



Hebron Community Church

October 2025 Newsletter



October 2025—The Harvest is Plentiful, but the Workers Are Few

Matthew 9:36-37: "When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

The last couple of weeks have been hard. We've had so much going on that it's felt like a roller coaster ride. We've heard of horrible things happening around our country and around the world, but we've had a couple things that really hit home for most of us. There was the senseless death of the young woman on the train in Charlotte, especially when there were others around who could have helped her, but left her there. Then there was the shot that turned Charlie Kirk from gospel and political activist into a martyr. Seeing both of these broke my heart, and made me grieve deeply for the families sent reeling, but also broke my heart for our country and being confronted with the evil that is all around us.

Both of these were a stark reminder that we are in spiritual warfare, something that we sometimes want to forget about. There is so much evil in this world all around us, and we can't turn a blind eye anymore. This world needs Jesus, and we need to share Him and His gospel, if we want to see any change in the world around us. These events reminded me of Ephesians 6, where Paul reminds us that we are in a spiritual battle, but God has given us the armor that we need to be victorious. We just need to be willing to take up our armor and get in the fight, and stop letting the devil get in these cheap shots because we act like we're not in a battle. We so often get complacent and just try to live our lives, and we make sure that we're right with God and that we're ready to go home to be with Him, but we can't do that anymore.

Even as I'm reminded of the evil around us in the world, I'm also reminded that there is a great revival happening all around us. We are seeing the power of God move in mighty ways. We're seeing the Holy Spirit move on college campuses, and there are revivals breaking out all over the country. Charlie Kirk was one of the leaders of this movement, but even as I've reflected on the great work and the influence that he had on so many, I know that what made him great was Jesus, and I'm sure he'd agree with me. God is moving, and people are hungry for what we so often take for granted. We see that on college campuses. I saw that in the prison in Hillsborough at the end of last month, as I went into the prison with my brothers in our Southern Circle and ministered to around 75 prisoners who were hungry for

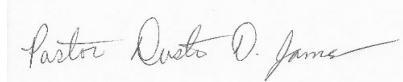
for the gospel. People need Jesus.

Many of us grew up in the church and have known God most of our lives, and we take for granted the grace offered to us and to all, but we need to be reminded of the power of the gospel for us and all people. People are hungry for what's real. There are people seeking fulfillment and peace in so many places and in so many things that will never fill the God-sized hole we have in us. Charlie understood this, as well as others like him that are trying to reach the lost of this world.

This time of year, as we move into Fall, we start thinking about harvest. It's a time for harvesting crops in from the fields, but it's also time for a spiritual harvest. There are people in our community and the world who need to know the gospel of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. The question really comes down to loving people enough to share the gospel with them. How can we look on the people around us and not care about them, both as a person and as an eternal soul that will face eternity the same as us? We will never see anybody that God didn't love enough to die for. Jesus went about teaching and healing because He had compassion on the people. He loved them, just as He loves us.

We don't live in a Christian culture anymore, and there are many people around us who are lost, and those who have been misled and deceived, led astray by the devil. What about those that we see all the time, those in our families or our coworkers? Do they know the truth of Jesus and the gospel? Have you invited them to church? We can start there. As I've said before, if you help get them here, I can help introduce them to Jesus. It was the Holy Spirit that enabled Charlie Kirk to share the gospel so boldly, and the Spirit that gave him the words to say. We can live into the legacy of him and so many even in our own Hebron family over the last 175 years, by trusting in the Spirit to lead and empower us to share Jesus. The harvest is plentiful, as we are seeing in those that are spiritually hungry all around us, but the workers are few. It's time to pray for more workers for the fields, and that God would help us work the fields to bring in the harvest. It won't be easy, but nothing that's worth it ever is. Let's get to work bringing in God's harvest! I promise we'll see the mighty power of God, able to work through even us!

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin D. James

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!

Methodist Women, Friendship Circle

We're please all the children's shoes have been distributed in Guatemala. A video is being prepared. It is so good to see our few dollars at work. It wouldn't be possible without the wonderful help in Guatemala. Evelyn's family and many others have organized the distribution, and we are very grateful to all of them. The Friendship Circle ladies are ready to help with all the upcoming events. We will certainly be busy throughout the remainder of the year. Watch your Wednesday Flock Notes and the bulletins and the newsletter for all the upcoming dates. We don't want to miss anything!

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

- 2nd Isaiah Café open 9:55 to 10:25 Quilt Hallway
Senior Citizen's Recogn. w/lunch All Saints Day
 - 3rd SPRC at 6:00 pm
 - 9th Recognition of Veterans
 - 9th Church Council Meeting 3:00 pm
 - 16th Charge Conference at 4:00 pm
 - 17th Friendship Circle
 - 18th Newsletter Deadline
 - 20th Methodist Men 6:00 pm
 - 29th Decorating of the Church at 9:00 am
 - 30th 1st Sunday of Advent / Angel Tree
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.

Missions and Outreach Committee – October 2025 Newsletter

Our July-August-September mission to collect canned meats and other non-perishables for S.A.F.E. was a huge success. So much so that Buster Albright and Robin Sykes had to move much of the food collected to another area so there would be room for more! Many hungry people will have a "bounty" to eat because of your efforts. Thanks be to God for his love and thanks to all of you who gave so generously from your hearts.

Operation Christmas Child will begin this month. Get prepared to pack a ShoeBox full of fun items for a child who otherwise would not receive a Christmas Gift or a chance to hear and experience the gospel of Jesus Christ. The kickoff campaign will begin at the Fall Festival on October 17th and 18th. Look for more information in the church bulletin.

As we enter Fall with cooler weather and falling leaves, remember this:

"Fall For Jesus, He Never Leaves"!

HEBRON COMMUNITY CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Sunday, September 14, 2025

Present:

Pastor Dustin James	Jay Wilson	Betty Boney	Ben Boney
Robin Sykes	Buster Albright	Martha Graham	

Dustin opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion. The devotion began with a quote, “we are a unique receptacle specifically made for the power of God.” We are endowed with God’s explosive power and are made especially for this power. We should never hesitate to use it!

MINUTES

The Minutes had been previously approved online.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting, prior to Charge Conference, on Monday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m.

SPRC

SPRC met on Monday, September 8, and reviewed the pastor’s salary for the initial proposed Budget for 2026. A recommendation for the pastor’s salary was made for the Finance Committee to consider at their meeting which is scheduled for Monday, September 22. The committee then looked at the responses to the congregation-wide survey asking for suggestions or comments on our weekly worship service. Any comments pertaining to Pastor Dustin were shared between Dustin, Betty B., and Sandy then discussed at the recent S.P.R.C. meeting. The other comments and suggestions were forwarded to Robin for the Worship Committee to discuss at their next meeting.

TRUSTEES

There is nothing new to report. Work is continuing on various projects.

They were reminded of the need for an additional electrical outlet for the new stove in the small kitchen.

WORSHIP

A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, at 3:00. Our anniversary celebration, the Fall Festival, and Trunk or Treat will have been held and observations from these events as well as suggestions and comments from the congregational survey will be discussed.

The church cleaning was a tremendous success.

An acolyte “mom” is needed to not only check the lighters but to be on hand as the acolytes prepare to walk down the aisle. Rachel was mentioned as someone who might be interested in filling this roll. Dustin will speak to her.

Lois, Buster, and Robin will meet this week to discuss the Festival and be sure all areas are covered.

Trunk or Treat will be held in the upper parking lot with Cicero and some younger folks in charge of this fun event.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

The food drive for S.A.F.E. will continue through Sunday, September 28. We have had an overwhelming response this quarter, particularly with the canned meat products requested. Arrangements will be made for S.A.F.E. to pick up the food the first week or so of October.

Kick-off for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collection will begin at the Fall Festival. A table will be set up with shoe boxes and instructions available on Friday night and Saturday. The final collection date is to be determined and is usually in mid-November.

The application for participation in Mebane’s Christmas parade has been completed. Notice of acceptance will be emailed to me in mid-November. That means we will only have a few weeks to get the plans finalized regarding decorations, participants, etc. A team consisting of members of Worship and Outreach should be organized to begin barnstorming ideas. One important note, nothing resembling Santa and his elves can be worn or displayed: no Santa hats or clothing. The parade committee wants to ensure that everything “Santa” comes at the end. Also, we cannot give out

candy or business cards and nothing thrown from the float. Therefore, special consideration should be given to very clear and legible signage for Hebron on both sides of the float. Michael McPherson has agreed to provide a trailer and truck. There was discussion on purchasing banners to display on the trailer which might also be used at the front of the church for other occasions. Members discussed locations at which to work on the float, while keeping it protected from weather, until the day of the parade.

Sunshine Baskets continue to be delivered.

Helping Hands have nothing to report.

The Ride Mission is available.

METHODIST MEN

There is nothing new to report.

METHODIST WOMEN

The ladies are ready to help with the Festival.

At our September meeting, we will be electing officers for 2026.

FINANCE

The Council reviewed the finance report. As stated in the August Minutes, the extra expenses in July were for one-time needed upkeep. (see the August 2025 Minutes) The Finance Committee will meet on September 22, at 6:00. All Council members are welcome to attend as the prospective budget for 2026 will be discussed.

There was discussion on a new copier plan which could reduce this expenditure. There will be further examination of this possibility.

PASTOR

Charge Conference will be on November 16, at 4:00 p.m. This will be a joint Charge Conference/Thanksgiving service with the churches in our Southern Circle. Light refreshments will be available in the Hut following the service. Members of the various congregations will provide these refreshments. Hebron will provide drinks, and paper goods. A set-up day and time will be determined.

Pastor Dustin, along with the pastors in our Circle, visited the prison in Hillsborough and ministered to some of the inmates. They were well received and may visit again.

Breakthrough Church is having a special event with the ark from Raiders of the Lost Ark being displayed. A speaker who has studied the design of the ark will be present. This is scheduled for November 23.

Dustin will be away October 13-15 to attend the second part of a training on evangelism. He previously attended the first session. It will be held in Piney Flats, Tennessee.

Someone is working on a new idea for ministry and will attend an upcoming council meeting seeking approval and support.

Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Dustin dismissed us with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Graham

FALL FESTIVAL

HEBRON COMMUNITY CHURCH

2325 Mebane Oaks Rd. Mebane, NC.

October 17th and 18th

FRIDAY NIGHT

Hot dog Supper 5:30-7pm

Live Auction 7pm

Silent Auction 7 until 5pm Saturday

SATURDAY

Bake & Craft Sale

Pumpkin Painting 10 am

Taco Bar Lunch 11am- 1

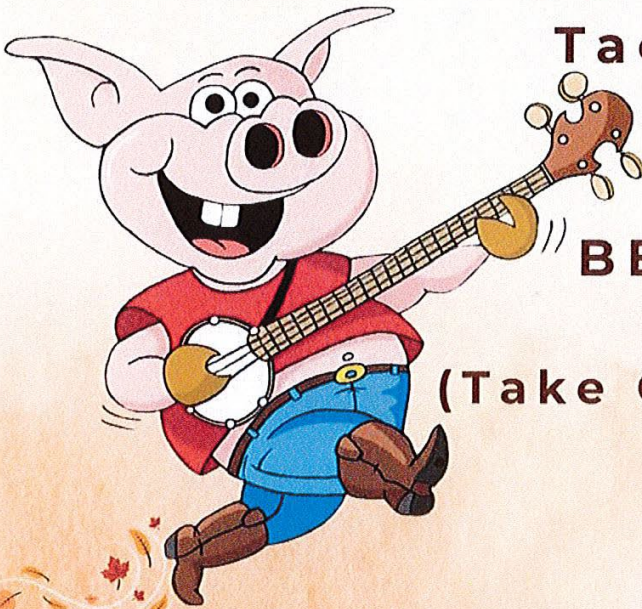
Music 1 pm

Bingo 3 -5pm

BBQ/ Brunswick Stew

Supper 5:30-7

(Take Out Available 4:30-6pm)



October 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 School Worship 12-3:30 Hut Reserved	29 9-4 ALM	30 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	1 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	2 9-4 ALM	3	4 12-5 Hut Reserved
5 Sunday School Worship Communion	6 9-4 ALM	7 9-4 ALM 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg.	8 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	9 9-4 ALM	10 12-10 Crafts	11 9 -4 Crafts
12 Sunday School Worship Hut 11:30 -3 2 Fall Festival Mtg. Church Council 3 pm	13 9-4 ALM	14 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	15 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	16 9-4 ALM	17 Fall Festival Quarter Auction	18 Fall Festival
19 Sunday School Worship	20 9-4 ALM 7 Friendship Circle	21 9-4 ALM 1 Pastors' Mtg 6 Prayer Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	22 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	23 9-4 ALM	24	25 5-6:30 Trunk or Treat
26 Sunday School Worship	27 9-4 ALM	28 9-4 ALM 6 Prayer Mtg.	29 9-4 ALM 6 Bible Study	30 9-4 ALM 6 pm Methodist Men 7 pm video from Guatemala	31	1

Nursery Schedule / Children's Church

Greeters

Acolytes

October 5th

Betty Boney & Pat Snipes
Carolyn Wilson & Jane Avery

Joannie & Jay Wilson

Marleigh Lankford

October 12th

Martha Graham & Jay Wilson
Joannie Wilson & Robin Sykes

Carlos Montejo

October 19th

Becca Bartlett & Markie Roberts
Jenny Allred & Rachel Lankford

Peyton McBride

October 26th

Robin Sykes & Joannie Wilson
No Children's Church

Annabelle Allred

October 5th Isaiah Café will be open from 9:55 am until 10:25 am with small pastries and juices available in the Quilt Hallway.