



Hayes Barton
Baptist Church

DECEMBER 14, 2025

HAPPENINGS

TOGETHER IN MISSIONS, MINISTRY, AND FELLOWSHIP



2025 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first Living Nativity at Hayes Barton. The Forum, a young adult group founded in 1936 for study, leadership development, and fellowship, brought the Living Nativity to Hayes Barton. Accounts at the time said that this program was the first outdoor Living Nativity scene in the area and possibly in North Carolina. In its first year the Living Nativity was held on nine consecutive nights with 4 forty-five minute shifts nightly. Raleigh police directed traffic and reported that over the course of the nine nights that approximately 100,000 people viewed the scene; at that time the population of Raleigh was approximately 66,000. A December 26, 1950 News and Observer editorial suggested that, "[Hayes Barton Baptist Church] will discover that in the years to come it has created an expectation of this good spectacle from it which should become a fixed custom of all Christmases here."

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

The Christmas Missions Offering is an opportunity to bless the world through giving. Did you know that at our church's first worship service, an offering for missions was collected, and we want to celebrate this during our centennial year. Missions are at the heart of who we are, and what better way to celebrate than to share our great joy in the coming of the Christ child with those around us in need.

There are three areas where you can designate your gifts this year: CBF Global Missions Offering, Special Centennial Missions Focus - World Hunger, and HBBC Missions. You can give using one of the Christmas Missions Offering envelopes or online at hbhc.org/give and choose the fund to which you would like to apply your gift.

Our goal this year is \$45,000. Prayerfully consider how you might help us achieve it. So far, \$17,990 has been given.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

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 other 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 memory 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. Childcare will be provided during the service.

Chrismon Tree

During the weeks of Advent, our Chrismon tree draws our attention to many aspects of the life and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. This week, we are highlighting the design known as "God is Love." It is easily recognizable in the shape of a heart and incorporates a cross design, to speak of the love of God that brought us redemption through Jesus Christ. The scriptures teach that the cross was in the heart of God from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).



ADVENT SCHEDULE

Family Christmas Party | Sunday, December 14 at 12:00 PM in Room 11

SoM Winter Recitals | Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 PM in Hailey Hall; 3:00 PM in Sanctuary

Service Of Remembrance | Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Adults 55+ Christmas Luncheon | December 21 at 12:00 PM in Hailey Hall

Living Nativity | December 22-24 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services And Private Communion | December 24 in the Sanctuary

- Family worship service at 4:00 PM
- Communion worship service at 6:00 PM
- Private communion from 7:00-9:00 PM

LIVING NATIVITY

December 22-24 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Hayes Barton Baptist Church is hosting its annual Christmas tradition - the Living Nativity! The Living Nativity is a highly anticipated yearly production that serves both our church and community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Please prayerfully consider a time when you, your family, and your friends can sign up to serve in this special role to share the Christmas message with the community. Sign up at hbhc.org/advent. The Living Nativity Committee looks forward to celebrating the Christmas season in such a meaningful way with you. Contact Kate Brown (katetbrown@hotmail.com) with any questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AND PRIVATE COMMUNION

IN-PERSON | December 24 in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve will be a special day of worship and celebration. We will gather for our Family Christmas Eve worship service at 4:00 PM. Children will help tell the Christmas story. Our Christmas Eve Communion service begins at 6:00 PM and will include candlelighting. Join us for worship. We will also offer private communion in the Sanctuary from 7:00-9:00 PM.



voice • guitar
piano • organ • violin
flute • ukulele

Music Reading for Adult Beginners

8-session class
from Tuesday, February 10-Tuesday, March 31



Go to hbhc.org/school-of-music-registration
to learn more or register.

WINTER RECITALS

IN-PERSON | Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 PM in Hailey Hall and at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

The School of Music will present two Winter Recitals again this year. Students will share performances of voice, piano, violin, and guitar in recitals. In addition, our 3:00 PM recital will include three organists for the very first time! Please come and support these students who are looking forward to sharing their music with friends and family.

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.



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

This year, our Advent theme is How Great Our Joy. Using a weekly resource created by our ministers, we encourage you to explore the many ways we can seek and experience joy in our daily lives. The resource includes Scripture, songs, prayers, and responses to guide you as you prepare for the coming Christ child.

Booklets are available at the Welcome Center desk and around the church. Please pick one up to use with your family during this sacred season!

ADULT MINISTRIES

activities & events **Ages 55 & Up**

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

IN-PERSON | Sunday, December 21 at 12:00 PM in Hailey Hall

We will enjoy a Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per person and is open to those ages 55 and up. We will enjoy fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, broccoli, rolls, and banana pudding. Register online at hbhc.org/registration or contact Cathy Eller (celler@hbhc.org or 919-833-4617) by Friday, December 19, to sign 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 hbhc.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@hbhc.org. If you have any questions or difficulty submitting your story, please contact Kristen Muse (919-645-6722 or kmuse@hbhc.org).



52-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Our 100th anniversary celebration at HBBC is off to a great start. One of our goals is to make this centennial year a season of spiritual growth for all of our members and friends. Some have already begun the process by writing their faith stories. We hope you'll write your own faith story and submit it to us. If you haven't seen any of these stories yet, we encourage you to go to our website and read them.

Speaking of reading, we'd like to challenge everyone to join us in reading through the entire Bible in 2026. And we have just the plan to help all of us do this.

The Daily Scripture Guidebook offers a clear and engaging path through the entire Bible. It offers daily reading selections from the Old Testament, New Testament, plus a Psalm or Proverb. It also features weekly devotional reflections and space for writing down some of your key insights. There is even an NIV edition of the Daily Scripture Bible. We'll have these resources on hand at the church for your convenience, or if you prefer, you can order them online. We hope you'll join us on this journey as we continue to grow in faith, hope, and love in our centennial year. Books will be available outside the church office towards the end of December. The Bibles are \$12, and the Guidebooks are \$15. You can get both for \$17. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



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. Faith 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. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Muse (kmuse@hbhc.org).

UPDATE YOUR CHURCH PICTURE TODAY

We are continuing to take pictures today 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. Today is the last day for pictures. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Muse (kmuse@hbhc.org or 919-645-6722).

SUPPORT THE HBBC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Since 1974, Hayes Barton Baptist Church has been committed to supporting the endeavors of our young people who aspire to higher education. As college tuition continues to increase and as you consider your charitable donations for 2025, please consider the Hayes Barton Baptist Church Scholarship Fund. These young people represent our future. You can go online to hbhc.org/give.

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.

YOST MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

HYBRID | Tuesdays at 7:00 AM in Room 106

Our early-rising men gather to study various books of the Bible or topics throughout the year. If you want to learn more or join, please contact David Mobley (mobleyjdavid@gmail.com).

COFFEE, TALK, PAINT

IN-PERSON | Tuesdays from 10:00 AM-noon in FLC-201

Join with others as you work on your own masterpiece. No experience is necessary. Bring your supplies and enjoy a time of fellowship as you paint and converse with others. All ages, stages of life, and painting skills are welcome. Group members will provide coffee, tea, and refreshments on a rotating basis. For additional information, contact Lynda Watters (lyndaw@bellsouth.net).

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

VIRTUAL | Mondays at 7:00 PM

Join the Koinonia Sunday School class and others to pray virtually each Monday night. This is simply a time to pray for others and the world. Church issues and politics are not discussed; instead, the time is devoted to prayer. If you are interested in joining this time of prayer, email or text Chris and Gayle Spurlock (919-889-9771 or gaylespurlock@gmail.com) to get the link.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

IN-PERSON | Sundays from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge

HBBC youth gather on Sunday nights to engage in community and grow in faith. Most nights include dinner, games, large group Bible study, and small group discussion. All middle & high school students are encouraged to attend. If you'd like more information, contact Christian Justice (cjustice@hbhc.org).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

IN-PERSON | 1st and 3rd Sundays following the Children's Sermon in Room 11

All children, grades 1-5, are invited to join us for Children's Church. Children will leave following the Children's Sermon to go to Children's Church. Parents should pick them up in Room 11 following worship. Contact Sarah Mears (smears@hbhc.org) for more information.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN-PERSON | Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM in the Youth Lounge

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to our Sunday morning Bible studies. Contact Christian Justice (cjustice@hbhc.org) for more information.

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL

IN-PERSON | Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM in FLC-204

College-age young adults are invited to Sunday School each week for conversation, community, and Bible study. If you are looking to connect with peers and grow in faith, this class is a great place for you. Contact Christian Justice (cjustice@hbhc.org) for more information.

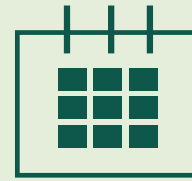


SCHOOL OF MUSIC SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026 spring semester opens Monday, December 15. Private instruction is available in voice, guitar, piano, organ, violin, flute, and ukulele. The semester will run from January 5-April 23. Scholarships are available. See our webpage for more information hbhc.org/school-of-music or contact Lisa Moxley (lmoxley@hbhc.org). Registration and scholarship application deadlines are Tuesday, December 30.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC CLASS FOR ADULTS REGISTRATION

Have you always wondered what those notes in the hymnal mean, or maybe why, in a song, some sounds are held longer than others? If so, this class in learning to read music is for you! Jennie Vance, retired professor from Meredith College, will be teaching an 8 session class from Tuesday, February 10-Tuesday, March 31. Registration is open Monday, December 15-Saturday, January 31. See our webpage for more information hbhc.org/school-of-music or contact Lisa Moxley (lmoxley@hbhc.org).



**THIS WEEK
AT HBBC**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - FESTIVAL DAY

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM Family Christmas Party
- 12:30 PM Grace Church for All Nations
- 1:00 PM School of Music Recital #1
- 3:00 PM School of Music Recital #2
- 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers
- 12:00 PM AA-By the Book
- 2:30 PM Fit Over Fifty
- 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
- 8:00 PM Basketball Fellowship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 8:00 AM Yost Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Senior Games
- 10:00 AM Coffee, Talk, and Paint
- 10:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
- 12:00 PM AA: 12&12@12
- 5:30 PM Junior Basketball Practice
- 6:00 PM Senior Basketball Practice
- 7:30 PM Basketball Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:00 AM Fit Over Fifty
- 10:30 AM Al Anon Meeting
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers Meeting
- 6:00 PM Service of Remembrance
- 7:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 7:30 PM Basketball Fellowship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:00 AM Bridge
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers
- 6:30 PM Pickleball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:00 AM Bridge

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 8:30 AM Women's Strength Class
- 8:30 AM AA Meditation Group
- 9:00 AM Bridge
- 10:30 AM Free Spirit Al Anone



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AND PRIVATE COMMUNION

December 24

in the Sanctuary and live-streamed at hbhc.org.

Family Christmas Eve
service at 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Communion service
at 6:00 PM

Private Communion
from 7:00-9:00 PM