



Hayes Barton  
Baptist Church

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

# HAPPENINGS

TOGETHER IN MISSIONS, MINISTRY, AND FELLOWSHIP



*Over the next year, look for this weekly column for interesting facts, fun stories, and milestones in the history of Hayes Barton Baptist Church since its founding in November 1926.*

The recently established [November 7, 1926] Hayes Barton Church immediately made plans for a temporary structure to be built on land donated by the Baptist Council of Raleigh. A group of charter members and friends under the leadership of W. E. Critcher began construction of a small wooden building that would be called "The Tabernacle." The structure housed both a large area that would seat about 300 for worship and small Sunday School classrooms, divided by green curtains hung on wires. Seats for the building as well as the pulpit were constructed on the site.

## THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

**IN-PERSON | Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary**

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving worship service. This is a wonderful service for the entire family as we gather in the Sanctuary and count our blessings. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to be a part.

## ADVENT AT HBBC

Our Advent theme for this year is "How Great Our Joy!" We look forward to the many experiences and offerings of joy we can share with our family, church, and community this season. Through holy worship, devotional reflections, and meaningful relationships, we will strive to share the joy of Christ's birth in our world.

*How Great Our Joy!*

## HBBC CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

As part of our centennial celebration, Christmas ornaments featuring the sanctuary building are available for purchase. Designed by The Charleston Mint in Brevard, NC, these ornaments would make a beautiful keepsake or gift for the holiday season. They are available on Wednesdays before and after Family Night activities and on Sundays before Sunday School and after worship. Each ornament is \$25 and can be purchased with cash, check, or credit card.

## FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS

**IN-PERSON | Wednesday, December 10 at 5:00 PM in Hailey Hall**

All ages are invited to join us for a festive last Family Night of 2025! We'll enjoy a special dinner, carols, Christmas cookies, and an intergenerational mission project. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special evening of fun and fellowship!

## ANGEL TREE

**Share the joy of Christmas!**

The holiday season is here, and Angel Tree wish lists are on the trees in the Welcome Center. Consider participating in this mission by choosing an angel or two! There is a \$65 limit for each angel. Gift cards are encouraged for wishes above that limit and for hard-to-find wish list items. To make a monetary donation, go to [hbhc.org/give](http://hbhc.org/give) and select Angel Tree in the drop-down menu. Donate by check to HBBC with Angel Tree written on the memo line. All gifts are due back to the Welcome Center on or before Sunday, December 7. Contact Stephanie Gross ([sgrossmail@gmail.com](mailto:sgrossmail@gmail.com)) for more information.

## THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

*A time of gathering, conversation, and refreshments  
will be held in Hailey Hall following the service.*

## Order Your Poinsettias

Give one in memory or honor of a loved one  
or someone who is meaningful to you.

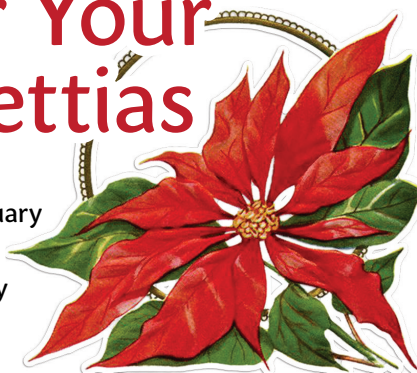


Order online at  
[hbhc.org/poinsettia-form](http://hbhc.org/poinsettia-form)  
or turn in one of the printed forms  
found around the church  
by Monday, December 8.

The cost is \$12 each.

# Order Your Poinsettias

Each Christmas we beautify our Sanctuary with poinsettias. You and your family may give one in memory or honor of a loved one or someone who is meaningful to you. Your gift helps defray the cost of the Sanctuary poinsettias and of those taken to members served by the Home Visitation Ministry.



The poinsettias cost \$12 each. A list of donors will be published. Please turn in your form with a check (made out to HBBC). The deadline for submitting orders is Monday, December 8.

In honor of:

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In memory of:

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Donor:

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*Write the names as you want them to appear  
in the Poinsettia Book.*

*Fill out a form for each poinsettia you  
would like to donate.*

You can also place your poinsettia order and pay on our website: [hbbc.org/advent-activities](http://hbbc.org/advent-activities).

## Thanksgiving Day Worship

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**IN-PERSON | Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel**

The Service of Remembrance is a time to worship God and reflect on past events, especially the losses we have experienced. The service will be a time of reflection for anyone who has experienced life-changing events, whether through death, loss of a relationship, loss of employment, separation and divorce, loss of health, or significant events.

Everyone is invited to place an offering of memories on a table in the Chapel before the service begins; these symbols of remembrance may be photos or other items related to your loss. You can take your item with you after the service.

Certainly, the holidays can be a difficult time when one is experiencing the pain of loss. This time of reflection and worship will offer a meaningful way of remembering your loss and honoring your personal grief process. Please invite coworkers, friends, and family members who may find this service meaningful as they grieve during the Christmas season.

A time of gathering, conversation, and refreshments will be held in Hailey Hall following the service.

## UPDATE YOUR CHURCH PICTURE

We are continuing to take pictures on Sunday mornings in an effort to update our member database. We are also confirming contact information with those getting their pictures made so that we can make sure we can communicate with you effectively. Please stop by the small dining room before Sunday School or following worship for the remaining Sundays in November. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Muse ([kmuse@hbbc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbbc.org) or 919-645-6722).

## GET THE HBBC APP

You can now download the Hayes Barton Baptist Church app from both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Just search for "Hayes Barton Baptist Church" and look for our church logo to download. Stay connected with sermons, events, and more—right at your fingertips!

## NEWCOMERS' MEET AND GREET

**IN-PERSON | Every First Sunday of each month following worship in Hailey Hall**

Are you new to HBBC? Are you looking for a church? Would you like to meet our ministers and some of our members? Members of the Membership Growth Committee will serve as your host, and our ministers will stop by for this informal time. There is no need to register, just show up.

## FAITH STORIES BLOG

As we move towards our church's centennial anniversary, we want to reflect on and give thanks for the way God has worked in and through the lives of our members.

Each week on Tuesday and Thursday, we will share a faith story on our church website. We encourage you to take the time to read these faith stories, giving thanks for God's faithfulness throughout the years. We also ask you to consider sharing your story during this centennial celebration. You can read the stories at [hbbc.org/centennial-celebration](http://hbbc.org/centennial-celebration).

If you are interested in submitting a faith story, you may use the suggested prompts from our handout here to guide you in putting your story together. Stories should be submitted to [100FaithStories@hbbc.org](mailto:100FaithStories@hbbc.org). If you have any questions or difficulty submitting your story, please contact Kristen Muse (919-645-6722 or [kmuse@hbbc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbbc.org)).



# ADULT MINISTRIES

Ages 55 & Up

activities & events

## CHRISTMAS TRIP

**IN-PERSON | Tuesday, December 9  
from 11:30 AM-8:00 PM**

Join us for a ride on the Carolina Christmas Train. We'll leave HBBC and stop for lunch along the way before arriving in time to board The Pinehurst Car in Star. Wear your Christmas Outfit as we board the decorated 1912 restored vintage train car. During the train ride, we'll enjoy hot chocolate, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and more. The train is not handicap accessible, so you must be able to step on the train. The cost is \$90 per person plus money for lunch. RSVP at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration). Spots are limited, so make your reservation today!

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

**IN-PERSON | Tuesday, November 18  
at 12:00 PM in Hailey Hall**

Join us in celebrating 100 Years. We will enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch of turkey and dressing with collards and sweet potatoes. The cost is \$8 per person, and is open to those ages 55 and up. Register online at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration) or contact Cathy Eller ([celler@hbhc.org](mailto:celler@hbhc.org) or 919-833-4617) by Friday, November 14, to sign up.

## TRAIN TRIP INFORMATION SESSIONS

**IN-PERSON | Tuesday, November 18 at either  
1:30 PM or 7:00 PM in Hailey Hall**

Join us to learn about a possible adult ministries train trip in 2026. Karen Britt will be available to share options and pricing, as well as to gather your input on a trip. Please let Carolyn Edwards know if you have any questions.

## FIT OVER FIFTY

**IN-PERSON | Mondays 2:30 PM and  
Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 AM in the Gym**

Fit Over Fifty is going strong. Dee Barron, the instructor, will continue to teach the class. This is a great option for those looking to stay active with a fun and engaging exercise class geared toward those over 50. Non-members are welcome, so bring a friend! Contact Garrett Ferguson with any questions ([gferguson@hbhc.org](mailto:gferguson@hbhc.org)). Register at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration).

## 2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Seasons of Change, Psalm 139**

**IN-PERSON | February 27-March 1, 2026 at Rizzo Center, Chapel Hill**

Join us as we gather together with women of all ages, in all the seasons, to be challenged and inspired by the Scriptures and one another. Faithe Beam, Vice President for Spiritual Life at Campbell University, will lead us on this journey. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends with worship on Sunday. The cost for a double room is \$350, and a single room is \$400. Price includes lodging, most meals, snacks, and retreat expenses. Register at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration). Use promo code: **Seasons** to receive \$25 off when you pay a deposit of \$100 (non-refundable) by Monday, December 1. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Muse ([kmuse@hbhc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbhc.org)).

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 basketball season. Boys in grades 4-12 and girls in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate. There is a \$25 player fee, and practices will begin soon. Please visit [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration) to sign up. Contact Garrett Ferguson ([gferguson@hbhc.org](mailto:gferguson@hbhc.org)) if you are interested in serving as a coach.

## POLICE APPRECIATION

The HBBC Baptist Women's Missions Group will be providing \$25 gift cards for a drawing at the December Police Appreciation Luncheon at the Southwest precinct. If you would like to participate in this Christmastime event, donations may be made by check or cash or online at [hbhc.org/give](http://hbhc.org/give). Please mark your donation as Police Gift Cards. If you need this write-off in 2026, you may delay until January.

## NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

During the rest of October and through November, we will be collecting non-perishable food for Durham Rescue Mission and Urban Ministries of Wake County. Items needed include:

- canned green beans
- canned potatoes
- canned peas
- dried beans (bagged)
- other non-perishable staples
- canned corn
- canned carrots
- bagged rice
- boxed pasta

Please make sure that the items you donate are NOT EXPIRED. Donations can be left in the bin at the Welcome Center. Sunday, November 23 will be the last day to donate.

## HELEN WRIGHT MEALS

Once a month, HBBC is committed to serving dinner on a Saturday to the women staying at the Helen Wright Center. We can help with funding, but we need the people to prepare or pick up the food, serve it, and share in fellowship with the women. The following Saturday is open: December 13. If you want to know more or sign up for a date, please contact Jennifer Haigwood ([jennifer.haigwood@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.haigwood@gmail.com)).

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# FAMILY NIGHT

## FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAMS

We encourage you to consider making this a part of your weekly schedule as family night allows fellowship, music, study, prayer, and community

- 5:00 PM - Dinner is served
- 5:30 PM - Family Gym Time; Late Meal Registrations or Walk-ins
- 6:00 PM - Preschool Missions
- 6:00 PM - Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM - Youth Wednesday Nights
- 6:05 PM - Adult Gathering
- 7:05 PM - Chancel/Express Choir

## FAMILY NIGHT MEALS

### IN-PERSON | Wednesdays at 5:00 PM in Hailey Hall

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we share food and fellowship. Make your reservation starting Thursday, the week prior at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration) or call Cathy Eller at (919) 833-4617. Reservations close on the Monday before at noon for the upcoming Wednesday. The cost is \$8 (adults), \$5 (children ages 12 and under), and 2 and under are free, with a \$25 family maximum cost. Gluten-free meals are available upon reservation. You can pay in person via credit cards, checks, or cash.

## THE GATHERING FOR ADULTS: NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

### HYBRID | Wednesdays at 6:05 PM in Hailey Hall

The New Testament is the foundation of what we know about Jesus and the origin of the Christian faith. Would you like to know more about how it came to be, its cultural and historical background, and how it all fits together? Join David Hailey as he teaches this class on Wednesday nights. The class will be held in Hailey Hall and will also be available on Zoom. If you want to receive the Zoom link, email Rachael Thomas ([rthomas@hbhc.org](mailto:rthomas@hbhc.org)).

## CHANCEL CHOIR AND CHANCEL CHOIR EXPRESS REHEARSAL

### IN-PERSON | Wednesdays at 7:05 PM in the Choir Room

The Chancel Choir leads our worship service each Sunday. The choir meets weekly to prepare for worship and special experiences together. For more information about joining, contact Tyler Ingram ([tingram@hbhc.org](mailto:tingram@hbhc.org)).

## CHILDREN'S MISSIONS AND MUSIC

### IN-PERSON | Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

During missions, our two-year-olds through fifth graders learn about God's love and how to share it within their family, church, community, and the world. Older children also participate in choir and learn about worshiping God through song, instruments, and movement. Contact Sarah Mears ([smears@hbhc.org](mailto:smears@hbhc.org)) for more information.

## YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

### IN-PERSON | Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Youth Lounge (FLC-200)

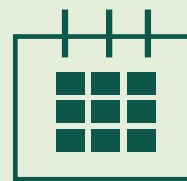
Youth are invited to our midweek gathering to experience the presence of Christ in new and creative ways. Share a meal, play games, and join in Bible Study.

### Menu for Wednesday, November 19:

**Adults:** Pork Loin with Cabbage, Roasted Potatoes, Side Salad, Rolls, and Red Velvet Cupcakes

**Children:** Cheese Quesadillas, Corn, and Fruit

Reservations are due Monday, November 17 by 12:00 PM.



THIS WEEK  
AT HBBC

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 9:45 AM Membership Matters
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 11:15 AM Children's Church
- 12:30 PM Grace Church for All Nations
- 4:15 PM Youth Bells
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM Alphabells
- 5:30 PM Centennial Caller Training
- 6:00 PM Youth Sunday Night

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers
- 12:00 PM AA-By the Book
- 2:30 PM Fit Over Fifty
- 5:30 PM Girls Basketball Practice
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee
- 6:00 PM Freshmen Basketball Practice
- 6:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 6:30 PM Danielson Class Virtual Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 PM Virtual Prayer Meeting

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7:00 AM Yost Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Coffee, Talk, and Paint
- 10:00 AM Senior Games
- 10:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
- 12:00 PM AA: 12&12@12
- 12:00 PM Adult Ministries Luncheon
- 1:30 PM Adult Ministries Information Meeting
- 2:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM Navigating GriefLand
- 7:00 PM Adult Ministries Information Meeting
- 7:30 PM Basketball Fellowship

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- 10:30 AM AI Anon Meeting
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers Meeting
- 5:00 PM Family Night Meal
- 6:00 PM Preschool and Children's Music/Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Midweek Gathering and Bible Study
- 6:05 PM Adult Gathering
- 7:05 PM Chancel Choir/Choir Express
- 7:30 PM Basketball Fellowship