



“Let There Be Light!”

By B.J. Hutto, Senior Pastor

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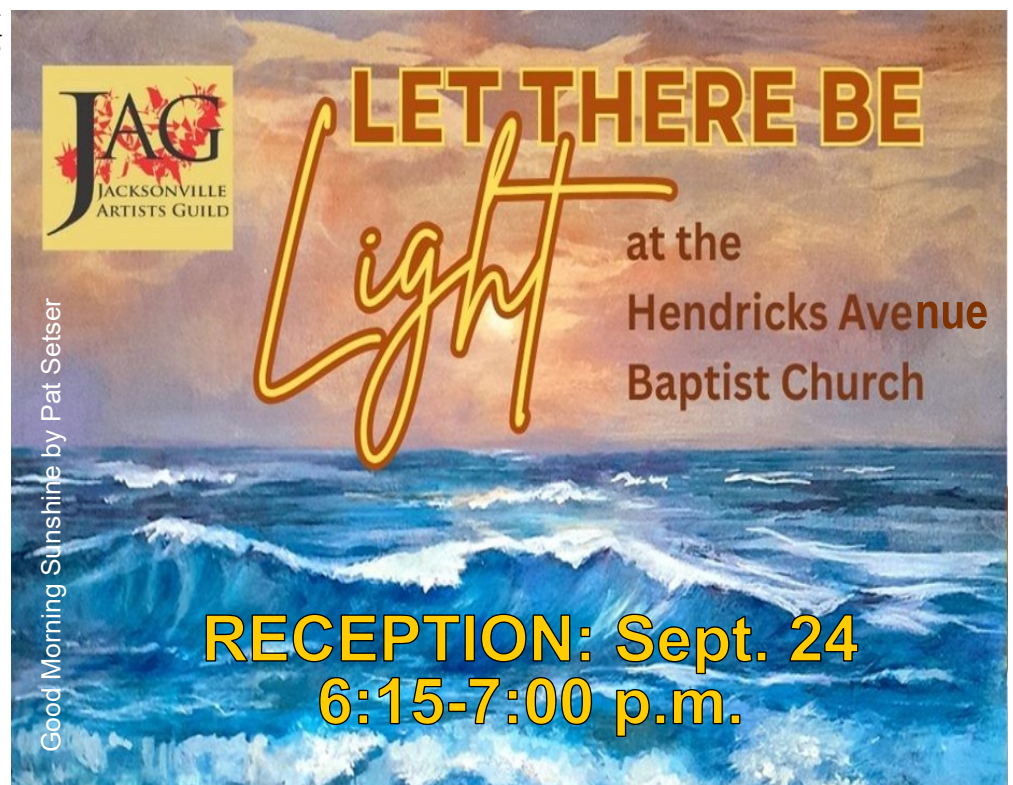
One of my favorite things about HAB is how well we use our campus. Some of that, certainly, is how **we** use it for our congregation’s missions and ministries—worship in the sanctuary, meals in the fellowship hall, the way the youth and children play together on Wednesday nights—but some of it is also how we share our campus with others: Little Friends, IWS (Institute for Worship Studies), Catholic Charities, HACAA (Hendricks Avenue Community Athletic Association), and others. And yet, alongside these two there’s a third way in which we use our campus, and that’s when we team up with community partners to do something for our neighbors.

Well, as the summer comes to a close, we have a great opportunity for partnership right around the corner. In August through October, HAB will be host to a competition for the Jacksonville Artists Guild titled “Let There Be Light.” The competition’s theme is drawn from the book of Genesis, so artists have been challenged to explore the beauty of the created world around us. Here’s the Guild’s own description:

We are always seeking the light, both as individuals and as artists. Genesis gives you the challenge and the opportunity to represent the seasons; the animals of the field; birds on the wing; the moon, stars, and the sun in this exhibition at the Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church. Forty-two pieces of artwork by 25 local artists inspired by light!

Forty-two pieces of artwork by 25 local artists! This is an incredible opportunity for our church, and it’s a testament to the reputation that HAB has within the local arts community. While the show will be up from August through October, the official reception for the show will be held on **Wednesday, September 24, at 6:15 p.m.** This night is going to be a big celebration, and we’re hopeful that many of the artists taking part will be able to be there for it. So please, put it on your calendar and invite your friends to join you there!

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Dusk Over the Ortega River
Photograph by Jon Jennings

In the meantime, the next time you're on campus take a moment to engage the works themselves, which will be displayed in the gallery spaces of our sanctuary. Be grateful for the beauty of the creation! Be grateful for the talent of our neighbors here in Jacksonville! Be grateful for our art ministry and for the people who lead it, and then express your gratitude for their work whenever you see them next! Because

opportunities like this are not to be taken for granted, and they are the ones who have spent decades cultivating our relationship with the Jacksonville Artists Guild.

Friends, this is just one more illustration of what makes HAB so special, so get excited, and share it with your neighbors!

Kind regards,
B.J.



Carpenter Gothic Church (San Marco Preservation)
Oil Painting by Abby Howard Murphy



Give Us This Day, Watercolor
by Roseann Egidio



The Politics of Jesus?

Church/State Theology after the Protestant Reformation

Tuesday, August 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church Sanctuary



Rev. Adam Anderson



Rev. Elyse Gustafson



Rev. B.J. Hutto



Rev. Sarah Locke

ONEJAX EVENT: Join us as an ecumenical panel of area pastors explores how the Protestant Reformation shaped Christian denominations and new ideas about the complex relationship between church and state. The panel will feature Rev. Adam Anderson (Presbyterian, U.S.A.), Rev. Elyse Gustafson (Episcopal), Rev. B.J. Hutto (Baptist, CBF), and Rev. Sarah Locke (Lutheran, ELCA). Your participation will help foster meaningful dialogue about how the intersection of faith and power continues to shape our civic landscape. Free to attend:

Reserve your spot at bit.ly/4m1YhHY. For more information, email Rev. Rebekah Hutto, OneJax Director of Interfaith and Cultural Programs, at rebekah@onejax.org.



Britt Hester, Associate Pastor for Youth



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*Chelsea Weise,
Director of
Children and
Community Life*



FALL/WINTER CALENDAR

➔ AUGUST 11

➔ 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUG 10

Blessing of the Backpacks, 11:00 a.m.

AUG 20

Wednesday Night Kickoff 6 p.m.-8 p.m. -
Dinner and Scavenger Hunt

SEPT 7

MIC DROP kicks back off on Sunday mornings
from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. (every Sunday)

SEPT 13

Bike the Baldwin Trail with Families, then lunch
at Lola's 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

OCT 29

Glow Party - dinner will be served 6 p.m.-8
p.m.

NOV 11

Zoo Trip

NOV 19

"Give Thanks" family night 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Families join us as we go to different camp sites (tents) where
we do activities to give to others, then join in worship through
music around a "camp fire."

NOV 26

No Wednesday Night Activities

DEC 17

Christmas PJ party

NOV 23 - THANKSGIVING
MEAL 12:15 P.M.

DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE 5:30 P.M.

For more information contact Chelsea
at children@habchurch.com





It was a joy to celebrate **Garry Andriesse's** 80th birthday during our Independence Day Luncheon. Garry gives so much to our church by making it possible for us to share delicious meals together!



Our **Sisterhood of Survivors (SOS)** group got together for "high tea." What a lovely way to spend the afternoon with a group of supportive friends who share the loss of a husband or significant other.



By Chelsea Weise

This past week at YoungLives camp was one of the most powerful and humbling experiences we've ever had. We watched as young moms, many of whom carry stories filled with pain, loss, and struggle, opened up in ways that were both heartbreaking and courageous. They shared parts of their lives that were so personal and raw—moments we could hardly bear to hear, let alone imagine living through. There were times I sat in silence, not because I didn't care, but because there simply were no words. The weight of what these girls have walked through is immense. And yet, in that sacred space of vulnerability, God showed up.

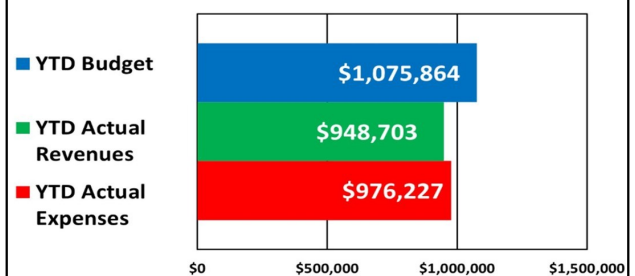
We witnessed the Spirit move in quiet conversations and late-night reflections. Walls began to come down. Truth began to sink in. And by the end of the week, two girls gave their lives to Christ—making the brave and beautiful decision to follow Jesus. It was a moment that will stay with us forever.

We know that this kind of transformation doesn't happen in isolation. It happens through the prayers, support, and generosity of a community who believes in these girls and in the mission of YoungLives. So to our church family: thank you. Thank you for every prayer whispered, every dollar given, every word of encouragement shared. Because of you, these young moms were able to experience a week of rest, joy, and hope—a week many of them may never have had the chance to experience otherwise.

This is what love in action looks like. This is the Kingdom breaking through. And we are so honored to be part of it, together. This is what we are called to do.

YTD Financial Update as of 07/25/2025

Fiscal year September 2024 - August 2025





*Where in the
World Is HAB?*
#HABOnTheMap

Wherever you go this summer, take HAB with you. In each place you visit, take a photo of your family holding the HAB drawing (available in the narthex). Then email your photo to laraine@habchurch.com and post it on social media with the hash tag #HABOnTheMap.



Rebekah, B.J., Hannah Ruth, & Elijah Hutto
in St. Louis, Missouri



Marilyn DeVries in Kearney, Nebraska, Sandhill Crane
Capital of the World each spring migratory season



Marilyn DeVries in Boulder, Colorado



From the Church Mouse

Hello, HAB members! I, your open-eared Church Mouse, have a few tidbits of juicy information for you this month! Folks are up to all kinds of mischief, from exotic vacations to being helpers in the community!

She's still hitting high notes—even in retirement! Congratulations to retired St. Johns Country Day School choral director **Brenda Scott**, recipient of the **Florida Vocal Association's Award of Distinction**! This prestigious honor recognizes teachers who have excelled in vocal

and choral music education and have made lasting contributions to the field through dedication and service.



Susan Howell, Debbie Hagan, Lucas Repper, and Matthew Repper

served at the annual 4th of July luncheon at The Towers. Lucas and Matthew also delivered lunches to residents who were unable to attend in person.

Julie Babcock was recognized for her 57 years of service to the community through her membership in the **GFWC Woman's Clubs of Florida**. Julie has served in many



offices in her clubs and on the state level. This has included **Florida State Director of Junior Clubs** and positions on the general level of club work since 1968. She is being nominated by her club for a national volunteer award to be announced next June. Congrats, Julie!

Joyce Hanson spent several days with her family in Georgia this month celebrating her **80th birthday** with all of her



children; grandchildren; and her great-granddaughter, Callie Joy! Joyce also enjoyed going to Ashes at the beach for tea with her friends, **Susie Price** and **Julie Babcock**, as well as her daughter **Jennifer** and granddaughter **Brooke**. Teatime there is always a special treat!

Well, sweet folks, that just about does it for this month. I would really like to hear about some of the exciting places you have visited on vacation this summer, so be sure to email me at churchmouse@habchurch.com so that you can be featured in next month's issue of *The Herald*. So long 'til then!





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