

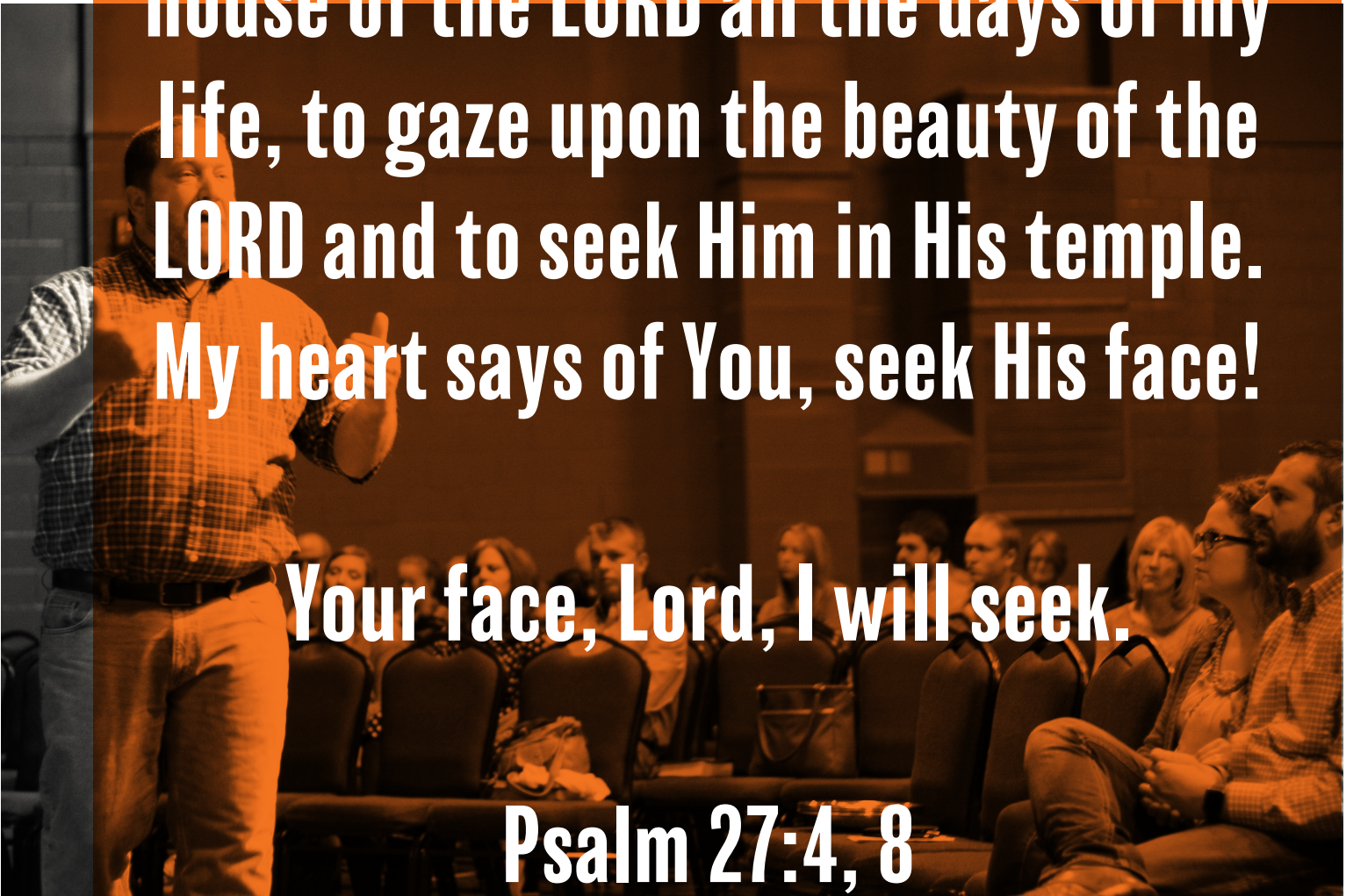


HEPHZIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH



20/20 VISION

A look at where we've been and where we're going.



**One thing I ask of the LORD, this is
what I seek: that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my
life, to gaze upon the beauty of the
LORD and to seek Him in His temple.
My heart says of You, seek His face!**

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Psalms 27:4, 8

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HBC Wendell

Our Mission Statement comes straight from Jesus: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”*

Matthew 28:19



COME + CONNECT

COME worship God.

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.” - Psalm 29:2

CONNECT with others.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24-25

SERVE + GO

SERVE God and others.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10

GO reach the nations.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” - Matthew 28:19

A Letter from the Pastor



DEAR HEPHZIBAH FAMILY,

As I sit here on August 1st, 2018 I am celebrating my 20th Anniversary here at Hephzibah. What an amazing journey and blessing it has been. I walk around this campus and see how much the Lord has grown His people and ministry. For over 209 years, HBC has been salt and light in this community and I truly believe our best years are still ahead of us.

I see buildings that have doubled in size to accommodate all of the families Jesus has brought to us. In the last five years, we have seen over 165 people saved and baptized and over 200 others join our fellowship. I see the new Children's Ministry wing and can't help but smile knowing the future of our church looks so bright as we raise up the next generation to carry the mantle of ministry.

I see the Mission Center and stand in awe of how the Lord has used this old country church in little Wendell to impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I get so overwhelmed considering the number of souls that have been saved and that will be saved as a result of these mission partnerships.

I see a church that sacrifices and gives generously to world missions and has been an example within our convention of what sacrificial giving looks like. I see a church that is committed to GO into our community and to the ends of the earth.

I see a passion to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus and make disciples of all nations. Each of the faces of our partnering churches and missionaries tell a story of God's amazing grace.

I see the people of our church and I am excited that we are truly making disciples of Jesus Christ. It is evident in the commitment to COME and worship together as a loving, unified body of believers. It is evident in the commitment to CONNECT and live life in community through D-Groups and Connect Groups. It is evident in the commitment to SERVE our church and the community around us. It is evident in the commitment to GO to the nations and across the street to share the Good News.

But there is one thing we must all also see... not just what has been, but what will be! We are bringing to you our 20/20 Vision. It is bold. It is a God-sized, God-honoring Great Commission Vision. The Lord is bringing the nations to us here in Eastern Wake County. He is bringing exponential growth to Wendell and our surrounding communities. We must ask the question: How can we best reach them?

The answer is simple... church planting. This year we are presenting a plan to launch our first church plant in the modern era of Hephzibah. It represents the first of twenty churches that we would like to see planted over the next twenty years. It answers the call to reach our "Jerusalem" through planting life-giving, disciple-making, multiplying churches that will replicate every five years. In many ways, it is the final step in implementing our Acts 1:8 strategy. We have watched it happen with our partners around the world and now it is our time to see God do it again through His church called Hephzibah.

I truly believe this will allow us to live up to the name we have been given as a church family. In Isaiah 62:4, Hephzibah means "My delight is in her." May those words forever be true! I love this church so much and it has been the privilege of my life to serve Jesus and all of you here.

Remember, our best days are ahead of us. I am excited about the journey.



First Impressions

Hephzibah Baptist Church is and will always be a warm and welcoming church. It's a tradition here at HBC to greet and offer hospitality to all. It's not because we are told to, it's because Jesus freely gave, and we want to freely give. Because of the faithfulness of our members to freely give of their time, talent, and money, others can Come, Connect, Serve, and Go. Our focus is to remain outward and meet people where they are.



I have become passionate about creating a positive First Impression of Hephzibah in our community. I am committed to a vision that “you belong here” and I am committed to providing a welcoming atmosphere where people can connect with Jesus in a real, personal way. I love having the opportunities to build relationships and share the Gospel with all people.

- John Carter, Director of First Impressions

Looking Back:

This year, Hephzibah has been able to fully complete the process of Come, Connect, Serve, Go. Recognizing the need to unify certain key groups in our church, the First Impressions Team was created. We are thankful for the opportunities for members to serve and build relationships with new guests! During this short period of time, we have focused on building the foundation for success, planning for the future. The First Impressions Team is unique and important to our guests and members.

- The Parking Lot Team and Emergency Response Team are new teams that were created under the First Impressions Ministry
- Greeters and ushers also serve in First Impressions Ministry
- First Impressions Ministry currently has 48 volunteers serving

Moving Forward:

We want to eliminate any distractions or worries so that our guests can experience the best that HBC has to offer. To accomplish this, we will continuously be present for our guests and members to assist with their needs. The volunteers and their faithfulness to serve God fuels this ministry. God is always kept at the center and is poured out into our guest and members. The First Impressions Team wants you to know that you belong here and it's our passion to welcome everyone well.

- First Impressions will host new events this year including Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms. We will also host other various social events later in the year
- We would like to have special parking spaces for our new guests
- Training resources will be implemented to equip our volunteers
- First time guests will receive a special gift on behalf of HBC and First Impressions.
- We would like an improved Welcome Center environment with live and up-to-date information.

Ministry Data:

- Each Sunday, we receive an average of **six guests**. That's 312 individuals per year, not including spouses or children. It's our goal and passion to welcome each guest and anticipate their needs so that the message isn't lost before it's heard.
- Within the first **7 minutes** of entering in the church parking lot, our guest will decide if they will return for a second time. This is why the First Impressions Team is so vital! Our team's role truly makes an eternal difference in the lives of our guests.
- The First Impression Ministry is new to Hephzibah. This will be our first year operating under a budget, and we have requested **\$5,900.00** to fund resources and supplies to equip our volunteers. Warmly welcoming our guests results in lives saved and guests becoming members who Connect, Serve, and Go.



First Impressions has four teams that have their own roles and responsibilities. This unified structure allows each member to serve alongside one another and operate in groups to accomplish their goals. Each team is empowered by each other and allows the Holy Spirit to work to carry out the vision and mission.

ERT (Emergency Response Team)

With increasingly rising concerns for safety, this team was created for providing trained and equipped personnel. These active members of HBC serve and operate to provide safety and medical attention for all members, families, and ministries on Hephzibah's campus.

Greeter Team

The Greeter Team welcomes all guests that enter the church. In addition to greeting people, the Greeter Team answers questions and helps guests find their way around HBC. Friendliness and a servant's heart are key attributes of someone serving on this team. A kind host helps create a welcoming environment.

Traffic Team

These members are the first connection that guests have with Hephzibah on a Sunday Morning. Traffic Team members help greet our guests and members and help them find the correct way into the building.

Ushers

The Usher Team welcomes all guests that enter the Worship Center. In addition to greeting people, Ushers assist people in finding seats for guests and their families. Friendliness and an attitude of service are key attributes of someone serving on this team. During the service, they assist in taking up the offering and deliver it to the counting room.

Pastoral Care

In 2018, we implemented the Pastoral Care Ministry to help meet the needs of our members. As our church grows, it has become challenging for pastoral staff alone to care for our members and guests. This Pastoral Care team has been vital in going the extra mile to care for and love on everyone who is part of the Hephzibah family.



As Director of Pastoral Care at Hephzibah, I am truly blessed and love the opportunity to be ministering alongside the Pastors, Deacons and lead a Pastoral Care Ministering team at Hephzibah to offer emotional and spiritual support to members in their time of sickness, loss of a love one and also their joys. It is very rewarding in serving our Church and God in this capacity.

- Gordon Johnson, Director of Pastoral Care

Looking Back:

The Pastoral Care Ministry was approved and launched in October 2017. As Director of this ministry, I am responsible for making hospital visits, assisting with baptisms, preparing communion, and leading a Pastoral Care Ministry Team. I also work alongside the fellowship of Deacons. Many willing members and Connect Group leaders have responded to serve and assist in this successful ministry. In addition to keeping the deacons and me informed about church members' needs, the team has made many visits to homebound members, nursing homes, and widows and widowers. The Pastoral Care Ministry Team:

- consists of twenty active members
- has assisted with distributing Christmas gift boxes to homebound members
- has made sure homebound members, members in nursing homes, and widows and widowers were visited on a regular basis
- has communicated any special needs of these members back to the church
- meets every two months

Moving Forward:

The church along with the Pastoral Care Ministry Team is hoping to begin a Stephen's Ministry Program in the 2019-2020 church year. This proposed ministry offers support, counseling, and comfort to members who are going through life-changing events for as long after the event as needed. Before this program can be launched, we would need to send at least four members to a ministry conference for one week of training. Upon returning, these four members would recruit and train additional leaders to serve in the ministry. Stephen's Ministry would:

- need 10-20 members to serve
- meet for approximately four hours a week for twelve weeks

“...do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:4

Deacons

The fellowship of Deacons, being the Board of Directors, are the servants of the church and of God. The present body of Deacons consists of ten men who meet the second Sunday of each month. The Deacons work closely alongside the Lead Pastor and with the church staff in making hospital visits and to care for the needs of the members of the church. They also work closely with the Pastoral Care Ministry Team to meet the needs of church members.

Looking Back:

The fellowship of Deacons:

- assisted with the Feast of Plenty
- held the Widows and Widowers' Banquet
- implemented a Deacon training program

Moving Forward:

As the Church grows in membership, visitation, and witnessing through the different committees, the Deacons look forward to carrying on God's work at Hephzibah and assisting with the Church Plant process. The Deacons plan to

- have a Deacon's Retreat every year to study, train, and worship together
- increase the number of Deacons serving to twelve
- assist with Stephen's Ministry Program

Left to right: Robert Albertson, Darrell Lumley, Larry Lindsay, Steve Hall, Greg Zechman (Chairman), Gordon Johnson, Don Mustgrave, Matt Atkins. Not pictured: Brian Keatts.



Adult Ministry



As the Associate Pastor at Hephzibah, I am privileged to oversee many ministries. While every ministry is important, leading the Discipleship Ministry is by far one of the most rewarding and fulfilling. My passion has always been to see people not only come to Christ, but grow in their love and relationship with Christ. I believe whole heartedly that Discipleship best takes place in the context of small groups. Through our Connect Groups and D-Groups, I get the opportunity week in and week out to see lives changed forever.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord in this area of Discipleship and for the many great leaders that serve along side me for the purpose of seeing lives transformed into the image of our Savior. While the work is never finished, we have seen great growth in this area, and I am excited about the future to come.

- Nathan Miller, Associate Pastor of Discipleship + Administration

Looking Back:

This past year has been a year focused on Discipleship. As our church grows in Sunday morning attendance, we have continued to focus not only on growing numerically, but also on our Spiritual depth.

Center for Bible Engagement Study: Christians who engage in Scripture reading at least four times a week have a significantly lower chance of engaging in life controlling sins. In fact, there is no statistical difference between Christians who read or listen to Scripture less than 3 days a week than those who don't engage with Scripture once a week or at all.

This study stresses the importance of discipleship and Bible engagement at HBC. Connect Groups remain a steady focus for our discipleship strategy and our first point of connection, but our focus over the last few years has been to drive people deeper through the D-Group Pathway. In addition to Spiritual growth, we have concentrated more on leadership development and our leadership pipeline. As our church grows, the need for more leaders continues to grow. In the past year we have seen the following:

- Sunday Morning Worship attendance rise to an average of 534
- Average Connect Group attendance of 399 from 09/2017 - 08/2018
- 200+ people have completed the D-Group 101 Pathway
- 169 Women registered for the 2017 Women's Weekend, with 47 of those being non-HBC members. Four different states (NC, SC, TX, + MD) represented by our registrants.
- Over 250 new prospects followed up with through our GROW ministry.

Moving Forward:

This year our focus remains on Discipleship. We will continue to emphasize the need for everyone at HBC, to connect through Connect Groups and D-Groups. This year will focus more on Evangelism and Outreach through our Connect Groups. As we move towards church planting, we need to strengthen HBC as well as focus on reaching our community with the Gospel. This is best done through our Connect Groups. We plan to accomplish these goals through the following initiatives:

- Complete the D-Group 201 Pathway and begin new D-Groups at HBC.
- Create an onboarding and coaching process to our D-Group 101 Pathway.
- Work with our Connect Group leaders to implement a strategy for reaching the 100+ people who attend worship every week, but are not engaged in Connect Groups.
- Work with Connect Groups to effectively reach their communities.
- Work with Connect Groups and the church to engage prospects through the GROW ministry.
- Complete the Leadership Pipeline and onboarding process for Adult ministries and begin module training.



Connect Groups



Women's Weekend



D-Groups

Student Ministry

The Hephzibah Student Ministry (HSM) exists to develop students as young men and women who love and honor God, serve the church, reach out to the community, and seek to show others to do the same through the power and influence of Jesus Christ. We seek to position students to live out an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ, discover moral and spiritual truth in God's Word, build lasting relationships, and daily experience God's love and liberty.



As the Student Pastor at HBC, it has been a great gift to align my passion to see students become and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ while journeying with families and leaders in developing methods to undergird and champion this generation to advance the Kingdom of Jesus in our homes, community, and around the World. It is an honor to be entrusted with such an amazing flock of students and leaders that so willingly latch onto vision and display a willingness to be about the things of Christ. Great things God has done and great things He continues to do!

- Jason Brulet, Student Pastor

Looking Back:

This past year has been one of great growth, new horizons, fortification in unity, and the beginnings of new vision and fresh fire in the hearts of our leaders and students. As our student body and leadership team have grown numerically, we have witnessed a greater sense of togetherness in championing one another toward godliness and mission. In the past year alone we have witnessed the following "wins" in our student ministry:

- Our Wednesday evening gathering (ONE) has grown to over 60 students each week and even greater momentum has been experienced in the way of personal growth in spiritual disciplines and faith.
- Our leadership team has grown to over 20 consistent and dedicated "squad" members.
- HSM had 27 students serve in our "serve" facet of Generate Camp this summer, and we had over 20 to serve on the international mission field with many more looking forward to joining the effort next year!
- We have had over 10 professions of faith in the last 6 months through our ONE groups, Connect Groups, or one-on-one relational ministry.
- We graduated 12 Seniors that are heading into various Universities, branches of military, or trade endeavors.
- We have successfully implemented the Word of Life ministry and curriculum to our Wednesday night gatherings that have allowed our leaders and students to grow together in the disciplines of daily devotion, Scripture memory, acts of service, and accountability.
- Over 10 churches partnered with HSM for D-Now 2018 with over 500 people from Wendell, Knightdale, Zebulon, Rolesville, and Wake Forest joining for the event.

Moving Forward:

This year we are looking to achieve excellence in a few core areas through simplifying the focus of our ministry and the scope of means we utilize to accomplish our goals. Discipleship, evangelism, and service will remain the pillars of what we strive to implement within our ministry, and the following are a few of the means by which we seek to strengthen these initiatives:

- We seek to grow and excel in communications to students, families, and leadership through platforms to stay informed on topics within culture, student ministry, and leadership/family development.
- With a year under our belts, we are striving to excel in our implementation of the Word of Life strategy that every leader and student grow towards godliness in the spiritual disciplines of daily devotion, Scripture memorization, acts of service, accountability, and the fellowship of believers.
- Student-to-student (or peer-to-peer) evangelism is at the forefront of our ministry push this year and we seek to develop a student leadership team that intentionally pursues the hearts of their friends and peers in their immediate context for King Jesus.
- We are streamlining our events to stay within the purpose of our mission statement and allow that laser focus to be the filter by which we define ministry and intent.



Student Camp



Disciple Now



ONE

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry exists so that every child can come to know Christ as their Savior at an early age enabling them to live a life saturated in His Word and growing in His Righteousness. One of the best ways to do this is to appropriately train our teachers and give them the tools to do their jobs well. We want our preschoolers to move into the Children's Department with a firm foundation so they might take steps toward faith. We want our preteens to learn how to apply the Word to their lives as they begin to spend more time away from parents and with their peers so they go to our Student Ministry ready to live in a Christlike manner as they help lead others to Christ themselves.



It has been my privilege to serve Him and Hephzibah as Children's Ministry Director for the past 16 years. My passion is to equip adults to teach children from the youngest of ages through the preteen age (6th grade). I love to watch adults as they serve Him and come to realize how much even young children can learn and that we are not babysitting in order for the parents to come to church, but we are studiously working to ensure that all of our children go home having learned something valuable and eternal about Jesus and themselves! My personal mission is to train and equip adults to teach children in a way that will eventually lead to salvation and discipleship. I want to grow up leaders who can grow in their own spiritual walk and always be ready for the "next thing" that God has for them.

- Terry Zimmerman, Children's Ministry Director

Looking Back:

Hephzibah is in a great place right now! We are growing amazingly fast.

- **Jumpin' Junction** (preschool) and **Fit4Him Kidz** (K – 6th) averaged 225 children in Connect Groups with 51 teachers.
- **Fit4Him Kidz Worship** has averaged 52 children with 5 adults.
- **25 kids** made professions of faith in the last year and a half
- **AWANA** averaged 95 children with 16 adults
- **Summer Discipleship** had 21 K - 3rd graders and around 15 4th – 6th graders with 4 adults.
- **Wednesday Evening Preschool** has averaged 18 six week – two year olds.
- **D-Now** saw record numbers with 40 preteens in attendance.
- **2018 VBS** had 189 children enrolled, with 83 adults every night. Our 1st – 6th graders raised \$1,255.00 to send Ugandan children to school.
- **M3** had 34 moms on campus who brought 63 children with them. M3 had 16+ volunteers.
- **Vertical Church VBS + Mission Trip** in Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada. We took 17 youth and adults and 3 children came to know Jesus. We also did VBS and a number of service projects.

If you add up the number of children and adults we have in all our events, the number is staggering for a church our size. You see, we are blessed at HBC to have a Children's Ministry where we really try to ask an adult to serve only in one area. The numbers you see, for the most part, are not the same people serving over and over. The one exception to that is our **Sub List**, which includes over 45 adults, some of which do serve in other Children's Ministry areas, but will help when a teacher is sick or on vacation. We could not do ministry without those who serve in this huge capacity.

Moving Forward:

As I sit here thinking about the year ahead, Promotion Sunday is a week from today. Minimally, we are beginning two new units... one in preschool and one in children. We are adding 6 new teachers to our ranks and still have to fill some of those positions. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us! There is one thing I am sure of... every single one of the 59 adults who are in a Connect Group or in Children's Worship on Sunday morning, the 16+ adults who are working in AWANA, the 7 adults who are serving on the Preschool Hall on Wednesday nights, along with all the others I talked about above, are making an eternal difference in the lives of every child and family they are serving! There is nothing more important than that in this life. So, where will we be next year when writing this report? I have no idea, but what I do know is that HBC has the best children and adults anywhere. These adults care about the spiritual lives of our children and their families. I know that we will continuously need more adults who are willing to share Jesus with children who desperately need someone to spend time with them and share the Word in an effective way. I can promise you one thing: you can't out-give God and that includes the time you spend in His service.



Children's Worship



Vacation Bible School



AWANA

Recreation Ministry

The HBC Recreation Ministry exists to:

- evangelize our community
- provide fellowship opportunities
- provide opportunities for service through athletic and recreational events



It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Recreation Director at HBC. Through my many years on staff, I have been blessed to serve in my area of passion. Leading the Recreation ministry allows me to serve with adults, youth, and children to carry out the Great Commission through sports and activities. I look forward to the new things God will do through His people at HBC and in Recreation Ministry.

- Leanne Lindsay, Recreation Director

Looking Back:

2017/2018 was a year of tremendous growth for events and leadership in the HBC Recreation Ministry. The events offered were greater in number, greater in attendance, greater in numbers of dedicated leaders, and greater in relationships with our community.

- 2017 Fall Festival had the largest attendance ever. Over 500 people were on campus for the event. 10 members served on the Leadership Team and dozens of members served at the event.
- 2017/2018 Homeschool PE and Science (Elementary age) and Fitness (MS/HS age) classes had over 50 kids in attendance. 6 Hephzibah youth serve in this ministry.
- 2017 saw the beginning of our much loved Faithfully Fit Stretching and Boot Camp Classes. Classes are attended by more than 30 women from HBC and the community.
- 2017 Turkey JAM Basketball Clinic was attended by over 30 kids. 15 members served at the clinic.
- FORE Him Golf Fellowship was started and 15-20 members and friends participated.
- Youth Open Gym varies in attendance based on the season and sport. As many as 20 youth will attend on Wednesday nights.
- Adult and Youth Volleyball has an average attendance of 25.
- 2018 JAM Camp had over 170 kids in attendance, over 50 youth volunteers, and over 50 adult volunteers.

Moving Forward:

As we look ahead to 2019 and beyond, the goal of the Recreation Ministry will remain strong and clear:

- evangelize our community
- provide fellowship opportunities
- provide opportunities for service through athletic and recreational events.

Through this goal, the overarching desire is to know Christ and make Him known. The Recreation Ministry will only grow by the grace of God and with an increase of leaders and commitment.

- The focus for 2019 and beyond will be on developing leaders.
- Each event will have experienced and developing leaders serving to increase the size and excellence of the event.
- By 2020, the goal is to have one Equipper leading each event. As this goal is achieved, we can expand and add new events and classes.



JAM Camp



Faithfully Fit



Fall Festival

Worship & Arts

The Hephzibah Worship and Arts Ministry exists to create the best possible environment for people to have a life-altering encounter with God and to train and equip artists to create that environment.



It has been the greatest privilege of my life to serve a church like Hephzibah that loves to worship God, serve the Lord, and share the Gospel with the nations! It has been an amazing thing to see how God continues to orchestrate the vision and mission of this church. Even to see how worship and music ministries, which are not normally identified with discipleship and missions, can become active in a discipleship model of multiplying kingdom-minded worship leaders and artists. I believe we are looking at how God will use those trained for service at HBC for generations to come for His glory.

- Kevin Bragg, Pastor of Worship & Arts

Looking Back:

We have seen growth as we have sought to equip and empower musicians to become leaders in music and worship arts.

- **WeeSing & PACK** (Praise Arts for Creative Kids) seeks to train children learn to sing, to act, to dance and to create art as praise and worship. The children have also been involved in sharing their talents with area shut-ins. WeeSing and PACK ministries are beginning their third year and have seen more children more passionate and excited about learning to praise the Lord through the arts. They led us in Easter morning worship and will be more visible in Sunday worship as well as special worship events in the coming year. In addition, **Expressions of Worship** has seen record numbers as young ladies have found expressive movement and dance as their language of praise.
- **Platform Ministry Teams** – These teams are those folks most visible in leading the church in praise - the band members and singers who lead in musical worship. We have added many new PMT members and I believe we will continue to multiply in the coming year.
- Our **Student Platform Ministry Teams** have been preparing and leading in student worship each week as well as taking the lead in worship for JAM Camp. They continue to grow and, like the children, will become more visible in main worship in the coming year. In addition, they will be leading with Fit4Him Children's Worship as this team develops.
- **Worship Choir** has seen ups and downs in attendance over the past few years, but this past year was our strongest year with the most consistent commitment, not just for Christmas and special events, but for the most important role of the choir: leading God's people in worship each week.
- Each week, the **TechArts** ministry team, under the leadership of David Burton, trains servants to assist with lyrics and videos on screen, lighting, and audio support for worship as well as other special events.
- **Art on Mission** has become an annual celebration of the arts which has in two years raised over \$8,000 for mission partnerships.

**Moving Forward:**

The most visible part of our mission is accomplished by the most invisible part. The time, effort, and resources spent behind the scenes in training, equipping, and mentoring artists – musicians, audio, lighting and graphics technicians, videographers and editors – represents the greatest need for intentional discipleship in the coming days.

- In the coming year we look forward to engaging more equipped leaders in weekly worship for all ages – children, students, and adults.
- We seek to provide training in the fundamentals of music to allow worship musicians to grow in understanding and creative playing for worship.
- Training and service opportunities involving the weekly needs in technology to communicate most effectively by means of audio, lighting, and video.
- The ministry of Art on Mission will continue to expand to include regular opportunities for the members of our community to learn and grow as artists.
- We will seek to provide special worship gatherings – nights of praise as well as prayer services – to focus on unique expressions, special themes, and even musical styles.
- The greatest goal will be to see the spirit and heart of HBC continue to grow as worshipers, loving God and proclaiming the love of Jesus when we gather together and as we scatter abroad.



Mission Partnerships

This year, **86 church members**, including **12 families** (where multiple members served), traveled to **7 different** countries on **4 continents** with the support of **197 friends and family** members who **donated over \$75,000** so that **more than 2,500 people** would have a chance to hear the Gospel.



It has been my outstanding honor to serve this last year as the Director of Missions for HBC. I count it as a great privilege to be able to create opportunities for and to encourage others to GO on mission. It was not that many years ago when I had the benefit of having others encourage me and work to overcome many of my personal objections to following in the Great Commission. When I look at the many church members who have decided to follow in obedience to Christ command's for the first time and I see them setting aside their preferences, their comforts, and even their doubts about their own God-given abilities and realizing that our calling is bigger than any of that, it makes every minute worth it. - John Wilson, Director of Missions

Looking Back:

Wow, what a year! I hope you will read on to find specific updates from each of our mission partnerships, but I'm excited to tell you about how our missions team has transformed over the last twelve months. This year has been about growing our mindset regarding what we are here for and it started with uniting the entire team behind one vision for all Hephzibah missions:

"To train and equip Christ followers to fulfill The Great Commission through disciple-making partnerships".

Implementing this Mission Statement gave each team leader an ability - and a mandate - to evaluate the present and future work of their partnerships, and gave us a unified filter for looking at every new opportunity with which we are presented. This has led to great innovations including a total overhaul of how we are training people to go on mission, the changing of some partnerships, and a fundamental shift in how we think about our responsibility to grow YOU in your obedience to Christ whether that is locally or around the world.

Moving Forward:

There are very few things that simultaneously give me the kind of great excitement and conversely, the great burden that I feel when I consider the future of our mission at Hephzibah. Over the past five years we have experienced tremendous growth in our partnerships, so much so that I think we would be unrecognizable to our past selves. I pray, Lord willing, that the next five years will be the same way as there is still much to do. Immediately, we are investing a tremendous amount of effort into a missions conference we will be holding at Hephzibah in early 2019. Our primary goal will be to engage other churches in the Wake and Johnston county area and to encourage them to join us and multiply how we are able to support our existing partners. Additionally, this will give us the margin to begin to explore how we can reach into new areas that we are not currently touching. I am also prayerful that this year will bring much needed growth with our Go Local opportunities. As we continue to grow and GO internationally, it is important that we remember that we have each been placed in a community that God has called us to impact. I believe we can turn our little world of Wendell, Knightdale, and Zebulon upside down when we all unite by extending grace, love, and hope to others. I couldn't be more proud of where we are headed, but it is going to take 100% participation from the church to get us there. The glory of Christ our Lord deserves nothing less.

GO Baltimore

Hephzibah partners with Christian Liberty Church in Baltimore, Maryland.



Hephzibah's partnership with Christian Liberty Church and with Pastor Wayne Lee in Baltimore has changed my life in many ways. Pastor Wayne's passion for telling everyone he meets about Jesus, as well as the love the church shows to the community in which it serves is undeniable and contagious. To say that I am excited about what the future holds for CLC, our partnership, and the City of Baltimore would be an understatement.

- Josh Bunner, GO Baltimore Coordinator

Looking Back:

In the last year, our partnership with CLC was fruitful in many ways; we accomplished much, including increased membership at CLC, evangelizing in the local neighborhoods and making it a point to reach people where they are. This year's trips were not achieved without opposition from the enemy; regardless, God was able to see us through in order to continue our mission to serve and make disciples while growing and stretching our team bigger than they knew they could. Some of the agenda items this year included door to door ministry, working with a juvenile detention center, visiting a men's homeless shelter, "O Give Thanks" Thanksgiving dinner, and serving at the Imagine Me Ministries (young women's discipleship program).

Moving Forward:

For the upcoming year, we will plan to do all of the aforementioned ministries with which we've been involved for the past 2 years. In addition, we are excited to be adding a second mission team with specific skills to assist as CLC embarks on a whole building renovation with the plan to call this building 'home' upon completion. We are praying for finances to aid in the cost of this very large project, in addition to praying for able and willing servants to come forward and be excited to join us as we develop this exciting, new endeavor with CLC.

Our Baltimore partnership:

- Made two trips to Baltimore with 10 missionaries able to take part each time.
- Over 500 people were served meals between the O Give Thanks Thanksgiving Dinner and the Neighborhood Block Party.
- Roughly 50 people answered the alter call at O Give Thanks.

GO Honduras

Hephzibah partners with pastors in Trujillo, El Pedrero, and Parma.



While working alongside mission volunteers from HBC and with the Honduran people in the communities of Parma, Trujillo, and El Pedrero, I have been blessed to see God's hand in all things that surround this mission project called Go Honduras. I am also reminded that while we are being obedient to the calling of the word *GO* and to serve the people of Honduras, there are brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras that are also being obedient and serving our needs while we are there in-country. It is during our week there and also through continued communication and prayer with the pastors and their congregation throughout the year that gives our group the encouragement to continue to go back.

- Matt O'Brien, GO Honduras Coordinator

Looking Back:

There have been equally as many challenges and blessings this past year concerning our Honduras partnership. First and foremost, getting all of the logistics squared away for our summer trip was a big hurdle. From safety concerns within the country to orchestrating all that needed to be done by one team in three towns over one week always leaves us praising God for His provisions. This year, the team was able to conduct VBS with three local churches in Parma, El Pedrero and Trujillo. Children from all ages were able to learn how to wear the armor of God on each day with confidence.

Our prayers should be for continued guidance for the pastors of these three churches along with commitment from their congregation to study the word of God and apply it in their daily lives. For Pastor Manuel and his wife who expecting twins and having complications with her pregnancy. They are currently traveling to Tegucigalpa for three months. This is a long trip and expensive trip, and takes them away from their friends and family. We have seen God move with Luke and Jovanna in Trujillo. They have become entrenched with the local church that we are connected with and have been heavily involved with local youth programs.

Moving Forward:

Our goal for 2019 is the same in that we assemble a team hand-picked by God to travel to Honduras and to strive to continue intimate relationship building with these three churches. We also pray that God reveals to us what doors need to be opened in El Pedrero in regards to assisting with the growth of Pastor Manuel's church and how can we support him more in his efforts with outreach to the community. We will have continued focus in both Parma and Trujillo.

Our Honduras partnership:

- Saw one baptism in Trujillo.
- Continues to see the same number of church attendance in Parma and Trujillo.
- Is seeking to grow our partnership in El Pedrero as there is large growth potential there, with equally as many logistical and location-related challenges.

GO Canada

Hephzibah partners with Vertical Church in Pincher Creek, Alberta.



Hephzibah's ministry in Canada gave me a passion for thinking outside the box in our mission endeavors both around the world and here locally. Our Canadian partners are experts at this and I have had the privilege of watching them successfully reach a very unreachable country! I am excited to see what new opportunities the Lord brings our way as He continues to grow our love for reaching the lost and ministering to churches in Canada.

- Bailey Powers, GO Canada Coordinator

Looking Back:

When we partner with church planters, we always hope to see growth and, if possible, independency develop as a result of our partnership. In September 2017 we got to see our partnership with Connect Church in Calgary, Alberta come full circle. We partnered with them in 2016 as they were launching and since then, we've watched the Lord richly bless their church with growth and stability. We are no longer official partners with Connect Church, but we are looking forward to seeing how God continues to work there.

We took our last trip of 2018 in August with a team who hosted Vacation Bible School at Vertical Church. Though numbers were very low at the beginning of the week, attendance grew to 19 children by the end. We were able to lavish these children with the love of Christ and teach them all about the God who has always been and always will be. We were also able to send a construction team to Canada in the Spring of 2018 to help Pastor Chris with projects around his church building that would have otherwise been very expensive to accomplish. During this trip, we were also able to do community outreach and minister to Chris' family.

Moving Forward:

We are praying for God to grow our Canada partnership in big ways over the next year. We would love to see a new partnership sprout out of existing contacts we have there, and are praying for God to make those connections for us and work out those details. In 2017, we discovered that some of the members of Connect Church in Calgary are Filipino natives and they ended up participating in our GO Philippines trip this year. We are praying that God would continue to give us opportunities to partner with these people both in Canada and in the Philippines.

We would like to work on training Vertical Church's staff and leaders to be increasingly effective in their ministries. Pastor Chris has expressed the need for Children's Ministry growth and we are hoping to orchestrate training to make that happen in 2019.

GO Moldova

Hephzibah partners with pastors in Northern Moldova and Southern Ukraine.



Our partnership with the churches in Ukraine and Moldova has given me a new passion for taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Seeing young men and women at the camp learning more about Jesus, then repenting and joining the local churches and following the Lord in baptism is one of the greatest joys in my life. To see some of them year after year as they grow spiritually, it is a beautiful picture of missions and discipleship, and it is a blessing to get to partner with churches who are as passionate about the Great Commission as we are at HBC.

- Matt Atkins, GO Moldova Coordinator

Looking Back:

For the first several years of our partnership, our partner's hope of having 150 students at student camp was fulfilled. This changed in 2018, with unprecedented interest from students in the villages to come to this camp. We had 187 students, with some literally knocking on Pastor Peter's door a week before camp asking if it was too late to join. We heard testimonies from students who have been coming since 2014 and 2015 about how this camp in past years has changed their lives, and how they look forward to it each year. Our whole team was humbled by these discussions, and we thank God for His faithfulness in this partnership. We partnered with doctors and pastors in Ukraine and Moldova as we have for the past six years, but the scope of this trip is quickly expanding. This year, we continued the food distribution ministry that we have been doing for the past several years, and even started helping with a VBS taking place during our trip. We divided our 12-person team into two groups of 6, with one group doing ministry in Ukraine and the other group doing ministry in Moldova. In addition to these efforts, some members from the camp team stayed an extra 8 days between trips to help with English Camps that one of our partners has started, and also helped two villages with VBS.

Moving Forward:

We anticipate this partnership continuing to be beneficial and fruitful for the Kingdom, as we have truly developed close bonds and brotherhood with the leaders in Moldova and Ukraine. Seeing the pastors and translators there when we land has truly become like seeing family that you have missed dearly, and they continue to show us increasing degrees of trust while we are doing ministry there (Pastor Nathan was even asked to preach at a funeral while the medical team was there). This partnership has also opened the door for us to work with churches on this side of the Atlantic, as Pastor Chris from Canada has joined us in the past, and Medulla Baptist Church partnered with us this year to see the work that the Lord is doing. We hope that we will be able to continue building the partnerships between other churches and our partners in Ukraine and Moldova, as this will open up the door for more trips and more resources to do anything else the Lord has placed on the hearts of Ukrainian and Moldovan pastors. We have nearly reached the logistical capacity of what we are able to accomplish during our two weeks in July, but the Lord has shown us that He is faithful and that there is much more that can be done. We expect to send teams back for similar trips in the summer of 2019.

- 187 Students at Camp Compass
- Several students came forward to repent of their sins and several others had been baptized
- 27 villages of Ukraine and Moldova for medical clinics and food distribution
- 1,250 heard the gospel through camp + clinics
- 120 bags of food distributed
- 30 missionaries from HBC and Medulla Baptist Church in Florida, partnering with 6 translators
- Over 125 children heard the gospel through VBS

GO Philippines

Hephzibah partners with missionaries and pastors in Legazpi and Southeast Asia.



Our partnership in Masbate has given me a passion for seeking other sinners like myself, and sharing the Good News of the one that came to seek and to save. Having gone to Masbate the past 3 years, I have had the opportunity to see past our many differences straight to the heart of our similarities- the need for a Savior! I am excited to see what new doors the Lord will open as he continues to knit our hearts together for the people of Masbate.

- Mellyssa Cannon, GO Philippines Coordinator

Looking Back:

2018 marks the 3rd Annual Summer Youth Camp in Masbate, and over the course of the last year this partnership has been blessed in many ways. As a result of our partnership in Canada, we had the privilege to serve with a group of individuals that caught the vision - who also happened to be Filipino - and felt the call to GO!

This year, we had the opportunity to reach the young people on a more intimate level as we wrestled the giants in our lives together. As we shared testimonies, we had the opportunity to see right into the hearts of the youth. We saw the brokenness that crushed them, but God is faithful to conquer giants. This year, over 50 youth made professions of faith, with 19 students following in obedience with baptism!

Moving Forward:

So, what is on the horizon? As God continues to knit our hearts to the churches in Masbate, I have been burdened to help these pastors reach their community. Most of the pastors we work with are scattered throughout the island of Masbate, and the weight of inviting the young people to attend camp often falls on the shoulders of the pastors and their families. My desire is to take the opportunity to visit with these pastors, to encourage them and their church, and to assist with door-to-door ministry in their villages. With the same heart for supporting the pastors, it is our hope that this year we would be able to offer a week of spiritual encouragement and training for the pastors and their wives that will run concurrent with the youth camp. It is a big undertaking to minister to twenty pastors at the same time that we are ministering to their 300 students, but we serve a big God and we believe that He will equip us to act faithfully with the time, talents, resources, and relationships that have been dedicated to this camp. As God continues to grow this partnership, my prayer is that you will join us!

GO Local

Go Local was formed to engage the growing population around HBC with the Gospel through community outreach. There are currently 4 ministries within Go Local that make this goal possible: Local Neighborhood, Wendell Middle School, Emergency Services Ministry, and Multiplication by Subdivision. Each one of these ministries exists to engage specific demographics within our surrounding communities.



Leading our GO Local missions has been a great privilege in my life. My heart desires to see all people come to know Jesus, and this requires a great deal of work on our part. Even if just one person comes to know the Lord through GO Local ministries, all the effort our teams put in is completely worth it. I love serving alongside this church body and am confident God will continue to open doors for us to reach the lost and be salt and light in our community.

- Blake Powers, GO Local Coordinator

Looking Back:

God has grown what was originally an idea of Local Mission work into a an organization of multiple local partners. While 2017 acted as somewhat of a soft launch for this ministry, we are ecstatic to have each leadership position filled with God-empowered men and women. We have seen the church step up over this past year and unify around a common goal of reaching our neighbors with the message of Christ.

Moving Forward:

To see HBC embrace a “small church” mentality has been our biggest win over this past year; it is one we intend to champion in the year to come. Now that we have filled each one of our leadership positions, we intend to proceed into 2018-2019 with a greater focus on the mission at hand: Spreading the Gospel. We are currently working on the Block Party Trailer to make it fully outfitted. We are looking to engage in more lunches and other on-campus events at Wendell Middle School. We plan to put a greater emphasis on the families of the Local Neighborhood Ministries children, and shift our focus in the Emergency Services Ministry to meet the needs of the workers and their families. We also plan to move towards a schedule of local block parties and events in and around our community.

- At least 6-7 lunches served to Wendell Middle School faculty
- Engaged our lower income communities on a weekly basis
- Served 5 Thanksgiving meals in the community in 2017
- Hosted 2 local event booths and 1 on-campus event
- We have laser-focused, high caliber leaders heading up our Go Local Ministries
- We have seen an increase in new members since the formation of Go Local and have had several families join our church body directly following a Go Local event

Uganda Partnership

Kwagala Missions + HBC

www.kwagalamissions.com



Kevin and Megan have been involved in mission work in Uganda since 2011. What began as simply being members of short-term mission teams has grown into leading others on those teams and leading a missions ministry. They have been married for 25 years and have 4 children. Kevin graduated from the College at SEBTS and from Liberty University. He owns Carolina Beverage Service. Megan is an Elon University alum and homeschooling mom.

- Megan and Kevin Rainear, Kwagala Missions

Looking Back:

We began Kwagala in 2016. Kwagala is the Luganda word for “love” and we chose it because we have a burden to share the love of Christ with the local church and the lost throughout Uganda. Ugandans are very open and receptive to the gospel message. The Bible says, “Let us not love with words or speech, but in actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18 Kwagala provides the opportunity to do just that. We visit local churches, prisons, and homes to share the gospel with words. We also have the opportunity to demonstrate Christ’s love through action as we meet the practical needs of the people, such as: water, food, school fees, clothing, hygiene items, medical care, etc. We have been so blessed to see people give their lives to Christ and also encouraged to see those people serving Christ through their local church the next time we visit. On our last trip, a man who had received Christ on one of our hut-to-hut evangelism visits was leading others out for hut-to-hut ministry!

Moving Forward:

We are so excited to be able to share what God is doing in Uganda with HBC. We need people who love Jesus and who love people to go with us on Mission in Uganda, and we know that Hephzibah is full of those kinds of folks. We look forward to helping our church partners reach their communities for Christ! We look forward to sharing the freedom that Christ offers with prisoners. We look forward to watching the orphans we care for thrive and grow into the christian leaders of tomorrow. We look forward to feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and encouraging the weary. God has amazed us with His provision and His goodness. We would love to have you join us!

The 20/20 Vision

As we set course toward new horizons in the history of our church, we are embarking upon a **journey of faith** toward expanding the influence of what God has been doing here at Hephzibah and taking it into the surrounding communities and our immediate area. We believe that church planting is the vehicle with which God is equipping us to make an eternal impact and advance His Kingdom for years to come.

Respected Theologian and church growth strategist Tim Keller states, “the vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for (1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in any city, and (2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city. Nothing else – not crusades, outreach programs, para-church ministries, growing mega-churches, congregational consulting, nor church renewal processes – will have the consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting”. What if God allowed this body of believers to invest our prayers, our talents, our passions, and our resources toward the ongoing development of thriving churches around this part of North Carolina that would expand its influence for King Jesus across the street and around the World? What if Hephzibah Baptist Church, in its rich two hundred year history, became an orchard of churches sending churches to reach the people in our community and surrounding areas? We, church, are these people and God has called us, as a people of faith, to be available, teachable, and mobile toward wherever He calls us. These are indeed exciting times!

What God’s Calling Us Toward

Matthew 5:16 states “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”. This is a biblical mandate that we, both as individuals and as a corporate body, are to daily strive to accomplish on behalf of our King. And with this charge in mind, we seek to shine in our community and raise up a body of believers who are seeking to raise others from death to life.

As we’ve prayed and greatly considered what it is that God has been impressing upon our hearts, it is evident that He is directing us toward what seems like a great void and need within the community of the Archer Lodge/Flowers Plantation/Clayton area. With over 7,060 households represented within a 3-mile radius of the Percy Flowers Store, and over 4,731 of these identified as “unreached” with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this area has been identified as the 88th largest pocket of lost-ness in the State of North Carolina. In the next five years, there will be a projected growth of over 1,000 new households within this area, and the presence of thriving and missions-minded churches is almost non-existent. Hence the need that HBC can fill as we strive towards growth and advancement for God’s Kingdom right in our own back yard.

Considering these statistics, we are looking to expand into the immediate area of Percy Flowers Store/Flowers Plantation. This locale has been historically known for the man by which it was named, Percy Flowers. During the Great Depression, Flowers purchased thousands of acres of land to crop tobacco and cotton, however it was from the bootlegging of “moonshine” that Flowers accumulated notoriety and fortune. Over the years since his death, these acres, once utilized for agriculture, have been developed and given way to housing communities and the growth of the cities Archer Lodge and Clayton. As we’ve prayed and considered the community in which we seek to impact with the growth of a new church body, it seems fitting that we redeem the term “shine” that once was identified in this area with illegal bootlegging, to a term of hope and salvation for all of those who would come in contact with God’s truth. With this in mind, the new church will be called **Shine Community Church** and with the same power that Jesus spoke the words in Matthew 5:16 to call His disciples to action 2,000 years ago, we will strive to utilize this focus into every facet of our community and its service to those around us.

- Jason Brulet



The WHEN, WHERE, and HOW

When: Shine Community Church will launch in January, 2020. In the summer of 2019, we will begin the process of soft-launching our church plant.

Where: Shine Community Church will meet at The Farm at 42 in Clayton, NC. This venue is less than two miles from Flowers Plantation.

How: God has richly blessed us with wonderful staff and a thriving congregation. We are expecting to commission off some of our staff members to plant Shine Community Church, as well as hire other new staff members. Many of our church members live in the Clayton area and our goal is to gather a group to make up the first members of Shine Community Church. More details of the “how” will be released in 2019.

The Venue

The Farm at 42

1075 Lynch Road, Selma



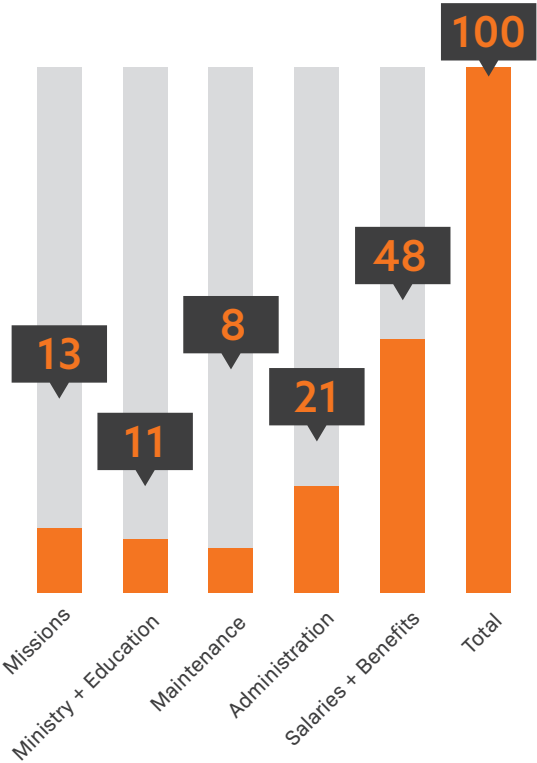
The home of **Shine Community Church** will be at The Farm at 42, less than two miles from Flowers Plantation in Clayton.



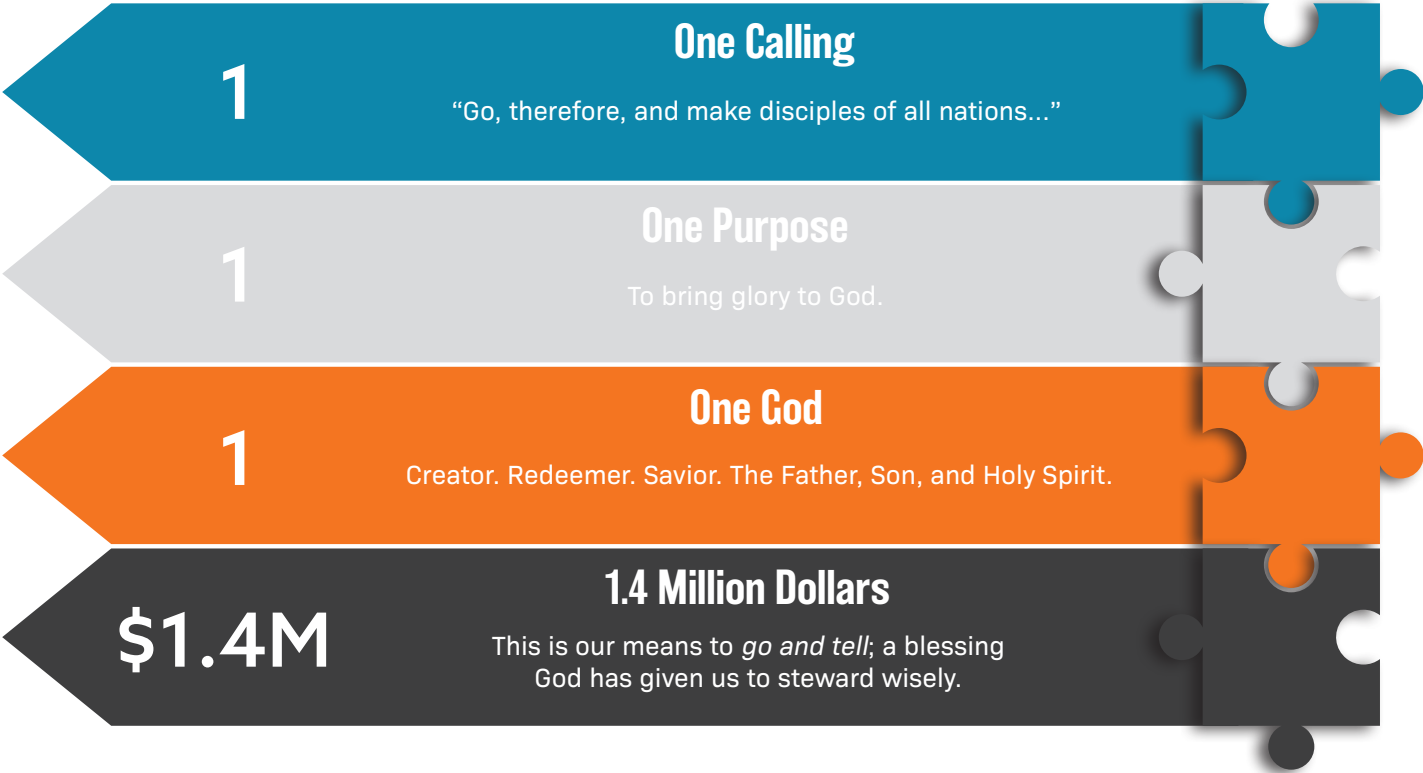


Budget Breakdown

The 2018 - 2019 Budget Basics



ACCOUNT	BUDGET	% of TOTAL
Missions Total	\$175,736.29	13%
Ministry + Education Total	\$151,007.00	11%
Education + Training	\$14,600.00	
Adult Ministry	\$3,950.00	
Pastoral Care	\$10,600.00	
First Impressions	\$5,062.00	
Worship + Music	\$24,195.00	
Media	\$8,100.00	
Fellowship Ministry	\$5,350.00	
Recreation Ministry	\$9,225.00	
Youth Ministry	\$22,240.00	
College + Career	\$3,500.00	
Special Needs Ministry	\$1,900.00	
Preschool Ministry	\$11,610.00	
Children + Preteen	\$25,105.00	
Senior Adult Ministry	\$2,000.00	
AWANA	\$3,570.00	
Administration	\$108,884.00	8%
Property Maintenance	\$281,675.00	21%
Personnel Salaries + Benefits	\$656,611.92	48%
True Budget	\$1,373,914.21	100%



21 Days: A Call to Prayer



A call to pray.

The call of God, not only on our church, but on us as individuals, can only be realized with total and utter dependence on the Father. In recent years, Hephzibah has seen individuals and families follow Jesus in discipleship, including taking the name and love of God to the very ends of the earth. And God continues to prepare His people to reach not only the ends of the earth, but our neighbors across the street and across this community.

Before you pray.

As we seek to follow the command of God in reaching out with the Gospel, Pastor Aaron is challenging us in planting churches and reaching the world one neighborhood at a time. To do this requires us to first lay down the proper foundation by humbling ourselves before God and seeking Him in prayer. This requires us to put the needs of others before our own. To be first, you must be last. To lead, you must serve. To win, you must lose. And to increase, you must decrease. This is the economy of the kingdom of God. It goes contrary to our human nature, but is where we find God and are used by God for His glory.

As you pray.

Take each day's prompt and Scripture. Meditate on and pray the Scripture personally, asking the Lord how He desires to make that passage a reality in your life. Keep a prayer journal of how you pray and how God answers your prayers. And know that as you pray, you are joined by hundreds of others in our congregation who are seeking the Lord for His glory.

Monday, Day 1 - 1 John 1:9

There is nothing like being clean. Pray that the God finds in you a willing spirit, unhindered by sin and self.

Tuesday, Day 2 - 2 Chronicles 7:14

It starts with me. Pray for a meekness and humility as you turn from your own ways in repentance before God.

Wednesday, Day 3 - Psalm 51:10

Pray for a pure heart, a clean vessel ready to be used by the LORD. Consider how great and how complete is the salvation which comes from the Father.

Thursday, Day 4 - 2 Timothy 2:25-26, James 4:7

You are strong. God made you that way. Today, pray that you will stand in His strength and not according to your own desires.

Friday, Day 5 - Isaiah 50:4

Today, there will be many voices speaking to you. Pray that nothing would hinder you from hearing from the LORD. And that nothing would hinder you from obeying.

Saturday, Day 6 - Proverbs 22:17

Whom we trust, we love. Pray for increased trust in the heart of the Father.

Sunday, Day 7 - Isaiah 55:6-7

Our hope is that we are not our own; we have been redeemed. Give thanks to God for this truth.

Monday, Day 8 - Matthew 5:16

Today people will see you. They will listen to you. They will notice and encounter you. Pray that as they do, they meet Jesus.

Tuesday, Day 9 - Romans 8:38-39

For God so loved...you! Pray that, because of God's love which is unfailing, you would risk loving someone else.

Wednesday, Day 10 - 1 Corinthians 3:11

How are you building? Do you long to see others build their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ? Pray for a yearning to see others find the hope for their lives in Jesus.

Thursday, Day 11 - Jeremiah 42:2-3, Ephesians 1:17-18

We are part of His kingdom. Pray for God to speak and use not only our church, but the churches of our community to reach souls with the Gospel.

Friday, Day 12 - Ephesians 2:20-22

The church is God's. In fact, He gave his life for her and builds her that the world may see Him. Pray for unity within this church body and the apparent presence of the Spirit of God.

Saturday, Day 13 - Ephesians 4:16

An expression of worship is service. Pray for God to strengthen and clarify in your heart how you serve the kingdom as a part of this church. Pray for those who will serve in newly birthed congregations.

Sunday, Day 14 - Acts 2:47, Romans 1:16

Pray that as individuals, as families and as churches (established and new) we will be known for loving our community and for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ without compromise.

Monday, Day 15 - Isaiah 45:22

God has planted you exactly where he wants you – your work, your school, your community. He has planted you to reach those around you for His glory. Pray that the hearts of those nearest you will be turned to the LORD. Be careful - He may choose to use you to make that happen.

Tuesday, Day 16 - Luke 10:2

Plants grow. And in season, they bear fruit. You were saved, and planted, to share the greatness of God's love. Pray for all who will boldly open their mouths today with the life-saving love of the Gospel. (*include yourself.)

Wednesday, Day 17 - 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

Darkness does what darkness has always done. Many are blinded in darkness. Light is necessary for darkness to disappear. Ask God how He will use you to be a light, leading souls to open their hearts and receive the love of God.

Thursday, Day 18 - 1 Timothy 2:4, John 3:16, John 10:10

Thank God that His heart is for all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth! Those whom we know and those whom we will meet over the next twenty years. Pray that our heartbeat and vision remain the same as His.

Friday, Day 19 - Philippians 2: 3-7

We do not seek to grow as a church or to plant other churches for our glory. Neither should servant consider themselves better than our Master. Pray for a selfless attitude as we seek to glorify the Lord, both as the established church and as newly birthed congregations.

Saturday, Day 20 - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

We are blessed to have the freedom to share Jesus in the communities of East Wake. Pray for favor with authorities and neighbors as we become citizens in communities outside of Wendell.

Sunday, Day 21 - 1 John 5:14

Thank You, Lord, that we can confidently come into Your presence with thanksgiving! And this is the confidence we have before You, that if we ask anything according to Your will, You hear us and if we know that You hear us in whatever we are asking we know that we have the requests which we have asked from You.

Fall + Winter 2018

Hephzibah's calendar is packed full of family-friendly fun from September - December. This year, we're excited to be offering *even more* at our popular Fall Festival and will be keeping traditions alive with our classic Christmas events.



October 26th, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

- Free hot dogs, chips, drinks, and desserts
 - Food Truck Rally
 - Trunk or Treat
- Inflatables and Indoor Games
- Cake Walk to raise Missions Funds

Invite your family and friends to join us for this FREE event. Volunteer sign-ups will begin in October. We'd love your help!

Local Neighborhood Ministries Feast of Plenty



In 2017, we took our Feast of Plenty to our local neighborhoods rather than hosting it on campus. We had a huge success and fed families in five neighborhoods warm Thanksgiving meals just steps away from their own homes. We plan to do the same this November and are hoping to add even more neighborhoods to our Feast of Plenty.

Christmas in Wendell

Hephzibah Worship @ Wendell Wonderland - *December 7th*
Church-wide Christmas Caroling - *December 19th*
Christmas Eve Family Worship - *December 24th*

To sign up to serve as a part of the CIW Team, visit www.ChristmasinWendell.com



A Christmas Night of Praise featuring songs celebrating the names of Jesus Christ. Led by the Worship & Arts Ministry of HBC.

December 14th + 15th @ 7:00 pm
December 16th @ 3:00 pm

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