

Honduras Mission Trip 2024

July 31st - August 7th



Thank You for Your
**GENEROUS SUPPORT
& DONATIONS**



Abigail Cochran's

Stars & Stripes Award Ceremony

Date: Tuesday, July 30th

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Fellowship Hall

Light dinner following the ceremony

RSVP to **Kylie Cochran** by **July 28th**.

Sign up sheet in the lobby



Welcome to our time of worship!

*Attended Nursery for ages 0-3years
available down the hallway.*

Attendants: Cindy & Alex Carpenter

Order of Service

Song Leader ■ **Zachary Propst**

*Highly Exalted - (Slides)
Servant Song - 694*

Opening Prayer ■ **Gary Stephenson**

*Follow Me - 395
When I survey the Wondrous Cross - 315*

Lord's Supper ■ **Evan McGee**

Lord's Supper Attendants:

**Charlie Pollard
Mathew Carpenter
Lucas Carpenter
Alex Carpenter**

A Beautiful Life- 570

**Children's Worship Dismissal
Ages 4 Years - 2nd Grade
Teachers** ■ **Greg and Patricia Grooms**

Sermon ■ **Fred Gore**

Nothing But the Blood - 902

Closing Prayer ■ **Jim Scott, Sr.**

*Thank you for throwing away trash in cans in the lobby
and recycling papers in table basket.*

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 21 2024

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE
WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN
OR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE
WELCOME TO TODAY'S
PRAISE & WORSHIP
A S S E M B L Y

Forward for Freedom

July 22nd - Monday
6:00 PM

Fellowship Menu:
Hot Dogs, Chili,
Baked Beans,
Chips and Salad.

Enjoy some delicious
desserts, coffee and
hot tea at the
Freedom Café



Save the Date!
August 25th
Sunday



Teen Tubing Trip

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Weekly Bible Classes
In-Person for All Ages
9:30 AM Sundays
6:30 PM Wednesdays

Tomorrow

Forward for Freedom
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Next Week

Abigail Cochran's
Stars and Stripes
Award Ceremony
July 30th - Tuesday
5:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Honduras Team Trip
July 31st - August 7th
Honduras

Mark Your Calendar

Teen Tubing Trip
August 25th - Sunday
After Sunday Service
Green River Cove Tubing

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Why did Jesus tell so many stories? When you look through his repertoire of tales, there is quite a collection of characters and strange situations. There is a father with two sons, neither of whom seems to understand him. There is a foolish traveler on a dangerous back road, predictably beaten to a pulp by bandits, ignored by the religious, and rescued by a walking scandal. There is a widow who won't leave a government official alone, a manger who rips off his boss by colluding with creditors to forge debt certificates, a farmer who doesn't seem to care where he throws his seeds, and a rich man who ignored a poor man named Lazarus only to find himself experiencing an unexpected afterlife reversal of fortunes. And there are still a bunch more!

These stories are familiar to many of us - so much so that these one-sentence summaries are enough to bring the whole story to mind for many of us. But why did he tell them?

There is something powerful about a story. It sneaks past our defenses in a way that a mere theoretical argument cannot. Imagine I said to you, "The real purpose of wealth is not for your own comfort, but wealth's purpose is so that we can express our love for people." You might be able to poke all kinds of holes in an argument like that. After all, wealth most certainly can provide me with comfort. And why shouldn't it? After all, I earned it, didn't I? And why should I give it away for the sake of people who didn't earn it?

But if I told you a story about an accountant who is in trouble with his boss because of mismanagement, suddenly you are invested in his problems. You aren't trying to shoot holes in the argument, you are wanting to learn how he gets out of his tight spot.

And then, when you are invested in the plot, Jesus will show you a truth that you might have resisted. The manager in trouble uses money to improve his relationships instead of buying comforting things with it. Well, of course, he does, you might argue. He's in trouble and trying to figure out how to get out of it. But then, your mind will ask you, aren't we all in trouble with our God? Aren't I in trouble with him? Suddenly, Jesus's story has you thinking in ways that you might have fought with or rejected.

Jesus is a master storyteller and a brilliant theologian. His stories are meant to lead us to consider truths that we might have missed. We might have resisted some of his harder ideas if he had just said them to us plainly. So he told them to us slanted, squeezing them into stories.

A wise person will ponder over the stories of Jesus, meditating on them and ruminating over them. A contemplative approach to the parables will make space for a receptive heart to be given great gifts by God.

In this morning's sermon, we are going to get to hear one of Jesus's most famous stories. Open your heart to it and allow the wonder to sink deeply into you.

Ethan Brown



Pray and Care for Our Shut-Ins:

Pete Hunter
 Reba Haynes
 Carolyn Holland
 Sam Ruth
 Pat Jarvis
 Eva Watkins

Prayer Updates are listed on the back. Long-term prayer lists are on the Prayer Board in the lobby.

How to send prayer requests and praise reports

- ◆ Use the "Prayer Request" and "Praise Report" forms on HvlCoC Connect at hvlcocnc.churchtrac.com.
- ◆ Fill out a paper card and put on the board, give to an elder, or give to a member of the Prayer Ministry Team.
- ◆ Email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayerhvlcoc@gmail.com.

Coupons for Troops sends product coupons to military families. Please put coupons in the box in the lobby or give to the Farleys'.

Domestic

Palmetto Bible Camp (SC)
 Southeastern Children's Home (SC)

Foreign

Eastern European Missions—EEM
 Nekemte (Ethiopia)
 Samrit Kammanee (Thailand)
 Steve & Dianna Teel (Baxter Institute, Honduras)



Recent Sunday Attendance

Date	9:30AM Bible Class	10:30AM Service
07/14	59	102
07/07/	85	—

Contribution Numbers

July Contribution	\$ 13,159	Place contributions in the boxes near the auditorium entrance, mail to the church office, or give online through HvlCoC Connect.
July Budget	\$ 25,720	
Contribution YTD	\$ 156,774	
Budget YTD	\$ 180,034	

CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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Our Mission Statement

As forgiven people who have been rescued by Jesus Christ, our calling is to:

- * *Proclaim the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus*
- * *Praise and honor our Father by seeking to live as Jesus did and taught*
- * *Teach and equip one another for works of loving service*
- * *Reach out and share the love and saving grace of Jesus with all people*

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DEACONS

Blain Bice: *Communication and Technology*
 Jeremy Cochran: *Education*
 Josh Propst: *Missions*
 Jim Scott & Rod Price: *Facilities, Bus, and Trailer*

MINISTRY LEADERS

Bill Fitzpatrick: *Benevolence & Fellowship Supplies Ministry*
 Karen Fitzpatrick: *Stephen & Care Ministry*
 Jackie Gass: *Forward for Freedom Ministry*
 Evan & Karen McGee: *Prayer Ministry*
 Nancy McKelvey: *Children's Worship & Ladies Ministry*
 Gary Stephenson: *Hospitality Ministry*
 David Yelton: *Disaster Relief Ministry*