

## Summer Slows Down Churches, But Not God

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

Summer is here, and it is hot, hot, hot! Of course, it's supposed to be hot in summer – just maybe not quite so extremely hot, so early in the summer!

Summer also means that things slow down in most churches, including Hebron. We can debate whether things are “supposed” to slow down, or whether it “just happens” that things slow down, but no matter how we look at it, things *do* slow down in most churches during the summer.

In the U.S., summer is traditionally vacation season, because school is out and entire families can go places together. So vacations take away participants from Sunday School and Youth Group, and adult Sunday School students and teachers may also take a break.

Many organizations and activities take a break for summer as well, from the Presbyterian Women and Men of the Church, to the Chancel Choir and (this year) Sunday evening Bible Study.

God understands this. God knows that we need rest and recreation. In fact, God knows this better than most of us. God, after all, made a day of rest one of the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments appear both in Exodus chapter 20, and Deuteronomy chapter 5. Exodus 20:8 tells us, “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy,” and Deuteronomy 5:12 says, “Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you” (both verses, Revised Standard Version).

But there is a difference between an appropriate time or rest, and simply ignoring one's responsibilities. I have always been impressed that Hebron held summer hours for Sunday morning worship for the good reason  
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**Sunday, July 4** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, July 5** – *Fourth of July* (observed), church office closed.

**Sunday, July 11** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 14** – Monthly Choir Practice.

**Thursday, July 15** – Presbyterian Women special meeting (all women urged to attend!), 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, July 18** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 25** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 28** – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 1** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 8** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 11** – Monthly Choir Practice.

**Sunday, August 15** – *The Lord's Supper* during morning worship; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 19** – Session Meets, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 22** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 25** – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 29** – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 5** – *Resume regular hours*: Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 6** – *Labor Day* church office closed

**Tuesday, Sept. 7** – PW annual memorial service, *Celebration of Life*, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Wednesday, June 9** – Monthly Choir Practice.

**ALL SUNDAYS IN JULY-AUGUST:** Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.; Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Lemonade on the Lawn following worship service.

## Summer Hours Continue July-August; Regular Hours Return Sept. 5

Hebron Presbyterian Church will continue to follow its traditional summer worship schedule throughout July and August.

Changes for the summer schedule are:

Morning worship is at 10:00 a.m., not 11:00.

Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m., not 9:55; and there

will be a single class for children of all ages.

Youth Group will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The Sunday evening Bible Study will not meet during the summer this year.

Regular hours will resume Sunday, Sept. 5. Evening Bible Study will also resume at 7:00 p.m. that day.

# Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held May 20

*The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the May 20 Session meeting and are printed here:*

**Present:** Elders Glenn Mader, Frank Henderson, Joan Wright, Jeff Simmons, Fred Smiley, Hannah Bush, Martha Sieck, Lora Turnage, Theresa Moore, Lorrie Dean, Treasurer Michael Ruleman, Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. **Excused:** Elders Alan Mayer, Jon Arneson, Jan Botkin, Tom Cook

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with prayer and a devotional on 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, concerning spiritual gifts.

**Clerk's Report** (Joan Wright, acting Clerk): Session approved the minutes of the April 15, 2010, Stated Session Meeting as presented. Session approved removing Randolph Whitmore from the church rolls due to his death.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Michael Ruleman distributed a report of fund balances as of May 20, 2010, and a report of receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. There were no unusual expenses noted. The General Fund stands at \$1,637.26. Session approved the report.

Presbytery Meeting: Hannah Bush, elder-commissioner, reported on the May 11, 2010, meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery, noting the Leadership Conference at Massanetta and discussing an excellent video titled "What's Right with the World."

## Committee Reports

Fellowship (Joan Wright) – The 'Welcome Spring' fellowship luncheon on April 25, 2010. Sign-up for Lemonade on the Lawn is coming along well.

Personnel (Jeff Simmons, Tom Cook, and Theresa Moore): Luis Gonzalez from JMU will be our substitute organist for three weeks in June, and possibly longer.

Property (Glenn Mader, Tom Cook, and Fred Smiley): Frank Henderson reported approximately \$3,830 worth of repairs to the church and manse including concrete and masonry work, new garage door at manse, second story fire escape, and ground rods. Session approved moving \$3,500 from the undesignated fund for use by the Property Committee to pay for these improvements. The Committee has awarded a gutter cleaning contract to Doug Parrish to be done two times per year at the Church, Manse and Scout Hut.

Stewardship/Finance/Memorials (Frank Henderson, Alan Mayer, Theresa Moore): Chair Frank Henderson reported that the committee is discussing how to accomplish the annual audit/financial review.



Worship (Jan Botkin, Hannah Bush, Lorrie Dean): Session approved a committee recommendation that morning worship be held at 10:00 a.m. for June through August, 2010.

Cemetery (Alan Mayer, Jan Botkin): No Report.

Christian Education (Lora Turnage, Hannah Bush):

Session approved a committee recommendation that Sunday School be held at 9:00 a.m. for June through August, 2010. Vacation Bible School plans are coming along nicely. Session approved a committee recommendation that VBS decorations be in place for June 13 worship, with the stipulation that the Communion Table and Baptismal Font remain visible. The committee took under advisement a suggestion that Buffalo Gap and Craigsville churches be invited to participate in Hebron's VBS.

Commitment/Witness (Martha Sieck): The Scout Sunday offering was \$180, to be divided equally between the Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts. Pentecost offering will be the following Sunday. The Presbytery Disaster Committee is at work in Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Congregational Ministries (Fred Smiley): No Report.

Pastor's Report: At Presbytery's request, the Pastor has agreed to be Interim Moderator of the Craigsville and Buffalo Gap churches following the resignation of Rev. Jan Owen. The next round of home communion will begin after the May 30, 2010, observance of The Lord's Supper for Trinity Sunday. The Pastor hopes to take some vacation soon. Church Secretary, Tamme Flory continues to work on the church web site, memorial thank you notes, and the new church directory. The Pastor and Tamme will be working on the June newsletter next week.

Next Meeting – June 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Joys and Concerns: The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by the moderator and Session for corporate and individual prayer. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 8:00 p.m.

## Slowing Down For Summer

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of lacking air conditioning in the sanctuary, instead of changing the time of worship in the summer because of leisure or recreation. I think that is a good reason.

On the other hand, I have been a member of a church that moved Sunday morning worship from 11:00 a.m. back to 10:00 a.m. just so people could go to the lake or the beach or the golf course a little earlier so they wouldn't be so hot while they enjoyed their recreation. And I have been pastor of more than one church that moved back summer worship so people could get to professional sports events or entertainment events ahead of much of the traffic.

Did you realize that we have been in "special seasons" of the Christian calendar for the past six months, and that we will go almost six more months before special seasons return?

There are good reasons for cutting back on summer activities (people out of town for vacations, time off for teachers, etc.), and there are bad reasons for changing a summer schedule (changing worship time purely to suit leisure activities).

We can be thankful that God does not do these things. God is always present for us, always loving us, always ready to listen to us, and to help us.

In the familiar passage of Isaiah 55:8-9, God says by the prophet Isaiah, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

And in Numbers 23:19, God says by Balaam, "God is not man, that he should lie, or the child of a human being, that he should change his mind. What has he ever said, that he will not do? Or what has he ever spoken, that he will not fulfill?"

God always keeps God's promises, and God does not possess human faults or frailties.

So while we might slow down a bit for the summer, we can be thankful that God does not forget us, the way too many of us forget about God.

May we all use this "time off" from the normal church routine in order to rest and renew, so that when we resume our "regular" church year in September, we will be able to re-commit to regular attendance at Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, men's and women's groups, choir, Bible study, and involvement with the various committees that carry out the work of the church.

*Pastor Frank*



**Young  
People  
In Church**

**By the Congregational Ministries Committee**

Did you hear? Did you know?

LeAnne Simmons, along with two other students from Buffalo Gap High School, competed at the state level in Virginia Beach recently, winning first place in the state for the Family/Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). The team advanced to compete at the national FCCLA conference in Chicago, IL, from July 2 through 8.

Congratulations to LeAnne and her teammates for this wonderful accomplishment!

2009-2010 was also LeAnne's sixth straight school year without missing a single day of school!

## Hebron Boy Scout Report

**By Mike Fallin, Hebron Charter Representative**

(The following is the text of Mike Fallin's annual report on Scouting to the congregation on Hebron's Boy Scout Sunday, May 2, 2010).

*Law of the Pack: The Cub Scout follows Akela (ah-KAY-la). The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill.*

Akela means "good leader." To a Cub Scout, Akela is a parent, teacher, religious leader, or anyone who has shown the ability and willingness to be a good leader for Cub Scouts to follow. One must first learn to be a good follower in order to be a good leader.

*Scout Law: a Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.*

*Scout Oath: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

Matthew 16:24-26 says, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone who would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?'"

Jesus states the requirement for commitment to His way in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

We must demonstrate our love for Him through our

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## Presbyterian Women's News

A very important meeting of *all the women* of Hebron Presbyterian Church is scheduled to be held Thursday night, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. (if you cannot make it by 6:30, come as soon as you can) in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the future of the Presbyterian Women.

All women who are members of the church are automatically members of the Women's group! Please put this important meeting on your calendar – July 15.

Just how important is the work in the church by the women? Did you hear about the two ladies who died and went to heaven? St. Peter told them that the entry process was backed up, so they would have to go below for a short time before being admitted to heaven. The next day the devil called St. Peter and said he was sending the two ladies back to heaven because they were causing a lot of trouble in his territory – that they were busy organizing a yard sale so the ladies could raise money to air condition hell.

According to Hebron History written in 1946, the "Women's Auxiliary" has always been active in the work of the church. There is evidence that there was an organization of women between 1840-1858, but no name given. The Hebron Young Ladies Aid Society is mentioned in 1886 when their purpose was to "raise money chiefly for congregational purposes, but also for other purposes, viz: missionaries." Each member was to have one hen, to be called her "Society Hen" and must guarantee this hen to produce ten cents a month in eggs or chickens, or the hen is to be sold and another put in her place." (Perhaps Pastor Frank could supply us with chickens today.) Down through the years there have been many "Circles" with different names: for young girls ages 10-12 and up Sunbeam; the Business Women's Circle for young working ladies; the Young Mother's Circle for those who could not attend during the day because of small children; and Auxiliary of Circles, who met in the morning and afternoon. Many years there were as many as eight active Circles – all working hard!

Meredith Arneson is busy working on Hebron's "Celebration of Life" memorial service, when we will pay tribute to our deceased members who died during the past year. It will be in the sanctuary Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Make plans to attend, and bring others with you.

The Bible study lesson books will be available on the table under the clock (outside the library) by August 1. You will need them for the first Circle meeting September 14. In order that we may know who has gotten their books, please sign the paper. We will be happy to deliver any – just call the church office. Remember, no Circle meeting in July or August.

## Boy Scout Report

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Matthew 18:1-4 tells us, "At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'"

Our children are our most precious gift. And we must be like them in our trust and obedience of the Lord.

Hebron Church is the "owner" of the Scouting units. As owners (because we are the Chartering Organization) we have rights and responsibilities to these units. They are not simply another public service organization we support, like the Ruritans, the Verona Food Bank, or the Blue Ridge Food Bank. These units require that we become involved in their welfare and program. They look to us for leadership and oversight.

We provide a building for them to meet. We provide heat in the winter so the children won't freeze. We welcome their willingness to contribute and care for the property we have provided. They want and need our guidance. We provide them with the use of our fellowship hall for their Pinewood Derby and Blue & Gold banquet events.

We do not always have to provide the people to do the work of maintaining the property or helping at their events. They are willing and do supply the people required.

We have a fiduciary responsibility for the units. We provide money and accounting support to help them at re-charter time, popcorn and peanut sales, and other fund-raisers they have from time to time.

We have a right to know what's going on with the units. We want to know if they are building a float to

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100 YEARS  
OF  
SCOUTING

1910-2010

## July Birthdays And Anniversaries

July birthdays are:

Hope Hickman	1
Cathy Wright	2
Beth Zwart	4
Wesley Bentley	5
Warren Hastings	5
Roger Wright	9
Cindy Glover	10
Joyce Shultz	11
Larry Mayer	12
Maryanna Turnage	12
Mark Buchanan	14
Vic Meinert	15
Reba Edwards	16
Kathleen Gilmer	16
Penny Wood	18
David Hickey	21
Ted Mader	21
Alisa Ratliff	23



Karen Wood Fultz	25
Gail Mayer	26
Donald Miller	26
Theresa Smith	27
Fred Smiley	28
Jan Botkin	30
Katie Bratton	30
Susan Piche	30

**Very special birthday wishes** to Reba Edwards, who will be 80 on July 16.

**Congratulations** to Junior and Kathleen Gilmer, who were married 58 years on July 5; and to Raymond and Patsy Shull, who were also married 58 years on July 5.

Reminder: If you have been omitted from our birthday list, or if you know of someone who should be included, please call the church at 885-1648 with the information, as we don't want to miss anyone.

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celebrate 100 Years of Scouting, "*Continuing the Journey*," the theme for this year. We want to know if any of the boys have advanced to the next rank and any special recognition.

We are responsible for the adult leadership along with the Stonewall Jackson Area Council. I sign the adult leader applications before they go to Council. I make sure to meet each and every one of the new leaders and arrange for each one's training. Training is the one important provision of Area and District Councils. It is one reliable source of Scouting information.

By participating in Scouting, we become part of another bigger, worldwide family like Hebron is part of Presbytery & the Reformation. This family had its beginning in 1906 with the scouting movement founded by Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell or Baden-Powell for short. Scouting came to America in the person of William Dickson Boyce, a Chicago publisher,

## August Birthdays And Anniversaries

August birthdays are:

Jesse Hunter Bratton	1
Linda Dundas	4
Nancy Sellers	4
Ed Stone	4
Theresa Moore	4
Donna Brown	5
Mary Wood	5
Jonathan Riley	5
Doug Riley	9
Shirley Shomo	10
Herman Knight	11
Edna Stone	11
Bobby Drumheller	12
Faye Moran	12
Nan Brown	13
Robbie Brown	16
Donna Riley	16
Virginia Smiley	17
Nancy Knight	18
Lori Malcolm	18



Braden Moyer	18
Susan Croft	21
Lisa (Durham) Ritchie	21
John Philip Sieck	25
Kim Rathburn	27
Frances Hall	28
Michaela Kennedy	28
Clay Hewitt	29
Peggy Hewitt	30
Denise Lyle	31

**Very special birthday wishes** to Nan Brown, who will be 80 on August 13; and to Frances Hall, who will be 83 on August 28.

**Congratulations** to Curt and Marie Wood, who will be married 61 years on August 13; and Clay and Nancy Hewitt, who will be married 57 years on August 22.

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## Camp Dragonfly Planned For September

Camp Dragonfly, a camp for bereaved children/youth ages 6-18, will be held Sept. 18-19 at Camp Horizons near Harrisonburg. The camp provides a caring, supportive environment where children and teens gather with their peers to share their experiences of grieving the death of someone they loved. The camp is provided free of charge to campers. Contact Jean Miller, E. Anne Willard, or Martha and Philip Sieck for more information, or go to [www.campdragonfly.org](http://www.campdragonfly.org) for application.

who incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. From that date has grown a movement in America which embraces the very ideas that we teach our youth in Christian Education. And like Paul's teaching to the Gentiles, Scouting is inclusive in its breadth and scope of religious culture.

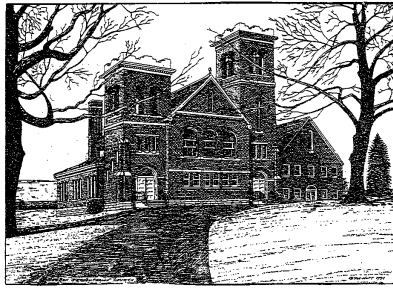
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# HEBRON HERALD

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## Sunday Services:

- Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
- Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

July 2010						
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## ***Important Presbyterian Women Meeting July 15***

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Women's group! (See story on Page 4) You might not have been active before, but you are still a member, and we need your presence and your input at this meeting.

Please put this important meeting on your calendar for Thursday, July 15. If you cannot make it by 6:30, come as soon as you can.

## **Memorial Service, 'Celebration of Life,' Is September 7**

Hebron's "Celebration of Life" service, sponsored by Hebron's Presbyterian Women and formerly known as the annual Memorial Service, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the church Sanctuary, said event coordinator Meredith Arneson.

This is the service where tribute is paid to those of our church family who have passed away since Sep-

tember of the previous year. It is a time when friends and family share meaningful remembrances.

The service includes special music and a time afterward to gather for conversation and light refreshments in the church Session Room immediately behind the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to attend.