

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!

1/3 Sloppy Joe, French Fries Vegetable, & Dessert	1/10 Beef Tips, Rice & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert
1/17 Soup, Grilled cheese sandwiches, Salad, & Dessert	1/24 Bake/Fried Pork Chop, Potatoes, Vegetables, Roll, & Dessert
1/31 Hard/Soft Shell Tacos, Rice, Refried Beans, Chips & Cheese sauce	

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$35,237.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,132.00
General Offering Received as of 12/17/2023	\$32,702.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$140,948.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$132,444.00
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	127
Average S.S. attendance as of 12/17/2023	107



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FYI

- OFFICE CLOSED: January 1st
- MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 7th at 7:30am.
- YOUNG AT HEART: Monday, January 8th at Noon.
- RECHARGE: Sunday, January 14th after 11am service.
- DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: Tuesday, January, 16th at 10am.
- SKATELAND OF AUGUSTA FAMILY NIGHT: Monday, January 22nd from 6:30-9:00pm.
- HBC MEN’S MINISTRY CHILI COOKOFF: Saturday, January 27th at 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

TEAM MEETINGS IN JANUARY:

- Building & Grounds: Wednesday, January 3, at 6:15pm
- Stewardship & Finance: Wednesday, January 10, at 6:00pm
- Mission Team: Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00pm
- Church Council: Thursday, January 18, at 6:30pm
- Deacons' Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, at 6:00pm

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



Church Staff

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*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”
(Matthew 7:24)*

The new year brings new challenges. How can I know that? Because challenges face us constantly. Sometimes they barrage us like wind in a rainstorm. At other times they creep up on us like a cat hunting a mouse. But they do come, so this year they will come. Jesus has told us how to face them. We build our lives on the foundation of His teaching. He tells us what will happen when we build our life on His teaching: “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock,” (verse 25). The secret to dealing with the challenges that will face us this year is to dig into the wisdom and authority of Jesus’s teaching. The gospel is our hope. Jesus is our righteousness and wisdom. We need this more than we need a change in circumstances. For the first several months of the year, we will dive into Jesus’s teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. We will be changed. We will be stronger and better capable of facing the storm. Join us on Sunday mornings as we listen to “Messages from the Mount.”

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren

Thank
You

Because of your faithful and generous giving, the loan for the capital improvement parking lot project is now paid in full. The Finance Committee is grateful for those of you who gave above your regular tithes to pay for this much-needed project.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

HCB Goal: \$4000
Current Total: \$4406

OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, January 1st



COMING IN JANUARY
SKATELAND FAMILY
NIGHT

January 22nd, 6:30-9:00pm

DEACON NOMINATION
FORMS

Sunday, January 7th

Community Events

From
THE LIVE NATIVITY
2023



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 22, 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 2024: GOD GIVES GREAT GIFTS

CentriKid Camp is scheduled for June 10-14, 2024 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 4th. 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 14th, after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



CentriFuge Camp is scheduled for June 10-14, 2024 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. Camp Registration and a \$75 deposit are due Sunday, February 4th. Only 15 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

Thursday morning, Women's Bible study group meets each Thursday at 10am. We are currently working through the book, "Biography of God," and would love to have you join us!



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible study group is continuing our study of "Mama Bear Apologetics." Even if you have missed the first few weeks, we would love to have you join us as we continue through this book and study together. We meet from 6:30 to 8:00 each Wednesday.

Discipleship Ministry

CHURCH LIBRARY

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth within our church. We now 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, January 7th at 7:30am

HBC MEN'S MINISTRY CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, January 27th at 6:00pm in HBC Fellowship Hall. Bring a pot of Chili for judging and eating. 1st place pot of chili, will win bragging rights and a fabulous prize. All Men & Boys are invited. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
January 8th at Noon!

Keith Watson, will speak about the Boyhood of President Woodrow Wilson, when Wilson lived in Augusta Ga. Keith will share his collection of old postcards. If you have an old postcard or pictures please bring.



Missions Ministry



Thanks to everyone who contributed shoeboxes from our church. The total number for the Augusta area was 15,202. I look forward to seeing how God will use us next year. We have someone who is possibly interested in being the project leader for OCC. We will be doing a mission opportunity in Augusta for "Relief Now". Look for more information coming soon! We really need more people on the Mission Team to help organize events and share Jesus with our community. Please contact Jimmy John or Pastor Michael if you are interested in being on the team.

Thank you,

Jimmy John

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!

EASTER CANTATA

Plan ahead! The adult choir will be doing an Easter Cantata this year and will begin rehearsing very soon! If you would like to participate in any way, please let Amanda Brookins know.