

Hephzibah Baptist Times

SEPTEMBER 2022

Wednesday Menus for the Month of September:

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, September 4th at 7:30am
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, September 5th
- **MPACT POOL PARTY:** Sunday, September 11th after the 11am service.
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, September 11 following the 11am service (High School Students)
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** September 12th at Noon
- **LADIES CRAFT:** Saturday, September 17th 2-5pm Cost \$10
- **DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:** Monday September 19th, at 9am.
- **HOMECOMING SUNDAY:** Sunday, September 25th Watch for details

TEAM MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, September 7, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, September 14, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, September 15, at 6:30pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:** Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00pm

Please Note:

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



“And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.” (2 Corinthians 7:13)

Our Lord Jesus has promised to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). That is a rich blessing we should cherish every day we draw breath. And many times the Lord reassures us of His blessing and presence during difficult days through the comfort we receive from one another. Titus, whom Paul had sent to Corinth to help unravel a knot the church had gotten itself into, was refreshed by the encouragement and support he received from them.

And Paul was encouraged that Titus’ spirit had been lifted. Paul and Titus were the leaders, the ministers. They were the ones you might expect to impart the blessing. But even they had difficult days. They had anxieties and worries. But the church reminded them that Jesus was still in charge.

That’s the beauty of God’s plan for the church. It is also why the church matters so much. The Lord Jesus uses us to bless and encourage our fellow believers. We spend far too much time these days walking alone, and we were not designed for that. We need brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage us and share our joy with us as we travel this world. Don’t let Hephzibah Baptist Church be a place you come to worship on Sundays. Make Hephzibah Baptist Church the people you walk through life with, encourage, challenge, and serve the Lord with as you shine the gospel light to the world. Let us walk with Jesus together.

Your Pastor,
Michael Wren

MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$33,468.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,723.00
General Offering Received as of 8/24/2022	\$21,361.09
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$401,616.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$378,180.57
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	105
Average S.S. attendance as of 8/24/2022	109



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HOMECOMING

Sunday, September 25th

Join us for a pitch in meal following the worship service.
Some chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish,
enough for your family and another family, to share.

Labor Day
Monday,
September 5th
HBC Office Closed

Ladies Craft
Saturday, September
17th 2-5pm
Cost \$10



COMING IN
OCTOBER

Pumpkin Patch
Oct. 7-31
12-6pm daily

Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 31,
6-8pm

Children's Ministries



All children, ages 3-5th grade, are invited to join MPact, which meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. We look forward to a school year full of growing together in Christ through studying God's Word, singing, praying, learning about missions, and playing games. A nursery is provided. Join us and bring a friend!



Sunday, September 11th, after the 11am Service. Families will bring a picnic lunch and meet at Buddy Marks' pool (Amanda Brookins' grandfather) at 4704 Fulcher Road for an afternoon of swimming and fun. Flyers will be sent home soon!



HBC Pumpkin Patch

HBC is looking forward to hosting our Pumpkin Patch to raise funds for children and youth who will be attending summer camp. We will soon be asking for volunteers to help with this event during the month of October. The Pumpkin Patch not only helps raise money, but is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know our community and spread the light of Jesus.

The pumpkins are arriving Thursday, October 6th at 4:00pm this year!

Student Ministries

The HBC Youth would like to welcome this year's 6th graders into our group!



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of September from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We have organized games & activities, a worship & prayer time, and a time for 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 September 11th after the morning worship service until around 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.



the **GOSPEL** PROJECT.

The Sunday School classes for the High School and the Middle School will begin learning from the Gospel Project starting the first Sunday in September. By doing so, all Sunday School classes for students and children will be learning the same lesson each week. Additionally, a new Sunday School class aimed at the parents will also be learning from the Gospel Project each week. This will provide parents a greater opportunity to discuss each week's lesson with their children.

Please mark your calendars! HBC Youth volunteers are needed to help with the Pumpkin Patch in October on Sundays following the Morning Worship Service until 6 PM.

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of September in the Room 102. We would love to have you join us for great time of study and fellowship.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible Study will continue to meet through the month of September from 6:30-8:00pm in the Room 102.

LADIES CRAFT FELLOWSHIP!

Saturday, September 17th from 2-5pm. We will be painting a Fall-themed door hanger. The cost will be \$10 per door hanger. Please sign up on the Women's ministry bulletin board or let the church office know if you plan to attend.

Discipleship Ministry

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new class has begun for parents with children in Preschool through High School at 9:45am in Room 102. We will be learning from the Gospel Project. So, as a parent, you will be learning the same biblical lessons as your children.

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.

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Monday, September 12th at 12 Noon. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.



Missions Ministry

Continue packing those OCC shoe boxes!



Are you interested in learning more about OCC? Check out the Project Leader Workshop on Sept. 10 at New Hope Worship Center in Grovetown at 10am. Everyone is invited!

Also much needed shipping funds to send our boxes can be dropped in the offering box and marked for OCC shipping cost. We also have boxes in the Fellowship Hall that you can take home and fill and return during the first 2 weeks of November.



Thank you,
Barbara Smith

Music Ministry

HBC ADULT CHOIR

Make a Joyful Noise! We are now 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 look forward to seeing you there!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children Choir will begin meeting again this month! We look forward to learning new songs and hymns to share with the Church during our Sunday morning worship services.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 4th at 7:30am