

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

MAY 2024

Wednesday Menus for the Month of May:

Dinner begins at 5:50 pm.

All meals include tea and coffee.

\$7—11 & Up, \$4—Children, 5-10, \$7—Take Out \$25 max. for immediate family.

\*To-Go” Plates will be prepared by the Kitchen

Personnel after the serving line closes. We cannot guarantee “to-go” orders until all of our dine-in family members are served. As available, additional take out plates may be purchased at the regular price.

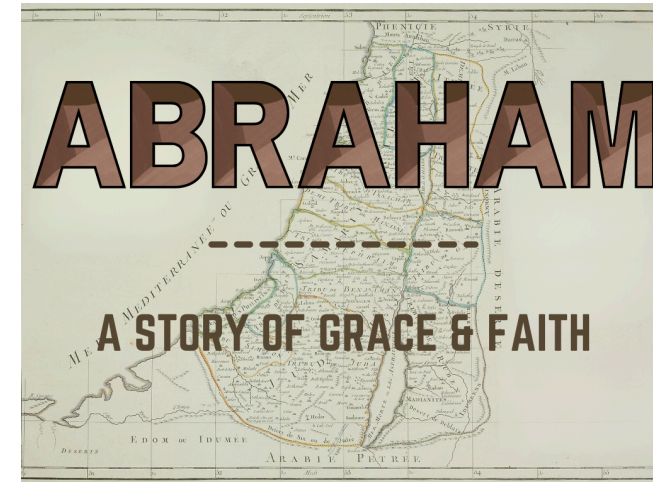
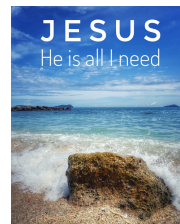
Meal dates are to be determined!

## FYI

- **SPRING RECITAL CHILDREN/YOUTH:** Wednesday, May 1st, at 7pm.
- **NO SALE YARD SALE:** Saturday, May 4th, at 8am.
- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, May 5th, at 7:30am.
- **YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON:** Monday, May 13th at Noon.
- **END OF YEAR TROOP WIDE CAMPOUT/TRAIL LIFE:** Friday, May 17th at 5pm at HBC.
- **GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** Sunday, May 19th during the 11am Service.
- **NIGHT OF WORSHIP:** Sunday, May 19th at 6pm.
- **RECHARGE:** For High School & Middle School Sunday, May 26th.
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, May 27th, for Memorial Day.

### TEAM MEETINGS IN MAY:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, May 1, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, May 16, at 6:30pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:** Wednesday, May 22, at 6:00pm.



“The LORD said to Abram: ‘Go from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.’” (Genesis 12:1)

Like the first notes of a great symphony or the first pitch of the seventh game of the World Series, something great happened when the Lord called Abraham to go. But unlike a symphony or an iconic sporting event, you and I are not spectators. We are swept up into the action by the great work of God, who began working salvation for a people from every tribe, tongue, and nation in that moment He called Abraham to go. Abraham was a man

of faith and purpose, but most importantly he was a man who was acted on by the mighty grace of God. The story of Abraham is the story of God, who would not let humanity slide into destruction. He had already rescued humanity once by calling Noah. Now through Abraham He would raise up a nation to be a blessing and a light to the world that would produce a King and Messiah, who would fulfill all of God’s purposes to bring salvation to the world. It’s a great story, and it begins with Abraham.

As school winds down and we enjoy the long, lazier days of summer, I am beginning a series on Sunday morning entitled, “Abraham, A Story of Grace and Faith.” Join us on Sundays as we worship our Lord Jesus, grow in God’s grace, learn how to live in faith, and experience God’s unfolding purpose for our lives and for His church.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



Join us on Sunday, May 19th at 6:00pm for a Night of Worship. We will spend the evening worshipping through songs that span styles and decades but all lead us to the throne of God. There will also be a finger-food fellowship after the service, so bring your favorite dish and we will have a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG  
EASTER OFFERING  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN  
MISSIONS**

Final Total: \$4, 125



**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY**

**Sunday, May 12th**

### COMING IN JUNE

Centrikid camp June 10-14  
CentriFuge June 10-14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
June 24-28  
9:00am-12noon



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### Church Staff

- Senior Pastor **Dr. C. Michael Wren, Jr.**  
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### MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$35,237.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,132.00
General Offering Received as of 4/21/2024	\$24, 719.70
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$281,896.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$259,482.70
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	140
Average S.S. attendance as of 4/21/2024	125



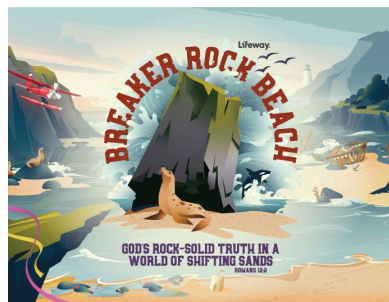
## Children's Ministries



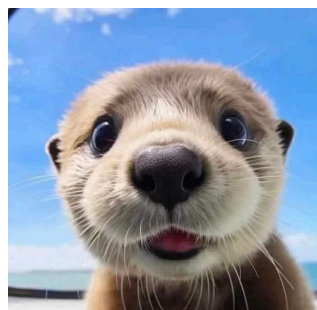
All children, ages 3-5th grade, are invited to join MPact, which meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm.



CentriKid Camp is scheduled for June 10-14, 2024 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. We will have a Parents' Meeting on May 19th after the 11am worship to discuss final details.



VBS will take place June 24-28, 2024 from 9:00am-12Noon. The theme this year is, "Breaker Rock Beach."



If you are available to help any day on our VBS, please see Cindy Lewis. There are many different ways to serve in VBS and many hands are necessary.

**You OTTER volunteer for VBS!**

## Student Ministries



We will be honoring our 2024 Graduates on Sunday, May 19th. If you are a 2024 Graduate, please provide your information to Renee Jenkins by email [rjenkins@hephzibahbaptist.org](mailto:rjenkins@hephzibahbaptist.org) no later than Tuesday, May 7th at noon.

If you are a High School Graduate, your information should include a photo, your full name, name of school, date of graduation, your family's name (father, mother, siblings, grandparents), your future plans, and honors you would like to include. Please understand that we might need to edit due to space limitations. If you are graduating from College, Graduate School, or a Technical School, include full name, name of the school, degree earned, and your future plans.



ReCharge, for May the high school & middle school students, will meet on May 26th, after the morning worship service.



CentriFuge Camp is scheduled for June 10-14, 2024 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC.

## Women's Ministry

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, join us on Thursday morning at 10 am in the Joy classroom. You will be blessed by this wonderful time of digging into God's Word led by Teri Adkins.



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group will finish our study of "Mama Bear Apologetics" in the next few weeks. We will announce our next study soon. We meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm each Wednesday.

## Discipleship Ministry

### CHURCH LIBRARY

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth within our church. We now have seven Sunday School Classes for adults. We also have two weekly studies for women, and one for men. Our library has books and DVDs for discipleship, evangelism, parenting, and many other important topics. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cross (706) 836-9226.

## Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
May 5th at 7:30 AM

## Senior Adult Ministry

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Monday, May 13th at Noon.  
Bring a covered dish and join us.  
We will play Bingo with prizes.



## Missions Ministry



For the month of May OCC is collecting all sewing items like buttons, needles, thread, thimbles or the travel size sewing kits. We appreciate your continued support for Operation Christmas.

Your Project Leader  
Amanda Larson

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples  
As conflicts continue to escalate in the Middle East, please pray for peace in the region. Pray for protection of those in danger, and pray that local believers will take every opportunity to share the love of Christ with those who are suffering and afraid.

## Music Ministry

### HBC ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will meet on Sunday morning at 9:15am in the Sanctuary to rehearse the Choir special each week.

