

Hephzibah Baptist Times

NOVEMBER 2022

Wednesday Menus for the Month of November:

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, November 6, at 7:30am
 - **OCC PACKING PARTY:** Sunday, November 6th at 2:30pm in Joy Classroom.
 - **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00pm.
 - **PUTT-PUTT FUN CENTER:** Sunday, November 13th at Putt-Putt Center at 1:00pm.
 - **OCC NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK:** November 14th-21st.
 - **YOUNG AT HEART:** Cancelled for November
 - **DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, Nov. 20th, after 11 am service.
 - **OCC CHARLOTTE TRIP:** Saturday, November 26th from 4-10pm.
 - **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Wednesday, November 16, at 9am.
 - **OFFICE CLOSED:** November 23rd & 24th, in celebration of Thanksgiving.
 - **NO ACTIVITIES:** Wednesday, Nov. 23rd
- TEAM MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER:**
- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, November 2, at 6:15pm
 - **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, November 9, at 6:00pm
 - **Mission Team:** Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00pm
 - **Church Council:** Thursday, November 17, at 6:30pm
 - **Deacons’ Meeting:** Wednesday, November 30, at 6:00pm

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

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The Challenge of God’s Goodness

“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8)

I love the challenge issued by David in this verse. These days we tend to get so defensive. In an age in which the church is surrounded by sceptics, critics, and disaffected former church-goers, we often feel like we are always countering an argument or explaining why a certain criticism is unfair.

We find ourselves apologizing for the church. And maybe at times an apology is in order for something we’ve done or something that happens far too often in Christian churches. But we do not have to offer an apology for God. In fact, King David does the opposite. He offers a direct challenge. “Taste for yourselves, and you will see that the Lord is good.” Like offering a ripe, juicy piece of fruit, David dangles in front of us the opportunity to experience the sweetness of fellowship with the Lord for ourselves. Why does he do this? Because God does not disappoint. When you have a product that is guaranteed to satisfy, you do not hesitate to offer it. Our God is good. He is faithful. He is love. He is gracious, and He is always all these things.

The season of Thanksgiving asks us to examine our lives and find evidence of the goodness of God. We find many reasons to give thanks. Challenge people this month to go one step further: don’t just give Him lip service. Walk with Him by faith in Jesus. They will not be disappointed.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



POINSETTIAS

We will start taking orders on November 6th for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary during the Christmas Season (in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life). Envelopes will be located at the Sanctuary entrances. Pricing and other information will be in the bulletin on November 6th.

DAYLIGHT SAVING S ENDS
Sunday, November 6th

OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, November 23rd &
Thursday, November 24th
Happy Thanksgiving!



COMING IN DECEMBER

LIVE NATIVITY
December 17-18, 6-8pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Saturday, December 24th at
5:30pm

Children's Ministries



PUMPKIN PATCH AND TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU! October is always an active month of service here at HBC. Thank you to all who gave of their time and talents to volunteer, decorate, and purchase pumpkins during the Pumpkin Patch. We had a great time visiting with our community neighbors while raising money for summer camp.

Also, thank you to all who donated everything that goes into achieving Trunk or Treat, like candy, hot dogs, lights and music, parking, snacks, meal prep, and, of course, trunks! All the help given by our church family during this major outreach is appreciated to make it such a success.



All families are invited to share in a fun-filled afternoon of mini-golf and more on Sunday, November 13th, at the Putt-Putt Fun Center located at 3763 Martinez Blvd in Augusta.

We will plan on meeting at the Fun Center around 1:00pm. Lunch is on your own, but all are invited to meet for lunch at the Wendy's on Washington Road, near Davis Road. More information on prices and the different attractions can be found at puttputt.com.



CENTRIKID CAMP 2023: BEYOND THE SURFACE CentriKid Camp is scheduled for June 5-9, 2023 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 5th. The total cost of camp is \$355 before any fundraising is applied to help reduce the cost.

Community Events



Hephzibah Baptist will present a walk-thru Living Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 17th and Sunday, Dec. 18th from 6-8pm. We are so excited to be able to offer this event again this year for our church and community. If you would like to help in any way--characters, costumes, sets, livestock, luminaries, advertising, etc.--a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board beside the Fellowship Hall. Please see Amanda Brookins if you have any questions.

Student Ministries



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of November 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 November 13th, after the morning worship service. We will be joining the other families at Putt-Putt Golf.

A special thanks to the HBC Youth volunteers that helped with the Pumpkin Patch on the Sundays in October.

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of November 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." We meet from 6:30 to 8:00 each Wednesday in room 102.

Music Ministry



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Well...not yet, but it will soon! We will be decorating the church on Sunday, November 20th, following the 11:00am worship service. If you are available to help, please let Amanda Brookins know or notify the church office by Wednesday, November 16th. Lunch will be provided.

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.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 6, 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. We are studying the Basics of Christian Living.

Missions Ministry



OCC DROP OFF CENTER

National Collection Week is Monday, November 14th, through Monday, November 21st. During this time, local churches and families will bring their packed shoeboxes to HBC and our team will package and prepare the shoeboxes to be sent to the processing center. We need Help! A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. The times are each weekday evening from 5-7pm, or Saturday 10am-12 Noon, or Sunday after the 11am service until 2pm. Contact Jessica Yoder for more information.

OCC PROCESSING CENTER

We will be going to the Charlotte Processing Center on Saturday, November 26th. We will meet at HBC at 12:30, work from 4pm-10pm, and then return to HBC. Bring money for your meals. A sign-up sheet for the trip is located on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

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Beginning Sunday, November 27th, the Lottie Moon Post Office is available. Bring in your Christmas cards by Wednesday, December 14th, in order for them to be delivered to the Sunday School classes. All "postage" donated will be sent to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please note that cards addressed to members who are not in a Sunday School class or currently attending church services cannot be delivered, as they cannot be mailed to a physical address.