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# Happy Birthday

07-03	Mitchell & Brigitte Cozart	07-01	Randall Hill
07-05	Bob & Susan Knight	07-02	Peggy Edwards
07-11	Evan & Katie Powell	07-03	John Eckenroth
07-15	Mickey & Emily Loneragan	07-03	Raymond Hawkinberry
07-16	Keith & Sonja Soloman	07-03	Susan Knight
07-18	Benjie & Annette Moore	07-03	Matthew Nelson
07-18	Brett & Kathy Arrowood	07-05	Pamela Jones
07-24	Curtis & Mandy Rhodes	07-07	Paul Grimes
07-31	Miguel & Claudia Rodriguez	07-07	Susan Murphy
		07-09	Randall Cook
		07-14	Scott Williams
		07-15	Billy Elliott
		07-16	Daniel Dickerson
		07-17	Ruth Hill
		07-17	Zac Homschek
		07-18	Tara Taylor
		07-18	Taryn Allen
		07-18	Debbie Brown
		07-19	Tommy Stolte
		07-23	Jill Williams
		07-27	Ken Adams
		07-29	Chris Gurley
		07-30	Talyn Birchfield

*Press on!*  
*Carson*

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## Church News



### HBC PRE-K OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, August 2nd**  
**5:00-7:00**

Please join us as we share more about the upcoming school year. Come meet your teacher and see your classroom.



**JULY 9TH | AT 6:30PM**  
*FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW*



**JULY 9**  
(PRE-K LUNCHEON)  
**FISH/CHICKEN**  
**& FIXINGS**

**JULY 23**  
**ITALIAN BUFFET**

### Guinea Mission Team:



The mission team will share about their time in Guinea during OASIS on July 26th.



Worship is such an important part of what we do as believers. We are commanded time and time again to come before the throne of grace and pour out our souls in worship...whether it is through song, prayer, service, giving, actions, or deeds. Everything in our lives, from gratitude for all we have been given, to the raising of our children in the Lord, to our attitudes at our jobs, can be considered a form of worship. As Paul said in Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Our very lives should revolve around how we can worship God through our every thought, word, and deed.

And God does not just demand worship from us with no compensation for the daily sacrifice that it requires. Worship is as much for us as it is from us. A good attitude helps us to build solid relationships with others. Acts of kindness and service to our church almost always benefit the giver more than the receiver. Prayer refreshes us while it honors God. And gratitude can help us endure even the most challenging of times; reminding us that even when life is hard, our God is always, only good. Worship through song is particularly beneficial to us as believers, all the while bringing glory to our Savior and Lord. When we worship, we fix our eyes on God. Worship teaches us to submit and surrender all our cares to God – our priorities, plans, hopes, dreams, and even our fears. Above all, we worship because of this main reason: God alone is worthy of our worship, and He delights to bestow favor upon His children when they give of themselves in worship to Him. Worship is our gift to the Lord. Worship is His gift to us.

On Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, we will have the joy of hosting Joel Goddard of Bethlehem Church to lead us in a night of worship. It will be a privilege and a blessing you don't want to miss. Set aside time. Make it a priority. Come, let us worship together.

-Rebekah

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, July 8th**  
**9:00am**  
**Steeley's**  
**Dearing, GA**

**Sign up at the Information Station**  
**by July 7th**

Contact Brett Rogers for more info



### Nominating Committee

Our nominating committee will work throughout the summer to fill ministry team and committee vacancies. Please prayerfully consider where you will serve for the upcoming church year.

**"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."**

Ephesians 2:10, NIV



I know Rebekah is the Music Minister, but I want to use this newsletter article to share some song lyrics with you. The following are lyrics to a song called "Do Something" by Matthew West. It has been on the Christian radio station for quite some time and I have listened to it a bunch of times. But I heard it again in the car just recently and for whatever reason these words struck me right between the eyes...

"I woke up this morning and saw a world full of trouble now. Thought, 'How'd we ever get so far down?' and 'How's it ever going to turn around?' So I turned my eyes to Heaven and thought, 'God, why don't you do something?' Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of people living in poverty, children sold into slavery... the thought disgusted me! So, I shook my fist at Heaven and said, 'God, why don't you do something?' He said: 'I did, I created you.'"

This song was released in 2012. That's over a decade ago. 10+ years ago Matthew West was singing a song challenging Christians just like me to wake up from our apathy and complacency and get to work being God's hand and feet. As crazy as it may seem, hearing this song on the radio the other day awakened me to reality – God has placed me on the Earth for a purpose. I need to be praying for discernment and wisdom as to what that purpose is. And THEN I need to be working towards that purpose as hard as I can. So as 2023 continues on, I'm going to try to do that each day. And I welcome you to take those steps with me. After all, Ephesians 2:10 says: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Finally, I'm hoping this new mindset will inform my work at the church and my approach to youth ministry. Sure, I do my best to teach our middle and high-school students from God's Word, but I know I can be doing more in encouraging a mission-mindedness in our students. So pray for me as I attempt to do just that. And pray for our "Youth Serve Week" on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – that it would be a fruitful week and a week in which our students make a profound memory through their collective efforts to be the hands and feet of Christ.

-Evan

## Coffee with Carson



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

**Tuesday, July 25th**  
**8:30AM**

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