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SERVING OUR GLOBAL GOD

BY: HENRY KNAPP

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me!” – Jesus. This is one of the most important assurances Jesus leaves us with before His ascension into heaven. *All* authority. Authority is governance. It is the power and ability to make decisions and give orders. In this same context is the command, **“Go!”**

And that the “going” is not optional. We are to go “to the ends of the earth” as He rules and has authority over every last square inch of this globe. Why does God want there to be a “going” and a “send me” mentality here at Hebron? Because He is a global God and not just a local God. He has a heart for the nations. So must we. He will call people from every tribe, nation, language to worship Him—and we will be united one day with those very Christians, worshipping together!

Here at Hebron, we have held out a vision for **“Worship +2”** where each believer in our church family is faithfully attending and participating in Sunday morning worship. The +2 is the Christian’s ongoing discipleship in terms of (1) **nurture and growth** in the

Word and with other believers and (2) **service** in and/or outside the church body. We have a long-standing history with The Blessing Board, Urban Impact, PRISM, Penn Hills service opportunities, and, more recently, The Hebron Community Center. We are also aware of how many workers and volunteers it takes to see our church function well!

Hebron also has a rich and vast engagement with global and further boundary-reaching areas of the world. I want to encourage this as we support the Hendricksons, see a team sent to Rwanda in 2024, continue to engage with PRISM and pray for missionaries in Africa and Southeast Asia. God has a heart for the nations, and serves them—so must we!

This Spring, Hebron has a unique opportunity, as Kelly and I have been called to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators, as speakers/teachers/encouragers for a “spiritual retreat” during **May 25 – June 7**. **We will be traveling to CAR (Central African Republic)** to be present with

the “in-country” missionaries for a time of biblical and theological teaching, encouragement, prayer and conversation. **You are the sending body here at Hebron to bless the global Body of Christ** (the missionaries) that are serving the unreached. We will be with a handful of married couples and singles who desperately need input, encouragement, time to gather in the capital city of Bangui, CAR. We serve them as they serve. You serve alongside us as we are Hebron’s representatives for the risen Christ!

We are called to think and serve and care and pray – GLOBALLY. **It’s part of our calling to serve.** Often, our view of God is too small. Our worldview is too small. Our understanding of what God is doing across this globe is limited. But we can’t wait to behold His work... and share it all with you, to the praise of His glory!

Thank you for praying for us. We covet your prayers for this grueling, challenging, exciting, faith-expanding trip.

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Save the Dates!!

In keeping with the exhortation from Scripture to love our neighbors and to serve our fellow mankind, the Mission and Outreach Team is asking you to **save the week of June 25 – July 1** for this year's "Let's Serve" event. You may remember that last summer we cleaned up a number of the major roadways in Penn Hills by working in groups. Our efforts were well received by many folks in Penn Hills.

This summer we are planning to offer several opportunities to serve both in Penn Hills and beyond. There will be things for all age groups and abilities, and once again, you will be able to pick the day(s) and times that you can serve. "Let's Serve" is a great way to witness to our community and help others. We will offer chances to partner with some of the local missions we, at Hebron, support as well as some clean-up projects like we did last year.

More details will follow in May and June, but we are excited to offer these opportunities to serve and love and witness for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please mark your calendars and look for further announcements in the Hebron Herald and the weekly eNewsletters as we get closer to our kick off on June 25th.

THE UNCERTAINTY OF OBEDIENCE BY: THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:39)

Those familiar with the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch can speak to the depth of teaching contained in a few short verses. We see a clean extension of the Gospel to not just Gentiles, but to outright foreigners. We see the role of baptism in the life of a new believer. We see how the entirety of Scripture points towards Christ's redemptive act on the cross. However, we don't know what happens next to the eunuch. We know there is a strong Christian presence in Africa today—perhaps this act was the start.

In some cases, the call to obedience, particularly in the area of giving, can have a similar feeling of confusion for the giver. We respond, and we don't see the impact. What does this act accomplish? Does my gift really matter? The biblical answer is yes! God can do all that we can ask or imagine, but graciously wants to involve humanity into carrying out His purposes on Earth. These simple acts of giving play into God's plans.

Our prayer for you is that you will see how faithfulness is used by God to accomplish His ends. This doesn't look the same to everyone. Maybe you are involved in an area of ministry that has funding needs that you see achieved. Perhaps you care deeply about a mission agency and can see Hebron able to deepen our support of it. As you walk with Jesus, it is our hope that you will be able to look back on your life and see how decisions, even simple and consistent ones can bring about big changes not only in your life but in the lives of others. When you see that, let people know and praise God's plans!

Mike Tomashewski, Stewardship Team Chair

What do you have that you did not receive? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

Please prayerfully consider increasing your gifts by \$25/month in 2023, and another \$25/month in 2024 in support of Hebron's ministries.

Operating Fund - March 2023

Year-to-Date Recurring Revenues	\$ 230,190
Year-to-Date Expenses	<u>(243,305)</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ (13,115)</u>



Greetings, Church Family!

My, how time has flown! By the time you are reading this, we will be wrapping up our Spring semester (and 3rd year!) of All Moms. We had a wonderful season with new members coming in and old members coming back to the tune of 32 women registered, 17-25 attending, and with three members on Zoom. We covered topics relevant to motherhood with three guest speakers. Veteran Mentor Mom Steph Knabe made an appearance as guest speaker on the topic of marriage. Henry Knapp and Gordon Slippy sat on a panel with their wives for a discussion as a part 2 of the marriage topic. For our service project, we made the Churchill Family the recipient and blessed them with meals, gift cards, diapers and a gift for their 3-year-old, Desiree. In addition to blessing the Churchills, we made up 3 blessing bags (filled with water, snacks, a Gospel of John courtesy of Hebron, a notepad, some hand sanitizer) for Jasmine to hand to moms she encounters in the NICU as a way to trickle blessings along. Our community building coordinator put together a few social outings, including a movie screening of "Jesus Revolution," and a music with little ones playdate in Fellowship Hall! We are planning get-togethers over the summer and playground meetups. If you have anyone in your life who is a mom of littles (pregnancy through kindergarten) send them our way! Thank you all for your continued support and prayer.—Jillian Morrow, Director

Called by God, sent by Hebron, partnering with Wycliffe Bible Translators,
and seeking to bless God's missionaries and Kingdom;
Pray for The Knapps

Where: Henry and Kelly Knapp are traveling to serve in CAR (Central African Republic)

When: May 25 - June 7

Why: There will be a "spiritual retreat/gathering time" in Bangui, the capital city of CAR, for in-country missionaries who work in Bible translation with Wycliffe. Henry will be the guest speaker. Together, the Knapps will seek to minister to the missionaries with the Word, prayer, teaching, counsel, conversation and a time of encouragement for the missionaries and their needed edification.

- Prayers:**
1. Physical, spiritual, emotional security issues for the group gathering.
 2. Prayers for the meeting: wisdom in leadership, the Holy Spirit's protection and supported productivity, focus of mind, creativity, motivation, no discouragement! Pray for a time of refreshment for all the CAR servants.
 3. Team unity and relational protection across foreign and local denominations, churches, languages, cultures, families. (14 CAR denominations helping with the translation projects presently with Wycliffe)
 4. CAR has bibles in trade language of French and Sango, but no Scriptures in the people's "heart languages." Praise for 3 completed New Testaments and prayers for the remaining 6 New Testaments in process, and 8 new ones just beginning with Wycliffe.



CPYU PARENT PAGE

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IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

Main Article: Smartphone Addiction?

Hot Quote: Elle Mills

From the News: Sextortion

Trends: Entitlement

Latest Research: Family Meals

Top Ten: Billboard Hot 100

Helpful Insight: Smartphone Rules

From the Word: Proverbs 5:1-2

Resources: *A Heartbeat of Grace: Experiencing More of God Through The Trials and Triumphs in Life*

The CPYU (Center for Parent/Youth Understanding) is described on their website as “a monthly newsletter designed to help keep parents informed about the latest happenings and trends in the world of youth culture.” Anyone who interacts with youth, not just parents, is encouraged to explore this helpful resource. Paper copies of the CPYU Parent Pages are available to everyone in all 3 literature racks, Tower Entrance/Narthex/Barclay Main, at both buildings. Links for the digital issue are located at hebrononline.org/family-life/students and in our weekly eNewsletter.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

BY: DAN BENDER



On April 2nd, we opened up the Barclay building for our Family Life Ministry's Easter Event. Families were able to participate in various activities like spinning wooden egg decorating, Easter story Egg Relay, Scratch Designs, and coloring a page for community friends to brighten their holiday. We also had a rotating presentation of the Easter story taken from our curriculum for the month of April with its garden theme.

Many thanks to those who helped set up, served at the activity centers and made it a memorable afternoon. Many families took advantage of the come when you can, leave when you must approach; and we saw over 30 participants! The weather was really nice too, and it helped bring an even better vibe to our time. We also had a DIY family photo booth where you could set up your own camera and catch a cool memory! We look forward to our next installment for Advent at Christmas time!

VBS Register / Details at hebrononline.org



Sunday, June 18 - Thursday, June 22
Kids exiting Kindergarten through exiting 5th Grade

Day 1 Details

First Night Family Celebration June 18 (5:30-7:30pm)
Parents/Guardians invited to experience Day 1 with their kids

5:30pm - 6:30pm
Check In / Welcome Activities
6:30pm - 7:00pm
Large Group
7:00pm - 7:30pm
Activity

Day 2 - Day 5 Details
8:30am - 9:00am
Check In
9:00am - 12:00pm
VBS Program
Parents/Guardians Encouraged to join for Closing each day
12:00pm
Check Out

This year the cost per participant is \$10 and can be paid on the website.
VBS takes a lot of volunteer effort to make awesome, please consider
how you can plug in and help make this VBS the very best yet.

Any questions? Ask Dan Bender or Jill Scott hebronkidz15235@gmail.com
or call 412.371.2307



What kidz are talking about in May...

Elementary:

Theme: Confidence – Living like you believe God is with you.

We might try to base our confidence on what we do well, or what someone might say about us. But true confidence should be built on something different. We think it's found in understanding how God is both big enough to create the universe, but also close enough to be right here with us. We know that we can trust God no matter what. We are created in God's image. And God loves us so much! Nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And, when we trust Jesus with our life, the Holy Spirit is there to help us face whatever comes our way. We can respond to God's love and care with confidence!

- *Great Commission and Ascension—Matthew 28:16-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-11*
 - *Bottom Line: Share God's love with others.*
- *The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost—Acts 2:1-41*
 - *Bottom Line: God sent the Holy Spirit to help you.*
- *Peter and John are taken to the Sanhedrin—Acts 3:1-4:21*
 - *Bottom Line: God is with you no matter what.*
- *Philip and the Man from Ethiopia—Acts 8:26-40*
 - *Bottom Line: God is with you even when you have questions.*

Memory Verse: *"So we say with confidence, 'the Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'" Hebrews 13:6a*

Preschool:

When given the opportunity, preschoolers are ready and willing to help because it shows the world they are big and can do things that matter. Need help stirring in the kitchen? Preschoolers to the rescue! Need help carrying groceries? Preschoolers to the rescue! Need help entertaining a fussy baby? Preschoolers to the rescue!

Could it be that the real reason preschoolers want to help is that God made them to help? We think so! That is why we will be spending this month answering the question "Who made you to help"? God made me to help! That's who! After all, God is the ultimate helper, and we are all made in God's image.

- *Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25-37*
 - *Focus: God made me to help others.*
- *The Four Friends—Mark 2:1-12*
 - *Focus: God made me to help my friends.*
- *Timothy and Tabatha—1 Timothy 4:12, Acts 9:26-29*
 - *Focus: God made each of us to help in different ways.*
- *Rebekah Helps—Genesis 24:15-20*
 - *Focus: God made me to look for ways to help.*

Memory Verse: *"We have the Lord our God to help us." 2 Chronicles 32:8*

5th Grade Transition

On March 29th, we held a special closing night for Kidz Club that included a Milestone Moment for our 5th graders who are moving up to Student Ministry. Our 5th graders were presented with new Bibles, and together we all watched a video compilation of photos of our 5th graders from when they were babies through today. It was a special night to wrap up Kids Club and to celebrate the time we had with the 5th graders in Children's Ministry and sent them off to continue to "Love God and Love Others" in middle school ministry.



We would ask that you pray for those 5th graders (and their families) as they navigate the transition of moving to middle school – at school and church. Here are our 5th graders to celebrate and pray for:

- Chancellor (Chance) Aubele
- Maxime (Max) Balkey
- Mason Gabriel
- Eva Gehring
- Benny Morrow
- Vinny Paradise
- Alexander Scott
- Emmanuel Teshome
- Drew Tomashewski
- Ava Tristani

YOUNGLIVES

BY: MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM

Hey, You Guys: Let's Go to Camp!

Remember when you had a group of friends and you were planning to go to summer camp, whether it was a YMCA camp, church camp or Boy/Girl Scouts' camp? Fast forward to now—There are camps for everyone, even single moms. Last year YoungLives was able to assist and send our teen moms to Lake Champion, a YoungLives camp in New York where these young moms were presented with the Gospel in a setting that helped them focus on their relationship with God.

I would like to share with you about YoungLives and their adventures this summer. **This year our young moms are going to camp Rockbridge Alum Springs in Goshen, Virginia from July 14 to July 18, 2023.** While meeting monthly provides an opportunity for our young moms to build friendships with other teen moms and mentors, this camp adventure will give them extended time up-close and personal with God. We see the influence and importance of a week together at camp where they can continue to develop what they've learned throughout the year at their weekly meetings. The need for transportation, as well as sending these moms, mentors and childcare workers to camp, needs to be met. We want to send as many of our moms to camp as we can! I'm asking you to join me in prayer with a focus on getting our young moms to camp so that the Lord would continue to do a good work in them. Anyone who is interested in volunteering with the camp childcare team contact **Cindy Jackson at mrsynthiajackson@hotmail.com**. Pray that after they return home they will continue to grow by attending Bible study groups.

Please check out the bulletin board located on the second floor of the main building for pictures and more information! Thank you in advance for your prayers in meeting our goal.

Dolly Patterson, Mission and Outreach Team member

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SAVE THE DATE!!



 Hebron Hiking
with Henry

**HIKING
TRIP
8.6.23**

- ▶ 2-MILE LOOP AND WATERFALL
- ▶ ALL CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT (<18)
- ▶ ANY AGE WELCOME!

A day at Ohiopyle
Depart from Barclay at
1pm - Return 8pm

See Knapps for more information