

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

NOVEMBER 2024

Wednesday Menus for the Month of November:

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!

11/6 Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grits, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy	11/13 Baked/Regular Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert
11/120 Baked/Fried Chicken, Mac-n-cheese, Green beans, roll & Dessert	11/27 NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL
	

## FYI

- **YOUTH RETREAT:** November 1st-3rd.
- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, November 3rd, at 7:30am.
- **TRAIL LIFE CAMPING:** November 8th-9th at Church.
- **OCC PACKING PARTY:** Saturday, November 9th, at 9:00am.
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Monday, November 11th, at 12Noon.
- **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00pm.
- **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Thursday, November 14th, at 9am.
- **POINSETTIAS ORDERS:** Due November 17th.
- **DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, November 24th, after 11 am service.
- **OCC NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK:** November 18th-25th.
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** November 27th & 28th, in celebration of Thanksgiving.
- **NO ACTIVITIES:** Wednesday , November 27th.

### TEAM MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER:

- **Building & Grounds:**  
Wednesday, November 6, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:**  
Wednesday, November 13, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:**  
Wednesday, November 20, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:**  
Thursday, November 21, at 6:30pm

### Please Note:

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

### Church Staff

- Senior Pastor.....Dr. C. Michael Wren, Jr.  
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### Part of the Process

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” (James 1:2-3)

We will endure any number of inconveniences when we know there is a desirable end in sight. We’ll cook everything in an air fryer and eat off of paper plates if we know that a brand new kitchen is coming. “It’s part of the process,” we tell ourselves. James tells us that the wide variety of trials that afflict us over the course of our lives are part of the process. The Lord uses these trials to teach us patience and perseverance. He uses them to teach us to look to Heaven and trust Him rather than relying on ourselves. And even though we might come through a trial lighter in the wallet or with our health slightly compromised, we have a greater appreciation for the faithfulness of God, a greater love for Jesus, and a greater determination to follow Him. We learn that if God is faithful through to us through trials like these, He will be faithful to the end. When we reach that end, we will find that we are better off because of those trials. The storm that hit us has produced a great many inconveniences, but the Lord is working in each of our lives to form us into the image of Jesus and teach us to trust Him more. We are better off. Thank the Lord for His faithfulness.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



### POINSETTIAS

We will start taking orders on November 3rd for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary during the Christmas Season (in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life). Envelopes will be located at the Sanctuary entrances. Pricing and other information will be in the bulletin on November 3rd.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING S ENDS

Sunday, November 3rd

### OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 27th &  
Thursday, November 28th  
Happy Thanksgiving!



### COMING IN DECEMBER

#### LIVE NATIVITY

December 14th-15th, 6-8pm

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24th at  
5:30pm



## Children's Ministries



MPACT on Wednesday nights are going strong. The Preschoolers have so much fun each week as they continue to learn about God. The children are learning about Finding Jesus. We are also having a friendly competition for bringing Bibles, saying the Books of the Bible, bringing friends, telling about the lessons we learned and participating in our lessons. During December, we will be do special things each Wednesday night, so please watch for more details about December.



Sunday school is exciting. If you have ever had a chance to walk by the class rooms and see what they are doing, you will notice the children are engaged in the activities that they are participating in. The teachers are good communicators of teaching the Gospel each week. The Gospel Project has started with Genesis.

Parents, don't forget to look at the take home pages your child brings home. There is a QR code on each take home page that will allow you to view the video your child watched and give you more information on what your child learned.



Hephzibah Baptist is blessed with volunteers who love to share the Gospel with children each week, and we would like to thank every volunteer who serves with nursery, preschool, and children. We want to thank you for the impact you make every time you serve.

## Community Events



Hephzibah Baptist will present a walk-thru Living Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 14th and Sunday, Dec. 15th from 6-8pm. We are so excited to be able to offer this event again this year for our church and community. If you would like to help in any way--characters, costumes, sets, livestock, luminaries, advertising, etc. or have any questions please see Amanda Brookins.



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of November 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 will meet on November 17th, after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



High School students will meet on Sunday, November 10th & 24th from 6-7pm.

## Women's Ministry

The Ladies Bible studies for Wednesday nights and Thursday morning are cancelled for the month of November.



## Music Ministry



We will be decorating the church on Sunday, November 24th, following the 11:00am service. Lunch will be provided. Please let Amanda Brookins know if you plan to stay and help decorate.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR



During the month of November, the Children's Choir will be rehearsing a Christmas song to

share during the worship service on Sunday, December 8th.

## Senior Adult Ministry

### YOUNG AT HEART

Join us for Young at Heart on Monday, November 11th at 12 Noon. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a time of fellowship.



## Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
Sunday, November 3rd, at 7:30am

## Missions Ministry



### OCC DROP OFF CENTER

National Collection Week is Monday, November 18th through Monday, November 25th. During this time, local churches and families will bring their packed shoeboxes to HBC and our team will package and prepare the shoeboxes to be sent to the processing center. We need Help! A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. The times are each weekday evening from 5-7pm, or Saturday 10am-12 Noon, or Sunday after the 11am service until 3pm. Contact Amanda Larson for more information.

### INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Northern African & Middle Eastern Peoples Believers are walking through this crisis with nonbelieving neighbors, friends, and family members. The opportunities to share the gospel are unparalleled. People are asking for prayer, going to their believing neighbors with questions, and willing to listen. We pray that the lost will ask them about the peace they have in times of trouble so that they might hear the words of hope and believe.

## lottie-moon-post-office



Beginning Sunday, December 1st, the Lottie Moon Post Office is available. Bring in your Christmas cards by Sunday, December 15th, in order for them to be delivered to the Sunday School classes. All "postage" donated will be sent to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please note that cards addressed to members who are not in a Sunday School class or currently attending church services cannot be delivered, as they cannot be mailed to a physical address.