

Hephzibah Baptist Times

AUGUST 2024

Wednesday Menus for the Month of August:

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

- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, August 4th, at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall.
- **CHURCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:00pm.
- **BOUNCE-BACK-TO-SCHOOL:** Saturday, August 10th, from 11:00am-2:00pm.
- **MEN'S/BOY'S EVENT:** Friday, August 16th, 6pm at HBC Youth House.
- **OCC PARTY:** Saturday, August 17th, 10am-2pm
- **TRAIL LIFE OPEN HOUSE:** Sunday, August 18th from 4-6pm.
- **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Tuesday, August 20th, at 9am.

TEAM MEETINGS IN AUGUST:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, August 7th, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, August 14th, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, August 21th, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, August 28th, at 6:00pm

Please Note: All events, dates, and times are subject to change.



Rejoice in the Greatness of God

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High," (Psalm 92:1)

There are moments when we need to be able to step back and get a glimpse of the broader landscape. On a trip to North Georgia a couple of years ago, we drove up to Brasstown Bald, the highest peak in the state, only to discover that there was so much cloud cover that you could not see beyond the edge of the cliff. Life feels like this sometimes. You find yourself in the middle of a terrible grind—whether it's because of difficulties in relationships, work, or bad health. Keeping your nose down and working only gets you so far. You need those moments when the clouds will part and you can see the wider landscape. The book of Psalms does that for us. There we find believers who are vulnerable, who have been taken advantage of, and who have wandered off the path. But each of them is able to lift his eyes and behold the greatness of God. This is what we need as we walk the treacherous paths of this world. We need a vision of the greatness of God that will transfix us as we finish the race. Beginning in August, we are going to sample some psalms to remind us to lift our hearts and praise the Lord for His greatness.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren

The church is currently looking for a pianist to serve alongside our Praise Band. This is a paid position for a skilled, experienced pianist, however, we would love to meet with anyone who has a basic skill level and is looking to gain more experience and growth as a musician. If you or someone you know is interested, please let Amanda Brookins know.

BOUNCE-BACK-TO-SCHOOL

**Saturday, August 10th
11:00am-2:00pm**



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

**PROMOTION SUNDAY
September 1st**

8/7 Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Grits, & Pancakes	8/14 Pork Loin, Rice, Gravy, Salad, Vegetable, Roll, & Dessert
8/21 Hamburgers/Hot dogs, French Fries, Baked beans, & Dessert	8/28 Baked /Regular Spaghetti Salad, Garlic bread, & Dessert
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$35, 237.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8, 132.00
General Offering Received as of 7/22/2024	\$19, 206.63
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$387, 607.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$354, 035.20
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	125
Average S.S. attendance as of 7/22/2024	111



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Children's Ministries

BOUNCE-BACK-TO-SCHOOL

MPact and Engage families (PreK3-12th Grade) are welcome to come join us August 10th from 11:00am-2:00pm behind the Youth House. We will have a bounce houses, Hot dogs, and lots of fun.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday

All are invited to attend Promotion Sunday taking place Sunday, September 1st, during the Sunday School hour. Children will meet at 9:45am in their current class, then meet in the sanctuary at 10:00am for the Presentation of Bibles and Promotion. After Promotion, we will dismiss the children and youth to their classes for the new school year.

Student Ministries

Engage will continue to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of August.

We have organized games, worship and prayer time, and Bible lessons. During the Bible lesson portion, students have the option of working from three different modules: memory verses, books of the Bible, and our biblical foundation.



reCHARGE, a monthly gathering for Middle & High School students will meet next month, Sunday, September 8th in the Youth House following the Morning Worship Service. Lunch will be provided.

Trail Life is having open house Sunday, August 18th from 4-6pm. Trail Life is for boys Kindergarten through 12th grade. The Mission statement is "To guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure."

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of August in room 102. We are studying "Tree-God Gifts and Lessons Through Them."



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night women's Bible study group is continuing to study "Trees-God Gifts and Lessons Through Them. We will meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm in room 102.

Discipleship Ministry

CHURCH LIBRARY

The library has a new section dedicated to Discipleship. This section contains materials for Personal Discipleship, Doctrine, and Evangelism. Stop by and see what might be useful to you in your walk with Christ. Donations of books and study guides in this category are welcomed. They will be reviewed for their useability. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cross at (706)836-9226 or email at crossdaniel4@comcast.net.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, August 4th at 7:30AM

Men's/Boy's Ministry Event



Friday, August 16th from 6-8pm at HBC Youth House. We will have BBQ Pulled Chicken, Devotion, Testimony, Worship. Bring a lawn chair, a Bible, an appetite, and an open heart.

Missions Ministry



Through the month of August, OCC is collecting school supplies. We are also collecting plastic eating utensils, socks, and underwear. Please continue praying that the gospel message will transform the lives of the children and their families who come in contact with these boxes. Thank you for your donations!

Amanda Larson

International Missions

SUMMER OLYMPICS 2024

The Catholic church has deep roots in Paris. Pray for new friendships this summer with Catholics who are willing to study the Bible together with IMB missionaries and short-term workers. Pray that they will discover grace through the gift of salvation through Jesus.

<http://pray4digital.com/olympics/>

Music Ministry



HBC ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir is now rehearsing a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 22nd. We will meet at 9:00am in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning during August and September. If you would like to join the Adult Choir for this special service, please see Amanda Brookins for more information. We hope to see you there!

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will begin meeting again on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30pm. As usual, we will rehearse new songs and favorite hymns to share with the Church. The Children will also join with the Adult Choir for a special song for our Homecoming service on Sunday, September 22nd.