

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

AUGUST 2022

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 7th at 7:30am
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Will return in September
- **ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** August 10, at 7pm
- **BACK-TO SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC AND SPLASH DAY:** Wednesday, August 17th
- **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Thursday, August 18, at 9am.
- **PROMOTION SUNDAY:** Sunday, August 21st

### TEAM MEETINGS IN AUGUST:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, August 3, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, August 10, at 6:00pm
- **Church Business Meeting:** Wednesday, August 10, at 7:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, August 17, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:** Wednesday, August 24, at 6:00pm

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



8/3 Baked/Fried pork chops, Broccoli, Salad, Potatoes, Roll & Dessert	8/10 Baked pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert
8/17 Tacos, Rice, Chips & Cheese & Dessert	8/24 Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Broccoli, Garlic bread & Dessert
8/31 Meatloaf, Potatoes, Salad Vegetable, Roll & Dessert	

### MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$33,468.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,723.00
General Offering Received as of 7/24/2022	\$30,736.06
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$368,148.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$350,219.36
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	112
Average S.S. attendance as of 7/24/2022	99



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## Supporting the Truth



“I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon. But if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”  
(1 Timothy 3:14-15)

The Apostle Paul used some serious language to talk about the church when he wrote to his protégé, Timothy. When we think of church, we do not think of “the pillar and foundation of the truth.” We think of a place we choose to go to worship God. But Paul thinks of it differently. He thinks of it as “God’s household.” God, of course, is the head of the house and dictates how things go for His family. But note that it is God’s household, not the household of some pastor or prominent family. And it is “the pillar and foundation of the truth.” Both of those words are words for structural support. Not only does the church connect people to the family of God, it also provides structural support for the truth.

And our world desperately needs truth. So much confusion, so much anger. So much unrighteousness. So much lawlessness. Our Lord Jesus created and established the church for just such a place. What better gift to a lost and confused world than the gift of the church? I will continue the series on the church, titled “Church Matters,” during the month of August. If we learn well how to conduct ourselves in God’s household, we will be more effective at providing the right platform for the truth. Join us this month.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



## HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 25th  
More information to come.

August 21st

PROMOTION

Sunday



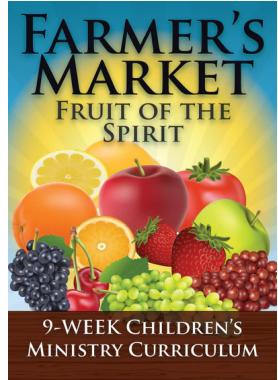
Back to SCHOOL

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Labor Day  
Monday  
September 5th



## Children's Ministries



Summer Sessions continue during the month of August on Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00pm for Kids ages 3-5th grade. We are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23. join us and bring a friend!

### Back-to School Family Picnic and Splash Day!!



MPact families will join with the Engage Youth Group families for a Splash Day and Picnic on Wednesday, August 17th.

MPact families are welcome to come at 5:00pm as we kick-off the afternoon with a water slide. We will be joined with Engage families at 6:00pm for a picnic dinner. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, drinks and paper goods are provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



### Promotion Sunday

All are invited to attend Promotion Sunday taking place Sunday, August 21st, 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 into their classes for the new school year.

### A Special Thank You!

Thank you, HBC Family, for donating breakfast items and volunteering to serve for the Hephzibah Elementary Pre-Planning days. The teachers and staff express gratitude for this encouragement at the beginning of their school year.

## Student Ministries



We had a wonderful week at Generate Student Camp back in July. The Lord moved in the heart of many of our students. Some of them rededicated their lives to Christ, and other did so for the first time. Please pray for our students and encourage them as they grow in their faith.

Engage continues 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 High School students, will meet on August 14th after the morning worship service until around 4 PM. Lunch will be provided.

The HBC Youth are looking forward to the addition of this year's 6th graders into our group. All families with students in 6th Grade - 12th Grade are invited for a family cookout on Wednesday, August 17th. Families may come as early as 5pm. MPact and Engage families will have dinner together at 6pm. On this day, new 6th Graders will be joining the group when we separate from MPact for our own Water Games. Students should come prepared to get wet and have loads of fun.

6th Graders will join the Sunday School class for Middle School on Promotion Sunday, August 21st. Miss Tammy Johnson and Miss Julie Carter are looking forward to the additions to their class.

## Women's Ministry

### THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of August in the Joy Classroom. We would love to have you join us for this wonderful time of study and fellowship.



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible Study will continue to meet through the month of August from 6:30-8:00pm in the Joy classroom.

### Mark Your Calendars!!

We will have a Ladies Craft Night on Saturday, September 17th



## Discipleship Ministry

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new class will begin on Sunday, August 21st. It will be geared towards parents with children in 12th grade or below. The class will be taught by Andy Stouder.

### 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](mailto:crossdaniel4@comcast.net).

## Senior Adult Ministry

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Will return in the month of September.



## Missions Ministry

Continue packing those OCC shoe boxes!



Shoe boxes can be packed virtually by going online at <https://sampur.se/3uXliEx> or use the QR code below.

Items for shoe boxes are also collected in the OCC boxes found near the church office. For the month of August we will be collecting back to school items. Also remember to pray for the children who will receive these special boxes with the Gospel message.

Thank you,  
Barbara Smith



## Music Ministry

### HBC ADULT CHOIR

Save the Date and Make a Joyful Noise! We will soon begin working on a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 25th. 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!

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children Choir is not meeting during the summer. We look forward to meeting again when school starts back. When we resume, we will continue to rehearse special songs to share in our Sunday morning services.

## Men's Ministry

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Sunday, August 7th at 7:30am