

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Worship Service	11:15AM
	Church Luncheon	11:15AM
March 2	Foster Care Info Meeting	6:30PM
	<i>Presented by Families 4 Families</i>	
March 4	MIDWEEK	6:30PM
March 7	Men's Breakfast	9:00AM
	<i>Located in the FLC-Guest Speaker Greg Wilson</i>	
March 8	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Worship Service	11:15AM
March 11	MIDWEEK	6:30PM
March 13-14	DNow Weekend for Youth	
March 14	Church Work Day	8:30AM
March 15	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Morning Worship	11:15AM
	Church Luncheon	11:15AM
March 18	MIDWEEK	6:30PM
March 22	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Morning Worship	11:15AM
	<i>Deacons Meeting After Second Service</i>	
	<i>HBC Prek Registration for Members Open</i>	
March 24	Coffee with Carson	8:30AM
	<i>at Red Oak Manor</i>	
March 25	MIDWEEK	6:30PM
March 29	Churchwide Breakfast (FLC)	9:00AM
	<i>Bring a Shareable Dish</i>	
	Joint Family Worship	10:15AM
March 31	HBC Pre-K Registration Kick Off	5:00PM

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Rev. Carson Britt
Pastor
 Evan Powell
Minister of Youth and Young Adults
 Rebekah Dickerson
Communications and Connections Minister
 Sang Lee
Worship Leader
 Ashley Driggers
Administrative Assistant
 Lindsey Rogers
Director of Children's Ministries

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ANNIVERSARIES

03-02 Andre & Gayle Miller
 03-12 Randall & Rosie Cook
 03-22 Ken & Murl Meyer
 03-25 Ben & Rachael Hill

BIRTHDAYS

03-01 Tripp Lonergan
 03-02 Susi Lumley
 03-06 Elijah Rodriguez
 03-07 Landar Fangsrud
 03-09 Nick Hawkinberry
 03-10 Don Ray
 03-15 Wade McClellan
 03-15 Miguel Rodriguez
 03-19 Jessie Arnold
 03-20 Brandi Lewis
 03-20 Gayle Miller
 03-22 Kathy Arrowood
 03-22 Kate Ellis
 03-25 Zachary Piorkowski
 03-28 Randy Lewis
 03-29 Wayne Allen

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming April Events:

- April 2—Maundy Thursday Service
- April 5—Easter Sunday
- April 8—No MIDWEEK (Spring Break Week)
- April 18—Masters JR Tournament
- April 26—Spring Fling

FINANCIALS

AS OF FEBRUARY 16, 2026

Actual Expenses YTD \$65,189
 Actual Received YTD \$53,652



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HARLEM BAPTIST CHURCH



CONNECTIONS

March 2026

The Pastor's Desk

LOVE
GOD

This past Sunday we began a new message series entitled "Jesus Is..." While I am a little sad to move on from our study in the life and letters of Peter, I am genuinely excited for us to take a deeper look at the person of Christ.

If I'm honest, I'm often tempted to think I already know all I need to know about Jesus. I know Him as Lord and Savior. I know that trusting in Him leads to eternal life. And sometimes I subtly treat that knowledge as the finish line rather than the starting point. But Scripture won't allow us to settle there. In 2 Peter, Peter tells us twice that we are to grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Knowing Jesus is not the end of the journey; it is the beginning of a lifelong pursuit. That calling naturally raises two important questions: How do we grow in our knowledge of Jesus? And what does that growth actually produce in us?

First, how do we grow? Some of the answers are obvious and foundational: personal Bible reading, corporate worship, prayer, and studying God's Word together as the church. These are ordinary means of grace through which God reveals Himself to us. But growth also happens as we learn to pay attention. Too often we move through our days aware in theory that God is with us, yet inattentive to how He is working. When we slow down and become mindful that Christ is present with us through the Holy Spirit, we begin to notice His hand—guiding, convicting, comforting, providing, and shaping us. Growth in knowledge happens not only in study, but in attentiveness. It happens when we reflect on our circumstances and ask, "What is the Lord teaching me here? How is He forming me through this?" So what does this growth achieve?

Growing in the knowledge of Jesus gradually makes us look more like Him. Knowledge of Christ is never meant to remain merely intellectual; it is transformational. As we see Him more clearly, we begin to love Him more deeply. And as we love Him more deeply, we begin to imitate Him more faithfully.

One of my regular prayers for my children is that God would surround them with people who love Jesus and are growing in their knowledge of Him. Why? Because I know that we become like what we behold. Children study athletes, musicians, superheroes, or princesses because they want to be like them. In a far greater way, when we truly fix our eyes on Jesus, our desire to know Him flows from a deeper desire to become like Him.

Over the next five weeks, we will look at some of the lesser-discussed titles of Jesus. My prayer as I prepare and preach each week is that together, we will grow in our knowledge of the One who loves us "even unto death." And that as we grow in knowing Him, we will grow in loving Him—and in reflecting Him more clearly in our homes, our workplaces, and our community.

May this series not simply inform us, but transform us.

MAKE
DISCIPLES

Press On!
 Carson

CHURCH NEWS

5th Sundays @ HBC PALM SUNDAY

joint family worship @ 10:15am

churchwide breakfast @ 9am (FLC)
(bring a shareable dish)



CHURCH WORK DAY

March 14 | 8:30AM
Landscaping and indoor cleaning.

COFFEE WITH CARSON



All retirees are invited to join Carson for coffee at Red Oak Manor on **March 24th** at 8:30 AM. Come enjoy good conversation and fellowship! Please let us know if you're able to come.

Church Luncheon

Church luncheon will begin at 11:15AM and continue after second service.

MARCH 1
(BUILDING & GROUNDS)
TURKEY/HAM & FIXINGS

MARCH 15
(CENTRI KID)
CATFISH/CHICKEN & FIXINGS

Communication Is Everyone's Calling

At Harlem Baptist Church, communication is about more than emails, social media posts, or Sunday announcements. It's about the message we send every single week — long before anyone steps into the Worship Center. When a first-time guest pulls into the parking lot, they're already asking questions: *Will we fit in? Will my kids be safe? Will someone notice us?* The way we answer those questions often has nothing to do with a microphone or a screen. It looks like a warm smile in the parking lot.

A friendly face holding the door.
A volunteer in the nursery ready to provide a safe, loving space.
A children's leader who knows a child's name.
That's communication.

Serving fills more than a need — it sends a message. It says, *You matter. We're ready for you. We're glad you're here. We WANT you here.*

As our church family continues to grow, communication cannot rest on one person or one team. It belongs to all of us. Every handshake, every act of service, every moment of stepping in to help is a reflection of the heart of our church. So if you've ever wondered how you can make a difference, this is one powerful way: step into a need. Serve in the nursery so families know their children are cared for. Greet in the parking lot so no one walks in alone. Join a team that helps others feel at home. Be a friendly smiling face to every visitor you see. When we each take ownership, we create a culture where everyone feels seen, welcomed, and invited to take their next step.

Let's be a church that communicates the love of Christ clearly — not just with our words, but with our willingness to serve.

-Rebekah

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men of all ages are invited to join us for Men's Breakfast on **Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 AM** in the FLC with guest speaker Greg Wilson from FCA. Come enjoy a good meal, great fellowship, and an encouraging start to your weekend. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can prepare accordingly.

FOSTER CARE INFO NIGHT

on **Monday, March 2 at 6:30 PM.**

The team from Families 4 Families will be sharing about foster care needs in our community and how you can get involved.

If you've ever been curious about foster care or felt it on your heart, we'd love for you to join us!

DNOW WEEKEND

March 13-14
See *Evan Powell*
for more info!



7:00AM—SUNRISE SERVICE
9:00AM—EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15AM—SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:15AM—EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

As spring begins, there's excitement and energy in our children's ministries. From preschoolers to elementary students, we can see God at work, and it's a joy to watch.

HBC Pre-K

We are heading into one of the busiest—and most exciting—times of the year in our pre-k! March brings one of our favorite days of the year: Farm Day! This is quickly followed by our Easter celebration, as well as two special family events—Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom. These special moments together create lasting memories for our children and their families, while giving us an opportunity to share the love of Jesus.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

- March 22 – Registration opens for church members.
- March 31 – Registration opens to the public.

Children's Ministry

As many of you know, in January my role expanded from HBC Pre-K Director to Director of Children's Ministries. These last two months have been a season of transition—for me, our PreK staff, and our incredible children's volunteers. The transition to two services in January was a significant change, and our volunteers have responded with great positivity. I am so grateful for their flexibility, faithfulness, and servant hearts during this transition. Recently, we saw 59 different children in our children's wing across both services. What an incredible blessing!

Would you join me in praying that God would send more volunteers? We have growing needs across our children's ministry (Nursery, Blast, Sunday School, and Midweek), and more hands would allow us to continue serving well.

I often think back to our first church leaders' conference, where the theme was "Cultivate." I remember the shirt we received—it read: "I plant, we water, God makes it grow." *That truth continues to resonate deeply with me.* In 1st Corinthians 3:6–7, Paul writes: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

Here at HBC, as we intentionally disciple children of all ages, may we remember that it is God who makes things grow. It's not by our own efforts, but by His grace and work in their lives.

What a privilege it is to play a part in that growth, and to witness the ways God stretches and nurtures us along the way!

-Lindsey

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March 31—Registration Opens to the Public
Kick Off Event at 5:00pm