

Sharpe Insight...

AS WE begin Advent, this season, this is the time for remembering God's Greatest Gift, Jesus, His Son. The reason we give gifts to our loved ones is to remind them how much they are loved; the Christmas gifts we share reveals how much we care. May we be reminded, so often the gift of the Hand cannot be compared to the gift from the heart.

The Apostle Paul helps us to remember what we can offer to those whom we love, gifts that are too valuable to be purchased. He teaches us during this season of love how we can become, The Body of Christ at Christmas by reflecting his Love to those whom we love....

GOD'S GREATEST GIFT... THE LOVE AND FORGIVENESS OF JESUS

is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
it keeps no record of wrongs
it does not delight in evil
it rejoices with the truth
it always **Protects**
it always **Trusts**
it always **Hopes**
it always **Perseveres**
Never Fails
1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

The Hatcher Herald



PRAYER REQUESTS

In Hospital

Prayers

Doris Sharpe and Pastor Sharpe

Barbara Burks (Kay Craig's Sister)

Bernie and Linda Pomfrey-Recovering at home

Betty Weis (Betty Bancroft's daughter in law)

Billie Riston

Bob Carlton

Brad Hoffman-(Pastor) Loss of loved one

Brenda Loving—Recoup at Home

Carrie West-Bailey (Carol West's Daughter)

Cathy Robert Merritt-Cathy Hand Surgery

Charles Brammer

Claude & Carrie Dickerson

Cookie Martin

David & George (Lena Taylor's Brothers)

Debbie Cargo (Kay Craig's Niece)

Debbie Peak

Dolly Waller (sister-in-law of Betty Waller) cancer surgery

Dorothy Irwin

Earl Phaup

Edith Greaner — Had Fall (In Florida)

Gloria Tiller (Shirley Tuck's sister in-law)

Harriett Garnett

Janet Henderson (Family of Susan Dawson)

Jean Smith—Westminster Canterbury (Rm 9223)

Jennifer & Lauren Ramos

Jerry Phaup—Prayers needed for his nephew Vincent currently at Chippenham Hospital (car accident)

June Banes —At Home Recovering

Kathy Crone

Margaret Carins (Friend of Cookie Martin)

Mary Bottoms (Friend of Lena Taylor)

Mary Dunston—special prayers for the family also Angie her daughter and Matt son-in-law

Michael Bailey

Mike Davis (Cookie Martin's nephew)

Nancy Allen-At Home Recovering

Nancy Walker

Rick & Ann Haldeman (Vivian

Hucksteps family)

Sandy Branson-brain cancer

Scott Benton (Shirley Tuck's son)- rehab now at HDH

A Christmas Prayer

May all your family members and friends who need a miracle be blessed.

May whoever is feeling unwell and weak be given strength.

May all those who have heavy burdens have their load lightened.

May your Christmas be one filled with happiness and joy.

Shine Your Love

Prayers cont...

Scout Craig (Kay & Joe Craig's granddaughter) Boegershausen)

Sharon Bracken

Sharon & Johnnie Newcomb-Sharon fell Shut-Ins (see list outside office)

Steve Gallahan (Charlie Brammer's Son In-Law)

Trisha Pedersen (step-daughter of Mary Winky Martin

Zachary Unroe (Jane Stanard's Grandson)

Zeke Noble (Step great grandson of Al & LaVerne

ONGOING CANCER TREATMENT

Amanda Moore (Judy Moore's daughter-in-law)

Debra Truslow (daughter of Lena Taylor)

Taira Baudoin (girlfriend of Jerry Phaup)

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Brian Fleet (Son of Cecilia & Charlie Fleet)

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Brad Hoffman on the loss of his daughter, her funeral was held Nov, 8th.

The family Of Benny Franklin Jones who passed November 10th 2024.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 11 a.m.

Bring Your Own Sandwich, Desert and Drinks are provided

STUDIES IN THE PARABLES OF JESUS



Deeper Connections Series

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deeper Connections Study will give you new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life. With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, the participant's guide will help you get the most out of *The Parables of Jesus*, both in your group and in applying what you learn to your life. Deeper Connections Series:

Unlike any other Bible study available, this visually stunning DVD series is written and taught by biblical experts—six professors with specialized areas of knowledge.

A Participant's Guide (6-Session) accompanies *The Parables of Jesus*. Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the Kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small-group sessions, *The Parables of Jesus* will give you new insights into Jesus' parables and their meanings—and will help you more fully appreciate their relevance for our own life. With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, this Participant's Guide will help you get the most out of *The Parables of Jesus* DVD both in your study and in applying what you learn in your spiritual journey.

Session Overviews:

Dr. Michael Wilkins on **Weeds, Mustard Seed, Yeast** (Matt. 13:24–33)

Dr. Gary Burge on **Two Debtors** (Luke 7:36–50)

Dr. Ben Witherington on **The Prodigal Son** (Luke 15:11–32)

Dr. David Garland on **Treasure and Pearls** (Matt. 13:44–46)

Dr. Matt Williams on **The Wedding Banquet** (Matt. 22:1–14)

Dr. Mark Strauss on **Sheep and Goats** (Matt. 25:31–46)



Ministry

WELCOME NEW DEACONS FOR THE 2024-2027 TERM

Thank you all that submitted ballots nominating members to fill the Diaconate vacancies. Joining in September are:

Belinda Blanchard Jerry Myers Terry Hoover Jim Blanchard Donna Myers
Sharon Gayness (Yoke) Mary Boegershausen (Yoke)

Let's all extend to them congratulations and a warm Hatcher welcome to the Diaconate!

Christmas Baskets



It's that time of year again. The deacons will be collecting food and gift cards for Christmas baskets. Please place your food donations in the collection bin in the foyer. If you prefer to donate gift cards or make monetary donations please give these to Debbie Welch or Terry Hoover. We will be packing the baskets December 22nd. If you or someone you know is in need please contact the church office.

Tel: (804) 266-9696 Thank you.

Love & Fellowship



Thursday December 20, at 11:00 am

We will be entertained by the talented vocalist/pianist Michael Corman.

A prize will be given to the person wearing the tackiest socks.

Meat, rolls and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.



Hatcher Kids

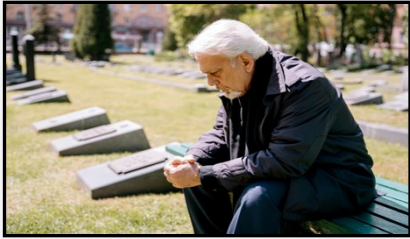
Upcoming Children's Church Schedule

December 1—Kathy Ridenour

December 8—Belinda Blanchard

December 15—Debbie Welch

December 22—Terry Hoover



GATHERINGS OF HOPE...”

HATCHER’S INVITATION

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES

For Anyone Experiencing Loneliness and Loss



PLEASE REGISTER AT:

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

THE MEETINGS WILL GATHER IN THE PARLOR

Tel: (804) 266-9696 for more information

Email: pastor@hatcherchurch.org

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 pm TO 7:30 pm

(Refreshments will be served)



The Pastor Search committee has spent months gathering the wants and needs of Hatcher through surveys and small group discussions. We created a church profile for Ministermatching.com to advertise for the position.

We are happy to say we received 43 resumes interested in the position at our church. The Pastor Search committee has prayerfully begun the process of reviewing the resumes. We have high hopes that whoever God has for us in there somewhere. We also are creating a portfolio filled with information about our church, it’s people, what our long range goals are, the neighborhood around us, as well as what the surrounding area has to offer. This will give valuable information to prospective candidates. Please continue to pray for us and our church as we move forward on this journey.

Karen Stamey—PSC chair



There will be special called business meeting after the worship service on Sunday December 8th.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed budget for 2025.

We will also discuss and to vote on the expenditure of the new fire alarm system for the east wing, all three floors.



FINANCIAL UPDATES

October Income	36,957
Expenses	40,239
Net loss	-3,282
2024 Offering/income	354,205
Expenses	379,975
Net Loss	-25,770



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 7	Kay Craig
December 9	Michael DiGaetano
December 11	Charles Howe IV Marjorie Pugh Elizabeth Ripley Stacey Russell
December 12	Barry Evans
December 14	Carrington Matthews Christopher Matthews Joshua Strickler
December 15	Scott Allen
December 18	Elsie Britton Cathy Buchanan
December 19	Thelma Greenwood
December 21	Kelly Rhea Townley Gordon
December 22	Sharon Gayness Gene Payne
December 23	Sean Russell
December 25	Austin Eischen
December 30	Kelly Strickler
December 31	Kevin Welch

Schedule of Events

Dec 1	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Dec 2	10:30 am	Office Staff Meeting
Dec 4	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 8	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
After Service Special Called Business Meeting		
Dec 9	6:30 pm	The Gatherings of Hope Meeting
Dec 10	6:00 pm	PSC Meeting
Dec 11	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 14	TBD	Choir Dress Rehearsal
Dec 15	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	TBD	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 16	7:00 pm	Finance Meeting
Dec 17	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Dec 18	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Dec 19	11:00 am	Love & Fellowship
Dec 22	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
Dec 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25		Christmas Day
Dec 29	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Dec 30		
Dec 31		New Years Eve

**Preview
to
The Advent Season
2024
“THE GREATEST GIFT”**



Hatcher Memorial's Christmas Gatherings You Don't Want to Miss

It is often said we make too much of the Christmas Season....NOT SO!

Christmas is a BIG deal and deserves a BIG celebration. It is not an everyday event when God reminds us how he came to earth. Let us relearn and retell this wonderful story, so that every family will know the most precious gift ever given, Jesus the Christ! May these Christmas gatherings lead the church family of Hatcher Memorial to the biggest day of the year, Christmas Day, when Jesus was born!

- December 1** **“The Gift of Human Expectation”**
First Sunday of Advent – Candle of Hope
St. Luke's Gospel 2:1-7
- December 8** **“The Gift of God's Promise”**
Second Sunday of Advent – Candle of Preparation
St. Luke's Gospel 1:18-16
- December 15** **“CHANCEL CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL”**
Third Sunday of Advent – Candle of Joy
Nehemiah the Prophet 8:8-12
- December 22** **“God's Gift the World Couldn't Receive”**
Fourth Sunday of Advent – Candle of Love
St. John's Gospel 10:14-18
- December 24** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
“God's Eternal Gift of His Light”
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion – **Christ Candle 5:00 P.M.**
St. John's Gospel 1:1-5
- December 29** **“God's Gift to All Humanity ”**
The Gift of Christmas is not a Season
St. Luke's Gospel. 19:1-10



HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

Deacons

Chair — Lena Taylor

Secretary—Susan Dawson

Treasurer—Wayne Duke

<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2022-2025</u>	<u>2023-2026</u>
Karen Stamey	Wayne Duke	Susan Dawson
Lena Taylor	Cookie Martin	Peggy Ingram
	Michael DiGaetano	Bill Moseley
	Tom Ingram	Debbie Welch

Church Officers

Moderator: Vacant
 Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
 Clerk: Debbie Welch
 Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Committee Chairpersons

Counting: Mary Atwell
 Endowment: Belinda Blanchard
 Finance: Jerry Myers
 McShin: David Dunston
 Nominating: Alice Phillips
 Personnel: Susan Haynes

Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
 Kathy Ridenour
 Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
 Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds: David Dunston
 Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
 Hostess: Kay Craig
 Kitchen: Terry Hoover
 Transportation: Ray Clary
 Ushers: Eddie Harris
 Communications: Jerry Myers
 Audio/Visual: Ray Clary/Jerry Welch

Building Use Coordinator :	William Moseley
McShin Board Representative:	Phyllis Johnson
Wedding Coordinator:	Terry Hoover
LAMB'S Basket Representatives:	Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
Benevolence Coordinator:	Karen Stamey & Susan Haynes

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Rev. Terry M. Sharpe, Pastor

J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music

June Peters, Financial Secretary

Michael Gaines, Organist

Ms. Jane Gillen, Office Administrator

J. Brandon Johnson, Maintenance

Jerry Myers, Webmaster

Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator