

November CALENDAR

November 1	Men’s Breakfast at Red Oak	9:00AM
November 2	Sunday School Morning Worship Budget Conference	9:45AM 11:00AM 6:00PM
November 3/7	GoVember Serve at Golden Harvest	
November 5	MIDWEEK (Doors Open for Youth at 6:15PM)	6:30PM
November 8	GoVember Serve Day	
November 9	Sunday School Morning Worship BLAST/Nursery Meeting After Worship Next Steps Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM  12:15PM
November 11	Youth Day Out	11:00AM
November 12	MIDWEEK	6:30PM
November 16	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM
November 23	Sunday School Morning Worship	9:45AM 11:00AM
November 26	NO ACTIVITIES	
November 27	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
November 30	Sunday School Morning Worship Family Worship Service-No BLAST this day Deacons Meeting Baby Shower for Kyle & Brinne Knight	9:45AM 11:00AM  12:15PM  2:00-4:00PM

Rev. Carson Britt  
*Pastor*  
Evan Powell  
*Minister of Youth and Children*  
Rebekah Dickerson  
*Communications and Connections Minister*  
Sang Lee  
*Worship Leader*  
Ashley Driggers  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Lindsey Rogers  
*HBC Pre-K Director*

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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 Lonergan  
11-08 Emalaine Cooper  
11-08 Murl Meyer  
11-10 Logan Banford  
11-11 Ryan Guy  
11-12 Michael Stallings  
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

SAVE THE DATES:

- 12/10—MIDWEEK CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 12/12—WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS SLUMBER PARTY
- 12/13—HARLEM CITY TWILIGHT PARADE:  
SEE REBEKAH FOR MORE INFO AND TO PARTICIPATE!



URGENT

Saturday Sacks

Urgent Items Needed:

- Mac & Cheese  
-Ramen  
-Fruit Snacks
- Applesauce  
- Vienna Sausages

FINANCIALS

Actual Expenses YTD \$338,957  
Actual Received YTD \$336,988



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APP TO STAY UP TO DATE!

CONNECTIONS

November 2025

The  
Pastor’s  
Desk

This past Sunday, we had the blessing of witnessing three young women express their faith in Christ through baptism. Baptism is a beautiful reminder of what Christ—through His Spirit—does in our lives when we place our faith in Him as Lord and Savior. It illustrates the burial of our old, worldly selves—the death of pursuing what only temporarily satisfies us. And it illustrates the new life that is born within us when the Holy Spirit takes hold of our hearts.

To be baptized is to obediently follow the commission Jesus gave before His ascension, and to follow the example He set when He allowed John the Baptist to baptize Him. Baptism is a deeply meaningful moment for the believer—and for the church family as well.

Over the past couple of years, I've heard many Christian leaders talk about a revival or spiritual awakening taking place around the world. Just recently, I watched a CBS News story titled “How adults are rediscovering Christianity through baptism.” It noted that adult baptisms have been rising over the past four years—and most surprising of all, that young adult men are leading this movement. That same trend was confirmed in an article I read from the Bible Society (biblesociety.org.uk). It reported that church attendance in the United Kingdom has risen by 50 percent in the past six years—particularly among young adults. In 2018, only 4 percent of 18–25-year-olds attended church at least monthly. Today, that number has grown to 16 percent.

If you're like me, you may find this surprising if you tend to see only what's happening in your own corner of the world. But when I look at our own community—and our own church—it certainly appears that God is stirring hearts here in Harlem as well.

There was a time when I prided myself on knowing everyone in worship by name. I could remember who was new and how many times they had visited. Those days are long gone! With so many new faces at HBC, it's impossible to keep up—and what a wonderful problem to have. Attendance has increased. Our children's ministry is thriving. More people are joining, and more are expressing interest in baptism and membership than at any other time during my years as pastor. Even more encouraging is the growing engagement across our church. Adult discipleship groups are thriving, and many long to be part of a community that grows in Christ and walks through life together. I anticipate we'll need to start two new adult discipleship classes in 2026. The number of people giving freely of their time and talents to serve, maintain our ministries and facilities, and ensure that everyone feels welcomed and loved has grown dramatically. When we pause to look around at what God is doing at HBC, it's clear that He is moving in powerful new ways. Our community has not been left out of the global movement of God.

What amazes me most is that God is using ordinary people—people like you and me—as catalysts for His work. As we continue through this ministry year, I pray we each recognize the part we play in carrying out God's mission here in Harlem.

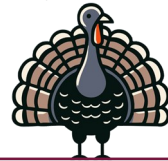
Press on!  
Carson

## Church News

### HBC Men's Ministry: Thanksgiving Turkey Fry

Let us handle the turkey! The HBC Men's Ministry will be frying turkeys for your Thanksgiving table.

- **Cost:** \$40 per turkey
- **Order deadline:** Sunday, November 23
- **Pick-up:** Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 27) between 9:30am-11:30am.



**NOVEMBER 2**  
NO CHURCH LUNCHEON

**NOVEMBER 16**  
(BUILDING FUND)  
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

We are so thankful for our church family. We appreciate all the prayers, love, kind words, wonderful food and general support shown to us during the loss of our precious Connie. Although we will miss her greatly everyday, we know she is at peace with our Heavenly Father. Several family members and friends expressed how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful church!

We agree wholeheartedly.

The family of  
Connie Storey

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." - 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27*

Nothing offers such a powerful reminder of this passage like a good church-wide fellowship event. As the staff leader of the Family Ministry Team – the team tasked with planning the Fall Festival this past Sunday night – I bore a lot of responsibility, and I worked hard in the weeks, days, and hours leading up to the night to ensure that the Fall Festival of Lights would be a success.

**But my labor was not a solo effort. Far from it, in fact.** There were so many folks who were co-laborers in making the event possible, and without them the Fall Festival couldn't have happened. There is a laundry list of people to thank; so many, in fact, that I won't even attempt to name them all for fear I will leave someone out.

But if you were at the church at 3:45pm on Sunday afternoon helping set up tables and decorations, or if you were serving food on a buffet line that was seemingly endless, or if you were pouring sweet tea and lemonade for over an hour, or if you were manning a S'mores station, or driving a tractor pulling a hay ride, or dropping off a fire pit, or setting up guardrail fences, or working on any number of other small jobs – some jobs that, perhaps, I wasn't even aware were being done—please know that you ministered to my heart on Sunday night. It was a long, busy, and exhausting day, but it was one where I was reminded over and over again that I belong to something amazing; the body of Christ. I am a member of something bigger and better than myself. And to see all of us coming together and accomplishing something much grander than I could possibly achieve on my own... it was a blessing. I hope all of you who attended the Fall Festival this past Sunday night had a great time. Thank you for coming. Thank you for serving. And know that I am thankful for being part of the same body as you!

-Evan

### Coffee with Carson



We'll pour another cup together soon — Coffee with Carson resumes in January!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, November 1st**

**at 9:00AM**

meet at Red Oak

*Baby shower for*  
**Kyle & Brinne Knight**

NOVEMBER 30TH | 2-4PM

REGISTERED AT [BABYLIST.COM](http://BABYLIST.COM)



### Youth Day Out

Tue, Nov 11.

Meet at the church  
11:00 AM. Heading to  
the Banfords' for food,  
fellowship & fun.

More info: [Evan Powell](#)

## FAMILY WORSHIP

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

THERE WILL BE NO B.L.A.S.T.  
ON THIS DAY.



Deacons Meeting  
**November 30th**  
after worship service.

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

Dear Church,

As we step into this season of Thanksgiving, I've been thinking a lot about what it really means to be grateful. It's easy to focus on the meals, gatherings, and holiday traditions, but I want us to pause for a moment and think about the heart of thankfulness. God is at work in our lives not only in the big moments but also in the everyday ones we sometimes overlook.

Life can get busy, messy, and overwhelming. As many of y'all know, my wife and I are experiencing this to the fullest right now with a new-born baby. Between work, family, ministry, and everything else pulling at us, it's easy to notice what's stressing us instead of what we have. But Scripture reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances— not because life is perfect, but because God is faithful, even when things feel far from perfect. This truth could not have more conviction for my family in this season of our lives.

This year, I'm especially thankful for so many things. I'm grateful for the chance to lead worship with an amazing team, for each of you in our church family, and for those small, ordinary moments that show God's goodness in our lives. Your prayers, encouragement, and service matter more than you might realize. Together, we get to reflect God's love to one another and to our community.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, I hope we can take a moment to give thanks to God. Share with Him your joys, your worries, and even the simple everyday moments we often forget. His presence is the greatest gift we could ever receive, and His faithfulness is a foundation we can always trust.

Let's also remember those in our church and community who might be struggling or feeling alone. I am still so thankful for all those who have given us gifts, meals, and warm, encouraging words during one of the toughest times of our lives. A phone call, a kind word, or inviting someone to share a meal can make a big difference. My encouragement is for us to be the people who do those things naturally and frequently.

May this season remind us that gratitude isn't just for the holidays. It's something we can carry in our hearts every day. I pray that God fills you with peace, hope, and joy as we celebrate His goodness together.

With gratitude,  
**Sang Lee**

## CHURCH BUDGET CONFERENCE

**NOVEMBER 2ND | 6PM**

