



THE HERALD

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Welcome Back!

IN-PERSON

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL Ages!

June 6 at 10am

NURSERY

(infant - age 3)

and

WEE WORSHIP

(ages 3-5)

**Available on Sundays during
all worship services!**

Repairers of the Breach

Division and lack of unity are very much a part of our society today. We are almost constantly reminded of how divided we are - racially, religiously, according to gender, sexual preference and of course politically. It seems that the only way is to find a camp and join it, either on the right or on the left. My question is this, could there be another way? Is there a middle way? Is the Bible pointing us to a path of positive tension where we develop different priorities which allow us to find common ground and build a unity that brings glory to Christ? We are doing a lot that seems to just make more enemies of others. Is making enemies the best way to follow Christ? Some say that if you try to follow any kind of middle way you will get run over. Could it be that such a perspective actually ignores biblical guidance? Unity is addressed as a high priority in scripture and is often found only when we exercise restraint, forgiveness and love which can leave us feeling exposed:

*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* Eph. 4:1-6

*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect **unity**."* Col. 3:13,14

*"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be **perfectly united** in mind and thought."* 1 Cor. 1:10

*"For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form **one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."* 1 Cor. 12:13

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another**."* John 13:35

*"Then make my joy complete **by being like-minded**, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,"* Phil 2:2,3

*"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to **mutual** edification."* Rom. 14:19

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in **unity**!"* Ps. 133:1

God is serious about calling us to focus on addressing the division and disunity which are hallmarks of our society. Jesus dealt with divisions in His day and on one occasion responded to those trying to trap Him into joining a camp, *"Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."* And they were amazed at him." (Mark 12:17) But even with clear biblical guidance, we will still struggle. We will struggle because the path marked by God requires a change in priorities. We must go from chasing significance to risking our significance; we must go from being proud to exercising self-restraint; we must move from living for self to living on hallowed ground. We must become *"repairers of the breach."* Long ago God sent His servant Isaiah to present God's plan for restoring unity in a time of division. In Is. 58:8-12 God said when you live a life *"acceptable to the Lord," "...your healing will quickly appear ... and the glory of the Lord will be your rearguard, if you remove the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness; And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desires of the afflicted, then your light shall shine in the darkness and the gloom shall be as midday. And the Lord will continually guide you and satisfy your desires in the scorched places and strengthen your bones. And you shall be like a well-watered garden whose waters do not fail. And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins and raise up the age-old foundations and you shall be called the repairer of the breach."* God has given us a path forward. Will we follow it? Thank you for loving Christ and being part of the ministry here at Mt. Hebron. Rev. Dr. Gerald Watford



Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church Blood Drive

3050 Leaphart Road West Columbia, SC 29169

All donations continue to be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients. Already received the vaccine? No problem!

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2:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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VBS family celebration on Wednesday, July 21

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ROCKY BOTTOM CHILDREN'S CAMP OF THE BLIND

I am happy to announce that Rocky Bottom Children's Camp and Teen Camp will be in-person this year and we are so excited and so are the blind campers. We are full for teen camp July 24-July 30 and half capacity for Children's Camp June 26-July 1.

We would love your help! MT. Hebron has been supportive with Children's Camp and Rocky Bottom and we are so appreciative of the love and support of our church family.

This summer, we are looking for the following assistance:

Certified lifeguards for both sessions, June 26-July 1 and July 24-July 30. Lifeguards will be given a stipend and hope they will assist us in other areas when they are not on lifeguard duty. This would be great for some of our youth!

We are also looking for individuals, groups, families to help us cook for both sessions. I know that Tyler Jackson and Debbie Houston have graciously agreed again this year to provide meals that they will prepare and freeze for us to heat and serve. Individuals and families in the past have also come for a day or two to prepare and cook meals. Lodging will be provided.

Finally, these camps are run by volunteers and the camps are free to blind children and teens in SC; therefore, we have to raise all money for both sessions. If you are able to assist with an in-kind or monetary donation, we would be so appreciative. Checks can be made to Rocky Bottom Children's Camp and mailed to Jennifer Bazer, Director, 155 Derby Drive, West Columbia, SC 29170 or left in the church office.

If you have questions, please feel free to text/call Jennifer at 803-960-9977 or email Jhipp25@sc.rr.com.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help Rocky bottom Children's Camp this summer!

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- Gift given in memory of Charlie and Pauline Trussell by Gene and Mary Nell Trussell

(Please note, all gifts listed were given from 3/21/21 - 5/16/21)



PIPE ORGAN RE-DEDICATION

Sunday, June 6

After three months of a major renovation at the factory in Ohio, our organ console and several of the actual pipes are back home! Many thanks to all who contributed to this project!



CHANCEL CHOIR

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Rehearsals each Wednesday, 7:45-8:15pm

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TBrunson@mthebrnumc.com for more details!

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THIS SUMMER



Summer Kick-off Kayaking and Cookout
- June 6 -

Carowinds Trip
- June 26 -

Summer Missions Camp
- July 11-17 -

Water Games Field Day
- July 31 -

Back-to-School Party
- August 14 -

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