

July 2
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM

July 4
Independence Day-Offices Closed

July 5

Youth

OASIS 6:45PM

July 8

Men's Breakfast 9:00AM

Steeley's-Dearing, GA

6:45PM

8:30AM

6:45PM

9:45AM

11:00AM

July 9

Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Night of Worship 6:30PM

July 12

Youth 6:45PM
OASIS 6:45PM

July 16

Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM

July 19
Youth 6:45PM
OASIS 6:45PM

July 23
Sunday School
Morning Worship
9:45AM
11:00AM

Coffee with Carson

July 26

Youth

Sunday School

Morning Worship

July 25

OASIS 6:45PM July 30



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Happy Anniversary Happy Birthday

| 07-03 | Mitchell & Brigitte Cozart | 07-01 | Randall Hill |
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| 07-05 | Bob & Susan Knight | 07-02 | Peggy Edwards |
| 07-11 | Evan & Katie Powell | 07-03 | John Eckenroth |
| 07-15 | Mickey & Emily Lonergan | 07-03 | Raymond Hawkinberr |
| 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 |
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FINANCIALS as of June 22, 2023

Actual Expenses YTD \$199,057 Actual Received YTD \$178,721

Deacon of the Month

Ken Welch 706-399-0828







The Pastor's Desk

I want to begin my article my expressing my gratitude to you all for the many prayers that were lifted on behalf of our Guinea mission team. It was a memorable trip indeed. Although the travel woes added some stress and anxiety to the journey, there was zero regret from any of our team members for having experienced Guinea and the gospel work that is ongoing there. We will spend Oasis on July 26th sharing with you all the many ways we saw the gospel of Jesus Christ at work. I'm grateful that HBC is a partner with the ongoing work at Sacre Ceur in Guinea.

Although there is much to share from our trip I want to briefly share with you one of the things that the Lord taught me through this trip. Prior to our trip our team discussed at length what we would do while we were in Guinea. We wondered if the missionary team there have a "to-do" list for us. We asked them to think of tangible ways that we could help lighten their load while we were there. And we were overjoyed to accomplish some tangible tasks. But I will never forget on the morning of our first full day in Guinea, sitting around a table with Aaron (my friend and the missionary we support) and seeing the emotion on his face simply because we were there. For him and for his family, our coming to Guinea was enough. We didn't have to accomplish anything on a to-do list. We didn't have to be super productive. He was simply overcome with joy that we traveled from Harlem, Georgia to Dubreka, Guinea. (A challenging journey to say the least.) Seeing his emotional response made me realize, perhaps for the first time, just how powerful the ministry of presence can be.

In our culture we are often inclined to do something. I am guilty of asking people what can I do for them. I want to know how I can tangibly help encourage them or support them in a time of need. In doing that, I often overlook the power of simply being present with them. We long to feel accomplished at the end of the day. We want to feel as though we have been productive. If we're honest, we would all admit that simply being present with someone doesn't always feel productive. However, when we look at the gospel we see time and time again that Jesus was often doing little more than being present with people. Sure, he healed people. Yes, he fed people. But many times he just sat with people. Think about Zacchaeus. Jesus performed no miracle for him. Jesus didn't feed him. Jesus simply went with him to his house. Jesus was simply present with him. We see that Zacchaeus' life was changed as a result.

When was the last time you were just present with someone? When was the last time you sat and mourned with someone who was mourning or rejoiced with those who were rejoicing? I want to encourage you to create space in your personal ministry to practice the ministry of presence. Fight the urge to always accomplish something. Choose to simply "be" with others. In doing so, you will likely be doing far more than you will ever know.

LOVE

PEOPLE

LOVE

MAKE DISCIPLES

^{*} Please call the Church Office if your birthday or anniversary is not listed.

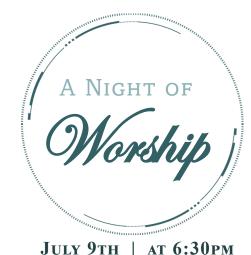
Church News



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.



Fellowship to Follow

Menor

JULY 9

(PRE-K LUNCHEON)
FISH/CHICKEN
& FIXINGS

JULY 23 ITALIAN BUFFET

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

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 our out souls in worship...whether it is through song, prayer, service, giving, actions, or deeds. Everything in our lives, from grati-

tude for all we have been given, to the raising 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 9th @ 6:30pm, we will have the joy 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



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 17th through Wednesday, July 19th – 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