



Hayes Barton  
Baptist Church

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

# HAPPENINGS

TOGETHER IN MISSIONS, MINISTRY, AND FELLOWSHIP



Many years ago, the five year old son of Mary and John Upchurch came home from church and asked his parents where God was today. It seems that T. Lacy Williams always stood at the side door on White Oak Road, greeting everyone who entered for worship. Young Jack Upchurch said that God always shook his hand and welcomed him to God's house, and he couldn't understand why, if God lived there, why he wasn't home that day. *[Mary Upchurch told this story in 2001 as part of the 75th anniversary observance.]*

## SIGN THE CENTENNIAL CHARTER

In 1926, there were 173 members who declared their commitment to Christ by becoming charter members of Hayes Barton Baptist Church. In 2026 we are inviting our members to follow in their footsteps by signing our Centennial Charter. Many were able to sign on Celebration Sunday. For those who have yet to sign, there will be upcoming opportunities in the months ahead. We encourage member families to have their names listed together. Families can come during the week to Carla's office and sign together. For members who need us to come to you, please contact Jeff Pethel (919-645-6731). We hope that all current members have the opportunity to add their name to the Centennial Charter.

## BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

Several bathrooms in the main building are undergoing renovations. The main bathrooms on the ground floor, the bathroom outside the Danielson/Scout room, and the bathrooms on the second floor will be closed through February. Please plan to use the FLC, new entrance, chapel wing, and main floor facilities during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we look forward to these updated spaces.

## NEWCOMERS' LUNCHEON

**IN-PERSON | Sunday, February 22, after worship in Hailey Hall**

Are you new to Hayes Barton Baptist Church? Have you been visiting for a while? Are you a new member? If you answered "Yes!" to any of these questions, you're invited to come and share a delicious meal. You will have the opportunity to meet members of our ministry staff and Membership Growth Committee. This meal is free and informal, and we promise not to eat up too much of your afternoon. We hope you'll join us. Please register at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration) or by contacting our church office at (919) 833-4617 by Friday, February 20.

## ASH WEDNESDAY IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**IN-PERSON | Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 5:00 PM in the Chapel**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent, during which we symbolically prepare for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Christians traditionally observe Ash Wednesday by wearing an ashen cross on their foreheads or right hands, symbolizing our need for God's grace. Not only does the cross inform others that we place our faith in Christ, but it also invites conversations of faith into our daily routines. You are invited to come, worship, and participate. Please plan to use our new entrance to get to the Chapel.

## LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES

**IN-PERSON | Wednesdays during Lent at 4:30 PM in the Hailey classroom**

As we enter the Lenten season of the Christian year, you are invited to participate in prayer in community on Wednesdays during Lent. We will meet on the following dates after Ash Wednesday: February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 25. We will offer a worshipful space and a brief service of guided meditation and prayer, prior to Family Night. Come to rest your soul for this brief respite of sacred sharing.

## BAPTISM ON EASTER

**IN-PERSON | Sunday, April 5 during worship in the Sanctuary**

One of the most beautiful moments in the life of a Christ follower is their baptism. A tradition throughout the ages is for new believers to be baptized on Easter. As part of our celebration of Easter, we would love to celebrate with anyone ready to declare their faith in Christ through baptism on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in exploring this, please contact Carla Murray in the church office at (919) 645-6733. She can help you schedule a time to talk with one of the ministers.

## WALK WITH ME: A LENT STUDY FOR CHILDREN

**IN-PERSON | Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 4:00 PM in Room 11**

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in a special Lent study during March. Through the exploration of spiritual practices such as stillness, prayer, lament, and rejoicing, we'll learn that we can walk more closely with Jesus as we incorporate these disciplines into our regular rhythm of living. Please email Sarah ([smears@hbhc.org](mailto:smears@hbhc.org)) if your child would like to participate.

Happy  
Anniversary

We are celebrating Sarah Mears' 10th anniversary as our Associate Pastor of Children and Families and Communications. We give thanks daily for Sarah's ministry among our congregation and community. Be sure to thank her when you see her.

## SAFETY INFORMATION LEARNING SESSION

**IN-PERSON | Sunday, February 22**  
**at 9:45 AM in Hailey Hall**

Parents and caregivers are invited to a time of fellowship and learning during the Sunday School hour. Jay Kieve, the Abuse Prevention and Response Advocate for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will be present to lead the conversation. He will offer an overview of the dynamics of abuse, cover strategies to help keep kids safe, and offer considerations for safer interactions on cell phones and online. Breakfast will be provided. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special opportunity!

## CULTIVATING BELONGING CONFERENCE

**HYBRID | Saturday, February 21**  
**8:45 AM-12:00 PM at HBBC**

In a world marked by division, change, and uncertainty, the Church is called to be a place of deep welcome and faithful presence. This conference explores what it means to foster true belonging. Together, we'll lean into the sacred work of connection, care, and community. Join area churches to consider how we can create true belonging at HBBC.

Sessions include the following topics:

- Helping Families Navigate Chaos: Tools for Transitional Times
- Safe and Sacred: Building Safe Churches from the Ground Up
- Tables, Not Trenches: Making Space for Holy Conversations
- Thin Spaces, Thick Emotions: Finding God When It's Hard to Feel Okay
- Welcome Anyway: The Ministry of Uncomfortable Grace.

The cost for this is \$15 per person. Sign up at [hbhc.org/registration](http://hbhc.org/registration). Contact Kristen Muse ([kmuse@hbhc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbhc.org)) for more information.

## 52-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

One of our goals during the centennial year is for it to be a season of spiritual growth for all of our members and friends. So we are challenging everyone to join us in reading through the entire Bible in 2026. This week's readings are days 46 through 52.

It's not too late to join us on this journey! Guidebooks and Bibles are available outside the church office. The Bibles are \$12, and the Guidebooks are \$15. You can get both for \$25. We also have the daily Scriptures on the HBBC App.



## CBFNC ANNUAL GATHERING

**IN-PERSON | March 19-20 at Hayes Barton Baptist Church**

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina's 2026 Annual Gathering is scheduled at HBBC. Come experience the joy of connection and belonging as we worship, learn, share stories, and celebrate together about how God is at work in our churches and communities across the state. You are welcome to participate for the entire two days or for only the sessions that fit your schedule. Get more information and register online by Wednesday, March 4 at [cbfnc.org/annualgathering](http://cbfnc.org/annualgathering).

**Volunteer or Donate** - As we prepare to welcome people from all around the state, we need your help. We need you to donate your time to help with parking, welcoming, and directing people. If you are able to volunteer, even for just a few hours, we need YOU! Contact Kristen Muse (919-645-6722 or [kmuse@hbhc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbhc.org)) for more information.

Also, we need donations. During the month of February and into the first week in March, we will be collecting the following items: individual packs of sweet and salty items (peanuts, crackers, cheez-its, chips, bars, etc.) and mini cans/bottles of drinks. These items can be left in the bin in the welcome center.

Thanks in advance for helping us roll out the red HBBC carpet!

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

HBBC Registration for 2026-2027 is open. Registration dates and tuition rates can be found at [hbhc.org/preschool](http://hbhc.org/preschool). Church members have priority placement until January 13 at 1:30 PM. Please share with friends and family who are looking for a preschool. Contact Beth Kittler ([bkittler@hbhc.org](mailto:bkittler@hbhc.org)) for more information.

## Order Your Easter Lilies



Each Easter we beautify our Sanctuary with Easter lilies. You and your family may give one of these lilies in memory or honor of a loved one or of someone who is meaningful to you. Your donation is tax-deductible as the lilies are gifts to the church and to the Home Visitation Ministry.

The lilies cost \$15 each, and a list of donors will be published on Easter Sunday. Please turn in your form with cash or check (made out to HBBC with lily in the memo line). **The deadline for submitting orders is Monday, March 23.**

*Please fill out a form  
for **each** Easter lily that  
you would like to donate.*

(Please choose per order):

☐ In honor of or ☐ In memory of

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

You can place your Easter lily order  
online at [hbhc.org/lent](http://hbhc.org/lent).



## WOMEN'S MONTHLY MISSIONS

**BIBLE STUDY - HYBRID | Tuesday, March 10 at 10:45 AM in Room 200**

We will gather for a time of Bible study and conversation. Marsha Hutzler leads the group each month. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, contact Kristen Muse (kmuse@hbhc.org or 919-645-6722).

**LUNCHEON - IN-PERSON | Tuesday, March 10 at 12:00 PM in Hailey Hall**

Each month, our women gather to learn or actively participate in missions. The HBBC Baptist Women's Missions Group will be making bags for StepUp kids. The cost for lunch from Chicken Salad Chick is \$8 per person. Reserve your space today at hbhc.org/registration by Friday, March 6. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Eller (celler@hbhc.org or 919-833-4617).

## HBBC HABITAT DAY

**IN-PERSON | Saturday, April 11 from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM at Old Poole Place (925 Ridge Rock Rd.)**

HBBC has committed to providing a team of at least eight during the Spring 2026 Beloved Build. Register at hbhc.org/missions by March 27. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Muse (919-645-6722 or kmuse@hbhc.org).

## NEW MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**HYBRID | Sundays at 9:45 AM in Room 106 starting March 1**

If you are new to Hayes Barton or are interested in learning more about the church, Membership Matters is the place for you. Membership Matters is a 5-week session where we talk about what it means to follow Christ, be a member of a church, be a member of a Baptist Church, and what makes Hayes Barton its unique style of Baptist. The class is limited in size, so please sign up at hbhc.org/registration to reserve your spot. If you have any questions, contact Sandee Harris at (sharris@hbhc.org or 919-645-6742).

## MEN'S OUTING

**IN-PERSON | Tuesday, March 17 at the Airborne and Special Ops Museum - Leaving from the church at 7:45 AM**

The Yost Men's Bible Study and the HBBC Baptist Men are hosting a Men's October outing to the Airborne and Special Ops Museum in Fayetteville. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship for men of any age in the church. We will gather at HBBC at 7:45 AM and head straight to the museum. After our tour, we will stop at Low and Slow Smokehouse in Smithfield for lunch. We should arrive back at HBBC around 3:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person along with money for lunch. Register at hbhc.org/registration. If you have any questions, contact Bob Hellwig (rhell10295@hotmail.com or 919-798-1598).

## MEN'S MISSION TRIP TO ROSE HILL

**IN-PERSON | Thursday, February 19 leaving HBBC at 7:30 AM to Charity Mission Camp**

The Hayes Barton Baptist Church Men's Ministry announces our first mission project and it's coming up fast. We're going to a mission camp of Baptists on Mission in Rose Hill. We can work at a food pantry, help at a thrift store, do a little construction work or any number of other things. There are jobs that everyone can do. We plan for it to be a day of camaraderie and fellowship while helping our neighbors and building relationships.

We'll drive to Rose Hill, choose our assignments and help out where we can before being fed a bag lunch. We'll then help a little more and then depart at about 3:30 PM to arrive back at the church by about 5:00 PM. The cost is \$20. All men are welcome to participate.

Please sign up as soon as you can so that we can know what kind of transportation we need. The sign up is live on the website at hbhc.org/registration.

# ADULT MINISTRIES

*activities & events* **Ages 55 & Up**

## RBA SPRING SENIOR ADULT RALLY

**IN-PERSON | Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 AM at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in the Sanctuary**

Join us as we gather with other churches in our community for the RBA Senior Adult Rally. The Social Security Boys, a Southern Gospel quartet reminiscent of The Mills Brothers, will provide entertainment and our own HBBC worship leaders (Tyler and Dr. Hailey) will be leading us in worship. Rev. David Melber, CEO of Baptist Children's Homes of NC will also share about the work of the BCH. The day will conclude with a lunch of Pork Loin with Gravy, Rice, Baked Apples, Green Peas, Corn Muffins, Desserts. The cost is \$20 per person and reservations must be made with Cathy Eller (919-833-4617 or celler@hbhc.org) by Monday, March 2.

## ADULTS 55+ MONTHLY LUNCHEON

**IN-PERSON | Tuesday, March 24 at 12:00 PM in Hailey Hall**

Join us for a musical performance by Nixon, Williams, and Gage. Prior to the program, we will enjoy a meal of chicken pastry, sweet potatoes, black eye pea, and apple cobbler. The cost is \$8 per person, and is open to those ages 55 and up. Register online at hbhc.org/registration or contact Cathy Eller (celler@hbhc.org or 919-833-4617) by Friday, March 20 to sign up.

## SUMMERFEST

**IN-PERSON | May 11-15**

Remember summer camp and youth retreats? Well, Summerfest is an experience like no other as it combines all those great memories from summer camp with new friends, lots of options, and even the ability to rest. Join the HBBC group as they gather with others at Fort Caswell. The cost is \$356 per person. This includes all meals and lodging. The theme is Unshakable Promises, and "Three on a String", a bluegrass band from Alabama will provide special entertainment. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Edwards. Register at hbhc.org/registration. A \$100 deposit is due upon registration. A limited number of rooms are available.

Christ has set us *free*...

# Together

- Gal. 5:1; Heb. 10:24-25



**cbf**  
North Carolina

## Annual Gathering

**March 19-20, 2026**  
Hayes Barton Baptist, Raleigh

Register at  
**cbfnc.org**



# 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 (reservations required)
- 5:30 PM - Family Gym Time; Late Meal Registrations or Walk-ins
- 6:00 PM - Youth Midweek Gathering and Bible Study
- 6:00 PM - Preschool Missions
- 6:00 PM - Children's Music and Missions
- 6:05 PM - The Gathering for Adults
- 7:05 PM - Chancel 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.

### Menu for Wednesday, February 18:

Adults: Chopped BBQ, Slaw, Potato Salad, Hushpuppies, and Dessert

Children: Chicken Tenders and Mac & Cheese

Reservations are due Monday, February 16 by 12:00 PM.

## THE GATHERING

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

If you haven't tried Family Night, consider joining us in person or virtually. During the Gathering, adults gather around tables for prayer, study, and singing. To receive the Zoom link, email Kristen Muse ([kmuse@hbhc.org](mailto:kmuse@hbhc.org)).

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### 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.

## CHOIR 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)).

## YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

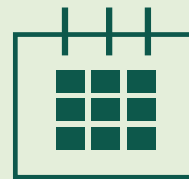
### IN-PERSON | Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Youth Lounge (FLC-200)

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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
AT 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,  
AND 5:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL

PLEASE PLAN TO USE OUR NEW ENTRANCE  
TO GET TO THE CHAPEL.



THIS WEEK  
AT HBBC

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- ALL DAY Youth Winter Retreat
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 11:15 AM Children's Church
- 12:00 PM Adult Ministries 55+ Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Grace Church for All Nations

## MONDAY, JANUARY 16

- ALL DAY Youth Winter Retreat
- 10:00 AM Navigating GriefLand
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers
- 12:00 PM AA-By the Book
- 2:30 PM Fit Over Fifty
- 6:00 PM Christian Education Council
- 6:00 PM HBBC Freshmen Basketball Practice
- 6:30 PM Affordable Housing Committee

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:00 AM Yost Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Pickleball Open Gym
- 10:00 AM Senior Games
- 10:00 AM Coffee, Talk, and Paint
- 10:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
- 12:00 PM AA: 12&12@12
- 2:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:30 PM HBBC Junior/Senior Team Basketball Practice
- 6:00 PM Personnel Committee
- 7:30 PM Basketball Fellowship

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service
- 10:30 AM Al Anon Meeting
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers Meeting
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 1:30 PM Fit Over Fifty
- 4:00 PM Chrismons
- 5:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 5:00 PM Family Night Meal
- 5:30 PM Open Gym for Families
- 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