

Wednesday Menus for the Month of September:

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!

9/6 Baked/Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert	9/13 Sloppy Joes, French Fries Vegetable, Salad & Dessert
9/20 Eggs, Bacon/Sausage, Grits, Biscuits, Gravy & Pancakes	9/27 Baked/Regular Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$34,571.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,978.00
General Offering Received as of 8/28/2023	\$29,262.28
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$414,852.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$405,303.31
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	132
Average S.S. attendance as of 8/28/2023	111

FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, September 3rd at 7:30am
- **HBC FAMILY PICNIC & SPLASH DAY:** Sunday, September 3rd at Noon
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, September 4th
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, September 17th following the 11am service (High School Students)
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** September 11th at Noon
- **DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** Monday September 18th, at 9am.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm.
- **HOMECOMING SUNDAY:** Sunday, September 24th.
- **HBC FAMILY DAY AT STEED’S DAIRY:** Saturday, September 30th, at 1:00pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

- **Building & Grounds:**
Wednesday, September 6, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:**
Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:**
Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:**
Wednesday, September 27, at 6:00pm

Please Note:

All events, dates, and times are subject to change.

Hephzibah Baptist Times

SEPTEMBER 2023



A Ministry of Generations

“He established a testimony in Jacob . . . which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God.” (Psalm 78:5-7)

This month we celebrate Homecoming. Hephzibah Baptist Church has been blessed. For over 160 years, this church has proclaimed the gospel and taught people of all ages to follow Jesus. And today by the grace and call of God the ministry continues. We are called to advance the gospel by proclaiming the good news of Jesus to every ear that would hear it. We are also commanded to teach the next generation, so that they should set their hope in God. I’m thankful that at HBC we have so many who are actively investing in teaching the next generation. I’m also thankful that we have people who are passionate about making sure everyone in our community hears the good news of Jesus. Let us never grow tired of the task of telling people what our God has done. As we pass on the good news, we multiply the investment of those who have gone before us, and we leave a valuable legacy to the next generation.

Your Pastor,
Michael Wren

HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 24th

No Sunday School and Church will start at 10:30am

Join us for a pitch in meal following the worship service. Some chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish, enough for your family and another family, to share.



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Labor Day
Monday,
September 4th
HBC Office Closed



COMING IN
OCTOBER

Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 8-31
12-6 pm daily

Trunk or Treat
Tuesday, October 31,
6-8pm

Children's Ministries



All children, ages 3-5th grade, are invited to join MPact, which meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. We look forward to a school year full of growing together in Christ through studying God’s Word, singing, praying, learning about missions, and playing games. A nursery is provided. Join us and bring a friend!

Children's Ministry Volunteer Training



A training meeting will be held in Room 106 on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30pm.

The meeting is for all volunteers involved with children in ministries such as Sunday School, Children’s Church, MPact, and VBS. We will focus on classroom behavior and security procedures.



HBC families will meet at Steed’s Dairy (4634 Wrightsboro Rd, Grovetown) at 1:00 on Saturday, September 30th, to enjoy a fun Fall day together.

An RSVP will be needed in order for us to have the group rate of \$9 each (2 and under are free), which includes all of their main activities. An informational flyer will be sent home soon. See steedsdairy.com for more details.

HBC Pumpkin Patch



The pumpkins are arriving Saturday, October 7th at 4:00pm this year!

Student Ministries

The HBC Youth would like to welcome this year's 6th graders into our group!



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of September from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We have organized games & activities, a worship & prayer time, and a time for Bible lessons. During the Bible lesson portion, students have the option of working from different modules: memory verses, Books of the Bible, Stories of the Bible, Creative Response, and more.

ReCharge, a monthly gathering for High School students, will meet on September 17th after the morning worship service. We will be going to downtown Augusta to attend the “Arts in the Heart” festival. The cost of entry will be covered, but students will need money to purchase their own lunch.



“Arts in the Heart of Augusta celebrates Augusta's diversity and culture by displaying art and delicious cuisine from over 20 countries worldwide.” This is a wonderful opportunity to be immersed in different cultures and discover their unique qualities!



the**GOSPEL**PROJECT.

The Sunday School classes for the High School and the Middle School use the Gospel Project. The Gospel Project is utilized by all Sunday School classes for students, children, and a parents’ class.

Please mark your calendars! HBC Youth volunteers are needed to help with the Pumpkin Patch in October on Sundays following the Morning Worship Service until 6 PM.

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning women's Bible study group will continue meeting at 10:00am each Thursday morning to study The Biography of God.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night women's Bible study group is continuing to study, Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies. Even if you're not a "mama bear" or don't have children in your home, this study is open to all women who would like to influence the children in your lives with the Gospel of Christ. We will meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Discipleship Ministry

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
Sunday, September 3rd at 7:30am

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Monday, September 11th at Noon. Bring a covered dish and join us. We will be joined by Embrace Grace, who supports resources for women's ministry.



Missions Ministry



In September, please continue bringing in items for OCC Shoeboxes, especially 'WOW' gifts for each age group. Donations towards the shipping costs of the boxes are also always welcome. Thank you for your faithfulness in collecting supplies and for praying for those receiving the gospel message.

Thank you,
Barbara Smith

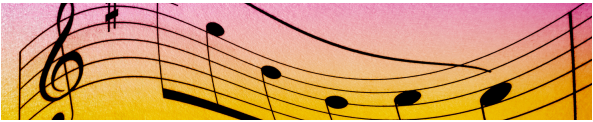
International Missions

Tokyo, Japan
Praise God for the increase in divine appointments in recent weeks in Tokyo. While at a coffee shop, a team member saw a Japanese man reading a Christian book with 'Gospel' in the title. The Japanese man said, “I just bought this book today to practice my English, but I don't know what the gospel is. Can you explain it to me?” Another team member was reading the Bible at a local college cafeteria where he prayed for the Lord to send him someone who knew what the Bible was and who was open to talking about it. He saw the Lord answer that prayer literally two minutes later! Pray for the Tokyo Team to continue to be bold in their prayers as we look with expectancy for God to answer prayers.

Music Ministry

HBC ADULT CHOIR

Make a Joyful Noise! We are now working on a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 24th. If you would like to join the Adult Choir for this special service, we will meet each Sunday in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHILDREN 'S CHOIR

The Children Choir will begin meeting again this month! We look forward to learning new songs and hymns to share with the Church during our Sunday morning worship services as well as a Christmas musical.