

# Hephzibah Baptist Times

JULY 2022

## FYI

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Monday June 27-Friday, July 1 from 9:00am - 12noon.
- **VBS FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Friday, July 1 at 6:30pm.
- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Cancelled for July.
- **CELEBRATE FREEDOM PICNIC LUNCH:** Sunday, July 3rd following 11am Service.
- **GENERATE CAMP:** July 11th - 15th at Covenant College in Lookout Mnt., GA
- **BAPTISM SUNDAY:** July 24th during 11am Service.
- **DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER:** Monday, July 18th at 9am.

### TEAM MEETINGS IN JULY:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, July 6 at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, July 20 at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, July 21 at 6:30pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, July 27 at 6:00pm.

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



### Wednesday Menus for the Month of July:

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!

7/6 Penne pasta, Salad, Garlic bread, Vegetable Roll & Dessert	7/13 Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & gravy Eggs, & Grits
7/20 Baked/Fried Chicken, Mac n Cheese, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert	7/27 Pork loin, Rice, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert

### MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

Monthly Budget Needs:	\$33,468.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$7,723.00
General Offering Received as of 6/19/2022	\$25,553.09
Year-to-Date Budget Needs:	\$334,680.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received:	\$312,544.70
11am Worship Service Average Attendance	108
Average S.S. attendance as of 6/19/2022	103



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### Church Staff

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## Vessels of Grace

“For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 4:15)

These days it is difficult to be completely disconnected from all the tension and heartbreak that plague our world. Wars, shootings, terrorist attacks, scandals, ungodly mudslinging, and the normalization of ungodly ideas all cast a shadow over our lives. Anyone who follows Jesus becomes an ambassador for Jesus, and anyone who serves as an ambassador for Jesus has to wade right in the middle of all of it. If you are spiritually minded, if you love the Lord Jesus, you cannot help but be burdened by the lostness and confusion of our world. And you cannot help but feel that a target is on you, too. I’m sure you’ve felt that way from time to time.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that whatever we have to endure for the sake of serving Jesus, we endure so the grace of God will extend to more and more people. We possess the treasure of the gospel, as it were, in fragile earthen vessels. What can one believer do, what can one church do, in the face of so much godlessness and confusion? We can continue to shine the light of Jesus, that God’s grace might reach more and more. As you pray for the tremendous needs of our world, pray continually that our resolve would be to continue to magnify the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through our choices, our words, and our service. Our God can do more than we imagine!

Your Pastor,  
Michael Wren

## ★ Celebrate Freedom ★

### Church-Wide Picnic Sunday, July 3rd following the Service

We will serve hamburgers and hotdogs, sides, and dessert. There will be lawn games set up outside. Tables and chairs will be available to eat inside the Fellowship Hall or you can bring lawn chairs or a blanket if you would like to eat outside. We look forward to this holiday-weekend fellowship with our church family!



COMING IN  
AUGUST

Promotion  
Sunday  
August 21st



## Children's Ministries



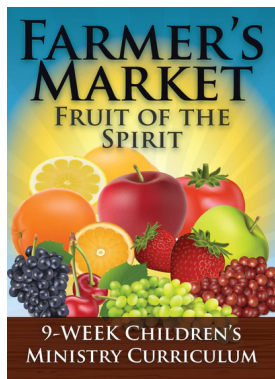
June 27-July 1, 2022  
9 AM - 12 NOON  
Light Lunch Provided

It has been an amazing week in VBS as our imaginations have ignited and our creativity has awakened at Spark Studios VBS! We have learned that the Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us - His creation - to the original design He planned for us.

A huge "Thank you!" to all who planned and prepared for this exciting week of outreach and ministry. The teachers, rotation leaders, guides, kitchen crew, registration, audio/video techs, and so many other volunteers have done a fantastic job of serving in order for this week to run smoothly.

You are all so appreciated and loved!

On Friday, July 1st at 6:30pm we will gather in the sanctuary to celebrate the closing of VBS, then move into the Fellowship Hall for ice cream. Kids can wear swimsuits under their clothes for some water fun after ice cream. Everyone is invited to attend!



Summer Sessions continue during the month of July for Kids ages 3-5th grade. We are learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23.

MPacts meets from 6:30pm - 8:00pm each Wednesday.

Join us and bring a friend!

## Student Ministries

GENERATE CAMP



Summer camp takes place at Covenant College in Lookout Mnt., GA. on July 11th - 15th, 2022.



Engage will continue to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of July except for July 13. Most of our students will be at Generate Student Camp during that week.

We have organized games, worship and prayer time, and 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 not be meeting in the Summer. We will resume again in August.

## Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of July in the Joy Classroom. We would love to have you join for this wonderful time of study and fellowship.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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

## 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 at (706)836-9226 or email at crossdaniel4@comcast.net.

## Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
Cancelled for July

## Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Will return in the month of September.



## Missions Ministry

Summer is here and it's a great time to continue packing those OCC shoe boxes!



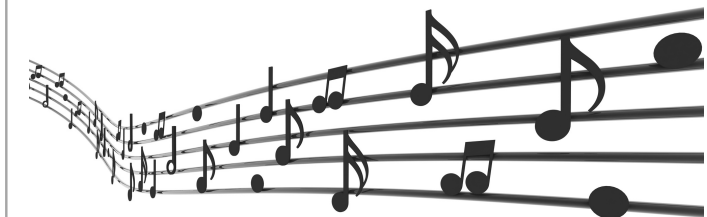
Shoe boxes can be packed virtually by going online at <https://sampur.se/3uXliEx> or use the QR code below.

Items for shoe boxes are also collected in the OCC boxes found near the church office. WOW toys are always appreciated, as well as items like tooth brushes, combs, and socks. Please pray for the children who will receive these special boxes with the Gospel message.

Thank you,  
Barbara Smith



## Music Ministry



HBC ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will meet on Sunday morning at 9:15am in the Sanctuary to rehearse the Choir special each week.

## Baptism Sunday

Please join us Sunday, July 24 during the 11am service for our family and friends being baptized.