



CALENDAR

November 1	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
November 4	Men's Breakfast	9:00AM
November 5	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon Budget Conference	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM 6:00PM
November 8	AWANA Youth OASIS Christmas Choir	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM 8:00PM
November 12	Sunday School Morning Worship Congregational Conversations	9:45AM 11:00AM 6:30PM
November 15	AWANA Youth OASIS Christmas Choir	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM 8:00PM
November 18	Church Work Day	8:00AM
November 19	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM
November 22	No CHURCH ACTIVITIES	
November 23	THANKSGIVING DAY-OFFICES ARE CLOSED	
November 26	Sunday School Morning Worship	9:45AM 11:00AM
November 28	Coffee with Carson	8:30AM
November 29	AWANA Youth OASIS Christmas Choir	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM 8:00PM

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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
Lindsey Rogers
HBC Pre-K Director

Happy Anniversary

Happy Birthday

11-18 Wil & Gwen Hardy
11-22 Jason & Raven Truitt

11-01 Jetta Moon
11-06 Julian Adams, Jr.
11-07 Emily Loneragan
11-08 Emaline Cooper
11-10 Ashley Weber
11-11 Jamie Adams
11-11 Ryan Guy
11-13 Curtis Rhodes
11-15 Lindsey Rogers
11-18 Evan Powell
11-19 Kenneth Welch
11-21 Kacee Morris
11-28 Ky Arnold
11-30 Mandy Rhodes

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



Women's Ministry
Christmas Party



December 1st 7:00pm-8:30pm

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and
enjoy dessert together!

Located in the FLC

BRIDAL SHOWER IN HONOR OF

Brinne Stewart

DECEMBER 3 • 2PM-4PM

HBC- YOUTH BUILDING

Registered at Amazon & Target



FINANCIALS

as of October 31, 2023

Actual Expenses YTD \$313,381
Actual Received YTD \$304,344

Deacon of the Month

Randy Sawyer
618-302-1970

CONNECTIONS



November 2023

The
Pastor's
Desk

Several months ago Rebekah, Evan, and I began discussing the possibility of taking a month to place emphasis on serving with organizations doing gospel work outside of HBC. I am excited that November is that month. Often times we forget that the church is intended to be the outlet *through* which ministry happens. The church, in and of itself, is not the ministry. Don't get me wrong, there are many important ministry opportunities happening at HBC and we need you all to serve in these areas to ensure these ministries are fruitful. However, local churches simply can't do it all and there are many Spirit-led organizations that are doing very specific Gospel work with whom we are called to partner.

Although we have numerous ministry partners at the local, national, and international levels that we support financially, it is still important for us to come alongside those serving in these organizations and join them in the work that they are doing. I believe joint effort accomplishes several things. First, it provides encouragement to those who do specific work within these organizations. It reminds them that they are not alone in their work and that the work that they are doing is bigger than themselves. The second thing it does is it informs us of the needs around us. This is part of the reason why we have partnered with organizations like iCare ministries who fights sex trafficking in our own community. Without them, most of us would be unaware of this need. In 2024 we will begin to financially support Families 4 Families - a Christian foster care organization in the CSRA. Without this partnership most of us would be unaware of how to support foster parents and foster children outside of becoming foster parents. We are partners with Garden City Rescue Mission which serves homeless men in downtown Augusta by providing them with food and shelter while also helping these men position themselves better to get their lives back on track. Without these organizations, and many others, we simply would not be aware of the needs of the "least of these." *It is our knowledge of the needs of those in our world that determines the call on our lives.* When we are informed of the needs of others, our job as Christ followers is to respond appropriately to that need.

November is a month for reflections on gratitude. It is a month for us to give thanks for the blessings that we have. But perhaps our attitudes of thanksgiving would best be accompanied with action. Because we are blessed with food, perhaps we should do our best to ensure others have food as well by serving at our local food pantry or soup kitchen. Since we are grateful that we have the means to provide for our own healthcare needs, perhaps we should strive to care for the sick. And, because we have relationships that we value so much, let's seek out the shut-ins and the lonely and pay them a visit or share a meal with them. I believe we look the most like Christ when we allow our gratitude to inform our actions.

I hope that you will join me in finding new areas of service this month! Happy Thanksgiving!

Press on!
Carson

LOVE
GOD

LOVE
PEOPLE

MAKE
DISCIPLES

Church News

GOVEMBER

Volunteer Opportunities:

Fishes & Loaves	November 10	9:30am-2:00pm
Sons of Consolation	November 10	8:00am-12:00pm
Operation Christmas Child	Completed boxes due November 12	
Garden City Rescue Mission	November 17	4:15pm

*More opportunities for the end of the month will be announced soon. Please check your email, social media, and the welcome center for when sign ups are posted.


NOVEMBER 5
(CHILDREN'S MINISTRY)
CATFISH/CHICKEN & FIXINGS


NOVEMBER 19
(MUSIC & MEDIA MINISTRY)
PORK CHOPS
& FIXINGS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 4th
9:00am
Red Oak Manor
Harlem, GA

Sign up
by November 3rd

Contact Brett Rogers for more info


I have many words of thanks to offer up in this month's newsletters. First, thanks to Stefenie McCallie and Daniel Dickerson for being awesome chaperones on our youth retreat weekend trip to Chattanooga, TN. I know the students all had a great time, and I hope you both did as well.
Second, I have so many folks to thank for helping to put on a wonderful Fall Festival event. Thanks to the HBC Men's Ministry for providing hot dogs and drinks. Thanks also to the active church deacons for helping us to set up for the event. A big thank you to the Camp-Morris family for making the photo booth/background. Thanks to everyone who cooked pots of chili or made desserts for the Cake Walk. And finally, thanks to Katie Powell, Brett Rogers, Liza Davis, and Daniel Dickerson... Harlem Baptist is blessed to have a hard-working and dedicated Family Ministry Team. They worked so hard and planned so well in preparing to put on this church-wide event. And it is due to their efforts and brainwork that we had fun events like the Field Goal Kick Contest and the Football Toss Contest.
One final word of thanks – thanks to several families who ran to our support and encouraged us in the aftermath of Baby P's visit to the Emergency Room. And thanks for your continued prayers as we hope to soon get to the bottom of the underlying medical issues! For now, Baby P is still doing great.

Chattanooga was a beautiful place. The wonders of God's hands were undoubtedly on full display, especially during the peak season for leaves changing colors. The whole weekend, the beauty of nature continuously reminded me of this Scripture passage:
"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" - Psalm 8:1-4
This week, take time to be carried away by the awe and majesty of the works of our mighty Creator God!
-Evan

Wednesday Night Dinner
Monthly Menu


Week 1
Pizza

Week 2
Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Week 3
Pancakes & Sausage

Week 4
No AWANA

Week 5
Baked Spaghetti


*I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly how to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I got nothing that I asked for – but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.*

Many of you may have heard this poem by an unknown author. I first read it over 20 years ago as a teen and never forgot it. The power in recognizing the awesome sovereignty of our Great God, and how much He both loves to hear our prayers and simultaneously gives us exactly what we need never ceases to amaze me. I can't name how many times I've prayed for one thing, only for God to answer differently... and oh so much better. He knows what we need. The Bible constantly reminds us to not focus on the temporary but the eternal; to strive not for acclaim or personal glory or ability, but to seek after God's own heart, to live simply, and to care for those around us. To remember His strength is made perfect in our weakness. Lately, I have found His peace and strength in some of the lowest, most exhausting, most challenging moments, as I continue to learn to walk daily in Him, learning of the new mercies He brings each day. Don't worry if you don't get exactly what you are praying for. I promise you, even when it hurts, even when it is hard, God has His best for you in how He answers.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:6-7
-Rebekah

Christmas Choir Rehearsals resume
Wednesday, November 8th
at 8:00pm

BUDGET CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 5TH
6:00PM

CHURCH — WORK DAY —
November 18TH

Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will be gathering a list of those interested in assisting with Meal Trains at HBC. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the list, please reach out to Stefenie McCallie at 915-258-4909 or stefmcca@gmail.com.



MEN'S MINISTRY
Deep Fried Turkey Orders

COST: \$40 EACH

Order your turkey by November 20th. Pick up day will be November 23rd between 9-11am. Sign up online or at the welcome station.

Coffee with Carson


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

Tuesday, November 28th
8:30AM

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