

Hephzibah Baptist Times

SEPTEMBER 2024

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!

9/4 Meatloaf, Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Roll & Dessert	9/11 Beef tips, Rice & Gravy, Vegetable, & Dessert
9/18 Baked/Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert	9/25 Baked/Regular Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert
	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$35,237.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,132.00
General Offering Received as of 8/25/2024	\$35,249.12
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$422,844.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$403,099.16
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	128
Average S.S. attendance as of 8/25/2024	106

FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, September 1st at 7:30am.
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, September 2nd
- **PAINT WARS:** Children’s event Saturday, 10am-12 Noon.
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, September 8th following the 11am service.
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** September 9th at Noon.
- **AARP DRIVER COURSE:** September 17TH at 9:AM-3:30PM at HBC.
- **DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** Thursday, September 19th, at 9am.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm.
- **HOMECOMING SUNDAY:** Sunday, September 22nd.
- **WOMEN’S RETREAT:** Saturday, September 28th at HBC from 9am-4pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

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

Please Note:

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



“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”
(2 Timothy 1:5-6)

Some of our habits, patterns, and practices are there because we have carefully developed and cultivated them, and some things are there unconsciously. There are certain things you say, for instance, because your mom or dad always said them, and you might not have ever thought about the fact that other people don’t say them that way. But your faith in the Lord Jesus does not pass down to the next generation unconsciously. Faith is the practice of trust, leaning upon the Lord to save you and keep His promises to you no matter what happens. It is an attitude of the heart and not an unconscious habit. As we celebrate Homecoming this September, we celebrate over 160 years of the Lord’s work in Hephzibah. But we celebrate the past with an eye toward what the Lord is calling the church toward in the future. We cannot leave behind a faith that is adopted unconsciously, but we can so fan the flame of passion for the Lord’s work that it inspires the next generation to do the same. This is what Lois and Eunice did for Timothy, and it’s what God is calling us to now. Let’s do that together.

Your Pastor,
Michael Wren

HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 22nd

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

Join us for a fellowship meal immediately following the worship service. Please bring a dish with enough to share. The church will provide chicken and drinks.



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Labor Day
Monday,
September 2nd
HBC Office Closed



COMING IN
OCTOBER
Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 5-31
12-6 pm daily
Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 31,
6-8pm

Children's Ministries



Our Fall Semester for MPACT will begin on September 4th. Preschoolers Age 2 & 3 will meet in the Yellow Room and Age 4 & 5 in the Green Room at 6:30pm and be picked up at 8:00pm in the same rooms they were dropped off at. The children grades K - 5th will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm for Children's choir and then they will be picked up in their classrooms (K/1st in the Peach Room, 2nd/3rd in the Blue Room, and 4th and 5th in the classroom beside the Resource Room).

PROMOTION SUNDAY



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



September 7th - 10am -12Noon - This event is for Ages 3 - 5th grade their families. Come dressed in clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting stained. Bring a towel, water bottle, and a change of clothes. The activities we will be doing are slip n slide kickball, tube sliding through paint, sliding on paint, and a squirt bottle epic paint war. Join in the fun and bring your family and friends.

Community Event

On October 1st-3rd we will be partnering with several churches in Hephzibah to have a city-wide revival, Better Together, at the Hephzibah Agricultural Center. Beginning at 7:00pm each night, two churches will team up to lead the community in worship and preaching. HBC will be kicking off the revival on Tuesday, October 1st along with Historic First Ebenezer Baptist Church. Please make plans to join us for this exciting event AND invite others to come too! There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer also. See Michael Wren or Amanda Brookins for more information.

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 & Middle School students. They will meet on September 8th after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



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.

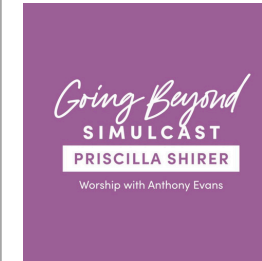
Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study groups are continuing our study of "Trees: God's Gifts and His Lessons Through Them." We would love for you to join us at 6:30pm.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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



On Saturday, September 28th, HBC will be hosting a simulcast of Priscilla Shirer's Going Beyond 2024 event. This will be a one-day women's retreat from 9:00am to 4:00pm, open to all women.

So invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers... anyone that is ready to spend a day digging into God's Holy Word, worshipping our Mighty King, and fellowshiping with our sisters in Christ. Teaching and worship will be lead virtually by Priscilla Shirer and Anthony Evans (via simulcast) in 3 sessions throughout the day. A light breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. The cost is \$30 per person in order to cover the cost of meals and licensing for the event. Sign up now on the Women's Ministry bulletin board outside of the church office. Payment must be made by Sunday, September 22nd.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 1st at 7:30am

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
Monday, September 9th at Noon.
Jon Hixon, Investigator, Richmond County Sheriff's Dept. of Financial Crime, will give valuable information on combatting financial crimes. Bring a covered dish and join us.



Missions Ministry



In September, we would appreciate coloring books, playdough, band-aids and also now is the time to look out for clearance items such as summer toys and back to school items. Thank you for your faithfulness in collecting supplies and for praying for those receiving the gospel message.

Thank you,
Amanda Larson

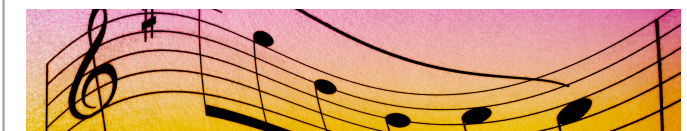
International Missions
Mappila Muslims of India

(MOP-lah)-Pray for a new media outreach that's been started to focus on Muslim areas of the state of Kerala, India. Pray, specifically, that Muslims who are afraid to ask questions about Jesus due to fear of persecution will feel the freedom to reach out to hear about the risen Jesus.

Music Ministry

HBC ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir is still rehearsing a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 22nd. If you would like to join the Adult Choir for this special service, please see Amanda Brookins for more information or join us each Sunday at 9:00am. We hope to see you there!



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.