

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 1	No Wednesday Night Activities	
July 2	Church Offices Closed in Observance of Independence Day	
July 5	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Worship Service	11:15AM
	<i>Deacon Ballots are Due</i>	
July 8	OASIS Summer Bible Study	6:30PM
July 10-12	CentriKid Camp	
July 12	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Worship Service	11:15AM
July 15	OASIS Summer Bible Study	6:30PM
July 17-18	1613 Men's Conference	
July 19	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Worship Service	11:15AM
July 22	OASIS Summer Bible Study	6:30PM
July 26	Worship Service	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Worship Service	11:15AM
	<i>Deacons Meeting After 2nd Service</i>	
July 28	Coffee with Carson at Red Oak Manor	8:30AM
July 29	OASIS Summer Bible Study	6:30PM

**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**

**BIRTHDAYS**

07-05	Bob & Susan Knight	07-01	Randall Hill
07-11	Evan & Katie Powell	07-02	Peggy Edwards
07-18	Benjie & Annette Moore	07-03	Raymond Hawkinberry
07-24	Curtis & Mandy Rhodes	07-03	Susan Knight
07-31	Miguel & Claudia Rodriguez	07-05	Ken Meyer
		07-09	Randall Cook
		07-15	Shann Lee
		07-16	Daniel Dickerson
		07-16	Dakota Banford
		07-17	Ruth Hill
		07-18	Taryn Allen
		07-19	Tommy Stolte
		07-21	Kandise Sherbon
		07-29	Chris Gurley
		07-30	Talyn Birchfield
		07-31	Donna Johnsey

**Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming August Events:**

- August 1—Men's Breakfast
- August 2—Promotion Sunday
- August 5—Night of Worship
- August 12—MIDWEEK Begins
- August 15—Youth Kingdom Day at Grace Baptist
- August 16—Church Conference
- August 23—Deacons Meeting
- August 23—Next Steps

**DEACON NOMINATION**

Deacon nomination forms will be available at the welcome center and due back July 5th. Nominating committee will be calling and praying over the new deacons.

**FINANCIALS**

AS OF JUNE 29, 2026

Actual Expenses YTD \$202,886  
 Actual Received YTD \$201,101



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HARLEM BAPTIST CHURCH

**CONNECTIONS**

**EVERY GENERATION**

July 2026

*"Every miracle in the Bible first started as a problem."*

LOVE GOD

As we move into the hottest parts of the summer, I am reminded daily as I walk around our church campus to give thanks. Earlier this year we discovered we needed to replace not one, but three air conditioners...and while it was not something we expected or in the budget...we were able to manage replacing them in a timely manner, without being in dire straits, and well before the soaring temperatures that are expected in the next week hit. *Thank you, God, for providing air conditioning in July in Georgia.*

LOVE PEOPLE

As we come into the next month, we will be giving our B.L.A.S.T. children's worship volunteers a much needed break. You would have to be blind to miss the literal dozens of children file out of the Sanctuary each Sunday to go learn and grow on a level that helps them better understand. We often marvel at the numbers, where during the school year we run between 40 and 50 children under the age of 12 on any given Sunday. In fact, a major reason for moving to two services was so that we would have enough space for our kids. Pew Research Center indicates that for many churches similar to ours, the percentage of attendees under age 30 is between 6% and 10%. On almost every Sunday this year, 20 to 25% of the people on our campus have been under the age of 12. *Thank you, God, that we are running out of room.*

MAKE DISCIPLES

God has been making miracles out of problems here at HBC for a long time now, and every week I am amazed at His provision. He has given us creativity in problem solving. He has given us volunteers who are willing to love and serve, and *even though we need more*, we have found His provision in each season to be sufficient. He has blessed us with generous givers, who continue to see value in Biblical tithing and investing in the local church and in the next generations. He has given us the willingness to hire enough staff to meet the challenges, and provided the people who love Jesus and love this church to fill those roles. *Thank you, God, for our dedicated members and staff.*

Lord knows, we have problems...but we cannot deny the miracles we are seeing on a daily basis in our lives, in our community, and here at Harlem Baptist Church.

So as we sit in our wonderfully cool sanctuary this July, listening to the sounds of little whispers, dropped crayons, and "Mom, I'm hungry!"...let us smile and never forget the beautiful miracles that God has provided in the last few years... the new faces, the volunteers, the loving church family... and the blessed air conditioning. Let us continue to love, continue to give, continue to serve, and continue to give thanks.

God is always, only, good.

-Rebekah

# CHURCH NEWS

## 1613 Men's Conference July 17-18

Scan QR code to register!



## OASIS Summer Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30pm (NURSERY PROVIDED) (No Activities July 1st)

## DEACONS MEETING JULY 26TH AFTER SECOND SERVICE

### Church Luncheon

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

**NO LUNCHEONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**



The Church offices will be closed on July 2nd in observance of Independence Day.

### COFFEE WITH CARSON



July 28th | 8:30AM  
at Red Oak Manor

HBC Kids will be attending **CentriKid Camp July 10-12**. Please keep our campers and leaders in your prayers as they prepare for a wonderful weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship.

## PASTORAL SABBATICAL PULPIT SUPPLY

JULY 5—EVAN POWELL  
JULY 12—EVAN POWELL  
JULY 19—JEREMY DAVIS  
JULY 26—GARY HOLLEY

## FAMILY NIGHT AT MAIN STREET TREATS



JULY 21ST AT 6:30PM

During July's Every Generation Month, we'll gather for worship together across all ages. Please note that there will be no BLAST as our volunteers take a much-needed summer break.

### Canning Club

Interested in learning the art of canning? We're exploring the possibility of starting a Canning Club where we'll learn different methods, including water bath canning, pressure canning, and more.

If you'd be interested in participating, text Rebekah at 706-528-6496.

Hello church,

Today I want to talk about something that quietly competes for our hearts every day: money.

One thing I want to clarify before we go on. Money itself is not evil. We need money to provide for our families, pay our bills, care for others, and meet the responsibilities God has given us. Scripture never teaches that having money is sinful. But it does warn us about something far more dangerous: the love of money.

The reason money can be so dangerous is because it has a way of convincing us that we are in control. I know it certainly does that for me at times. The more we have, easier it can be to place our trust in our bank accounts, our investments, our possessions, or our ability to provide for ourselves. Before long, what began as a blessing can slowly become something we depend on more than God.

Scripture reminds us that everything we have ultimately belongs to the Lord. Our homes belong to Him. Our jobs belong to Him. Our talents belong to Him. Our families belong to Him. Even the very breath in our lungs is a gift from Him.

The land we live on, the money in our accounts, and the possessions we work so hard to acquire are all temporary. One day we will leave every bit of it behind. In a sense, we are living on borrowed land. Everything we have has been entrusted to us by God for a season, and one day we will give an account for how we used it.

Jesus speaks directly to this when He says, "No one can serve two masters." We cannot serve both God and money. Eventually one will take priority over the other. One will receive our trust, our attention, and our devotion.

When our hearts belong fully to Christ, we begin to hold our possessions differently. We become more generous. More grateful. More willing to trust God when circumstances change. We stop viewing what we have as something to cling to and begin viewing it as something entrusted to us for His glory.

This is something I continue to wrestle with myself. I know how quickly my heart can become anxious about finances or begin wanting more than what God has already provided. The love of money is not just a temptation for other people. It is something all of us must guard against.

My prayer for us is that we would be a church marked by faithful stewardship and deep trust in the Lord. May we continue to rebuke each other in love when we stumble about our lust for money. May we never lose sight of the truth that everything we have comes from Him, belongs to Him, and is meant to be used for Him.

-Sang

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

Celebrating Moving Up  
AUGUST 2ND



Mark your Calendars  
August 5th  
at 6:30PM

If I had to pick one word that I think best sums up the previous month of June, that word would be "grateful". I'm grateful for HBC member families stepping up and being willing to host the youth group at their houses for fellowship nights and Thursday morning Bible studies. I'm grateful for the summer youth trip being such a great week - free of harm or drama. And I'm grateful for the opportunity to preach the past two Sunday mornings.

But I am most especially grateful for the way so many from our church family have thrown their arms around me and Katie after bringing home a second foster child. You all - our dear friends - have supported us, encouraged us, served us, and provided for us in a way that we can't possibly repay. Words seem to fall short when trying to describe just how appreciative I am for the way you have poured out your love on our family as you lift us up and carry us through a season full of fresh challenges and an increased level of stress.

It has been so moving to reckon with just how much you all have done to ensure that we are ok and we have everything we need. Y'all have dropped off diapers, food, formula, food, clothes, gifts, and more food. Did I mention food? And beyond that, still more of you have come over to help with cleaning or watching kids so we could take a shower or just sit with us - ministering to us with your presence and fellowship. You have even helped us with laundry!!

Truly I will look back on June 2026 as a season where God showed His faithfulness, goodness, and bountiful love... and He accomplished all that through you all. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much. You all have truly been a reflection of Christ in the way you have served and loved us. And I'm grateful to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

I love and thank you all!

Evan Powell