

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

FEBRUARY 2026

## 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!

## FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, February 1st, at 7:30am.
- **BIBLES & BOARDS:** February 1st, at 6pm.
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, February 8th , at 12 Noon for 412 Students.
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Monday, February 9th, at 12 Noon.
- **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00pm.
- **VALENTINE'S BANQUET:** Saturday, February 14th, at 6:00pm.

### TEAM MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, February 4, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, February 11, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, February 18, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, February 25, at 6:00pm

### Please Note:

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



### A Divinely Appointed Opportunity

“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.” (1 Corinthians 16:9)

Opportunity and opposition seem like two concepts that do not go together. A “good opportunity” seems like something that is an easy win. But as Paul described his ministry in Ephesus to the church in Corinth, he believed both things were true at the same time. He had an open door for effective ministry. He saw the Holy Spirit work in hearts and lives. He saw the church strengthened and emboldened to witness, and he believed his efforts were helping to multiply disciples in a place that desperately needed the gospel. At the same time, the enemies of the gospel were numerous. Paul was harassed and the message of the gospel was opposed. The Holy Spirit can work in spite of opposition and hostility, and this is a reminder to us not to see the obstacles around us as a hindrance to the Holy Spirit. As we equip and prepare for the work the Lord wants us to do in Hephzibah over the next year or two or five, we do well to remember that the Holy Spirit creates a wide door for effective work no matter what people have to say about it. So be in prayer. Pray that the Lord would equip you to be effective as a witness and a discipler, and pray that the Lord would continue to open for us a door for effective work in Hephzibah.

Your Pastor,  
Michael Wren



Valentine’s Banquet: Saturday, February 14th at 6:00pm we will have a catered Valentine’s Banquet in the Fellowship Hall. Come out for a delicious dinner from Fish Eye Grill, dessert, games, and door prizes. The cost is \$17 per person. Contact the church office at 706.592.4501 for more information.



### CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

Sunday, February 8th



### COMING IN MARCH

**Men’s Wild Game Dinner**  
Saturday, March 14th at 6:00pm

2/4 Hard/Soft Shell Tacos, Rice, Refried Beans, Chips, & Dessert	2/11 Baked/Fried Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Roll, & Dessert
2/18 Chicken Alfredo, Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Salad, & Dessert	2/25 Hamburgers, Hotdogs, French Fries, Baked Beans, Salad, & Dessert

### MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$38,348.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$8,850.00
General Offering Received as of 1/25/2026	\$34,275.25
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$185,210.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$206,619.61
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	147
Average S.S. attendance as of 1/25/2026	106

### Church Staff

- Senior Pastor.....Dr. C. Michael Wren, Jr.  
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## Children's Ministries



**FORGE**

Wednesday Nights

**PROVERBS 27:17 – "Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another."**

4:45pm Bible Drill

5:50pm Dinner

6:30pm Children's Choir

7:00pm

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade "Good News")  
(4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade "Forged")

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (Characteristics of a Godly Girl/Boy)



The Children's Choir will be singing the special music during our worship service on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please have the children in the

Sanctuary that morning at 9:30am to rehearse before Sunday School.



**centrikid**  
camps

**The Storyteller**  
author of all things

Gardner-Webb University  
June 8-12, 2026  
Grades 2 - 5

CENTRIKID CAMPS 2026

## Student Ministries



**4+12**  
STUDENTS  
1 TIMOTHY 4:12

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 all Youth students, will meet on February 8<sup>th</sup>, after the morning worship service.



We're excited to announce our upcoming church camp trip to Lookout Mountain, taking place June 9-13, 2026. A \$100 deposit is due by February 8<sup>th</sup>, and the remaining balance is due in May. If you would like to sponsor a student or need more information, please contact Bernard Harper. Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and spiritual growth!

## Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning, Women's Bible study group meets at 10am in the Pathfinders classroom. We are studying "End Times," led by Charlotte Howard and Fran Wilson.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Bible study is studying "Homegrown: Cultivating Kids in the Fruit of the Spirit." We meet from 6:30-8:00pm in the Joy Classroom.



Join us on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, for Women's fellowship time at 6:00pm in the HBC Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible for a time of devotion and a "snack board" to share with the group.

## Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

February 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon. "Fred Williams, saxophonist enjoys sharing his love of music with anyone who will listen. Fred began playing as a young teen and plans to continue playing as long as the Lord fills breath into his lungs."



## Missions Ministry



In February, OCC is collecting accessories, some ideas: Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, belts, fun jewelry, hair clips, headbands, sunglasses, watches, small backpacks, and purses.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions contact me.

Amanda Larson

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Johannesburg, South Africa

Members of the Johannesburg Evangelism Team who are involved in sports ministry have had an open door to begin an after school sports program for children through a partnership between a local Portuguese church and baptist church. "Please pray for the opportunities for the children to hear and respond to the gospel, and pray that the sports program will be salt and light in the community (Matthew 5:13-16)."

## Music Ministry



The Adult Choir will begin rehearsing for this year's Easter Cantata on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The cantata will be presented on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm each night. The choir will practice each Sunday in the Sanctuary at 4:00pm and would love to have you join us! This is the same cantata that was presented last year, so if you would like to help with drama, costumes, scenery, etc. please see Amanda Brookins for more information.