

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|              |                                                 |               |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| October 4    | Worship Service                                 | 9:00AM        |
|              | Sunday School                                   | 10:15AM       |
|              | Worship Service                                 | 11:15AM       |
|              | Church Luncheon                                 | 11:15AM       |
| October 7    | MIDWEEK                                         | 6:30PM        |
|              |                                                 |               |
| October 9-10 | Youth Lock-In                                   |               |
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| October 10   | Men’s Breakfast<br>at Red Oak Manor             | 9:00AM        |
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| October 11   | Worship Service                                 | 9:00AM        |
|              | Sunday School                                   | 10:15AM       |
|              | Worship Service                                 | 11:15AM       |
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| October 14   | MIDWEEK                                         | 6:30PM        |
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| October 16   | Ladies’ Fall Fun Night                          | 6:30PM        |
|              |                                                 |               |
| October 18   | Worship Service                                 | 9:00AM        |
|              | Sunday School                                   | 10:15AM       |
|              | Worship Service                                 | 11:15AM       |
|              | Church Luncheon                                 | 11:15AM       |
| October 21   | MIDWEEK                                         | 6:30PM        |
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| October 24   | Fraud & Scam Seminar<br>In the Student Building | 10:30AM       |
|              |                                                 |               |
| October 25   | Worship Service                                 | 9:00AM        |
|              | Sunday School                                   | 10:15AM       |
|              | Worship Service                                 | 11:15AM       |
|              | Deacons Meeting After 2nd Service               |               |
|              | Fall Festival                                   | 5:00PM-7:00PM |
| October 27   | Coffee with Carson<br>at Harlem Java House      | 8:30AM        |
|              |                                                 |               |
| October 28   | MIDWEEK                                         | 6:30PM        |
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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

10-08 Dakota & Logan Banford  
10-19 Lander & Mandi Fangsrud  
10-23 Sang & Shann Lee  
10-27 Dale & Leslie Arnold

BIRTHDAYS

10-03 Emerald Dickerson  
10-06 Stephanie Lewis  
10-09 Abigail Bryant  
10-11 Sandie Lynce  
10-13 Jennifer Britt  
10-17 Kelly Loneragan  
10-22 Ashlyn Stewart  
10-23 Bob Brown  
10-24 John McClellan  
10-24 LeeAnn Meyer  
10-28 Ragen Truitt  
10-29 Mark Whitaker  
10-31 Josie Damron  
10-31 Nancy Lewis

NEXT STEPS MEETING | NOVEMBER 8

Not yet a member of HBC? Join us for our **Next Steps Meeting on November 8** to learn more about Harlem Baptist Church, what we believe, and how you can become a member. We’d love to help you take your next step at HBC!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER:

- November 7— Men’s Breakfast
- November 8—Next Steps
- November 8—Church Conference
- November 25—No MIDWEEK
- November 26—Church Office Closed
- November 29—Joint Family Worship

FINANCIALS

AS OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

Actual Expenses YTD \$331,926  
Actual Received YTD \$306,780



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HARLEM BAPTIST CHURCH



CONNECTIONS

October 2026

LOVE  
GOD

A few years ago, I participated in a breakout class at a conference our staff was attending that focused on preaching. I always enjoy gaining fresh perspectives and hearing how other pas-tors approach God’s Word. The pastor leading the session shared several helpful insights that I have incorporated into my preaching over the years. But one statement, in particular, has stayed with me: “Always make the gospel message clear.”

He encouraged us to make sure that in every sermon, people clearly hear the good news that Christ came to earth, died a criminal’s death to pay the debt of our sin, and rose again, offering eternal life to all who believe in Him and surrender their lives to Him as Lord. While I understood his point, I remember thinking, *Not every passage lends itself to a gospel moment.* How do you transition from teaching one of the Psalms to the gospel? Or how do you preach the story of Jacob’s ladder and connect it to Jesus? Since that breakout session, I have made a greater effort to include clear gospel connections in every sermon I preach.

LOVE  
PEOPLE

Over the past several months, I have spent a lot of time studying the Old Testament. We are continuing our verse-by-verse study through Genesis in Midweek Bible Study, walking through the life of David on Sunday mornings, and I have been reading through the Old Testament in my personal quiet time. Through all of this, it has become increasingly clear to me that finding gospel connections in the Old Testament isn’t as difficult as I once thought. In fact, when we begin reading the Old Testament through the lens of the gospel, the connection can be hard to miss.

From Genesis 3, when sin entered the world, we begin to see God’s plan of redemption unfold. From the very moment we needed rescue from our sin, God had a plan to bring His children back to Himself. That is how deeply He loves us and desires for us to be with Him for eternity.

As we walk through life, it is easy to become overwhelmed by the hardships we face and to see only the brokenness of our world. But I find it helpful to continually remind myself that the Creator of all things has gone to great lengths to bring us into His family. And we see evidence of that not only in the New Testament, but throughout the entire biblical story.

MAKE  
DISCIPLES

As you walk through this next month, I hope you will cling to this truth: *Our God is for you!* His plan to redeem and restore His people has been unfolding from the very beginning, and in Christ, we have the assurance that His love for us will never fail.

Press On!  
Carson

# CHURCH NEWS



**ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**  
**OCTOBER 25TH | 5-7PM**

A thriving children’s ministry is something worth celebrating! We are thankful for every child who walks through our church doors, every volunteer who faithfully serves, and every opportunity we have to share God’s Word with the next generation. But while we celebrate what God is doing in our children’s ministry, we also want to remember that our goal is bigger than what happens in our classrooms on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

One of my greatest desires for our children’s ministry is to help children develop a strong biblical foundation that stays with them long after they leave. That takes more than what we can accomplish in a few hours each week. It requires intentional discipleship, a growing understanding of God’s Word, and parents who feel equipped and encouraged to nurture their children’s faith at home.

Family discipleship is an important part of that process. As a church, we want to come alongside parents by providing encouragement, resources, and support as they disciple their children. Our goal isn’t simply for children to enjoy coming to church; we want to help them become disciples who know what they believe, understand why they believe it, and are learning how to live out their faith every day. Discipleship doesn’t have to feel overwhelming or require a perfectly planned Bible lesson. Some of the most meaningful opportunities to teach our children about God happen in the ordinary moments of life. Through intentional conversations, prayer, and the way we respond to everyday situations, we can continually point our children toward Jesus.

Driving in the car, sitting around the dinner table, helping with chores, navigating conflict, answering questions, or walking through a difficult season can all become opportunities to talk about God’s Word and what it means to follow Jesus. When our children ask questions, we don’t have to have every answer. We can open the Bible together, search for answers, and learn alongside them. The church and the home each have an important role in helping children grow in their faith. My prayer is that Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights would strengthen what is already happening throughout the week.

Let’s work together to make disciples- not just in our classrooms here at HBC, but in our homes and in the everyday moments God gives us. By pointing our children to God’s Word and modeling what it means to follow Jesus, we can help them build a faith that continues to grow beyond their years in children’s ministry.

-Lindsey

## Church Luncheon

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

**OCTOBER 4**  
(Front Lines)  
Fish / Chicken and Fixings

**OCTOBER 18**  
(Youth)  
Turkey / Dressing and Fixings

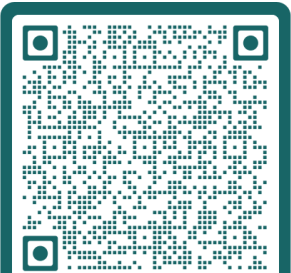
## Men’s Breakfast



Saturday, October 10th  
9:00AM  
at Red Oak Manor

## FRAUD + SCAM TRAINING

**OCTOBER 24 | 10:30AM**  
(IN THE STUDENT BUILDING)



PLEASE RSVP

## COFFEE WITH CARSON



October 27th | 8:30AM  
at Harlem Java House

## DEACONS MEETING

**OCTOBER 25**  
AFTER 2ND SERVICE

## YOUTH LOCK-IN

**OCTOBER 9-10**

See Evan Powell for More Info!

To My Harlem Church Family—

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, hugs and offers to help during my recent loss of my beloved husband, Tom.

He loved you and he loved this church. I am so grateful to have your love and prayer support as I try to adjust to my new role as widow.

God is my refuge and my strength both yesterday and today.

With Love in Christ,  
Susi Lumley

## Have You Ever Thought About Joining the Worship Team?

Hi Church Family,

Have you ever sat in church on a Sunday morning and thought, “I wonder if I could do that?” Maybe you sing. Maybe you play an instrument. Maybe you have experience with sound or technology. Or maybe you have always wanted to be involved but just never knew where to start. If that is you, I want you to know that you can always come talk to me.

One thing I never want our worship team to feel like is a closed group of people that you have to somehow get invited into. We are always looking for people who want to serve and use the abilities God has given them. And joining the worship ministry does not necessarily mean standing on stage with a microphone. There are a lot of things that happen every Sunday that most people probably never think about. We need musicians and singers, but we also need people who are interested in sound, technology, and all the things that happen behind the scenes.

You also do not have to be a professional musician. You do not need to know everything before you come talk to me. Part of being on a team is learning and getting better together. What matters to me is that you are willing to learn, willing to prepare, and willing to be part of a team.

Ultimately, serving on the worship team is about more than music. We are using the gifts God has given us to serve Him and help create an environment where people can worship and draw closer to Him. Every role matters, whether you are seen by the congregation or serving quietly behind the scenes. When we serve with the right heart, our goal is not to draw attention to ourselves, but to point people toward God.

At the same time, being on the worship team does take commitment. We practice, we prepare on our own, and we depend on each other to be ready when Sunday comes. It is a lot of fun, but it is also a responsibility. When everyone does their part, Sunday morning becomes much easier for the entire team.

So if you have ever thought about joining, even if you are not sure whether you are ready, come find me. You do not have to commit to anything just by asking. I would love to hear what you are interested in, what experience you have, and find out if there might be a place for you to serve. And who knows? You might have a gift that our church needs, and you just have not used it yet.

-Sang

## WOMEN’S FALL FUN EVENT

**-OCTOBER 16-**

Ladies, join us for a fun evening of **pizza, prizes, people & more!** Come enjoy good food, lots of laughs, and a great night of fellowship together.

**Mark your calendar and join the fun!**

