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THE KNAPPS ARE GOING TO AFRICA!

BY: HENRY KNAPP

Some of you may have heard that Kelly and I are traveling to Central African Republic from May 25 - June 7. We want you to be thoroughly informed as to this mission and your involvement in it. Thank you for this opportunity!

In the Fall, I was asked to speak at a “spiritual retreat” for in-country missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators. (We are huge fans and supporters of this ministry). Our Hebron Church elders have approved this call and time of service. We are being sent by you, Hebron Church, so thank you for being engaged globally with this endeavor. This small group of missionaries will be conducting a business meeting, fellowship gathering, and spiritual retreat with a guest speaker (aka - me!) They have not met live in person since before COVID. They are eagerly anticipating a rich time together in fellowship and productivity.

We will be seeking primarily to encourage, pray for, strengthen with the Word these missionaries. We will

be living life with them at the capital city, Bangui, CAR. I will also preach at some local, indigenous churches. Finally, we were also asked to lead a marriage/family conference for a native CAR team of Bible translators. We will be busy and engaged! It’s all very exciting.

We covet your prayers, as well as prayer for the missionaries there. Pray for their joy, refreshment, protection, and nourishment spiritually. Pray for their stamina as they continue to make it their life and passion to translate God’s Word into the people’s native/heart tongue. Pray for the Spirit’s blessing during our time together!

We look forward to debriefing this entire mission and experience with you, our church family, on June 25th over a potluck picnic dinner in the Barclay! Come for a church fellowship, family night – and for sharing about God’s global work.

In closing, here are some interesting facts on **Wycliffe Bible Translators**

work globally. There is now more Bible translation work in progress than ever before!

- There are currently 7,388 languages in active use worldwide.
- Only 724 of these have the complete Bible.
- 1,617 have a New Testament, and 1,248 languages have selections and stories.
- There is work in progress through Wycliffe missionaries happening in 3,266 languages.
- 1 in 5 people, speaking 5,509 languages, do not have the whole Bible in their first, heart language.
- 129 million people, speaking 1,680 languages, still need translation work to begin so the unreached can receive God's Word.

Pray, please pray, for God's work in this world and for Wycliffe missionaries.

To the praise of His Glory – and until the whole world hears!

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As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead. (James 2:26)

If you have been paying attention to this space in past issues, you will know that we have been planning to meet approx. 1/2 of our planned budget deficit through asking the congregation at large to increase their giving by \$25/month. Through some very generous estate gifts in 2022, the other approx. 1/2 would be covered through transfers from Hebron’s savings. A valid question is that with four months behind us, how are we doing?

We are pleased to report that we have seen good evidence of the people of Hebron putting their faith into action. We have been tracking recurring giving against a baseline that shows what sort of revenue we would need to make up that 1/2 of the deficit, and through 4 months we are over \$9000 ahead of our congregational support goal.

It is truly a blessing to see faithfulness in action. Thank you for your support thus far and what you will be able to do through the rest of 2023. It is amazing to see God working on so many hearts and stirring them into action.

To reflect this a little more accurately, we are changing how we report our progress. We are going to start adding in our planned transfers from savings (i.e. the other 1/2 of how we plan to meet our deficit) so we can track towards our goal through balance of 2023.

Mike Tomashewski, Stewardship Team Chair

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

Operating Fund - April 2023

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

Year-to-Date Recurring Revenues	\$ 293,113
Year-to-Date Expenses	(325,000)
Actual Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (31,887)
2023 Planned Transfers from Savings	25,000
Planned Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (6,887)

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ² WHO PARTICIPATED!!

COMING SOON!

BY: JODIE SKANDERSON

On June 5 our church will start the process of moving to a new church recordkeeping solution called Realm®. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers. **Please note Access ACS will no longer be available for use starting on June 5 while we transition to Realm®.** Online giving will still be available during this time.

In August online giving will be changing to Realm® as well. This will impact those who currently give online or have recurring giving set up. Stay tuned for the exact date this will take place, as well as new additional ways to give.

If you have a valid email address on file, you will receive an email on August 2 inviting you to set up a login for *Connect*. Once you've set up your *Connect* login you can stay connected to our church wherever you go by downloading the free *Connect – Our Church Community* app for iPhone and Android devices. Use it to communicate with your groups, RSVP to events, manage your giving, update profile information, and more.

Have questions? Need help? Want someone to assist with taking your *Connect* profile picture? Stop by the *Connect* Help Desk after either service on August 6 or August 13 and talk with a member of the Tech Team.

We are also excited to announce that work is underway on a new website and church logo.

More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks via our eNewsletter. If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for our eNewsletter by visiting hebrononline.org/adults/publications or emailing info@hebrononline.org.

Important dates:

June 5: Access ACS no longer available

August 2: Look for your Realm invitation email

August 6 & 13: Realm Help Desk available after each service



Thank you all for the texts, Facebook messages, gifts, food, cards, flowers and all the kind words of care after the recent passing of my father.

Also, a big thank you for the flowers sent to South Dakota from the Hebron Church Family.

I appreciate each of you.

- Jerry Zeilstra

Hey Friends!

This summer we are going to be up to our ears in sunshine and good stuff. We are going to continue getting together, but it will have a little salsa added in to spice things up for summer. We are going to have Summer Combined Youth Group - stay tuned as the Summer goes on for when we will meet and where. Sometimes we will just get together to hang out, other times we will do Bible study, and still other times we will do both! We have some big things coming up like Surf City, which is going to be awesome, as well as some get-togethers and, of course time, porch time complete with s'mores. There will be time to serve both our home at Hebron and in the community around!

This brings us to our theme: Summer Serve

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will continue in the summer as well! We will be meeting in conjunction with the adult Sunday school schedule. There will not be any Sunday school in the month of August as we rest a bit before we get going again on September 10. This summer our theme is going to be all about learning to SERVE and do it well. We will be looking at Biblical examples of service and how we can follow Jesus' example as we look to SERVE others.

June 4 WHY we serve: Knowing why we do it matters

June 11 WHO we serve: Knowing who we serve matters

June 18 WHAT we serve: Knowing what we do matters

June 25 A Visit with Missionaries: Hendrickson Mission (Students will sit in on this with Adults)

July 2 WHEN we serve: Knowing when to serve matters

July 9 HOW we serve: Knowing how to serve matters

July 16 A Visit with Missionaries: AIM (Students will sit in on this with adults)

July 23 WHERE we serve: Knowing where to serve matters

July 30 NO SS for students because we are at Surf City

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

BY: DAN BENDER



Pirate Game Recap

It is always a beautiful site when you take in a ball game at PNC Park. This trip was put together by the Family Ministry Team and we were 72 strong in attendance on Saturday, May 6th to see the Pirates take on the Toronto Blue Jays. While the game didn't go the way we had hoped in terms of the final score, it did end with a BLAST. It was fireworks night at the ballpark and all can agree that it was a pretty fantastic show. This is just one of the many examples of things that Family Life Ministry will endeavor to do over the course of the year. A quarterly gathering of Families and Friends to fellowship and grow as a community. We look forward to our next gathering this summer so stay tuned!

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MS. JILL!

It is with tremendous gratitude and appreciation that I get to write a little thank you to someone who has gone so far above and beyond it cannot be put into words. As you may or may not know, Ms. Jill Scott, along with Ms. Melanie Mills, stepped up in a big way this past fall upon the retirement of Ms. Ellen Dillard. Not only did they both hold down the fort as the process was being held to find another staff person, they did so with excellence. Upon Melanie stepping back from her role as Interim Kids Ministry Director this past January, Ms. Jill continued on and was a huge part in welcoming me and helping me become acclimated in my new role and continuing to make sure things were excellent with Kids Ministry.

In all of my years working in Family Ministry, I can say without a shadow of a doubt that Ms. Jill gets the WHY of what we do better than the rest. She truly understands what it means to be **ORANGE** - the connection of influences of the Church and Home, and she strives to bring that to life in all of her work. She has a passion to see young people and their families live into who Jesus is making them to be and goes out of her way in every shape and form to help those relationships flourish.

Ms. Jill is going to continue in her role through the end of VBS and will then get some much deserved time poolside, as that is one of her favorite things to do. What she has done is invaluable to Hebron and the families that it serves. Make sure that you not only thank her once, but every time you see her, because her standing in the gap is what has kept things going for the last several months and has kept us in a place where growth is possible. We look forward to what the Lord will do in and through her this fall as she continues to serve the church.

Many thanks to you, Ms. Jill, from all of us in Family Life Ministry and on staff; and may you thoroughly enjoy the sunshine this summer!

A FRIENDLY VBS REMINDER! June 18-22, 2023 #readyssetmove

Go online and register both participants and helpers at: <https://hebrononline.org/family-life/vbs>

Hey everyone! I just wanted to give a little PSA about VBS and how important it is for you to sign up and register ASAP. There is going to be a cut off for when I can guarantee that there will be T Shirts if you ordered them at registration. The longer you wait the less likely it will be that we will have one available for you during camp.

So, it is my hope that the majority (90%) of you would be registered by June 7th. It is actually my hope that we get there a lot sooner. We will have some scannable signs at the check in booth for kids for the next couple of weeks during Sunday school. It takes just a few moments to register and we hope that all of your kids and friends they would invite would be able to sign up ASAP. While we are making every effort to have things ready in advance, there are certain things that we cannot do until we are within 2 weeks of camp.

I know that a lot of people don't really know what they are doing until they get within the month of an event; but with the scope of something like VBS, here is a picture of what it looks like as we make the run up to VBS. Here are 11 reasons we need you to make the commitment to VBS ASAP. These are not in order of importance because they are all important and dependent on the amount of registrants.

1. Final orders for snack supplies
2. Final orders for craft supplies - then printing and preparing them
3. Determining the proper groups kids will be in
4. Making sure the T Shirt order is complete
5. Determining which environments hold which aspects of VBS
6. Determining the number of leaders necessary for each environment
7. Printing and Preparing all of the Small Groups Activities for the week
8. Decorating is something that has to happen close to camp no matter what
9. Making sure that all of our check in and check out stuff is ready (orange tags)
10. Communicating final approach details with more efficiency because everyone is on the contact list
11. Clearances to work with kids take time to come back once they are requested



So, that is a peek behind the curtain. Help us give these kids the best experience possible by helping us and registering ASAP. Thank you so much!



It's an exciting time in Hebron Children's Ministry as we ramp up for our very best week of summer.....VBS! The theme for VBS is the same as it is for the entire summer across the board in Children's Ministry:

Ready, Set, Move! Follow Jesus here, there and everywhere!

This year, our Elementary kids have been on a Journey of God's Love Through Time by working their way through the Bible chronologically. We are looking forward to completing our God's Big Story wall at the end of July!

What kids are talking about this summer....

Elementary: Virtue: Faith – Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see!

Since the beginning, God has always been deeply involved in the world. We see God's handiwork on display in creation. We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand. We put that faith into action as we follow Jesus and show His love to the world.

June:

- *Paul Becomes a Believer—Acts 9:1-9*
 - *Bottom Line: Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.*
- *Ananias Helps Paul—Acts 9:10-31*
 - *Bottom Line: God can help you face your fears.*
- *Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius—Acts 10*
 - *Bottom Line: God can change the way you see others.*
- *An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison—Acts 12:1-19*
 - *Bottom Line: God is with you even when you feel stuck.*

Memory Verse: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

July:

- *Salvation Is God's Gift—Ephesians 2:8-9*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus is a gift for everyone.*
- *Paul and Silas Are Thrown Into Prison—Acts 16:16-40*
 - *Bottom Line: God can help you face your fears.*
- *Paul Shipwrecked—Acts 27:1-28:10*
 - *Bottom Line: When bad things happen, God is with you.*
- *The Church—Hebrews 10:23-25*
 - *Bottom Line: Our faith is stronger together.*
- *Heaven—Revelation 21:3-5a*
 - *Bottom Line: God will make everything right in the end.*

Memory Verse: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—" Ephesians 2:8

Preschool: This summer, we're talking about the best friend ever with our preschoolers. We want every preschooler to know that not only is Jesus the best friend ever, but Jesus wants to be THEIR friend . . . forever! We want our preschoolers to hear over and over that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. And not only does Jesus want to be their friend, but Jesus is a friend worth following. That way, when the time comes, our preschoolers will be ready to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere!

June:

- *Paul Becomes a Believer—Acts 9:1-9*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.*
- *Ananias Helps Paul—Acts 9:10-31*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus gives me people to help me.*
- *Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius—Acts 10*
 - *Bottom Line: I can love everyone the way Jesus loves everyone.*
- *An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison—Acts 12:1-19*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus is always with me.*

Memory Verse: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19

July:

- *Salvation Is God's Gift—Ephesians 2:8-9*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus is a gift for everyone.*
- *Paul and Silas Are Thrown Into Prison—Acts 16:16-40*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus helps us choose joy.*
- *Paul Shipwrecked—Acts 27:1-28:10*
 - *Bottom Line: Even when it is hard, we can love like Jesus.*
- *The Church—Hebrews 10:23-25*
 - *Bottom Line: We can love just as Jesus loves us.*
- *Heaven—Revelation 21:3-5a*
 - *Bottom Line: Jesus is preparing a place for us.*

Memory Verse: "and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:2 Matthew 4:19

URBAN IMPACT, ANDREW CHURCHILL BY: MISSION AND OUTREACH



Thank you Hebron family for your continued prayers, support and encouragement of Jasmine, myself and our girls over the past months.

Praise God Charlotte came home on March 8th! She is a miracle, as God resurrected her from the doctor's pronouncement of death on her 2nd day of life. She is now a healthy 11lb baby, brightening her family's day with her smile. Continue to pray the Lord's protection over her body, mind and spirit.

Trinity remains at Children's Hospital and is now 6lb 8oz. Medically speaking, her VSD, ventricular septal defect, in her heart will require surgery in the coming weeks. Please cover this procedure in prayer, especially since her heart conditions are complicated by high pulmonary pressure and over circulation in her lungs. Nonetheless, we thank God that she is a living testimony to Christ's resurrection power, and with or without surgery, her healing will come for the glory of the Lord! Please pray for the Lord's shalom and protection over Trinity. Pray she would grow on God's timetable and for respiratory improvement so she can breath without a tube.

On the ministry front, Urban Impact spring sports are in full swing, with over 300 youth ages 3 to 18 participating on our Basketball, Football, Soccer and Baseball teams. I'm enjoying serving with our 10U Baseball Teams and Saturday Tee Ball. Tee Ball carries special weight since I get to coach my daughter Desiree for the 1st time. I'm also once again

**SUMMER
SAVE THE DATES**

6/15 - TWIN LAKES PARK, LATROBE (FOR WOMEN)

6/25 - CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC RECAP WITH THE KNAPPS

6/25 THROUGH 7/2 - LET'S SERVE

7/19 AT 6 PM - PEACHES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (FOR WOMEN)

8/6 AT 1 PM - HEBRON HIKING WITH HENRY

8/12 AT 12 PM - OVER 70S EVENT (BARCLAY)

8/27 - ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND CORNHOLE

KEEP AN EYE ON UPCOMING ENEWSLETTERS AND BULLETINS FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION.

SIGN UP FOR OUR ENEWSLETTER BY EMAILING INFO@HEBRONONLINE.ORG