

Wednesday Menus for the Month of October:

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.

Menus are subject to change.

10/4 Baked/Fried Pork Chops, Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll & Dessert	10/11 Beef tips ,Rice, Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert
10/18 Sloppy joes, Fries, Vegetable, & Dessert	10/25 Tacos, Chips, Refried beans, Rice, & Dessert
	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$35,572.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,209.00
General Offering Received as of 9/25/2023	\$29,675.35
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$35,572.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$29,675.35
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	136
Average S.S. attendance as of 9/25/2023	103

## FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, October 1st at 7:30am
- **PUMPKINS ARRIVE:** Saturday , October 7th at 4:00pm
- **PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS:** October 8th, 12-6pm daily.
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, October 15th, following the 11am service (High School Students).
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** October 9th at Noon.
- **DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Wednesday, October 18th, at 9am.
- **FOUNDERS’ DAY:** Saturday, October 21st
- **FAREWELL TO THE STOUDEES:** Saturday, October 28th, at 5:30pm.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Tuesday, October 31st, 6-8pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN OCTOBER:

- **Building & Grounds:**  
Wednesday, October 4, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:**  
Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:**  
Wednesday, October 18, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:**  
Wednesday, October 25, at 6:00pm

Please Note:

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

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

OCTOBER 2023



The Impact of a Seed

“And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth.”

A small seed makes a mighty impact. Jesus uses the tiny mustard seed to teach us that the Kingdom of God started with Jesus and has spread all over the face of the earth to those who believe in Him. The seeds that come to mind in the month of October are the pumpkin seeds. These are larger, of course, but one seed produces a huge pumpkin. And likewise, you may think your effort to work for the Kingdom in the month of October is small. Helping at the Pumpkin Patch, volunteering to work our booth at Founders’ Day, and providing a vehicle for Trunk or Treat seem like small contributions. But we serve a God who grows great things out of small seeds. Who can imagine what God will do, what life you might be able to touch, what change might be made in someone’s life by the simple contribution of your kindness, your service, or your gospel witness. Let’s sow our seed this month and see what the Lord will grow.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



## Trunk or Treat

@ HBC

Tuesday, October 31st  
6:00-8:00pm.

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**Opens Sunday , October 8th**  
12noon - 6pm daily

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
Tuesday, October 31st  
6pm - 8pm



COMING IN NOVEMBER

**THANKSGIVING**  
The office will be closed  
Wednesday  
& Thursday, November 22nd & 23rd



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## Community Events

### HBC PUMPKIN PATCH



Pumpkins arrive Saturday, October 7th, at 4:00pm. Open daily from October 8th-31st, from 12:00pm-6:00pm. Please consider volunteering for this community outreach and fundraiser for summer camps. To volunteer, please sign-up on the Pumpkin Patch calendar near the Fellowship Hall. Two shifts are available: 12-3pm and 3-6pm. Thank you!

### TRUNK OR TREAT

HBC will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat community event Tuesday, October 31st, from 6:00-8:00pm. We are collecting donations of wrapped candy in bins located at entrances to the church. Hot dog donations can be placed in the marked box in the kitchen freezer. This is a major event that sees hundreds of our friends and families, so the more candy and hot dogs we are able to donate, the more we will be able to serve. Also, please be encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board to bring a trunk! Thank you for your willingness to serve others through this outreach.

### FAREWELL TO THE STLOUDERS



Saturday, October 28th at 5:30pm behind the Youth House. We're having a soup and chili dinner to say farewell to the Stouders. A sign up sheet will be available soon to bring food.

## 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 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!

## Student Ministries



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of October from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We have organized games & activities, a worship & prayer time, and a time for Bible lessons.



ReCharge, a monthly gathering for High School students, will meet on October 15th after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.

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 meets each Thursday at 10am. We are currently working through the book, "Biography of God," and would love to have you join us!



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible study group is continuing our study of "Mama Bear Apologetics." Even if you have missed the first few weeks, we would love to have you join us as we continue through this book and study together. We meet from 6:30 to 8:00 each Wednesday.

## 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, October 1st, at 7:30am

## Senior Adult Ministry

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Monday, Oct. 9th, at 12 Noon. Our guest speaker will be Dan Meyer. He will be talking about the new Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program.



## Missions Ministry



Thank you to all who have donated shoebox items for unreached children all year long. In November we will send these boxes during National Collection week to be processed. Each box will cost \$10 to process. As a church body let's consider giving especially to cover the shipping cost by marking your gift for OCC shipping.

Prayers requested for the shoe box recipients: children and families.

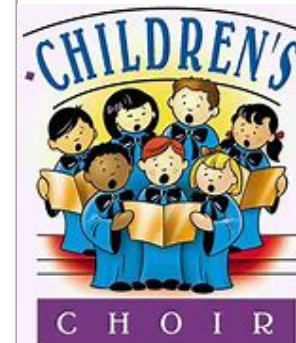
Thank you,  
Barbara Smith

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR MOROCCO

A devastating 6.8-magnitude earthquake hit Morocco recently. Less than 2% of the 37 million people in Morocco believe the gospel and have placed their faith in Jesus Christ. 3.5 million of them likely have little to no access to the gospel. PRAY for gospel access. PRAY for wisdom and humility as local believers serve their fellow Moroccans. ASK for opportunities to be the aroma of Christ.

## Music Ministry



The Children's Choir will be sharing special music during our worship service on Sunday, October 29th. If you have children in the choir (K-5th grade) please have them meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15am to practice before Sunday School.

We are beginning to make preparations for our Live Nativity this upcoming Christmas season. If you would like to participate, please contact Amanda Brookins. We will need volunteers to help with scenery, costumes, advertising, and characters.