

Hephzibah Baptist Times

FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday Menus for the Month of February:

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!

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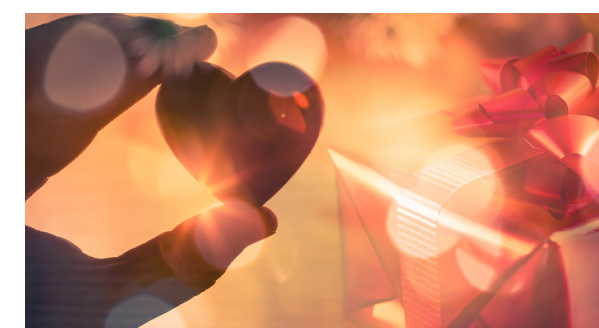
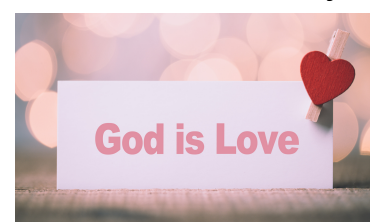
- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, February 5th, at 7:30am.
- **DEPOSITS DUE FOR CAMP:** Sunday, February 5th for Centrikid & CentriFuge.
- **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, February 8th, at 7:00pm.
- **VALENTINE’S BANQUET:** Saturday, February 11th, at 6:00pm
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, February 12th for High School Students.
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Monday, February 13th at Noon. Doris Casey, Master Gardener will speak.
- **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:** Thursday, February , 16th at 10am.
- **HBC FAMILY TIME AT DEFY:** Thursday, February 16th, at 4:00pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, February 1, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, February 8, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, February 22, at 6:00pm

Please Note:

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



“Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, . . . but we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more.” (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

There is no such thing as too much, right? Well, we all have our limits on some things, but I’ve never heard anyone say to me, “Pastor, I just wish people cared less.” A timely card with a note of encouragement, a text or a phone call offering a word

of prayer, a visit to catch up—they mean more to the people we reach out to than we can ever know. The church, the people who walk with Jesus, are supposed to be people of love.

The Apostle Paul knew full well that the church at Thessalonica didn’t have to be educated on the place love should have among them. This was not their first day of school. He also knew that “brotherly love” was more than just a scheduled meeting on the calendar. It should always be on the “To-Do” list.

There are plenty of tasks we carry out to get them off our plates. There are others we complete in the hope of never having to do them again. Showing love and concern for our fellow believers in Jesus is neither of those.

Let us make showing love and concern for one another not something that is a novelty, occasional, or a practice we admire in only a few people among us. Let us make it routine. We are the people of the Lord Jesus. Reach out and encourage someone today who needs it.

Your Pastor,
Michael Wren

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

Saturday, February 11,
2023 @ 6:00 pm
RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 7th

**HBC FAMILY TIME
AT DEFY**

**Thursday
February 16th
at 4pm**



COMING IN FEBRUARY

**DEACON NOMINATION
FORMS DUE**

Wednesday, February 8th



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MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$34,571.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,978.00
General Offering Received as of 1/23/2023	\$27,933.09
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$172,855.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$167,768.28
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	118
Average S.S. attendance as of 1/22/2023	108



Children's Ministries



All children, ages 3-5th grade, are invited to join MPact, which meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm.

DEFY On Thursday, February 16th, starting at 4:00pm, families with any age of child are invited to come to Defy trampoline park to hang out together.

You can stay as long as you would like. Tickets and waivers may be arranged online at defy.com before you arrive. Children must have at least one adult stay.



CENTRIKID CAMP 2023: BEYOND THE SURFACE
CentriKid Camp is scheduled for June 5-9, 2023 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. Camp is for those entering 3rd grade through the completion of 5th grade. A notary will be available in the Fellowship Hall after worship service on February 5th to sign liability forms. Deposits of \$75 are also due February 5th. Fundraising will help reduce the remaining cost. Please contact Lora with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will take place June 26-30, 2023, from 9:00am-12:00noon each day. The theme this year is, "Twist and Turns:

Following Jesus Changes the Game." Mark your calendars now for this exciting week of ministry!

Student Ministries



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of February 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 for High School students, will meet on February 12th, after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



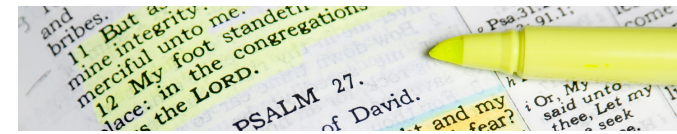
This year's Youth Winter Retreat will be in conjunction with The Lift Tour coming to Augusta on Friday & Saturday, March 17th & 18th. On Sunday, March 19th we will be going to North Georgia to spend the day. More details soon.



CentriFuge Camp is scheduled for June 5-10, 2023 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. Camp Registration and a \$75 deposit are due Sunday, February 5th. Only 23 spots are available to students. The total cost of camp is \$374 before any fundraising is applied to help reduce the cost.

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of February in Room 102. We would love to have you join us for a great time of study and fellowship.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
The Wednesday evening Women's Bible study group is continuing "The Power of a Praying Wife." We meet from 6:30 to 8:00 each Wednesday in room 102.

Discipleship Ministry

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.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 5th at 7:30am

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
Men's Bible study meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm in Room 103. We are studying the Basics of Christian Living.

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
February 13th at Noon
Doris Casey, Master Gardener, will lead us in planting paperwhites for everyone to enjoy growing at home.



Missions Ministry



For the month of February be on the look out for clearance items such as toys, stationary, washrags, and bar soaps after Valentine's. If anyone is interested in getting more involved with OCC, reach out to Barbara Smith. Also, be in prayer for the children receiving boxes all year.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

People of Chiang Rai Province, Thailand (chee-ANG RYE) - "Please continue to pray for our team's fitness gym and ministry. God has used this gym to bring new people to Wednesday night church services. Pray for people who attend these groups to believe the gospel and follow Jesus. Please also continue to pray for a new gym to be built and for the funds to make it happen. Thank you for praying for direction in building aquaponic projects (a food production system). We have set up our first two systems and have hit some bumps. Please pray for us to figure out the problems and for things to be smoother in the future. Also pray that we will have wisdom about where to put the third system. Please continue praying for the student center near a local college. Ask God to provide funds to help us offer a monthly meal, which will allow us to have conversations with students. Pray that we will be able to reach students with the gospel and they will trust in Jesus."

Music Ministry



The Children's Choir will meet each Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the choir room.

The Adult choir will meet on Sunday morning at 9:15am in the Sanctuary to rehearse the Choir special each week.