

Hephzibah Baptist Times

JANUARY 2023

Wednesday Menus for the Month of January:

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!

1/4 Soup, Grilled cheese, Salad, & Dessert	1/11 Pork loin, Rice & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert
1/18 Tacos, Chips with cheese sauce, Taco salad fixings, & Dessert	1/25 Baked/Regular Spaghetti, Garlic bread, Salad, Dessert
	

FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, Jan. 1st at 7:30am.
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** January 2nd
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Monday, January 9th at Noon.
- **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:** Tuesday, January, 17th at 10am.
- **SKATELAND OF AUGUSTA FAMILY NIGHT:** Monday, January 23rd, from 6:30-9:00pm.
- **POP TABS ON CANS:** Jessica Horne is collecting pop tabs (that little tab on a can) for 4H for all year.

TEAM MEETINGS IN JANUARY:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, January 4, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, January 18, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, January 19, at 6:30pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, January 25, at 6:00pm

Please Note:

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

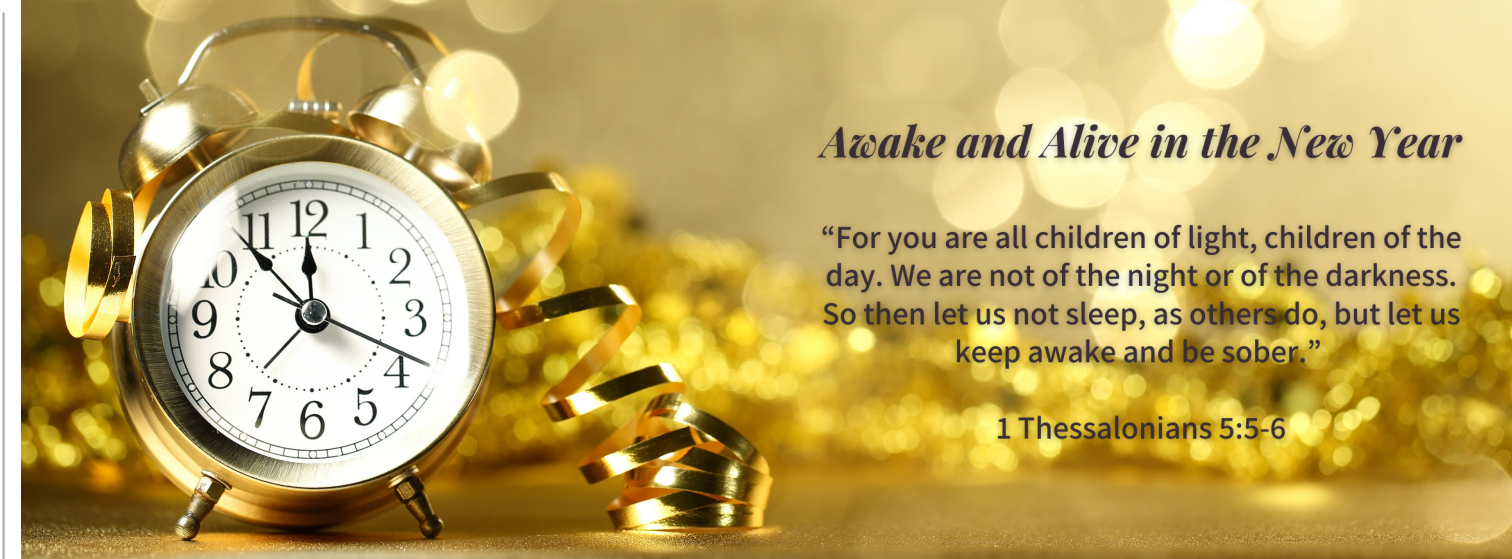


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Awake and Alive in the New Year

“For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.”

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

The new year brings with it the feeling of a fresh start, even though nothing life altering has actually happened. Once upon a time we threw away the old calendar and put a new one on the wall, but today most of us just see a different month displayed on our phones. That doesn’t stop us from resolving to make much needed changes to our lives and planning big things for the months ahead.

As the Apostle Paul discipled a congregation of new believers in Thessalonica, he pressed home to them a message we need to embrace this year. They were awake and alive. Once they slumbered in their sins, not knowing the destruction that awaited. Then by the power of the Spirit they were awakened. They needed to make the most of it, and so should we.

For the first three months of the year, we will study together 1 Thessalonians in order to heed that challenge and live an awakened life in the year 2023, a life that lives to God’s glory and in His love rather than in darkness. May we shine the light of the gospel on our community and our world this year! I’m looking forward to growing and serving with you.

Your Pastor,
Michael Wren

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

HCB Goal: \$3500
Current Total: \$5002

OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, January 2nd



COMING IN JANUARY SKATELAND FAMILY NIGHT

January 23rd, 6:30-9:00pm

DEACON NOMINATION FORMS

Sunday, January 8th

Community Events

From
THE LIVE NATIVITY
2022



Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of January 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.

Missions Ministry



It's a great time to get involved with OCC as we start a new year. Please contact Barbara Smith if you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Southern Cross Project (SCP), Asia-Pacific Rim

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, pray that we can make friends with college students and families who come to our global cities from around the world. Please pray that we can encourage them using language classes and supply them with Bibles in a language they can understand."

Our goal: To reach 150,000 Chinese tourists per year at popular tourists destinations.

<http://www.southerncrossproject.org>

Children's Ministries



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

Skateland of Augusta

HBC families will be meeting at Skateland of Augusta (2451 Windsor Spring Rd) Monday, January 23, from 6:30-9:00pm. It is \$6.00 per person to skate. Adults may watch for free. It is Christian Music Night. Come and skate the night away!



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. Registration and a \$75 deposit are due Sunday, February 5th. The total cost of camp is \$355 before any fundraising is applied to help reduce the cost.

Student Ministries



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of January 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 January 8th, after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



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.

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, January 1st 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 January 9th at Noon

Sandra will do a presentation on her trip to France, England, Spain, and Portugal.



Music Ministry



Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with all of our Christmas events this season! It would be impossible to name every person who helped with sets, costumes, sound, lighting, props, animals, cookies...the list goes on and on. I truly believe that each gathering we have had at HBC has reached and blessed our community with the love of Jesus and the reminder of what Christmas is really all about. Thank you to the parents who have trusted us with your children. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the Living Nativity such a special event. We are so blessed to have such a supportive and encouraging church family, and a God who hears our prayers and meets our needs and loves us so much that he sent His Son to save us all! Joy to the World!