

Hephzibah Baptist Times

OCTOBER 2022

Wednesday Menus for the Month of October:

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, October 2nd at 7:30am
- **PUMPKIN ARRIVE:** Thursday , October 6th at 4:00pm
- **PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS:** October 7th, 12-6pm daily.
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, October 9th, following the 11am service (High School Students).
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** October 10th at Noon. ENOPION Theatre Company will speak.
- **YOUNG AT HEART FALL TRIP:** Thursday, October 13th to Jeter Mountain Farm.
- **OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT:** Saturday, October 15th at HBC, 7:00pm
- **DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Thursday, October 20th, at 9am.
- **TRUNK OR TREAT:** Monday, October 31st, 6-8pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN OCTOBER:

- **Building & Grounds:**
Wednesday, October 5, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:**
Wednesday, October 12, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:**
Wednesday, October 19, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:**
Wednesday, October 26, at 6:00pm

Please Note:

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



“We love because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

Such a simple verse. Such a simple truth. We show love to other people because God first loved us. If you need to see love in action or need confirmation that God loves you, look to Jesus. The Apostle Paul said this, too: “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us,” (Romans 5:8).

We are loved by God—so deeply, in fact, that the eternal Son of God became a human being for the express purpose of dying a terrible death so we could have eternal life instead of perishing and suffering for all eternity. If you need some better indication of God’s love, I cannot imagine what that would be. For those who know the love of Jesus, showing love to others should follow naturally.

Love is shown in a thousand simple things and in moments of significant sacrifice. A phone call, a quick note, and a word of encouragement all communicate far more than the words that are shared. But so, too, does a simple act of service. When you love someone, you find ways to lift them up.

As a church, October is a month in which we can display the love of Jesus to our community. Two main avenues—the Pumpkin Patch and Trunk or Treat—give us a chance to serve the community of Hephzibah and show them the love of Jesus. Let’s take advantage of this unique opportunity together.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



Trunk or Treat

@ HBC

Monday, October 31st
6:00-8:00pm.

PUMPKIN PATCH
Opens Friday , October 7th
12noon - 6pm daily

TRUNK OR TREAT
Monday, October 31st
6pm - 8pm



COMING IN NOVEMBER

THANKSGIVING
The office will be closed
Wednesday
& Thursday, November 23rd & 24th.

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MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$34,571.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,978.00
General Offering Received as of 9/25/2022	\$30,435.23
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$34, 571.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$30, 435.23
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	120
Average S.S. attendance as of 9/25/2022	123



Community Events

HBC PUMPKIN PATCH



Pumpkins arrive Thursday, October 6th, 4:00pm. Open daily from October 7th-31st, from 12:00noon-6:00pm. Please consider volunteering for this community outreach and fundraiser for summer camps. To volunteer, please sign-up on the Pumpkin Patch calendar near the Fellowship Hall. Two shifts are available: 12-3pm and 3-6pm. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT

HBC will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat community event Monday, October 31st, from 6:00-8:00pm. We are collecting donations of wrapped candy in bins located at all major entrances at the church. Hot dog donations can be placed in the marked box in the kitchen fridge. This is a major event that sees hundreds of our friends and family, so the more candy and hot dogs we are able to donate, the more we will be able to serve. Also, please be encouraged to sign up for bringing a trunk! It's so much fun to decorate your car, dress up in a friendly costume, and hand out candy during the event. A sign-up is available on the bulletin board. Thank you for your willingness to serve others through this outreach.



We will be showing "Flywheel," the first movie by Sherwood Pictures, that is about a dishonest used car salesman deciding to become the salesman that God wants him to be-with surprising results. All are invited to attend this free movie event held outdoors at HBC.

Arrive at 7:00pm on Saturday, October 15th. Popcorn will be provided. We encourage you to bring family and friends (and lawnchairs!) to this evening of fellowship under the stars.

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 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!

Student Ministries



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of October 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 October 9th after the morning worship service until around 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.

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 October 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 began a new study last month entitled "The Power of a Praying Wife." 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

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, October 10th, at 12Noon. Our guest speaker will be the ENOPION Theatre Company. They will do a performance.



Missions Ministry



Thank you to all who have donated shoebox items for unreached children all year long. In November we will send these boxes during National Collection week to be processed. Each box will cost \$10 to process. Funds will be needed for the 2022 shoe boxes. As a church body let's consider giving especially to cover the shipping cost by marking your gift for OCC shipping.

Prayers requested for the shoe box recipients: children and families.

Thank you,
Barbara Smith

Music Ministry

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be sharing a special music during our worship service on Sunday, October 30th. If you have children in the choir (1st-5th grade) please have them meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15am to practice before Sunday School. We look forward to worshipping with you then!



Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, October 2nd, at 7:30am

MEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A new Men's Bible study will start Wednesday October 5th, from 7:00-8:00pm in Room 103. A series of short studies regarding the Basics of Christian Living.