



**Harrison  
Christian  
Church**

*HCC is about "Connecting people to Jesus Christ, to one another, and to the community."*

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Monday thru Friday

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# *The Christian Connection*

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## February 2018 Newsletter

*Obedience*

By Thy blessed word obeying,  
Lord, we prove our love sincere;  
For we hear Thee gently saying,  
"Love will do as well as hear."  
Dear Redeemer, we would hallow  
All Thy word so firm and true;  
In Thy footsteps meekly follow,  
Thy commands we love to do.  
Feigned hearts Thy name professing,  
Thy commandments cast aside;  
But we feel Thy great salvation,  
And in all Thy truth abide.  
Every word Thy mouth hath spoken  
Is essential to our life;  
All Thy mandates love betoken,  
To oppose them is but strife.  
In Thy wisdom, Lord, confiding,  
We will follow in Thy way;  
With Thy love in us abiding,  
'Tis delightful to obey.  
Each commandment Thou hast given  
Is a waymark on the road;  
Leading up from earth to heaven,  
To the blessed throne of God.

John 14:15  
If ye love me,  
keep my  
commandments.

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Children's Ministry  
Autumn Stapleton

**I Know to Whom I Belong**

I am so excited that we have started our new series on learning about who God is. The kids are so enthusiastic and curious to learn more about God through His Word, the Bible. The answers to who God is lies within the pages of the Bible.

Over the first couple weeks, we started in Genesis and learned that God is the Creator of everything. We talked about some of our favorite places to visit and the places that we would love to explore. God made the beach, the rain forest, the desert, even the places in outer space like the planets Saturn and Jupiter. We talked about our favorite animals and that God made each of them. Then we talked about why God made us and how we are different from the animals.

It is truly awesome to think the same God who formed and molded the entire universe is the same God who created each and every one of us. This point is made not just in Genesis but throughout the Bible. Each of us are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalms 139:14) by a Father who knows every hair on our heads (Luke 12:7). He know us inside and out because He made us, and He also gave each one of us a purpose (Romans 8:28). We are not accidents, and we are not useless. However, we must remember that we need Him. If we remember that He is our Creator, it is much easier to put our trust in Him because it is He who made us and not we ourselves (Psalms 100:3).

Our Creator has made many promises to us, His creation. This moves us further into Genesis where we talk about God's promises to Noah and His promise to Abraham. God is a Promise Keeper. These men knew it was better to put their trust in their Creator than in themselves and those around them.

Next, we talk about God as our Liberator. As we close Genesis, we talk about how Joseph trusted in God, and God lifted him from a slave to a powerful and wise leader. Then we move to Exodus and how God used Moses to lead the Hebrews out of their brutal slavery in Egypt. God was not just a liberator in Genesis and Exodus. He frees each one of us today from lives of enslavement to sin (John 8:36). The God of the Bible is the same God who lives in us and works in us today.

These next few months are going to be so exciting as we explore who God is and learn the books of the Bible and some of the major events in these books!

**Happy Hearts Valentine Party**  
**Wednesday, February 14th**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**(During "C3" Wednesday)**



## Missions Moment

### Kevin and Renee Payton Outreach International (Global Transformation Project)

Some of us remember Kevin and Renee Payton when Kevin was a Youth and Children's Minister here at Harrison back in the 1990s. He served with us while he worked on his Master's of Divinity degree at the Emmanuel School of Religion (now Emmanuel Christian Seminary). When he graduated, they went into the mission field with Team Expansion, and became missionaries in Simferopol, Ukraine. While there, we supported them. When eastern Ukraine voted to become part of Russia, they were forced to leave, and could not return.

After Team Expansion, the Paytons joined Outreach International. We continue supporting them. On Outreach International's website ([www.oionline.org](http://www.oionline.org)), the organization states: Outreach International is a Missionary Motivation Ministry designed to recruit and serve missionary volunteers for work overseas including, but not limited to, areas that are unreached with the Gospel of Christ or areas that are particularly difficult to enter."

In the Global Transformation Project, the Paytons travel—a LOT! They visit Christian colleges and churches to present the need for missionaries to enter foreign and local fields in order to fulfill the Great Commission, to help churches build better rapport with the missionaries they support, and to help churches seek out opportunities to meet internationals in their communities in hopes of introducing them to Christ.

In their latest newsletter, the Paytons report having a booth set up at TCTC, and meeting with some of our people when they were there in January. (Ask some of our people who attended if they got any chopsticks!) They also ask for prayers for upcoming events, for safe travel, and for financial support.

The Missions and Benevolence Team is proud to be long-time supporters of the Paytons from the time they were with Team Expansion up to the present.

For more information on Outreach International, visit [www.oionline.org](http://www.oionline.org).

## Parish Nurse Kim Sell

### Lower your risk for the *Number 1 Killer of Women* Facts on Women and Heart Disease

- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women in the United States.
- Although heart disease is sometimes thought of as a “man’s disease,” around the same number of women and men die each year of heart disease in the United States.
- Some conditions and lifestyle choices increase a person’s chance for heart disease, including diabetes, overweight and obesity, poor diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol use. High blood pressure, high LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. LDL is considered the “bad” cholesterol because having high levels can lead to buildup in your arteries and result in heart disease and stroke. Lowering your blood pressure and cholesterol and not smoking will reduce your chances for heart disease.

#### Symptoms

While some women have no symptoms of heart disease, others may experience heavy sharp chest pain or discomfort, pain in the neck/jaw/throat, or pain in the upper abdomen or back. Sometimes heart disease may be silent and not diagnosed until a woman has signs or symptoms including:

- **Heart Attack:** Chest pain or discomfort, upper back pain, indigestion, heartburn, nausea/vomiting, extreme fatigue, upper body discomfort, and shortness of breath.
  - **Arrhythmia:** Fluttering feelings in the chest.
  - **Heart Failure:** Shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of the feet/ankles/legs/abdomen.
- Stroke:** Sudden weakness, paralysis (inability to move) or numbness of the face/arms/legs, especially on one side of the body. Other symptoms may include confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech, difficulty seeing in one or both eyes, shortness of breath, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, loss of consciousness, or sudden and severe headache.

#### What You Can Do for Heart Health

You can lower your chance of heart disease and a heart attack by taking simple steps.

**Eat a healthy diet** with fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products. Choose foods low in saturated fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium), and added sugars.

**Exercise regularly.** Adults need 2 hours and 30 minutes (or 150 minutes total) of exercise each week. You can spread your activity out during the week, and can break it up into smaller chunks of time during the day.

**Be smoke free.** If you are ready to quit, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)  
CDC.gov



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*Christian Home & Academy*  
**(ETCHA) Shoe Drive**



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Next Gen Minister  
Joe Szklarski

Hello! I'm glad to be part of the family here at Harrison, and I am excited for what God is doing in our lives as a congregation. I am enthusiastic to partner with you as a church to raise the next generation into Christlikeness.

Just to tell you a little bit about me, I am originally from Colorado Springs Colorado. When I was a Sophomore in High School I became a Christian and started serving in my church soon after. In my Junior year, I felt a call to ministry and began leading small groups in my youth group. This experience and some other opportunities I had for serving and teaching opened my eyes and confirmed the call that I was supposed to be doing vocational ministry. After High School, I moved to Joplin Missouri to attend Ozark Christian College, where I received a Bachelors of Theology, specializing in Old Testament. It was near the end of this time that I met my fiancé Hope, whom I will marry this March. I moved to Johnson City to attend Emmanuel Christian Seminary to continue preparing for ministry.

As we move forward together I would like to ask you to pray about and consider serving with the youth group. An old proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, I believe it takes the whole Church to raise them up in the Lord.

Joe Szklarski

CURRENT SERMON SERIES  
(JANUARY 7 - MARCH 25):



February 4 - Jehovah-Nissi: The LORD Our Banner (Exodus 17:8-16 & 1 Samuel 15:1-35)

February 11 - Jehovah-M'Kaddesh: The LORD Our Sanctifier (Leviticus 20:7-8)

February 18 - Jehovah-Sabaoth: The LORD Our Protector (Various Scriptures)

February 25 - Jehovah-Shalom: The LORD Our Peace (Judges 6:11-24)

**RESTARTING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th**



**Connect to Jesus**

**Connect to One Another**

**Connect to The Community**

Everyone is invited to HCC's "C3 Wednesdays"!  
Restarting February 7th through May 2nd!

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.  
(Suggested Donation: \$4.00/person or \$12.00/family)

Bible Study/Classes/Connection Groups for all ages  
begin at approximately 6:40 p.m.

**March 28th (TENTATIVE):**  
Community Easter Festival & Egg Hunt

**May 2nd (TENTATIVE):**  
Community Service Night ("C4K" - Coalition for Kids)

**Help us share the cooking load this winter/spring. Please sign-up in the foyer to cook on a Wednesday night this spring or at least bring a desert!**



The next "Living Under Christ" homeless ministry outreach is Sunday, February 18th beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The primary need is currently for gloves, scarves, toboggans, and socks. An ongoing need is for backpacks and sleeping bags.

See Colt for more info or you can email him at [colt@harrisonchurch.com](mailto:colt@harrisonchurch.com)

*Washington County Christian  
Men's Fellowship Annual  
Sweetheart Banquet*

Tuesday, February 13th @ 6:00 p.m.  
At Boones Creek Christian Church

**Cost:** \$6 per person; \$12 per couple  
**Entertainment:** *Sanctified*

Please RSVP by February 12th  
at (423)-282-0248

**VALENTINE'S  
BANQUET**

## Happenings at Harrison

### Sunday, February 4, 11, 18, 25

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Sunday, February 11

12:00 p.m. Board Meeting immediately following the Morning Worship. All board members encouraged to attend.

### Sunday, February 18

2:00 p.m. "Living Under Christ" homeless outreach

### Tuesday, February 13

6:00 p.m. Washington County Christian Men's Fellowship Annual Valentine's Banquet at Boones Creek Christian Church

### Wednesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28

6:00 p.m. "C3" Wednesday Meal & Connection Groups

### Wednesday, February 14

6:00 p.m. KIDTIME "Happy Hearts" Party

### Thursday, February 1, 8, 15, 22,

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study/Connection Group

### Saturday, February 3, 10

8:00 a.m. Leadership Bible Study  
("The Externally Focused Church")

## February Birthdays

2/2- Lisa Tolbert  
2/3- Anne Evans  
2/3- Caroline Harrison  
2/9- Michael Powell  
2/20- Shirley Crowe  
2/22- David Sanders  
2/22- David Oliver  
2/27- Josh Shepherd  
2/27- Calvin Styles  
2/27- Emily Powell  
2/28- Eric Burchfield



## February Anniversaries

2/8- Gilbert & Carolyn Randolph  
2/14- Mark & Allison Young

## HCC'S VITAL SIGNS

2018 Budget: \$223,687.00

YTD Offering: \$11,737.00

Weekly Budget Needs: \$4,302.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering Given</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>S.S</u>
January 7	\$ 3,127.00	61	24
January 14	\$ 2,551.00	62	42
January 21	\$ 3,152.00	65	40
January 28	\$ 2,907.00	67	45

**NOTE:** Anyone desiring a giving statement for 2017 can let Robert Curry or Mike Cox know. We will be happy to print one out for you!