

Wednesday Menus for the Month of January:
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!

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| 1/8 Baked/fried Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Roll, & Dessert | 1/15 Beef Tips, Rice & Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, & Dessert |
| 1/22 Eggs, Pancakes,Grits, Bacon/Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy | 1/29 Bake/Regular Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, & Dessert |
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MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT:

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| Monthly Budget Needs: | \$37,042.00 |
| Weekly Budget Needs: | \$8,548.00 |
| General Offering Received as of 12/17/2024 | \$30,132.63 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs: | \$148,168.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Received: | \$144,117.11 |
| 11am Worship Service Average Attendance | 130 |
| AverageS.S.attendance as of 12/17/2024 | 107 |



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FYI

- **OFFICE CLOSED:** January 1st
- **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, January 5th at 7:30am.
- **TRAIL LIFE:** Will meet January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.
- **YOUNG AT HEART:** Monday, January 13th at Noon.
- **RECHARGE:** Sunday, January 12th after 11am service.
- **DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:** Tuesday, January 14th at 10am.
- **SKATELAND OF AUGUSTA FAMILY NIGHT:** Monday, January 13th from 6:30-9:00pm.
- **KID’S NIGHT OUT:** Friday, January 24th at 6pm
- **HBC MEN’S MINISTRY CHILI COOKOFF:** Saturday, January 25th at 6:00pm-8:00pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN JANUARY:

- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, January 8th, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, January 15th, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, January 16th, at 6:30pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, January 22nd, at 6:00pm

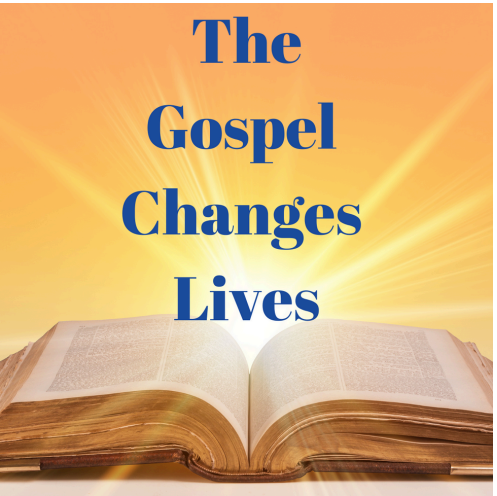
Please Note:
All events, dates, and times are subject to change.

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Hephzibah Baptist Times

JANUARY 2025



A Powerful Gospel

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Confidence and potential are closely tied together. When you often lose, your evaluation of your potential decreases. It becomes hard to resist the conclusion that you are likely to lose, but a proven winner enters every contest confident that victory is in their grasp. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, he expressed full confidence in the power of the gospel. Why? Because he had seen Jesus change lives everywhere he had gone, no matter who they were or where they were from. The gospel changes lives.
We are going to begin the year exploring the power of the gospel. No book in Scripture outlines the powerful, life changing gospel as thoroughly and clearly as the book of Romans. We’re going to study the first three chapters together on Sunday morning. And on Wednesday nights, I will be teaching a history series on the Reformation, a period of time during which the church wrestled with itself over what the gospel is and how the church should proclaim it. The stories of the Reformation will give us greater insight into the gospel, into the teachings of Scripture, and into how we can live out the gospel in our own day. Join us on Wednesday nights or listen to the messages posted on our website every week.

Let us make 2025 a year in which we confidently proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

HCB Goal: \$3500
Current Total: \$2574

OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday, January 1st



**COMING IN JANUARY
SKATELAND FAMILY
NIGHT**

January 13th, 6:30-9:00pm

**DEACON NOMINATION
FORMS**
Sunday, January 12th

Community Events

From
THE LIVE NATIVITY
2024



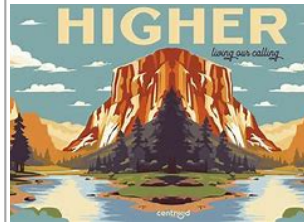
Children's Ministries



SKATELAND OF AUGUSTA: HBC Children and Family ministry will be meeting at Skateland of Augusta (2451 Windsor Spring Road) on Monday, January 13th, from 6:30-9:00pm. The cost is \$7.00 per person to skate. Adults may watch for free. It is Christian Music Night. Come and Skate!



HBC KID'S NIGHT OUT - January 24th from 6 - 9pm for Kindergartners - Fifth Grade. This is a night for kid's, and we will be doing scientific experiments. This is a free event and there will be a light meal provided.



June 9 - 13 at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. Registration and a deposit of \$75.00 are due on February 2, 2025. See Cindy Lewis for registration form. The total cost of camp is \$345 before any fundraising is applied to help reduce the cost.

Student Ministries



Engage continues to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of January 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 students grades 6th-12th, will meet on January 12th, after the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided.



Generate Camp is scheduled for June 9-13, 2025 at Mount Vernon, GA. Camp Registration and a \$75 deposit are due Sunday, February 21st.

Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study group meets each Thursday at 10am. We are currently studying "Trees: God's Gifts and His Lesson Through Them".



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible study group is continuing to study "Trees: God's Gifts and His Lesson Through Them". We would love for you to join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights for a wonderful time of study and fellowship.

Discipleship Ministry

CHURCH LIBRARY

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth within our church. We now have seven Sunday School Classes for adults. We also have two weekly studies for women, and one for men. Our library has books and DVDs for discipleship, evangelism, parenting, and many other important topics. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cross (706) 836-9226.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, January 5th at 7:30am

HBC MEN'S MINISTRY CHILI COOKOFF

Saturday, January 25th, at 6:00pm in HBC Fellowship Hall. Bring a pot of Chili for judging and eating. 1st place pot of chili, will win bragging rights and a fabulous prize. Mark your calendar. Bring your kids and a friend!

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

January 13th at Noon!
Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship. We will also play bingo.



Missions Ministry



Thanks to everyone who collected items throughout the entire year. Hephzibah Baptist sent 313 boxes. The total number for the Augusta area was 13,807. I look forward to seeing how God will use us next year. Our church goal for year 2025 is 325.

Thank you,
Amanda Larson

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

University Student Ministry, Auckland, New Zealand (AWK-land) - Please pray for Kristy, a Chinese Ph.D. student who will be returning home in January. Pray that the gospel seeds that have been planted will bear fruit that will last.

Music Ministry



Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with all of our Christmas events this season! It would be impossible to name every person who helped with sets, costumes, sound, lighting, props, animals, parade, caroling....the list goes on and on. I truly believe that each gathering we have had at HBC has reached and blessed our community with the love of Jesus and with the truth that this is all about HIM and the redemption He brought to us. Thank you to the parents who have trusted us with your children. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the Living Nativity such a special event. We are so blessed to have such a supportive and encouraging church family, and a God who hears our prayers and meets our needs and loves us so much that he sent His Son to save us all! Joy to the World!
EASTER CANTATA
Plan ahead! The adult choir will be doing an Easter Cantata again this year and will begin rehearsing very soon! If you would like to participate in any way, please let Amanda Brookins know.