

August CALENDAR

Aug 3	Youth OASIS	6:45PM 6:45PM
Aug 7	Sunday School Morning Worship	9:45AM 11:00AM
Aug 10	AWANA Resumes Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
Aug 11	HBC Women’s Outing to Edgeville, SC	8:30AM-3:00PM
Aug 14	Sunday School Morning Worship	9:45AM 11:00AM
Aug17	AWANA YOUTH OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
Aug 21	Sunday School Morning Worship	9:45AM 11:00AM
Aug 24	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
Aug 28	Sunday School Morning Worship	9:45AM 11:00AM
Aug 31	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM

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Happy Anniversary

08-01	Billy & Cate Elliott	08-11	Steve & Susan Camp
08-05	Chris & Ariel Smith	08-27	Jerry & Jill Willams
08-08	Emmit & Annette Coleman		

* Please call the Church Office if your anniversary is not listed.

Happy Birthday

08-02	Kevin Sweatman	08-16	Inez Brown
08-04	Alice Jones	08-16	Grier Whitaker
08-05	Scott Tam	08-21	Brian Murphy
08-05	Zach Fleming	08-25	Emmit Coleman
08-07	Russ Lewis	08-25	Jimmy Tankersley
08-10	Dale Arnold	08-26	Tony Mundy
08-10	Roxie Whitaker	08-27	Mitchell Cozart
08-10	Cate Elliott	08-27	Kelly Tam
08-13	Edee Sweatman	08-29	Carol Carter
08-13	James Usry		
08-15	Taryn Birchfield		

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FINANCIALS

as of July 24, 2022

Actual Expenses YTD \$253,579
Actual Received YTD \$221,400

Deacon of the Month

Scott Williams
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CONNECTIONS

August 2022

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Over the past several months we have been slowly working our way through the book of Revelation in our Wednesday night Bible study. While this study has been incredibly challenging to us all, I would also say it has been incredibly hopeful. Amidst the chaos, the confusion, the scary, and the curious there is a great deal of hope found in the book of Revelation. This past week we looked at the first half of chapter 9 where we find a description of demonic locusts. This is how John describes them:

The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails with stingers like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months (Rev. 9:7-10, NIV).

For many, reading about such a monster would invoke a lot of feelings. Hope however, probably wouldn't be one of them. If you go back and read vv. 3-5 you will realize that even with these scary creatures roaming the earth that God is still protecting his people. God is in control of even these demonic creatures. Amidst the chaos, the scary, and the confusing, God is still in control and he is still in the business of protecting those who call him Lord. This, I would say is incredibly hopeful.

Often times we find ourselves in seasons where we need to find hope. Perhaps some of you can relate to this presently. Unfortunately, we are inclined to search for hope in many worldly places. These things will let us down every time. They will never be able to provide lasting hope. But, the hope that is found through a relationship with Christ Jesus and the hope that is found in God's word is lasting. There is enough hope in all of that to last us an eternity. So, if you're struggling to find hope today let me direct you towards Jesus. When you struggle to find hope tomorrow, let me encourage you to open God's Word. Even in the midst of the greatest trials there is lasting hope in Jesus! Thanks be to God for this really good news!

*Press on!
Carson*

Church News

B.L.A.S.T

Will meet each Sunday
at 11:00AM

YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesdays | 6:45PM



AWANA Returns — August 10th —

HBC LUNCHEON



AUGUST 7
STIR FRY & FIXINGS

AUGUST 21
HAMBURGER STEAKS & FIXINGS



HARLEM BAPTIST BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, September 7th
4pm-8pm

Come support HBC and donate
blood. The bus will be located at
the rear entrance of the church.



Important Children's and Youth Announcements:

NEW Sunday School Class Starting for Youth & Adults
hosted by Brett Rogers
in the Youth Building at 9:45am
You're Invited – please be there!!

- **August 10th**-The new Church Calendar Year for Youth Group will start with our "Get to Know Your Small Group Leader" Night
- **August 17th**-The first official Youth Message Series will start with "FOMO" (Fear of Missing Out) – students will be learning about the surpassing fulfillment of a relationship with God
- **August 18th** – Basketball Night for High School students and interested young adults at 7:30pm

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again. Rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by the Spirit we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory." Romans 8:14-17

-Evan



While listening to a session on social media this past week, I kept finding myself distracted by the way the speaker said a certain word. He never pointed it out; he never explained the reasoning behind his choice – and yet, I knew exactly what his thought process was. I knew exactly what he meant. There was no guess work in it.

He kept saying, "re"-present.
Not represent. Re-present.

He was talking about how we share the Gospel online, about using what we see everyday around us (social media trends, for example), adding in the element of Christ or the perspective of a Christian, and re-presenting it to the community (thereby reaching them with something they recognize and likely enjoy, but with a Gospel focused slant). Churches do this often; we hold events or plan activities that are similar to what a secular organization might do, but we make the focus all about Christ and His glory. It's about meeting people where they are and relating to them on their level; it's about not expecting non-believers to think and act like believers, but being welcoming and including everyone by showing them we recognize them as individuals with personalities, not numbers on an annual church report. As Paul said, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." (1 Corinthians 9:22b-23).

And for the believer, this makes sharing the Gospel so much easier!!! Don't worry about trying to be a super-hero evangelist with a perfectly memorized plan; just look at the situations where you encounter those who aren't believers and search for ways to re-present Jesus to them. Let's be real – in our area of the country, people have heard *something* about Christ. But they likely haven't heard what He did for you. Re-present Christ through the lens of your testimony. Re-present His compassion through your own acts of kindness by sharing a meal or offering to babysit so they can have a break. Re-present Christ by being the first to volunteer to serve and not waiting to see if someone is absolutely need. Re-present Christ in the choices of your words and the attitude of your heart at work.

As Christians we are to represent Christ to the world. And as the world often needs a truer picture of who He is – it's time we start re-presenting Him to those under our influence every day.

-Rebekah

Women's Ministry:

HBC WOMEN'S OUTING

AUGUST 11TH
TO SARAH'S PRODUCE MARKET
& LUNCH

The HBC Women will meet 8:30am
at the church and will carpool to
Edgefield, SC to Sarah's Produce
Market. Afterwards, they will en-
joy lunch at Old Edgefield Grill
and will return back around
3:00pm.

Sign up by August 7th at the
Information Center.

For more info please
see Kathy Holley



Bob Brown & family invite you to celebrate

Inez Brown's 100th Birthday

SATURDAY, August 20th

Drop In Between
2:00PM-4:00PM

(Located in the FLC)

PLEASE NO PRESENTS