



Nov 2	AWANA	6:15PM
	Youth	6:45PM
	OASIS	6:45PM
Nov 6	Sunday School	9:45AM
	Morning Worship	11:00AM
	Kentucky Mission Luncheon	12:15PM
	OCC Packing Party	After Luncheon
Nov 9	AWANA	6:15PM
	Youth	6:45PM
	OASIS	6:45PM
Nov 13	Sunday School	9:45AM
	Morning Worship	11:00AM
	Small Groups*	5:30PM
Nov 14– Nov 18 Kentucky Mission Trip		
Nov 16	AWANA	6:15PM
	Youth	6:45PM
	OASIS	6:45PM
Nov 20	Sunday School	9:45AM
	Morning Worship	11:00AM
	Guinea Mission Luncheon	12:15PM
Nov 21	Women's Fellowship	6:00PM-8:00PM
Nov 23	NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES	
Nov 24	CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
Nov 27	Sunday School	9:45AM
	Morning Worship	11:00AM
	Small Groups*	5:30PM
Nov 29	Coffee with Carson	8:30AM
Nov 30	AWANA	6:15PM
	Youth	6:45PM
	OASIS	6:45PM

*For more information please see church staff.



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Pastor
Evan Powell
Minister of Youth and Children
Rebekah Dickerson
Minister of Music and Media
Ashley Driggers
Administrative Assistant

Happy Anniversary

11-01 Clay & Luci Smith
11-18 Wil & Gwen Hardy
11-22 Jason & Raven Truitt

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

Happy Birthday

11-01	Jetta Moon	11-21	Kacee Morris
11-06	Julian Adams, Jr.	11-28	Ky Arnold
11-07	Emily Lonergan	11-30	Mandy Rhodes
11-08	Emalaine Cooper		
11-11	Jamie Adams		
11-11	Ryan Guy		
11-13	Curtis Rhodes		
11-15	Lindsey Rogers		
11-18	Evan Powell		
11-19	Kenneth Welch		

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FINANCIALS

as of October 25, 2022

Actual Expenses YTD \$327,831
Actual Received YTD \$305,415

Deacon of the Month

Barry Fleming
706-799-4316

CONNECTIONS

November 2022

happy Thanksgiving

THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord has sent many people into my life to be an encourager. My parents have provided a constant source of encouragement. My wife has been diligent to encourage me in even the most difficult seasons. I've had many other family members and friends, coaches and professors, colleagues and church members who have taken the time to send encouragement my way. I'm truly grateful for this encouragement. But I must confess that I have rarely reciprocated this encouragement. And it's not because I don't want to encourage others or because I don't care. It's simply because encouraging others takes forethought and intentionality. It requires us thinking about someone other than ourselves. This is something that I'm not always good at.

The author of Hebrews reminds us of the importance of encouraging one another when they say: *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching"* (Hebrews 10:23-25, NIV).

These words reveal that one of our functions within the Body of Christ is to encourage one another. But again, many of us may struggle to do this. I wonder why this is often the case. How can we offer comfort to someone if we don't know they need comforting? How can we strengthen someone if we don't know that they are weak? How can we urge or appeal to overcome an obstacle or to tackle a challenging task if we are unaware of their challenges? If we are to encourage one another we must be intentional to know one another. We need to check in on one another. We need to give others the room to share their joys and sorrows, their accomplishments and their challenges. And, because we need encouragement too, we must be willing to share our life circumstances as well.

Who do you know that may need some encouragement today? What kind of encouragement do you need? As we move throughout this month I want to urge each of you to be intentional to offer encouraging words to others. Let me also urge you to reflect on the encouragers that God has placed in your life and give thanks to God for these heaven sent individuals.

Press on!
Carson

Church News

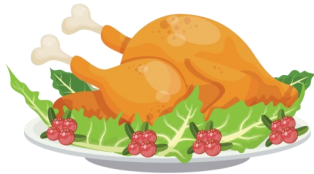
B.L.A.S.T

Will meet each Sunday
at 11:00AM

YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesdays | 6:45PM

FRIED TURKEYS



Order your turkeys now
through Sunday, November
20th for Thanksgiving!
Each turkey will be \$ 37.50

CHRISTMAS DINNER THEATER

"The Worst Christmas Play Ever"

DECEMBER 17 & 18
6:00PM

**SCAN BELOW TO RESERVE
YOUR SEATS TODAY!**

(ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR.)



HBC LUNCHEON



NOVEMBER 6

(KY MISSION LUNCHEON)

LASAGNA, PIZZA,
SPAGHETTI, SALAD

NOVEMBER 20

(GUINEA MISSION LUNCHEON)

POT ROAST & FIXINGS



In theology we have a big word called eschatology, study of how the future relates to the present. Now before I lose you with that opening, bear with me. It is what we call the "already, but not yet" mentality. Perhaps this is a phrase you have heard before, but have a hard time putting in context.

Have you ever waited for something exciting? Something you needed, and were just READY for? We do this all the time! Kids anticipate the joy of Christmas morning every year! Engaged couples excitedly plan a wedding. Pregnancy comes with it a mixture of daily challenges, preparation, and waiting...lots of waiting. We know what is coming...but we still have to live *right now*. We know that good things will happen in their time and that anticipation is a part of the blessing. Waiting for our wedding day and everyone to gather and celebrate with us is *worth* it. Opening presents before Christmas morning would make the holiday kind of sad. We want that baby to get here... but we want it to be fully ready, healthy and whole, no matter what discomforts we must endure for it to grow to maturity first. And as believers, we know what the future holds for us in heaven, and where our eternity lies, but we still have to walk out our salvation daily, challenges and all.

But man, oh man... do we HATE IT when God asks us to wait for His timing. Maybe He has placed a future calling on our lives that we are confident in, but there is a level of preparation we must go through first (college, personal study, or just growing up). Perhaps we feel like He has not called us to singleness, yet there isn't a future husband or wife in sight. Or we heartbreakingly pray each month for that positive test, believing that He desires us to be parents.

This happens in ministry constantly. God will place on a church or a pastor or believer a desire to serve in a certain way, but then there comes... the waiting. The timing. The working out. The enduring. And the believer (or even the entire church!) is left in an "already, but not yet" place of anxiously praying for what we believe with all our hearts, yet at times doubt because we just...don't...see...it...happening. Yet.

You are in good company, beloved. The Church as a whole remains in this eschatological state of anticipation, wanting, yearning, desiring, "groaning as if in the pains of child-birth as we eagerly await the redemption of our bodies" (Romans 8). We were made to live in the present, focused on the now, with hope and faith for tomorrow. Our disquiet, our frustration, our anticipation gives us drive; it gives us motivation to keep pressing forward, to keep praying, to keep seeking, to keep sharing, to keep loving others toward the cross. It keeps reminding us that we are, in fact, *not* home yet. *We are not done yet*. We don't need to be too comfortable here. We need to keep building ministries, keeping loving others, keep worshiping. Keep serving. Even in the waiting season. You, my friend, are loved by God through all of this. It is not easy to wait. But you are not alone. Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart, and wait for the Lord. *Psalms 27:14*

-Rebekah

Women's Ministry:

Gary and I spent most of October in Massachusetts visiting family and enjoyed every minute. As we left GA and drove north we saw majestic mountains and an array of leaves changing colors from green to yellow, orange, and red. All were brilliant in their color. What a beautiful world our God gives us daily to enjoy.

NOVEMBER: A month to reflect on our blessings and also think of ways we can be a blessing to others!

The SEWING SISTERS will meet Nov. 7th and 21st. They will be making walker caddies for the personal care home in Harlem and dresses for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. The PRAYER GROUP will meet Nov. 8th at the Java-House at 11:30am. Come join us for at time of fellowship and prayer. One prayer request will be for our group as they prepare to go to Kentucky and help those who suffered damaged from the flooding.

COURTNEY UPDATE: October was a difficult month for our Courtney. She suffered temperature spikes and spent some time in the ER. The last post I saw on FB said "Last chemo before maintenance!!" This is certainly a praise. If you would like to send Courtney a card (and maybe some fun stickers if you'd like) her address is Caitlyn Elliott/Courtney 1760 Davenport Evans, GA 30809.

In closing, I'd like to share a moment I experienced while worshipping up here in Boston. During the worship service Sunday, for the special music two young women sang "Nearer to thee O Christ, nearer to thee." It was sung so tenderly and with such reverence. I found myself being touched by what I call a nudging of the Holy Spirit asking myself, "Do I daily desire to draw near to Jesus as I should?" For I believe it's when I'm nearest to Jesus, that I can love on others for Jesus sake.

During this month of counting your blessings; see if you might feel the need to draw nearer too Christ Daily

-Kathy

Women's Fellowship
Monday, November 21st
6-8PM

at Rachael Stolte's House
119 Pebble Lane Harlem, GA 30814
for all women ages youth & up
(Childcare is not provided)



HBC,

It has been a little while since I have used my monthly newsletter article as an Appreciation Board, but it seems fitting to use this space to accomplish such a purpose in light of

- a.) All of the special events and programs our church has hosted in the last month or so
- b.) The fact that we are now starting the month of November, which is a time of the year when we will all be more aware of showing appreciation and gratitude towards others.

So without further ado... here are some kudos and words of thanks to different church folks!

To the Family Ministry Team – Brett Rogers, Katie Powell, Daniel Dickerson, Liza Davis, and Mandy Rhodes – thanks for keeping me organized and on task.

To Mark Whitaker – thanks for leading the effort in cooking and preparing all kinds of yummy food for us to eat at the Fall Festival.

To Mrs. Susan and the rest of the Camp Clan – thanks for making a really amazing photo backdrop for the Fall Festival.

To anyone and everyone who made chili, pies, or desserts for the Cake Walk – THANK YOU for ensuring everyone was well-fed at the Fall Festival and thanks for the hard work and time you put into making some beautiful and delicious desserts. Anyone who won a prize from the Dessert Walk was VERY lucky this year.

To Rebekah Dickerson – thanks for helping with Parent's Night Out two weeks ago!

A Few Important Notes/Updates:

There will be NO Youth activities on Wednesday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving). There will also be no Youth on Wednesday, December 21st or Wednesday, December 28th.

Finally, be sure to sign up and reserve a table for the "Worst Christmas Play Ever" – two chances to watch on Saturday, December 17th and Sunday, December 18th.

-Evan

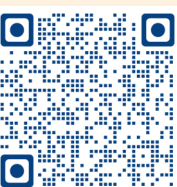
COFFEE WITH CARSON



**All retirees are invited to join Carson at
Red Oak Manor for breakfast!**

**Tuesday, November 29th
8:30AM**

Let us know if you are coming!
706-556-6439 or church@harlembaptist.org



SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION!



November is
NATIONAL ADOPTION
AWARENESS MONTH

