

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!

8/6 Tacos, Chips, Cheese Dip, Rice, Refried Beans, & Dessert	8/13 Hamburgers/Hot dogs, French Fries, Salad,Baked beans, & Dessert
8/20 Pork Loin, Rice, Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, & Dessert	8/27 Cheesy Chicken Rice Bake, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, & Dessert
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$37,042.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,548.00
General Offering Received as of 7/22/2025	\$25,974.80
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$407,462.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$391,704.70
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	123
Average S.S. attendance as of 7/22/2025	109



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Custodian	Gary & Sue Thomas

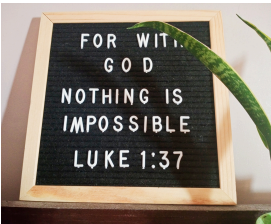
FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, August 3rd, at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall.
- **BIBLE & BOARDS-Women’s Event:** Sunday, August 3rd, at 6:00pm at HBC.
- **CHURCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 13th, at 7:00pm.
- **WOMEN’S EVENT “Coffee and Jesus”:** Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00am-11:30am at Rosemont Baptist Church.
- **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Tuesday, August 19th at 9am.
- **COMMUNITY WORSHIP FOR 412 STUDENTS AT HBC:** Saturday, August 30rd at 7:00pm.
- **PROMOTION SUNDAY:** Sunday, August 31st.

TEAM MEETINGS IN AUGUST:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, August 6th, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, August 13th, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, August 20th, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:** Wednesday, August 27th, at 6:00pm

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



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# Hephzibah Baptist Times

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TO  
DISCIPLESHIP

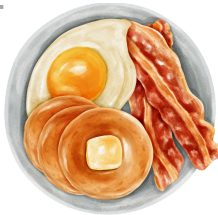
The Call to be a Disciple

**“Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.” (Phil 2:14-15)**

Jesus called his disciples to take up their cross and follow Him. The image is a dramatic one. The cross was an instrument of torture and execution, and Jesus calls us to take that up willingly every day. And maybe you and I would willingly embrace persecution for the cause of Christ if we were confronted with it. But for the Apostle Paul, the call to discipleship more often involves sacrificing our attitudes in order to shine the light of Christ more brightly. Our world is filled with darkness, with people who live without the hope of Christ and have no illumination for the rocky path before them. We are that light. We are the only illumination some people might ever have, especially if they don’t encounter the Word of God at all. Jesus’ call to discipleship is not a call to moral and spiritual perfection.It is a call to leave our idols behind, embrace Jesus as Lord, and shine His light as clearly and consistently as possible—even with our attitudes. You don’t know whose life you are going to impact or how. During the month of August, we are going to examine the distinctiveness of a disciple in order to sharpen our focus and our witness as we serve Jesus together.

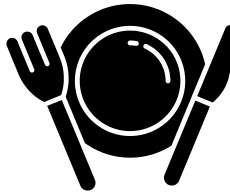
Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

All men join us on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30am in the HBC Fellowship Hall.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY

“Coffee and Jesus”

Saturday, August 23rd  
9:00am-11:30am  
at Rosemont Baptist Church



COMING IN  
SEPTEMBER

BACK-TO-SCHOOL-BASH  
K-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Saturday, September 6th  
10:00am-12 Noon



# Children's Ministries



## New Wednesday Nights Beginning in September

4:45 pm – Bible Drill

5:50pm – Dinner

6:30pm – Choir in the Sanctuary

7:00pm –

**1<sup>ST</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, AND 5<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY'S**

K/1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grades will study "Good News" which will take a look the Gospels.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will study

**2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY'S WILL SPLIT**

K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls

K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

**August 31, 2025  
10:00am**

All are invited to attend Promotion Sunday. Children will meet at 9:45am in their current class, then meet in the Sanctuary 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.



# Student Ministries

**412**  
STUDENTS  
1 TIMOTHY 4:12

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.

## MEETING

Sunday August 10th we will be having a meeting after the main service in the youth house for any adults interested in serving in the youth for this up and coming season. We are looking for adults to help serve regularly.

## COMMUNITY



Saturday, August 30th at 7pm we will have a community and worship for 412 students here at HBC. We will have other students from different churches in our community come together and worship.

# Women's Ministry

## THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study group is continuing to study "Plant, Cultivate, & Grow Fruit of the Spirit:" 6 lessons in Galatians 5:16-26."



## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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

## BIBLE & BOARDS

"Bible & Boards":

Beginning in August, we will have a monthly women's fellowship time on the first Sunday of every month at 6:00pm. Bring your

Bibles for a time of devotion and a "snack board" to share with the group. Our first gathering will be Sunday, August 3rd. We look forward to seeing you there!



## WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

We have a special opportunity to worship and fellowship with our sisters in Christ at Rosemont Baptist Church on Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00am to 11:30am for "Coffee and Jesus." Scan the code to register.



**Changed for His Purpose:  
What Does Worship Mean to You?**

For More information call Stephanie Wyrick at (706) 284-0663 by August 17th.

Speaker: Jenny Doyen  
Music: Amanda Brookins



Register Here:



Childcare available

# 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

### Arhuaco of Colombia

(ar-WAH-coh) – Please pray for a leadership training event that will take place this summer. The group will be studying Bible stories that teach taming the tongue, biblical leadership, and the end times. Pray that this group will continue to grow as disciples and that they will disciple others.

# Music Ministry



## HBC ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will soon start rehearsing a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 28th. 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 3rd at 6:30pm. As usual, we will rehearse new songs and favorite hymns to share with the Church.