

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

JUNE 2025

## Wednesday Menus for the Month of June:

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, June 1st 7:30am.
- **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR MISSION TRIP TO ECUADOR:** June 8th, at 6pm , at HBC.
- **YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON:** Will return in the month of September.
- **CENTRIKID CAMP/GENERATECAMP:** June 9th-13th, 2025.
- **DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER:** Thursday, June 12th, at 9am.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Monday, June 23rd- June 27th from 9:00am-12noon. Light Lunch Provided.
- **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES :JUNE 25TH**
- **VBS FAMILY NIGHT:** Friday, June 27th, at 6:30pm.

### TEAM MEETINGS IN JUNE:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, June 4th, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, June 11th, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, June 18th, at 6:00pm



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

6/4 Baked/Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable, Roll, & Dessert	6/11 Meatloaf, Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, & Dessert
6/18 Pork loin with gravy, Rice, Salad, Roll, & Dessert	6/25 NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL NO ACTIVITIES

### MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$37,042.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,548.00
General Offering Received as of 5/27/2025	\$26,351.85
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$333,378.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$321,250.11
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	139
Average S.S. attendance as of 5/27/2025	118



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### Church Staff

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## The Path to Joy

“Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God,” (Hebrews 12:2)

The world chases joy like children chase butterflies. People seem to think that joy is found in fleeting pleasures. Certainly God has given us the opportunity to experience joy in the simple pleasures of life—a sunset or an evening with family. But these are temporary expressions of something the Lord intends to be a permanent experience. Jesus shows us the path to joy. The author of the book of Hebrews tells us in 12:1 to run the race set before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. Jesus endured the cross and the shame that went along with it because on the other side of suffering for our sins, He knew He would experience joy in the glory of the Father. Our joy is fully realized in the presence of the Lord. All of the sunsets, the family dinners, and the evenings out are nothing compared to the glory that will be ours in the presence of the Lord forever. In this world we experience joy, but we also live through hardship. When our eyes are fixed on Jesus, all of it comes into perspective. Thank the Lord for the simple pleasures of life, but more than that, thank Him that Jesus endured the cross for us. As we serve Jesus, we prepare ourselves for a joy that will endure for all eternity. Let’s serve Him together.

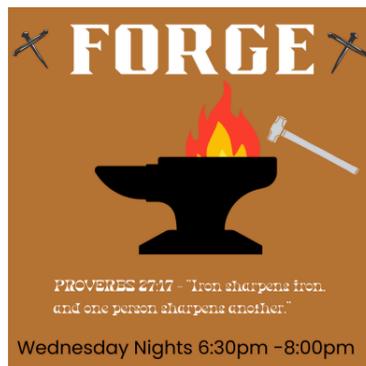
Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



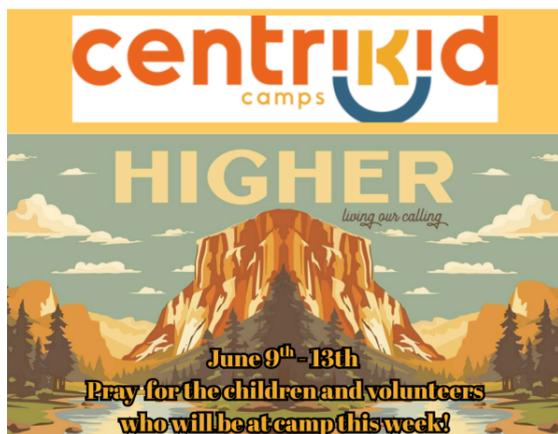
**COMING IN JULY**  
July 4th  
Happy Independence Day  
Office Closed

## Children's Ministries



June 1st - Following the 11am worship service there will be a short meeting for all parents whose child(ren) will be in the K-5th Grade in the Fall of 2025.

If you have any questions or cannot make this meeting, please see Cindy Lewis.



June 23rd - June 27th - This year's VBS theme is Magnified! The Bigness of God in the Smallest of things. Join us for this exciting week where kids will

learn to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and Magnify or proclaim the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We were made to magnify God! Please register for VBS @hbckids.us. The adult VBS will meet from 10am - 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We still need a few more volunteers, so if you can help in any way, please let Cindy Lewis know. We are now collecting cookies for VBS. If you can bring cookies to donate, you can drop them off in the bin beside the cooler. Join us for Family Night on June 27th at 6:30pm. Please pray for VBS!!

## Student Ministries



Summer Camp for the youth takes place in Mount Vernon, Ga, June 9th-13th.

Please pray for our youth and leaders during this week.



The students will be studying Psalms for the summer months. We have worship, prayer time, and Bible lessons. During the Bible lesson portion, student have the option of working from three different modules: memory verses, books of the Bible, and our biblical foundation.



ReCharge, a monthly gathering for students Grade 6-12. We will not meet in the Summer. We will resume again in September.

## Women's Ministry

### THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study group will continue meeting weekly. A new study will be announced soon.



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study soon called "Homegrown: Cultivating Kids in the Fruit of the Spirit." We meet at 6:30pm each Wednesday and would love to have you join us!

## Discipleship Ministry

### CHURCH LIBRARY

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth within our church. We 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, June 1st, at 7:30 AM

## Senior Adult Ministry

The Young at Heart will not meet again until September. Enjoy the Summer!!



## Missions Ministry



Through the month of June, OCC is collecting small toys, coloring books and anything you see that we can use for the shoe boxes that might be on sale.

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is ...

**FUN**—includes a “wow” item and other quality toys.

**FULL**—packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items.

**PERSONALIZED**—prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items.

### North American Mission Board

Pray the Lord will send out more who will go to share the gospel with the multitudes who are dying daily without Christ. We must act now through our praying, giving and going. Ask God to send more workers into the fields of lostness. If you feel God leading you to respond, visit [imb.org/go](http://imb.org/go) today.

## Music Ministry



Thank you to all who came out for the spring recital by our Children's Choir's. It is always such a joy to work with the kids and see them sing praises to our God! The Children's Choir will not meet during the summer, but we look forward to being back together in the fall.