friends at Halloween. We will be gathering items at our October meeting.

We took nominations and voted on officers for 2025. Betty Boney will continue as vice-chair and treasurer, and Martha will continue as chair and secretary.

The highlight of our September meeting was a power point presentation by Evelyn on The Zoe Church of God in Guatemala. This is the church the Friendship Circle sponsored by helping with a ministry. It was so very nice to see the folks we have been praying for these past months. Evelyn's parents were a huge help with the work there and how nice to see them in the video!

# FALL FESTIVAL

Hebron Community Church

2325 Mebane Oaks Rd. Mebane, NC



October

11th

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12th

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Hot Dog/Pinto Bean Supper -5:30-7:00

Quarter Auction at 7:00

## SATURDAY

Bake & Craft Sale/Silent Auction/Pumpkin Painting @10:00

Hot Dog Lunch-11:00-1:00

Music-1:00

BBQ/Brunswick Stew Supper-5:30-7:00

(Take out available from 4:30-6:00)

## October Birthdays

4th	Caleb Culberson
5th	Christopher Creekmuir
7th	Cicero Sykes
10th	Jeffrey H. Sykes
11th	Andrew Overby
15th	Hunter Warren
16th	Megan Wilson Allen
18th	Markie Roberts
20th	Zoey McBride
21st	John Reich
25th	Mike Blalock
27th	Grace Lobaugh
29th	Jesse Chatfield
	Bob Swanson
30th	Robin Wilson
31st	Sammy Lankford

## Up Coming Events in November

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Citizen Recognition / Lunch
	Food Drive Begins
10 <sup>th</sup>	Honor Veterans / Council Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Shoebox deadline
18 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship Circle
19 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Deadline

Every Wednesday night at 6 pm Bible Study

## Abundant Life Christian Ministries



So where is our hope in this dark world? Jesus Christ is the one and only hope we have in this life. If we believe that Jesus is the light of the world (the only light), then we have a responsibility to share His promises and teachings with others. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, there is no life without Him.

This week at ALM

We were back with our friends at Living Free this week, thank you LF for the opportunity to serve. Please let us know if you have someone who would like to perform at the upcoming talent show, 7PM Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Harvest Baptist Church!

Steve & Gretchen Glahn

### Outreach and Missions

A special “thank you” to everyone who contributed diapers for S.A.F.E. We collected diapers for babies and adults, which were very much needed in our community.

In this last quarter of the year, we all have the opportunity to give generously as God would have us do. Hungry adults and children desperately need nutritious food to eat. Children around the world desire to have Christmas presents where they have none. And children in our own backyard communities rely on the love of Christians to provide a little bit of Christmas cheer in the form of “wish list” gifts when their families have nothing to buy gifts for them.

Our first opportunity will come at the Fall Festival. Samaritan Purse “Operation Christmas Child” Shoe Boxes will be available Friday night and Saturday, and then each Sunday through November 10, 2024. The final collection date and blessing of the Shoe Boxes is Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Blessings,

Pat

The Singles Banquet will be back in 2025!

There is a sign up sheet in the Vestibule for the Stencil Board Painting classes which will be held on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 8 and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 3 pm. The cost is \$50.00 and all supplies are furnished.

## October 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	30 9-4 ALM	1 9-4 ALM	2 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	3 9-4 ALM	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Communion 3 pm Fall Festival Mtg.	7 9-4 ALM	8 9-4 ALM	9 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	10 9-4 ALM	11 Fall Festival	12 Fall Festival
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	14 9-4 ALM	15 9-4 ALM	16 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	17 9-4 ALM	18 12-10 Crafting 12-10 Stencil Board Painting	19 9-4 Crafting 9-3 Stencil Board Painting
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 9-4 Hut-Nelson Reunion 3 Church Council	21 9-4 ALM 7:00 Friendship Circle	22 9-4 ALM Newsletter Deadline	23 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	24 9-4 ALM 6:00 Methodist Men	25	26 Trunk or Treat 5-6:30
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28 9-4 ALM	29 9-4 ALM	30 9-4 ALM 6:00 pm Bible Study	31 9-4 ALM	1	2 3 Set up for Seniors lunch

### Nursery Schedule

October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marti Graham / Jay Wilson
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Moss / Joannie Wilson
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Albright / Pat Snipes
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Maddie Moss / Robin Sykes

### Greeters

Chris & Bob Perera
Mike & Debbie Blalock

### Acolytes

Marleigh Lankford
Carlos Montejo
Peyton McBride
Annabelle Allred