

To Celebrate America, Thank God First

By Rev. Frank Wyche, Pastor

One of the lessons we learn through the years of celebrating birthdays and Christmas is that the giver is always more important than the gift.

God's greatest gift to humanity is God's gift of Self, when God the Son became human in Jesus, who gave his life (God's self-sacrifice) to save us from sin and death.

But even these great gifts through Jesus – forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and a personal relationship with God – are only expressions of the giver, who is God. The gifts are simply the expression of the love God has for each of us.

On July 4, 2013, we will celebrate the 237th birthday of the United States of America. Even as we celebrate the human and political institution that is our nation, along with being thankful for the abundant beauty and blessings of the natural resources within our national borders, we must be careful to give even more thanks to God.

As the first part of verse 17 in chapter 1 of the letter of James tells us, "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father." As Christians, whenever we are thankful for the gift that is our country, we are called to acknowledge God as the giver.

We rightly give thanks for our Founding Fathers and Founding Mothers, including the political figures who put together the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. We rightly give thanks for those patriots – including so many foreigners – who participated in the American Revolution, giving us victory over the British on battlefields and at sea. We rightly give thanks for all those citizens, all those men and women,

July☆☆☆ *August*

Sunday, July 7 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 4 – *Independence Day, 4th of July*, church office closed

Sunday, July 14 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 21 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 – Session Meets, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 28 – *The Lord's Supper* during Morning Worship; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31 – PEP Club, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 31 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 4 – Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, August 22 – Session Meets, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 1 – *Resume regular hours*: Sunday School, 9:55 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 2 – *Labor Day* church office closed

Tuesday, Sept. 3 – PW annual memorial service *Celebration of Life*, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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.

who made up the fabric of our people, whether in cities and towns, on farms, or braving the wilderness to establish homes and communities.

But even as we give thanks for those who came be-
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Summer Hours Continue July-August; Regular Hours Return Sept. 1

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 is not being held during the summer.

Regular hours will resume Sunday, Sept. 1. Weekly Bible Study will resume the next week, Sept. 8.

Minutes For Regular Session Meeting Held May 23

The Session of Hebron Presbyterian Church held its stated monthly meeting on Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the meeting were approved at the June 27 Session meeting and are printed here:

Present: Elders James McGavock, David Obenschain, Joann Weikert, Robert Christian, Hannah Bush, Tom Cook, Lorrie Dean, Doug Trimble, Clerk of Session Robin Moyer, and Moderator Rev. Frank Wyche. Excused: Elders Richard Rathburn, Nicola Cahill and Michael Ruleman. Absent: Elders Eric Shiflet, Jon Arneson and Noah Turnage.

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer, and devotions from Acts chapters 1 and 2.

Clerk's Report: Session approved minutes from the Stated Meeting on April 25, 2013. Removal of Curtis Wood from Membership Roll was approved by Session following his death. Session approved use of the Fellowship Hall to Nan Brown on May 28 and Tammy Moyer on June 29.

Treasurer's Report: A handout was provided by Treasurer Michael Ruleman with a detailed Report of Fund Balances as of May 23, 2013 including a Budget vs. Actual Report. The general fund continues in the red at (-\$15,119.38). The total in our checking and savings stands at \$54,824.39.

Presbytery Report: Presbytery met May 14. Elder commissioner David Obenschain and Pastor Frank did not attend because Pastor Frank had an emergency dental appointment. Session members will be notified when minutes are available online.

Committee Reports

Personnel (Hannah Bush and Richard Rathburn): Recommendation to employ Trudi Van Dyke-Simms as secretary was approved. Trudi will start June 3, 2013.

Property (Hannah Bush, Robert Christian, Tom Cook, Jim McGavock, David Obenschain, Doug Trimble, Noah Turnage): Spring cleanup was May 18. The church water pressure tank will be changed.

Worship (Joanne Weikert, Hannah Bush): Summer hours begin June 2, with morning worship at 10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday is June 2 with the Hebron Youth Group leading morning worship.

Cemetery (Tom Cook, Noah Turnage): Hannah has been working updating cemetery records.

Commitment/Witness (David Obenschain): Minutes from last meeting were emailed to all Session members. A request was received for supplies for making school kits for Moore, OK. Information will be put in newsletter. Work has begun on the sign for Scout Hut.

Christian Ed (Nicola Cahill, Eric Shiflet): Sunday



School will begin summer hours on June 2 starting at 9:00 a.m. VBS will June 16-20.

Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Lorrie Dean, Joann Weikert): Work continues on visitor packets and cards to bereaved and ill.

Fellowship/Service (Lorrie Dean and Doug Trimble): Hebron Youth Group will host a Congregation Appreciation Luncheon on June 2 after morning worship. Lemonade on the Lawn will begin June 9.

Finance (Robin Moyer, Michael Ruleman): No report.

Pastor's Report: Home communion has been taken to all shut-ins who desired it; another round of communion and/or pastoral visits with shut-ins will begin after we celebrate the Lord's Supper on May 26. Pastor continues to serve as moderator of the Craigsville church at the request of Shenandoah Presbytery while they are without a pastor. Hannah, Joann and Pastor Frank hope to complete the June newsletter in time for distribution this Sunday, May 26.

The next stated Session meeting will be held June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The blessings and prayer concerns of the congregation, friends, and relatives were shared by Session for corporate and individual prayer. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 8:01 p.m.

Sunday Greeters For July-August

JULY 7, Joyce Coleman, Nan Brown, Scott and Julia Martin; **14,** Nancy Durham, Betty Piner, John and Denise Lyle; **21,** Nancy and Tom Cook, Paul and Carol Ratliff; **28,** Doris Smith, Shirley Shomo, Betty Whitmore, Billie Banks.

AUGUST 4, C. B. Harris and Donna Cason, Phil and Martha Sieck; **11,** Linda Brown, Joann Waller, Sandy Showalter, Gibby Crummett; **18,** Fay and Meredith Moran, John and Peggy Puffenbarer; **25,** Richie, Tammy, Dalton, Kaitlyn and Braden Moyer.



July 2013

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Sunday School 9 A.M./Worship 10 A.M.

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| 7 Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | 8 <i>No Commitment/Witness Committee or Fellowship Committee Meeting This Month</i> | 9 | 10 <i>No Congregational Ministries Committee Meeting This Month</i> | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 <i>No Christian Education Committee Meeting This Month</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>No Worship Committee Meeting This Month</i> | 18 | 19 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | 22 | 23 | 24 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. | 25 Session Meets 7:00 p.m. | 26 | 27 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 <i>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | 29 | 30 | 31 PEP Club 1:00 p.m. | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">August 2013</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | August 2013 | | | | | | | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>4</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> Property Committee, 6:30 p.m. | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>11</i> Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | <i>12</i> Commit- ment/Witness Committee 6:15 p.m., Fellowship afterward | <i>13</i> | <i>14</i> Congregational Ministries Committee, 6:30 p.m. | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>18</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>21</i> Worship Committee, 6:30 p.m. | <i>22</i> Session Meets 7:00 p.m. | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>25</i> <i>Last Sunday for Summer Hours</i> Youth Group 6:30 p.m. | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> PEP Club 1:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> <i>Tomorrow, Sept. 1: Resume 11:00 a.m. Worship</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

July Birthdays And Anniversaries

July birthdays are:

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| Hope Hickman | 1 |
| Cathy Wright | 2 |
| Wesley Bentley | 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 |



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| 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 83 on July 16.

Congratulations to Junior and Kathleen Gilmer, who will be married 61 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.

To Celebrate America, Thank God First

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fore us, and who bequeathed this great nation to us, we must always remember that it has always been God who has blessed us. Certainly our Founding Fathers and Mothers, our earliest citizens and patriots, critical to our nation's development, but it was God who gave them life, and blessed their efforts.

Thomas a Kempis, a German monk, Bible copyist, and writer, is considered the author of the great spiritual book, *The Imitation of Christ*, which was published around 1420. One of the most famous quotations from the book is translated into English as, "Man proposes, but God disposes."

Bearing that in mind, we recognize that wherever great human achievement occurs, God's guiding hand is also present. And even the greatest human achievements are small next to the greatness and the love of God. As 1 Peter 1:24-25a reminds us (quoting Isaiah 40:8), "For 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord abides forever.'"

August Birthdays And Anniversaries

August birthdays are:

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| Jesse Hunter Bratton | 1 |
| Linda Dundas | 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 |



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| Susan Croft | 21 |
| Lisa Durham Ritchie | 21 |
| Jay Mader | 21 |
| John Philip Sieck | 25 |
| Kim Rathburn | 27 |
| Michaela Kennedy | 28 |
| Clay Hewitt | 29 |
| Peggy Hewitt | 30 |
| Denise Lyle | 31 |

Very special birthday wishes to Nan Brown, who will be 83 on August 13.

Congratulations to Clay and Nancy Hewitt, who will be married 60 years on August 22.

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Presbyterian Women's News

The PW Birthday Offering received in May 2013 was \$325. Thanks to everyone for their contributions!

In the June issue of the *Hebron Herald* we asked the ladies if they wanted to continue having Circle meetings, and if so, all the past leaders would continue for another year. Some of you have responded that you hoped we would continue. A decision will be made early in July; please let us know what you would like to do. ALSO, we would be very interested to know if there is ANYTHING that can be done to make the Women's work more spiritually satisfying and enjoyable. Thanks! ~Joyce and Hilda

Therefore let us celebrate the Fourth of July with thanksgiving, grateful to God for the blessings of our land. And may we put into practice the saying: "America, bless God!"

Pastor Frank

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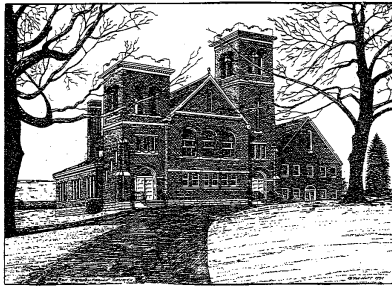
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Sunday Services:

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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Thanks To All Who Helped With Hebron's VBS!

A great big "Thank you!" to everyone who helped to make Hebron's Vacation Bible School a big success June 26 through 30!

We had 23 children who registered as participants, but with our 15 adult and youth teachers and volunteers, we had about 38 people to at-

tend each evening. We also collected a number of food items for the Meal in a Bag program.

Thanks again to all who contributed to, participated in, or helped with VBS this year!

~ Nicola Cahill, VBS Coordinator

Memorial Service, 'Celebration of Life,' Is September 6

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. 3, 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.