



March 1	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
March 4	Women’s Winter Retreat <i>from</i> 10:30AM-2:30PM	
March 5	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM
March 6	Women’s Prayer Meeting Sewing Sisters Prayer Time	9:30AM 7:00PM 5:30PM-7:00PM
March 8	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
March 11	Men’s Breakfast	9:00AM
March 12	Sunday School Morning Worship Small Groups*	9:45AM 11:00AM 5:30PM
March 13	Prayer Time	5:30PM-7:00PM
March 15	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
March 18	Church Work Day	8:00AM
March 19	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM
March 20	Prayer Time	5:30PM-7:00PM
March 22	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
March 25	Master’s JR Putt-Putt Tournament	10:00AM
March 26	Sunday School Morning Worship Small Groups*	9:45AM 11:00AM 5:30PM
March 27	Prayer Time	5:30PM-7:00PM
March 28	Coffee with Carson	8:30AM
March 29	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM



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Rev. Carson Britt  
*Pastor*  
Evan Powell  
*Minister of Youth and Children*  
Rebekah Dickerson  
*Minister of Music and Media*  
Ashley Driggers  
*Administrative Assistant*



03-02 Gayle & Andre Miller  
03-12 Rosie & Randall Cook  
03-25 Rachael & Ben Hill

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

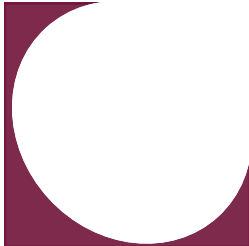
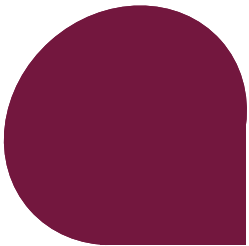


03-01 Tripp Lonergan	03-22 Kathy Arrowood
03-02 Susi Lumley	03-22 Kate Ellis
03-06 Elijah Rodriguez	03-22 Jennifer Grimes
03-06 Joelle Jeffers	03-28 Randy Lewis
03-07 Sheri Murphy	03-28 Joy McKettrick
03-09 Nick Hawkinberry	03-29 Wayne Allen
03-10 Don Ray	03-30 Clay Smith
03-15 Wade McClellan	
03-15 Miguel Rodriguez	
03-18 Vann Bennett	
03-19 Jessie Arnold	
03-20 Brandi Lewis	
03-20 Gayle Miller	
03-22 Renee Dean	

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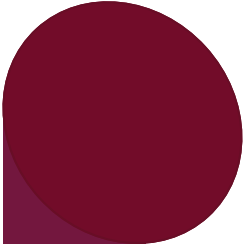
Actual Expenses YTD \$72,256  
Actual Received YTD \$56,669



LOVE  
GOD

LOVE  
PEOPLE

MAKE  
DISCIPLES



The  
Pastor’s

Less than a week ago we begin our *40 Days of Prayer* emphasis. I am already super excited and encouraged by the response that I’ve seen. Many of you have taken the time to share prayer requests. Others have taken the time to carry those requests into our sanctuary to pray over these needs. Through the simple movement of post it notes from one bulletin board to another, we are beginning to tangibly see that prayers are being offered for each another. I hope that you will all continue to post requests on our prayer board. I also hope that you will take seriously the responsibility that we have to offer up prayers on behalf of those in our congregation and community.

At our first Monday night gathering for prayer I had an opportunity to do a great deal of reflection. I sat on the end of the first pew of the sanctuary and was positioned to see down the hallway to the back of the building. I sat here so that I could see people coming in and act as a greeter of sorts. But this seat also allowed me to watch people leave. As each person or family left, I watched them walk down the hall, had stopped at the “prayed for” bulletin board outside my office, and place the prayer request they had prayed for before leaving. Although this all seems very normal, I was incredibly moved. Simply knowing that people had come to church with the sole intention to pray was deeply moving.

As I reflected on this and watched more people come and go, the gravity of the moment hit me. Those that came this past Monday to pray represent people from all seasons of life. Young families came with their children. Retired couples came. Individuals stopped by on their way home from work. And I imagine each of those folks did some really important, rather complicated, and perhaps even urgent things during their day. But none of those tasks were more important than coming into our sanctuary for the purpose of prayer. In a world where everything is complicated, of great importance, and rather urgent, the simple tasks are often discarded as a waste of time. But prayer, which is not intended to be complicated, is perhaps the most important part of each of our days. And yet for some reason, prayer has become one of the parts of our lives that tends to get overlooked by the other urgent and important things.

For the next 37 or so days we will continue to offer prayer guides, open our sanctuary on Mondays from 5:30-7pm, and encourage you all to pause for just a few minutes to pray for our congregation, our community, and our world. I hope that our collective prayers will be a source of encouragement, healing, hope, and peace for those who are prayed for and for those who prayerfully intercede.

Press on!  
Carson

## Church News

### B.L.A.S.T

Will meet each Sunday  
in March

**YOUTH**  
MINISTRY

Wednesdays | 6:45PM

Join us for  
**[40]**  
**DAYS OF PRAYER**  
PRAYER TIME EACH MONDAY  
FROM 5:30PM-7:00PM.



**Church**  
**Work Day**  
**MARCH 18TH**

**MEN'S**  
**BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, March 11th**  
**9:00AM at Red Oak Manor**

Family Style-\$10 for all over age 10  
10 and under pay their age.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Harlem Baptist Preschool is seeking resumes  
for the position of pre-k teacher. Resumes  
must be submitted to Carson at  
[carson@harlembaptist.org](mailto:carson@harlembaptist.org).  
Scan the QR code for job description.



### HBC LUNCHEON



**MARCH 5**  
(YOUTH LUNCHEON)  
PORK CHOPS & FIXINGS

**MARCH 19**  
(GUINEA MISSION TRIP LUNCHEON)  
CHICKEN CORDON BLUE  
& FIXINGS



I don't know about you – but our 40 days of prayer has been awesome experience to me so far. To help encourage myself to pray deeper, I began reading “The Circle Maker” by Mark Batterson. And it is challenging my faith in ways that it hasn't been since the early years after meeting my husband. You see, we became fast friends, but he didn't feel like I was date-able material. I had “too many issues.” (To be fair – he was right – I was in love with being in love, and I was struggling with the loneliness of being a single parent.) But I began to pray about marrying him in a way that made no sense. Every single person called me crazy – told me to move on. But I knew. I knew God had this for me. What I didn't know was how hard that praying was going to be, how much it would hurt sometimes, or how it would change me. After yet another conversational rejection from Daniel, I began to pray, “God, take this desire away from me. He doesn't want me. It's time to give up. He's not the one. I've made this all up in my head. You didn't tell me that. I'm sorry I heard you wrong.” And God spoke to me. It wasn't audible, but was like a loud, booming voice, so sure was it in my spirit. I knew *this* voice. The Holy Spirit moved in me and said two very distinct sentences, “Rebekah, through this you will learn to love *unconditionally*, like Me; you will learn to love when someone doesn't love you. DON'T YOU DARE GIVE UP!” And from that moment on, I began to choose to love him anyway. When he began dating someone else, I prayed hard to be a woman of grace and poise and trust God that He still had this for us. When others asked me on a date and I turned them down, when the person who introduced us was mad at me, I told them, “It's not right. It's not right for me to go out with someone else, to get their hopes up, when I know what God has for me.” (Yup, people called me crazy for a reason.) It took more than 3 years for God to move Daniel to see our friendship have the possibility of something more. God answered my prayer so fully and so completely that I have never since questioned His ability to do the impossible. **BUT** I have often questioned my ability to *pray for the impossible*.

My prayers are often safe. They're small. They never ask God for anything that wasn't do-able. Until now. Now I'm starting to realize that praying bold, visionary prayers is an act of faith that I have lost in the day to day mundane. Sometimes life just gets too busy. Sometimes our prayers get a little too stale. Sometimes, we forget that God is bigger than we are. Sometimes, often, we don't pray for a “vision that is beyond our resources.”

*God, give me a vision beyond my own resources for my family, my ministry, and myself. Give our church a vision beyond its resources to reach and love the people of Harlem in new and exciting ways, with our whole hearts and our whole lives, no matter the sacrifice required. Give each member a vision beyond their resources for what You will do in their lives and have them do for You. Give our leaders a vision beyond our resources to encourage, disciple, and lead our people into Your will – far beyond anything we could ever ask or even begin to imagine.*  
Amen.

-Rebekah

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NHE needs volunteers for child watch at their APPT event on Thursday, March 9th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

### *Women's Ministry:*

While visiting in Massachusetts, I awoke one morning to see the ground covered with a beautiful blanket of snow! As I sat and enjoyed God's awesome art work, a familiar hymn refrain came to mind. “Oh precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow, No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

These phrases carried on my thoughts to something Carson said in a sermon. He was talking about the gift of salvation when Jesus died on the cross for the sins of every person in the world. All we have to do is choose to accept the gift of salvation. No one can make that choice for us. We must make it for ourselves. Adults or parents, do you know of children, teenagers or friends who have not made this choice? I am burdened for several older youth who have grown up in our church and have never made the choice to accept Jesus as their Savior. I've written notes to each of them. I will pray for guidance to be used in other ways. There again, it is their choice. I can only pray to share lovingly the story of the cross with them.

In AWANA recently, one of our Cubbies proclaimed “Jesus died on the cross!”. Her parents have begun at a young age to explain the gift of salvation to her. “And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:2

PRAY SEEK ASK

Have YOU made the CHOICE?

P.S.– I am not one to believe in coincidences. I wrote this article on the last night of our visit with Tyler and his family. This morning on our way to the airport Tyler said, “I can tell y'all something since Clara is not with us. Clara shared with me after church a few Sundays ago that she had asked Jesus in her heart and wanted to accept him as her Savior. She will talk to Pastor Barnes soon and share her decision with the church.” To God be the Glory! Clara has made her choice! No sweeter news could grandparents hear.



Important Announcements for HBC Children & Youth Ministries:

Each year our church honors and celebrates our high school graduates on a Sunday morning during worship service. This year the day we have designated as “Graduate Recognition Day” is Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. To my knowledge our Class of 2023 High School Graduates include: Gracyn Gurley, Pierce Perdue, Ragen Truitt, Holden Rippe, and Landen Lewis. If there are other graduating seniors that would like to be recognized, please notify me at the church office! Thanks.

Furthermore, Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am there will be a HBC Children's event at Putt-Putt Fun Center in Augusta, GA. It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Master's Junior Putt Putt Tournament”. What's up for grabs? The coveted Junior Green Jacket. I have reserved spots for about 40 putt-putters... but I want to give the place a more accurate head-count as the day grows near. **Please RSVP (by Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>)** for this Event directly to Evan Powell via email, text or register online at [www.harlembaptist.org/](http://www.harlembaptist.org/) events.

Finally – parents of children, we are planning on doing our “You Got Egged” event again on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be rounding up some helpers to run “routes” of hiding eggs in church members' yards for children to wake up and hunt on Saturday morning. I will be reaching out to families individually in the next few weeks to see if you would like your house to be included. But I wanted to give you a head's up now! We encourage your house and family to be a part of the fun for our You Got Egged Easter event!

Thanks Everyone!

-Evan



## MASTER'S JUNIOR PUTT-PUTT TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH | 10:00AM

PUTT-PUTT FUN CENTER

REGISTER ONLINE

[WWW.HARLEMBAPTIST.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.HARLEMBAPTIST.ORG/EVENTS)

**\*\*Register by March 15th\*\***

## Coffee with Carson



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

**Tuesday, March 28th  
8:30AM**

**Let us know if you are coming!**  
706-556-6439 or [church@harlembaptist.org](mailto:church@harlembaptist.org)