

LEVEL UP

START September 1, 2024

4 year old,
rising 4th graders,
rising 6th graders and
rising 9th graders will go
to their new classes.

Praise & Worship Service

8th September 2024
10:30 am

Hendersonville Church of Christ
1975 Haywood Rd.
Hendersonville, NC 28791

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS

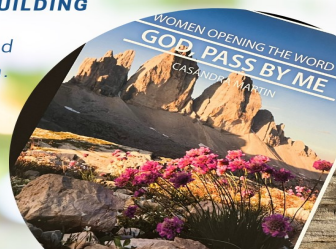
**GOD PASS BY ME
CASANDRA MARTIN**

**BEGINNING: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
10:00 AM
UPTAIRS - ANNEX BUILDING**

Meeting every 1st, 3rd, and
5th Thursday of the month.
Books are provided.

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**Submit Bulletin Entry to:
Vith Gass on or before
Wednesday @ 12NN
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Forward for Freedom

Monday, August 26, 2024
6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall - Annex Bldg.

What's Next?

Helping others have
freedom in Christ

Fellowship Menu:

Sloppy Joes, Chips,
Fruit Tray and Salad

Enjoy some flavorful
desserts, coffee and hot
tea at the Freedom café



NOTHING FANCY

Just Love

We are happy to announce that
Fred and Janice
are getting married
in a private ceremony
on Friday,
October 25th 2024

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www.hvlcocnc.churchtrac.com



August 25 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

Welcome to our time of worship!

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

Attendants: Nikki and Makenna Grasso

Order of Service

Song Leader ▪ Tim Godley

*I Will Call Upon the Lord - 63
Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You - 768*

Opening Prayer ▪ Jackie Gass

*Bind Us Together - 704
How Deep the Father's Love - *42*

Lord's Supper ▪ Gary Stephenson

Lord's Supper Attendants:
Fred Gore
Gage Grooms
Logan Grooms
Alex Carpenter

How Sweet, How Heavenly - 709

**The Prayer of the Christ III ▪
Ethan Brown**

Just As I Am - 924

Closing Prayer ▪ Glenn Elliott

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

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

Today

**Teen Tubing Trip
August 25 - Sunday
After Today's Service
Green River Cove Tubing**

Tomorrow

**Forward for Freedom
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Next Week

**Labor Day Cookout
September 2, 2024
2:00 PM
Annex—Pavilion**

**Women's Bible Class
September 5, 2024
10:00 AM
Upstairs—Annex Bldg.**

Mark Your Calendar

**Praise and Prayer Service
September 8, 2024
10:30 AM
Auditorium**

Join HvlCoC Connect!

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or use the QR code for
full calendar & more!



Not long ago this congregation studied a book called *At the Blue Hole*. That book is a history of the Churches of Christ told by Dr. Jack Reese. I know Jack, though not very well. Jack and my father were friends when my dad taught at the University of Iowa and Jack was a PhD student there. While we aren't close friends, I know this about him: he deeply loves the Churches of Christ, draws his identity from them, and wants our fellowship to do well.

As Jack tells the story of our fellowship, a profound irony becomes apparent. On the one hand, the Restoration Movement in America (of which the Churches of Christ are a part) was essentially an attempt to find Christian unity. The goal was to bring the movements of Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone together into one movement. Christians should be unified, and these folks wanted to achieve that. What united them was a desire to take the Bible seriously and simply to be Christians.

On the other hand, that effort to produce unity has generated one of the most internally fractured and fractious Christian fellowships ever. We have a sad history of dividing over things like these: the number of cups to use in the Lord's Supper; multiple congregations supporting a children's home; a kitchen in a church building; having Sunday School classes; requiring worship to be in a room on a second story; Christians attending movies; the proper role of men and women in the facilitation of worship; men wearing their hair long; and so on and so on. Strong opinions about what the Bible says about things like these have resulted in brothers and sisters parting company and denying one another's Christianity.

What our movement has discovered by trial and error is that unity by human effort is rarely (if ever) achieved. It is our heart's desire to be unified. It is our fallen, sinful habits that divide us. As Jesus once said to his disciples when he found them sleeping in the garden: the spirit, indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak.

But what if human effort was never meant to be the foundation of Christian unity? It's clear that human effort has a part to play, or else there would not be so many calls and commandments in Scripture that we should be unified. As Paul said, we have a responsibility to preserve the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). But what if laying the foundation for Christian unity is simply beyond us? What if our efforts alone cannot produce it?

On the night when Jesus was betrayed into the hands of his killers, Christ prayed for his people to be unified. He did not merely teach unity, he prayed for it. If it were possible for human beings to unite by human will and the power of our efforts alone, why did Jesus seek the help of his Father for us? The fact that Jesus prayed that we would be one has to tell us that we need help if it is going to be true of us. If we want to *be* one - and Jesus clearly wants that for us - we need the help of *the* One. We'll never have it until we become humble enough to receive it.

Ethan Brown



Pray and Care for Our Shut-Ins:
Pete Hunter Jeannie Grindstaff
Reba Haynes Pat Jarvis
Carolyn Holland Eva Watkins
Esperanza Harrington Sam Ruth

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 hvlcocn.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
08/18	62	100
08/11	77	119

Contribution Numbers

August Contribution	\$ 18,008
August Budget	\$ 25,720
Contribution YTD	\$ 181,846
Budget YTD	\$ 212,183

Place contributions in the boxes near the auditorium entrance, mail to the church office, or give online through HvlCoC Connect.

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