



Hebron Community Church

November 2023 Newsletter

“God is Doing a New Thing”

¹⁴ Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. ¹⁵ I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:14-19, NRSV)

There’s an old DC Talk song that this scripture reminds me of. It was an old school Christian rap song, the only kind I ever got into at all, but it was talking about God doing a new thing. It says, “My God is doing a brand new thing, but since time began, He remains the same. Faithful, forever to His word, and solid, a cornerstone unstirred. But, look down through the ages and you will find, God doesn’t change but He knows the time.” I’ve always liked that line—God doesn’t change, but He knows the time. God *is* doing a new thing. God is doing a new thing in the world, in this country, and right here in our midst. God is doing a new thing in our church here. I can feel it, and I believe others can, as well. This church has great potential, and if we allow God to work in the new ways He’s wanting to here, then there is no telling how many souls can be impacted with the gospel because of Hebron.

The scripture above is from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah is actually believed to have come from at least 2-3 different prophets who spoke under the same name. The first part of Isaiah comes from before the Babylonian exile, warning them of the wrath that was to come, although his message was not well received. This scripture comes from the second Isaiah during the time of the Babylonian exile, when God was working toward the release of His people. He tells them He is doing a new thing, and that they need to let go of the things of the past, that are holding them back. Much of the chapter this scripture is from, declares the greatness of God, and reminds them of the ways God has worked in the past. Making a way in the sea is a reference to God’s deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea, as they fled from the Egyptian army. It reminds them of another time when God worked in a mighty way among them, but in unexpected ways.

That’s the thing about God—He doesn’t change, but He often works in new and unexpected ways. In saying this, we do need to be careful that we do not think that we need to throw out everything. God doesn’t change, and His word and will do not change. We need to hold to the truth of God’s word, while allowing His Spirit to move in new and fresh ways. Right now, we are living in a time of revival. God is reviving His church, but we have had to let go of some of the things that were holding us back.

Much of mainline Christianity has reached a place where it has become an institution, which has not allowed for much movement of the Holy Spirit, and has been holding onto traditions that have lost meaning, or thrown everything out including the Bible. We are becoming a movement again, but we need to reclaim the things of our past that help us to serve God fully, while letting go of the things that just get in the way.

Here at Hebron, God has been moving. I know getting to the place where we are was a long road, and there were some who felt they couldn't come along, and that has been hard. I truly believe that if we remain faithful to Him and His word, He will bless us, and I believe we have been seeing that. We've been seeing larger numbers in service, and people are feeling like they've actually been to worship, and we've been able to worship passionately. We had one of the best Fall Festivals in the church, at least for some time. We have a lot of things planned in mission in the coming months, and are seeking new missions, as we strive to love extravagantly. We have had many people inviting others to church, as we are striving to witness boldly. We had the most Spirit-filled Annual Conference I have seen in my lifetime, and saw that the things we're seeing here are happening around the church. God is moving, praise be to God!

I am so excited about what God is doing here and elsewhere, as we see revival. I pray that we give all that we have as individuals, and as Hebron Community Church, over to God. If we do that, I know that we will see the power of God move in ways that we can't even imagine yet! We're just getting started! We've got a ways to go yet, but God is here! As we work together for the Kingdom, God will bless the work of our hands, if we remain faithful and give Him room to move! God is doing a new thing right here!

May God bless you always and in all ways!

Your servant brother in Christ Jesus,



Pastor Dustin D. James

In connection with the **Methodist Men's Stew** sale on November 11th, Friendship Circle will have a **bake sale** that day. Anyone who can provide baked goods for the bake sale should have them at the church by 10:00 that morning. We certainly appreciate everyone's help.

Sunday, November 5th, we will be recognizing senior members of our congregation. There will be a covered dish lunch following the worship service. We look forward to sharing this time together. Friendship Circle members, please help set up for this lunch on Saturday, November 4th at 4:00 pm, then stay following the lunch to put everything back in place for our Abundant Life friends on Monday.

As we enter into a month of Thanksgiving, one of our many blessings is having plenty of food to eat. Unfortunately, many in Alamance County do not have enough food to eat on a daily basis. Please help the family of Hebron show God's love to this community of hungry people by bringing canned goods and non-perishable items to church during the month of November. Count your blessings and provide a food item for each one. A box is provided in the vestibule. Food will be delivered to **S.A.F.E.** at the end of November.

Beginning on the following pages are the brochure explaining what **Life Line Screening** does for you. They will be here at Hebron on Friday, December 1st. Prices are listed. If anyone is interested in signing up for the testing, please reach out to the church office, we have some coupons for the testing available. While the folks from Life Line are in the Hut offering their services to the community, there has been discussion regarding having members of the congregation available to greet and visit with the attendees and offer simple refreshment while they are waiting for their turn. Please, if you are asked to spend part of your day at the church, think of your schedule to determine if you can spare time to help out. The personal touch of a church member being on hand to welcome members of the community could be a bright spot in the process. If you aren't asked but would like to help, please call Martha Graham at 252-904-9323.

Advent begins Sunday, December 3rd. On Saturday, Dec. 2nd, the church will be decorated. This is such a special time, and all members are invited to help with decorating the tree and placing the items throughout the church. We will begin at 9:00 am. In addition to this, the decorations will be taken down Saturday, January 6th. Please help with this process also as these special items are stored for the following Christmas.

The **Helping Hands Ministry's** updated brochure is now available in the church vestibule. This ministry, operating on a church member volunteer basis is a two-fold ministry. It fulfills church members' needs for meals during a time of crisis such as surgery or major illness and light refreshments after a deceased church member's funeral service. Brochures are available via an email message request to the church office.

To be able to respond to these needs in a more efficient manner, the team is seeking folks who are willing to make a commitment to be on a standby list to help when a request for assistance is received. A signup sheet is available in the vestibule for anyone willing to do so, or persons interested in being included in this list can notify Linda Williams, Team Leader at 919-563-4514 or at liwill49yr@yahoo.com.

We are planning to have a special **Christmas story** reading on **Sunday, December 10th** beginning at 5 pm in the church sanctuary. Christmas carols will be included in the program. A traditional Christmas dinner will be in the fellowship hall following the program. Everyone is invited!

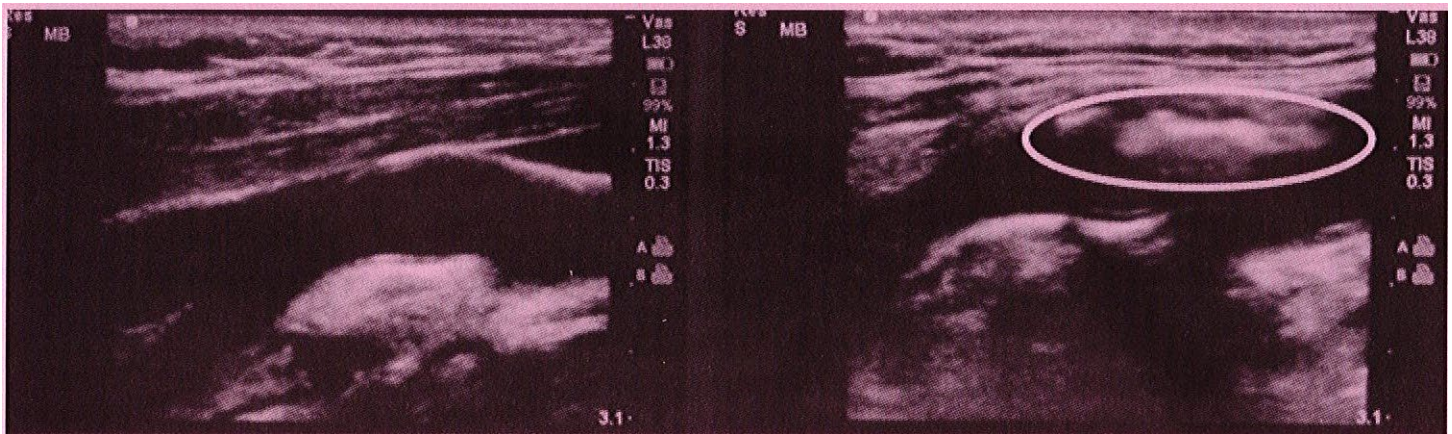
Take a step toward staying Healthy & Active

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup

Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.¹

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

¹Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: Mebane - Hebron United Methodist Church

When: Friday, December 1, 2023

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
please call **1-800-640-6307** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**

Trusted by Hospitals Nationwide.

Life Line Screening has partnered with over **100 hospitals** across the country and has conducted over **10 million screenings** since 1993.



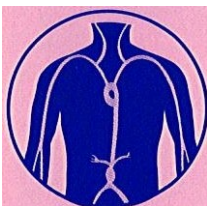
Carotid Artery Disease

an ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.



Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)

a 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

an ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.



Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)

an Ankle-Brachia! Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.³

4 Screenings for Only \$149 Special Package Pricing

² <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

³ <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.

Fall Festival

What a great 2 days we had! A lot of work, laughter, sometimes a bit of panic and did I say work, went into this years Fall Festival! THANK YOU to each and every person that helped to make this so successful! It just amazes me how God has blessed our church this year! Thanks be to God!





November 2023 Calendar

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 am ALM 6:30 Scouts	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	9 am ALM		9 am Nelson Reunion 4 pm Decorating for Luncheon
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Senior Luncheon	9 am ALM 6:30 pm Scouts	Election Day 9 am ALM	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	Veterans Day Men's Stew Prep	Men's Stew Ladies Bake Sale
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 3 pm Church Council	9 am ALM 6:30 Scouts	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	12 pm Crafting in Hut	9 am Crafting in Hut
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 am ALM 6:30 Scouts 7 pm Friendship Circle at Betty Albright's	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	Thanksgiving		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	9 am ALM 6:30 Scouts	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	9 am ALM	Life Line Screening	9 am Decorating for Christmas

Nursery Schedule

November 5th Jay Wilson & Markie Roberts
 November 12th Joannie Wilson & Robins Sykes
 November 19th Pat Snipes & Marti Graham
 November 26th Cicero Sykes & Maddie Moss

Greeters

Robin & Junior Sykes
 Brenda Moss & Sammy Lankford
 Ben & Betty Boney
 Jay & Joannie Wilson