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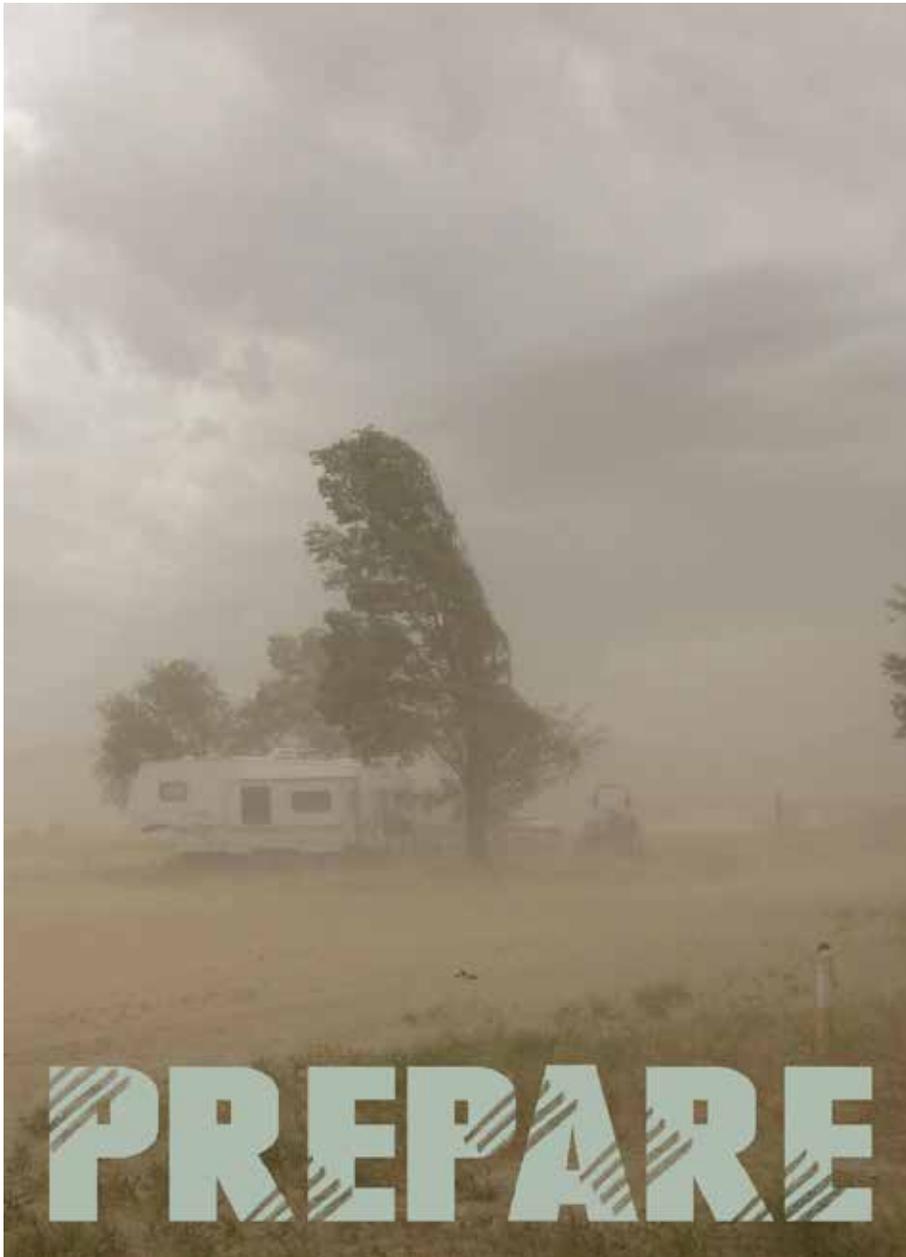
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Baptist Church

Prepare and Be Open to the Journey Ahead

Kristen Muse

As I sit in my office on this Thursday afternoon, I am preparing. I am preparing for an upcoming surgery. Something I didn't expect a week ago, but nonetheless I am preparing. We all prepare for things every day in our lives, some expected and others unexpected. Often times we don't even know that we are preparing or being prepared for whatever awaits us.



As I consider this word prepare, I also think that it is more exciting to prepare with someone else, a partner. Think about when you plan a journey. What do you do to prepare? Do you make elaborate detailed plans or do you just quickly pack your bag and head out the door? Do you take the journey alone? If others go with you, do you involve them in the planning or are they surprised about the journey and its promise?

Even if we do everything we think is possible, we often miss something in the preparation. We can't think of everything. We don't have time to get everything done that we need to. There are always unexpected surprises. Sometimes these surprises become our most favorite part of the journey; the new thing we learned, the site we didn't plan to visit, the conversation that we didn't plan to have. These unexpected surprises come because we are open to the journey. We are willing to be led in a new way, to look for something that might take us away from our prepared plan.

So, in these next few weeks, I encourage you to join me and Prepare. Prepare for a journey that you aren't quite sure about. Prepare for someone to join you on this journey. Prepare for a flood. Prepare for a wind. Prepare for a fire. Prepare! Then, let's open our eyes and ears, and, most importantly, our hearts, to God's Spirit and the unexpected surprises that await us.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: Celebrating 25 Years of Being Baptist Together

David Hailey

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will soon celebrate its 25th anniversary. I well remember joining several thousand people at the inaugural session in Atlanta, Georgia. Although I was not familiar with Hayes Barton Baptist Church at the time, I understand that our congregation was well- represented at that meeting.

From the very beginning, HBBC has been highly involved in the work of CBF. As a matter of fact, in the upcoming issue of *Fellowship! Magazine* our church will be included in the list of "Generous Congregations," which are the top giving churches based on all contributions to CBF in the past year. This does not surprise me. For more than 20 years, our church has given our members the opportunity to choose the Baptist organization that they want to support with the missions portion of their offerings. The overwhelming choice every year is CBF.

What is there to like about CBF? Let me count the ways:

- I like CBF's commitment to **Soul Freedom** -- We believe in the priesthood of all believers. Every believer is free and responsible to relate directly to God without the imposition of creed or the control of clergy or government;
- I like CBF's commitment to **Bible Freedom** -- We believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every believer is free to read the Bible, interpret the Bible, and obey the Bible under the leadership of the Holy Spirit;
- I like CBF's commitment to **Church Freedom** -- We believe that every congregation is free, under the Lordship of Christ, to determine their membership and leadership, to order their worship and work, to ordain whomever they perceive as gifted for ministry, and to participate as they deem appropriate in the larger body of Christ;
- I like CBF's commitment to **Religious Freedom** -- We believe in the freedom of religion, freedom for religion, and freedom from religion. We support the separation of church and state.

The bottom line is this: I like CBF because it is committed to the practice of historic Baptist principles. This is a commitment that we share at Hayes Barton Baptist Church. I am reminded of something that our good friend, Randall Lolley, once said: "There is a Christian way to be human, a Baptist way to be Christian, and a CBF way to be Baptist." I'm proud that HBBC is a CBF kind of Baptist church!

I hope you will be able to join the celebration this summer as CBF Baptists from all across the country and all around the world gather on June 20-24 in Greensboro, North Carolina for their annual General Assembly. For more information check out their website at <http://www.cbf.net/general-assembly>.

Happy Birthday CBF!

2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
June 20-24
SHERATON HOTEL GREENSBORO NORTH CAROLINA
REGISTER NOW
www.cbf.net/assembly

WORSHIP
As we reflect on 25 years of being CBF together, keynote speakers include Tom Long and Diana Butler Bass. We'll also commission our largest-ever group of CBF church starters.

WORKSHOPS
Gather with other Cooperative Baptists to share best practices and resources by attending Assembly workshops. There are dozens of opportunities from which to choose.

CELEBRATION
Christ's love continues to compel CBF as we partner in renewing God's world through global missions, forming healthy churches and nurturing young Baptists. Join us as we celebrate CBF's 25th anniversary.

TWENTY & FIVE
Because Christ's love compels us 2 COR. 5:14

PRAYER RETREAT led by Glenn Hinson and Johnny Sears
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE led by Tom Long
25TH ANNIVERSARY kick-off celebration and book launch
THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET in the CBF Missions Market
FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION in The Gathering Place

School's Out For Summer

Sharln Chapman

You may or may not be familiar with the 1972 song called "School's Out." It is hard-rock anthem by Alice Cooper. Cooper has said that he was inspired to write the song from a question he was once asked in an interview: "What's the greatest three minutes of your life?" His response was probably similar to what any kid would say. The first, he says, "is Christmas morning, when you're just getting ready to open presents." The second, he responded, "is the last three minutes of the last day of school." The lyrics of the song even include reference to the universal statement "No more pencils no more books, No more teacher's dirty looks."

I know from my own experience, the anticipation of summer vacation was always tremendous. I always loved summer because it was rife with possibilities. I can picture it now: I would be swimming, going to the beach, spending time with friends, going to camp, and going to the programs at my local library. Yep, I was one of those kids - always had a book in hand.

I didn't know it then, but reading during the summer was one of the most important things I could have done for my education.

A survey conducted by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2013 says that reading for pleasure is on the decline. The survey found that "those who do read are more likely than nonreaders to visit museums, attend musical performances and sporting events, and perform volunteer and charity work." While the survey was conducted among adults, the results apply to children as well.

Andrew Solomon, a writer and lecturer on psychology, politics, and the arts says of reading books, "It requires effort, concentration, attention. In exchange, it offers the stimulus to and the fruit of thought and feeling... The electronic media, on the other hand, tend to be torpid. Despite the existence of good television, fine writing on the Internet, and video games that test logic, the electronic media by and large invite inert reception." In other words, you are stimulated and educated by reading so much more than by any electronic device.

School may be out for the summer, but summer learning loss is real. Teachers, educators and scientists all agree on the importance of reading during the summer. This summer encourage your children to read as much as possible. Imagine what they will learn and experience just by reading.

This summer marks the second annual summer reading program at HBBC. This year's theme is Summer Reading Olympics. Pick up a booklet in the Christian Resource Center or email Sharln Chapman at crc@hbhc.org if you have any questions.



It's not too late to participate in the Summer Reading Olympics!

We're so pumped about Summer Reading Olympics for Kindergarten through 5th grade, starting on May 29! We'll have great prizes through the summer for our top readers, and a cool Olympic themed devotional book to track your reading progress. Pick up your summer reading booklet in the CRC today! If you can't get your book stamped in person, you can fill out the form at www.hbbc.org/summerreading no later than 5 p.m. of the following Wednesday to be eligible for prizes! Below the form, you can find answers to frequently asked questions about Summer Reading!

Summer Reading Prizes

Summer Reading Olympics booklets must be filled out with minutes read, initialed by a parent, and stamped by the CRC to be eligible for prizes. The minutes read MUST be stamped or submitted online no later than 5 p.m. on the following Wednesday. There are no exceptions. Prize winners will be notified by email. Prizes include:

- Driving range with David Keel
- Pizza with Patty Pace
- Bojangles and Bowling with Ward Page
- Ice cream with Sarah Mears
- Breakfast with Dr. Hailey
- Tennis with Kristen Muse
- and Mystery Prizes

The prize winners may also choose a book from the CRC if they are unable to participate in the weekly prize they won.

The World Is Waiting



Although Operation Inasmuch is over, God still wants each of us to be involved in the sharing of His love with our community. Each of the organizations we partner with has ongoing opportunities for service. It might be another one-day project or something that needs doing on a regular basis. God created us to "Do Something." The world is waiting. . let's continue to be involved.

--Kristen Muse

A Simple Meal

Our committee, Jeannine Roberts, chair, Peggy Bennett, Lynn Thorne, Ruth Hines, Judy Weinbrenner and Florence Taylor prepared food, beverages, and serving supplies to provide a a meal for families and staff (at Transitions LifeCare). You never know what a simple meal will do. For example, a young woman came for a meal and, as she ate, she got very emotional. She said that she had not really eaten for several days as she dealt with her mother's illness and this meal showed that somebody cared. A man said that he and his wife had watched HBBC on TV for three years, and it had meant so much to them he wanted to make a donation. On Sunday that donation was in the offering plate. You never know what a simple meal will do!

--Florence Taylor

A Celebration of Community!

We were truly blessed when given the opportunity to meet and fellowship with other Hayes Barton Baptist Church members during Operation Inasmuch. Our group prepared and delivered treat bags and cards to neighboring residents and businesses. We offered to those we met a friendly smile, cookies, and a card with HBBC services. Beautiful weather for a lovely stroll through Five Points as well. We pray that God will allow these seeds to take root in this our community.

--Lori Elfaysal



Partnership Elementary Sheds...To The Glory of God!

Kudos to our work group for their "mad skills." Our task was to repair and paint a 10x12 shed on the grounds at Partnership Elementary. The scene was set: lots of rotted Masonite; shed doors full of termites, ants, and destruction; chipped old paint. The job was clear: measure, cut, and hang hardiplank; caulk, putty, paint, and hang two new shed doors. The crew assembled: Edward Walker; Clara Gay; Becky Kirchner; Nancy Graybeal; Marsha and Bob Hutzler (project manager). We also had assistance from Kristen and Rankin Muse, Rylee and Bradley.

It turned out to be a three day job. Praise be that Bob and I could get out there ahead of the Saturday crew and get started. We fell in love with the adorable children who came out to play and watch us work. Our team made deeper friendships, laughed a lot, and worked as a well oiled machine all to the glory of God.

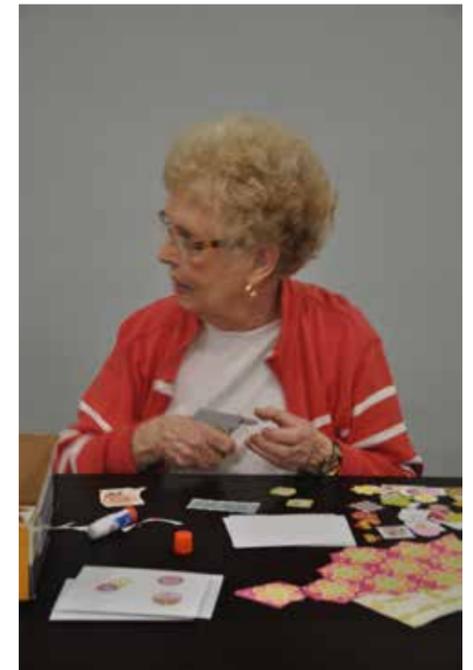
--Marsha Hutzler

The Second Ramp

In addition to the ramp scheduled to be built during OIAM for Baptist Aging Ministries, we did a second ramp because of the concern of the newspaper delivery person for two sisters in their gos who are wheelchair bound. The newspaper carrier called the church because we had done a ramp for his uncle during OIAM three years ago. He assumed we were in the ramp building business. He knew that one of the sisters had been rolled off the edge of the existing ramp because there were no rails to stop the wheelchair causing the sister to spend several weeks in rehab. Also the ramp was in poor physical condition.

Even though the sisters needed a new ramp, I let the paper carrier know the ramp was being built because of his concern for the sisters' safety and his exceptional effort in finding someone to build the ramp. Given he really did not know the sisters personally, I think the paper carrier is a good example for all of us to follow.

--Jerry Causey



Questions For You

Lisa A. Anthony

There are days at Hayes Barton Baptist Church when I seem to be the "answer person." Within a short period of time, I can be asked questions as disparate as night and day. One Wednesday afternoon I was asked "How much has my committee spent this year on...?" Within five minutes I was asked "Lisa, what's the I.P. address for the big copier in the workroom?" Truly, within that hour, someone also asked "If I drive the church bus, am I covered under the church insurance in the event of an accident?" It's okay. Part of role of my role as Church Administrator is to know these things (and more). I see this as an opportunity to make connections with people. So in this edition of Faith Points, I have some questions for you. In asking, perhaps I can impart information that will better connect you to your church life.

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 When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Copy and paste this link into your web browser: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0615207> and support HBBC every time you shop.

Have you seen our QR Code?

QR (Quick Response) Code is the trademark name for a type of barcode that is a machine-readable optical label. When you see a QR Code and scan it from your mobile device, you can learn more about the thing to which the code is attached. HBBC has a QR Code that, when scanned, will take you directly to our online giving page. Look for this code on our Sunday bulletin. You can also access our online giving simply by going to www.hbbc.org/give.



Can you tell me my pledge balance right now?

You can, if you go online to our HBBC website homepage and click on "Contact" and "Access My Records". Under "My Giving Summary," you are able to view your giving history, manage scheduled giving, view your pledge history, and even Give Now.



Did you know that accessing HBBC through the website is about more than simply giving?

You can see your membership on committees and in groups and activities. But wait! There is more than just seeing your group affiliations. Did you know you can:

- access the contact information for other members of your committee or group
- download the contact information to an Excel file,
- send a message to the committee or group
- print mailing labels
- or even print a directory?



Will you give us your current contact information?

When you update your information online, it's imported for update to our ACS database. That means your connection to other church members via committees, groups, and activities is also updated. That makes HBBC a ONE-STOP shop for your church communication needs.

When you update your contact information with us, we update your contact information in all of the areas you are connected to at church. So no more maintaining of church email and address lists. This is possible through ACCESS ACS! And it's available and happening right now. What's more, it's available on all of your computing devices: desktops; laptop; tablets; phones. Yes even phones. Check out our app called Church Life, and discover how you access the membership database, register for an event, and give-all while on the go.

So my last question for you is, what are you waiting for?

Get connected to your Church Life!!! If you have questions about any one of these, our staff is ready to assist.

HAPPENING AROUND HBBC

Attendance

April 24, 2016	
Worship	457
Sunday School	381
May 1, 2016	
Worship	454
Sunday School	375
May 8, 2016	
Worship	501
Sunday School	304
May 15, 2016	
Worship	421
Sunday School	311

New Members

Megan Rowe joined on April 24, 2016.

Haley Smith joined on April 24, 2016.

Lewis and Ashley Gale joined on May 15, 2016.

In Memoriam

Sterling Brockwell, May 14, 2016

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Please join us Sunday, June 5, for graduate recognition Sunday. During worship we will celebrate with our graduates and their families, and pray for our young people as they move on to the next opportunity God will provide for them!

HBBC Needs You

How might God use you this coming year at HBBC? Are you interested in teaching adults or youth? What about preschoolers or children? Do you have an interest in leading Sunday School, music, or missions? Or might you want to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings, welcoming those that enter our church? There are many opportunities for you to use your gifts and passions right here at HBBC to share God's love. To find out more, contact BJ Warren, chair of our nominating committee (barbarajean@nc.rr.com) or Kristen Muse (kmuse@hbbc.org) to find out more.

Kindermusik comes to HBBC

We are excited to announce the launch of Kindermusik at HBBC as part of the Hayes Barton Baptist School of Music. Classes will be led by Kindermusik Maestro, Joy Cogswell, who has taught Kindermusik for 26 years in Fayetteville.

On Monday, June 13 from 10:15-11:00 AM, look DOWN and explore the creatures found at our feet. We will hop like bunnies, crawl like caterpillars and then turn into a beautiful butterfly and move high and low like squirrels. Look UP and we will explore all the things that make their home in the sky. Get ready to fly kites, pretend to be clouds and fly like a bird.

Carolina Cruise Tours to Hendersonville, NC

You have been invited to join Carolina Cruise Tours for a two day, one night adventure to historic Hendersonville, NC, July 14-15. You will enjoy a guided tour of Hendersonville including the Historic Courthouse and Museum, St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church, the Flatrock Playhouse and more. Then, you'll get to have "An Evening with Barbara Streisand," featuring Sharon Owens as Barbara Streisand. The tour costs \$275 per person (double occupancy) and includes accommodations at the beautiful Mountain Lodge, deluxe motorcoach transportation, three meals and evening entertainment. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Carolina Cruise Tours at 919.889.4900.

Volunteers Needed

We are so thankful for the many church members who serve throughout the week by helping around the building. From maintenance requests to administrative support to flower rearranging and kitchen staffing, volunteers help us accomplish many tasks so that ministries at HBBC can happen without interruption. We are truly grateful for the countless helping hands. Do you have some extra time? Are you willing to spend some of it serving the church? If you're interested in volunteering during the week, please contact Cathy Eller by calling the church or emailing celler@hbbc.org.

Summer Nights Concert Series

On June 8 at 7:00 PM, Hayes Barton Baptist Church kicks off its "Summer Nights" with the first of three Summer Concerts, a trio of flute, oboe and trombone. Featuring our Hayes Barton Orchestra musicians, this summer concert is a can't miss! Children are welcome, and childcare will be provided for children birth-age two. After the concert, we would love to have you join us for Ice Cream in the Fellowship Hall. "Summer Nights" will continue July 6 with a vocal duo, and August 3 with trumpet, organ and strings. Invite your friends a neighbors for a great time of music and fellowship. We hope to see you there!



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When “Welcome” is “Hello Again”

Sarah Mears

This year’s summer interns are no strangers to Hayes Barton Baptist Church—in fact, these ladies have been a part of the HBBC family for many years! Allie Chambers, a psychology major at Wake Forest University, has been at HBBC since she was a baby. She grew up in this church and was very involved in children’s and youth activities before leaving for college. While at college, she has had an opportunity to study abroad in Florence and even saw Pope Francis from afar. As a children’s ministry intern this summer, Allie looks forward to planning fun events for children and their families. Allie will also have the opportunity to teach, lead in worship, and attend Passport Kids camp with our 3rd-5th graders.

Emily Patton, also a longtime member, will be serving this summer as a ministerial intern. Emily is an Elementary Education major at UNC-CH and a big Tar Heel fan. She even spent 20 hours in a minivan with six other people to see the team play in the Final Four in Houston. Emily has been a member of HBBC since the first grade. This will be Emily’s second summer serving as an intern, and she is most excited about returning to Arkansas to serve with Together for Hope. Emily’s internship will involve a lot of work with missions, including working to strengthen and grow our mission partnerships.

My own internship at HBBC was a life-changing experience, and I look forward to seeing how God will work in the lives of these talented ladies as they serve this summer. Both Allie and Emily bring unique gifts to their ministries, and I know their joy, energy, and passion will be a tremendous blessing to our church.

Be sure to say “welcome” and “hello again” to our newest interns the next time you see them around Hayes Barton Baptist Church. Allie and Emily, we are so glad you’re here!

