

Hebron Happenings

A Note from Jason,

How do we know God? Theologians for thousands of years have been exploring this question and have come up with a variety of answers and ‘attributes’ of what God must be like. I have often heard people say things about God that didn’t sound quite right to me, and I have wanted to ask – how do you know God is like that. Which brings up the real question: as Christians, how do we know which of these attributes are correctly describing God (as best we can)? In other words, how do we try to talk correctly about God and God’s character.

In life, we know that getting to know someone takes interaction and seeing how they act in the world, and scripture tells us this is how we should get to know God. During the months of July and August we have been making our way through the letter to the Colossians. In this letter Paul makes a profound theological claim which should be central to how we Christians should understand God: “[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” (Colossians 1:15-20)

This is an incredible claim! The fullness of God is in Jesus. This is the Christian theological answer to how we get to know God: Jesus. Do you want to know if God is compassionate and loving – look at Jesus and how he lived and related to others and how he gave his life for the world. Want to know ethically how we should try and live – look at how Jesus lived and what how he taught his followers to live. It seems so simple on the surface, but it is a profound answer to a difficult question. This should also give us comfort and assurance that we can trust our picture of God in Jesus - because this isn’t us trying to come up with who God is on our own, but it is simply seeing how God has been revealed to us in Jesus. So the next time you are wondering about what God is like I hope you will remember these words from Colossians and look to Jesus. For in him “the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.”

God Bless,
Jason



New Church Directory Needs You!

Hebron is planning to update the church directory. We are asking for people to provide their name, address and contact information such as a phone number and email address. You may also provide your Birthday month so we can wish you a happy Birthday! More info to come soon!

Hospitality Sign-up

There’s a new hospitality sign-up in the church entrance. Come be a part of the team welcoming our church family and visitors on Sunday mornings!! There are some updated suggestions for how to do this task—nothing too strenuous!!

- August Special Services and Events:**
- August 20th—Game night at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.
 - August 21 Worship at the Pavilion and all Church Picnic at the Pavilion following worship.

Did You Know?

Hebron Church was built without a basement. Later the church was jacked up and the dirt was dug out by hand using a pick, shovel and a wheelbarrow.

Game Night Coming again in August

We will be meeting in the social hall on Saturday, August 20th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring along your favorite game. You are also welcome to bring a snack to share—just take the leftovers home with you!!

We play card games, board games, a game that involves defining and acting out words, and very complicated newer games with lots of pieces. The people who bring these games are always very patient about explaining rules to new players.

This group has consisted mainly of 2-3 families who bring their kids with them, as well as some adults including Phyllis Suehr, the Davidsons, and June Armstrong. We will be talking at the August game night about what evening will work best for most of us. This has been scheduled on the 3rd Saturdays, but we can consider another evening if that would suit better.



Christian Education Update

Adult Sunday school will resume on September 11th. We meet at 9:45am in the conference room. We look forward to another year of studying together.



From the Deacons

Spring and summer have been busy for the deacons beginning with coordinating the soup and salad luncheon following our Palm Sunday service. The luncheon was attended by approximately forty of our congregation. Gift bags of annual flowers were presented to all the moms who attended church on Mothers' Day. Dads were honored on Fathers' Day before worship at the pavilion with a hospitality table and gift bags of cookies. We continue to keep in touch with our homebound members through visits, cards and phone calls. Please keep of us advised of any members to whom we may need to make contact or offer assistance. We appreciate your input!

The Deacon's celebrated Mothers' and Fathers' on their special days this spring and summer with the congregation with a special tribute gift for all the moms and dads.

Photos on the Bulletins

We've had some really lovely photos on the front of our bulletins. If you are curious about who took the photo, you can find the credit on the back of the bulletin. If you have photos you would like to submit, send them to our administrative assistant, Sami Jo Blattner using the church e-mail: hebronchurch1767@gmail.com



Mission Update: Throughout the summer we are collecting donations for missions through the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue project. You can check out the a catalogue by picking it up from the information table in the back of the sanctuary. In the Catalogue you can choose to give toward a specific project or give a general donation. All proceeds go toward these wonderful mission projects around the world.

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