

Hephzibah Baptist Times

NOVEMBER 2025

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.

Menus are subject to change.

FYI

- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, November 2nd, at 7:30am.
- **BIBLES & BOARDS:** Sunday, November 2nd, at 6:00pm.
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Monday, November 10th, at Noon.
- **CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, November 12th, at 7:00pm.
- **OCC NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK:** November 16th-23rd.
- **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:** November 17th, at 9am.
- **MOVIE NIGHT FOR 412 STUDENTS:** Saturday, November 22nd, 7pm.
- **DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, November 23rd, after 11 am service.
- **NO ACTIVITIES:** Wednesday , November 26th.
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** November 26th & 27th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

TEAM MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, November 5th, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons’ Meeting:** Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, November 20nd, at 6:30pm

Please Note:

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

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Our God Hears Prayer

“Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.” (Psalm 65:1-2)

Thank you all for the constant prayers for my father recently. He had a major cardiac emergency and a very serious surgery. Your love, support, and prayers have meant a great deal to my family and me. My dad is doing very well, and I know it is because of the

of the faithfulness of God. For reasons beyond my comprehension, God answers prayer. In His own time, according to His own mysterious will, He answers prayer because He loves us. We have all seen the Lord answer our prayers many, many times. We owe our very lives and all of the blessings we have experienced to the love, mercy, and faithfulness of God. He loves us, He hears us, and He responds to us with exactly what we need. King David tells us in Psalm 65 how we should respond to Him—with thanksgiving and dedicated service. Our God is a God who hears prayer, and in response we should dedicate our lives to worshiping and serving Him. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of the tremendous blessings God has poured out upon us in response to our own cries for help. And let us continually seek ways to promote the gospel, for through the good news of Jesus, the entire world is invited to come to the God who hears our prayers.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



POINSETTIAS

We will start taking orders on Sunday, November 2nd 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. The deadline to order a poinsettias is Sunday, November 23rd.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 2nd

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 26th &
Thursday, November 27th
Happy Thanksgiving!



COMING IN DECEMBER

LIVE NATIVITY

December 20th-21st, 6-8pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24th at
5:30pm

Children's Ministries

**FORGE**

Wednesday Nights



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

4:45pm
Bible Drill

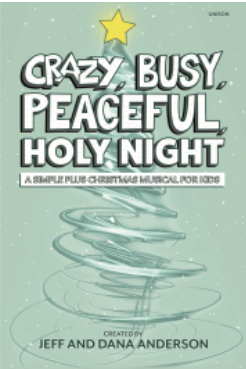
5:50pm
Dinner

6:30pm
Children's Choir

7:00pm
1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays (K – 3rd Grade "Good News")
(4th & 5th Grade "Forged")
2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Characteristics of a Godly Girl/Boy)



- To everyone who set up the pumpkin patch, unloaded the pumpkins, volunteered at the pumpkin patch, and .bought pumpkins.
- We had a successful pumpkin patch that will help many children and students go to summer camp in 2026.
- For everyone who volunteered when HES students came for a field trip at the pumpkin patch.
- To all the people who set up, prepared and served food, parking, volunteered a trunk, game table, prayer tent, story time etc. for the Trunk or Treat.
- Trunk or Treat was a great night for the community.



The Children's Choir is now working on our Christmas musical, Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night. Christmastime is often crazy busy with SO many things to do. From parties to shopping, from

recitals to exams, is easy to lose focus on the Prince of Peace that was born in Bethlehem that holy night. Our Christmas today is not usually quiet, calm, or silent. That first Christmas was crazy busy too! But Jesus came to bring peace and hope to a crazy busy world. The children will present this musical on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Community Events



Hephzibah Baptist will present our annual walk-thru Living Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 20th and Sunday, Dec. 21st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. From prophecy, to the miraculous birth, to the cross, we will journey through key events in the life of Jesus, as God brought salvation to the world. If you would like to participate in any way (scenery, costumes, characters, snacks, etc.) please see Amanda Brookins or sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall. We will be adding new elements this year, so we need a few more volunteers than in years past.

Student Ministries



412 Students 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 .



ReCharge, 412 students will meet on November 9th after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



Saturday, November 22nd at 7pm at the Youth House.

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study groups are continuing our studies on the Fruit of the Spirit. We would love for you to join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday or Thursday at 10:00am.



BIBLES AND BOARDS

Join us on Sunday, November 2nd, for a women's fellowship time at 6:00pm. Bring your Bibles for a time of devotion and a "snack board" to share with the group.



We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, November 23rd following the 11:00am service. Lunch will be provided, so please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall so we can prepare enough food.

Men's Ministry

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

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

We will celebrate Christmas early this year, so bring your sides and desserts on November 10th and join us for Young at Heart at 12noon. Turkey, Dressing, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce will be provided. Men bring a man's gift and ladies bring a lady's gift for the gift exchange.



Missions Ministry



Shoeboxes are now available for you to pick in the sanctuary. All packed boxes must be returned by November 23rd.

OCC DROP OFF CENTER

National Collection Week is Monday, November 17th through Monday, November 24th. 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. Contact Amanda Larson for more information.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Peoples of Haryana, India (har-ee-YAH-nuh) – Haryana is a small state in what is known as the "breadbasket of India," where the land is flat and ideal for growing a variety of crops. In John 6:35 (ESV) Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Pray that the people of Haryana will hear of Jesus and believe in the One who is the Bread of Life.

Music Ministry

THE ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir practices at 9:15am every Sunday morning if you would like to join us.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will present a musical on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.