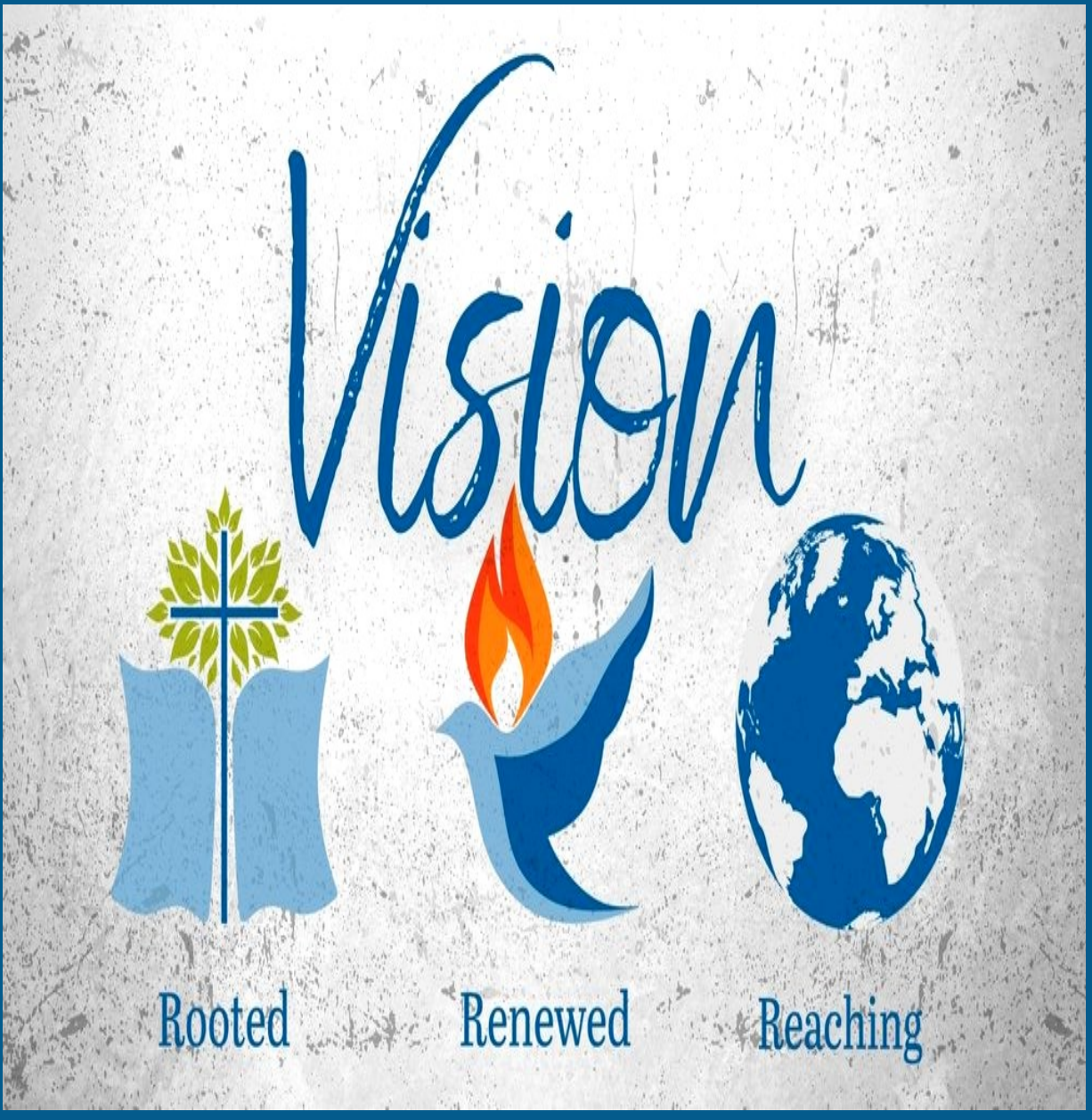


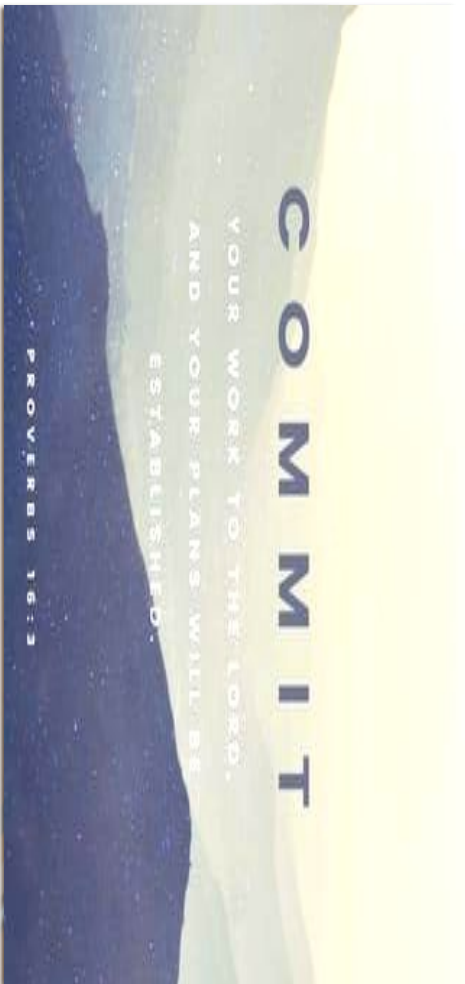
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A Note from Pastor Brendan...

Pastor Brendan Hock: bhock@halifaxgmc.org / 717-896-8092 x 101 "Christ Centered | Community Driven."

The other day I read a quote from William James who said, "*The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast us.*" This reminded me of the words of Jesus from Matthew 16:25 when he said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it"

The overwhelming majority of things we do during the day are profoundly temporary. Driving here or there. Having a meal. Watching TV. Even at work, what we do is more often about fixing yesterday's problems than realizing tomorrow's dreams.

So how do we bring a sense of the eternal into each day? How do we ensure we spend our lives building something that will outlast our time here on earth?

The only two things that last forever are the Word of God and people. If you want to build something in your life that will last, look for ways to connect these two.

Look for ways to speak God's word into the lives of others. This involves more than quoting Bible verses - though that is certainly part of it. It involves bringing the presence of God into every conversation.

Paul said, "*But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.*" (1 Corinthians 14:3) This kind of prophecy doesn't require a microphone or a podium. In fact, it's most effectively done one-on-one.

Try this today. In every conversation, ask yourself, "How can I help this person experience more of God's strength? How can I encourage him or her to keep pressing on? What words can I use to help them feel the comfort of God's Spirit?"

It may take only a sentence or two, but every time you do this you'll be building something that will last for all eternity.

In Christ,



Pastor Brendan

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ministry Team

Pastor Brendan Hock, Senior Pastor— Ext. 101 | bhock@halifaxgmc.org

Pastor Jesse Funk, Pastor of Family Ministry—Ext. 102 | jfunk@halifaxgmc.org

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Meagan Hock, Media & Communications | mhock@halifaxgmc.org

Molly Reber & Susie Smith, Custodians

Jeff Wiebner & Vince Yarnell, Groundskeepers

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM

Friday: 9 AM—12 PM

Rainbow Preschool

PHONE: 717.896.8092, Ext. 108 EMAIL: preschool@halifaxgmc.org

Lisa Lau, Director & Teacher

Jen Warfel, Co-Teacher

Youth Center

231 Rise Street, Halifax | Contact Cherry Pechart with any questions.

Cornerstone Christian Counseling at House on the Hill (HOH)

Christian Counseling for Individuals, Couples, & Families. Financial assistance is also available. Contact 717-585-0627 or intake@inhimchristianwellness.org to schedule an appointment.

Food Room at House on the Hill (HOH)

Mondays: 9—11:30 AM | Thursdays: 3:30—6 PM | 3rd Saturday of the Month: 9—11 AM

RAINBOW PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT



RAINBOW PRESCHOOL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✓ Enrollment opens for church members and current students on February 16th
- ✓ Enrollment opens for non-members and new students on March 2nd
- ✓ Classes for 3-5 year old students
- ✓ Quality Christian-based learning
- ✓ Applications available on church website and in the church office
- ✓ Join us in the preschool for an Open House event on March 3rd from 5:30-7:30 to learn about our program



CONTACT US:

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105 Wind Hill Drive
Halifax, PA 17032
Email - preschool@halifaxgmc.org

NEXT WOMEN'S EVENT

WOMEN'S EVENT

CHURCH OFFICE
OFFICE@HALIFAXGMC.ORG
717-896-8092, EXT. 110

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 6-8 PM

REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

A HUB (LOWER LEVEL)

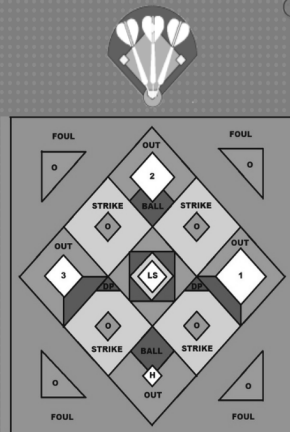
PRIZES FOR
WINNING TEAM

PUZZLING EVENT

Participants will be grouped to create comparatively skilled puzzling teams, to include novice through "expert". All teams will be provided the same 500 pc puzzle. First team to assemble is the winner!

MEN'S DARTBALL LEAGUE

MEN'S MINISTRY DARTBALL LEAGUE FEB - APRIL



CONTACT PASTOR JESSE TO JOIN
JFUNK@HALIFAXGMC.ORG | 717-896-8092, EXT. 102

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

devoted
living immersed & empowered

The good, the bad, and the ugly--change is a natural part of life. Whatever you're going through or whatever season of life you're in, we want to go through it with you. We're here for you!

In the coming weeks, we are going to learn about how God works through a church that is DEVOTED. Lives are Changed when we devote ourselves to the changing power of God through Jesus Christ. In this message series, we will reflect on the ways God worked through the early Church, and the ways lives are being changed here at HCC.

Sunday, February 2

Text: I John 1:7

Title: True North-Walking in the Light

Sunday, February 16

Text: Acts 2:40-47

Title: Devoted-To One Another

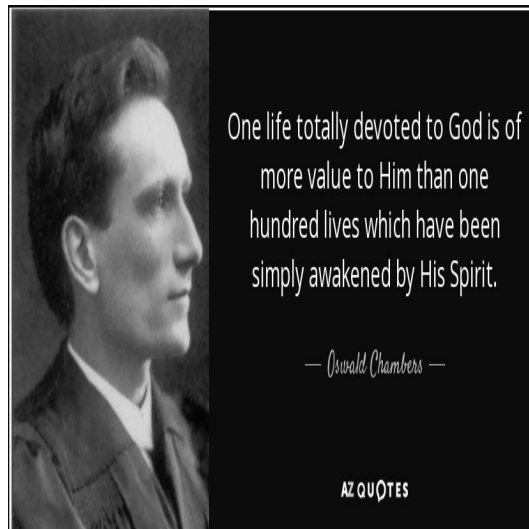
Sunday, February 9

Text: Romans 12:1-2

Title: Devoted-Changed Lives

Sunday, February 23

Text & Title: TBD



ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

Pastor of Family Ministry: Jesse Funk—jfunk@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, x 102

Hello Everyone!

The adult discipleship groups on Wednesdays have begun! Feel free to join us in our Wednesday study of the book of Joshua with Pastor Jesse or Pastor Brendan's Thru The Bible series at 6:30!

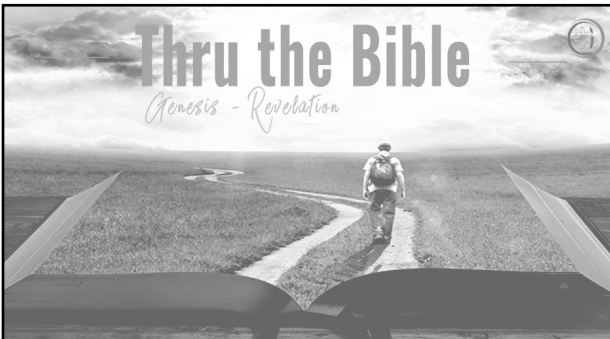
The Men's Ministry will also be holding an in-house Dartball league beginning in February. Please reach out to me to join in on the fun!

The Men's ministry planning team and the Women's ministry planning team are looking for a few more individuals who are interested in helping shape these respective ministries, offer new and unique events, and joyfully labor over a ministry together!

As always, if the Lord has been nudging you to join a small group, lead a small group, or serve in any way, I'd love to sit down and have a conversation with you!


Blessings,
Pastor Jesse

WEDNESDAYS



Thru the Bible
Genesis - Revelation

Wednesday Night Bible Study
with Pastor Brendan
6:30 PM - HUB



THE BOOK OF
JOSHUA

RIGHTNOW MEDIA SERIES BY LOUIE GIGLIO

Wednesday Night Bible Study
with Pastor Jesse
6:30 PM - Room 103

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2025 scholarship applications are currently available in the Church Office, Halifax School District Guidance Office, Halifax Youth Center, and on our Church website (www.halifaxgmc.org).

The deadline for submitting a 2025 scholarship application is 11 AM on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Scholarship recipients from last year are reminded to please submit a receipt of payment of their scholarship money to the college/university, a copy of their current transcripts, and proof of enrollment in the next semester, if applicable. This information can be submitted to the Church Office or emailed to Lisa Weaver at 4weavers96@gmail.com. Please submit this information by Friday, February 28.

VISION TEAM

As we move into 2025, we have much to celebrate when we reflect back over the last few years of ministry. God has been our provider, our protector, and faithful guide. The ministry of HCC has advanced - in the midst of seasons of pandemic and discernment. To name just a few highlights, the past years have brought record numbers of youth to the Youth Center, expansion of supplies provided at the Food Room, the development of Cornerstone Counseling, and Discipleship growth for our children and adults ministries. **Most importantly, we are seeing hearts and lives of people enter into a personal walk with God and grow in their faith here at HCC.**

Now, as we enter 2025, we are excited to move into the future God has for us. I deeply believe in the importance of a Church always looking ahead and seeking God's specific vision for their future. **What is God's Next Faithful Step for HCC?** To engage in this prayer-filled journey, I am pulling a team of 10 people together for the purpose of Visioning and developing a Ministry Path as we look toward the next 5 years here HCC.

Be in prayer as this team is formed and begins to meet together. While it's not practical to have a large group in this process, I certainly want to hear from you as you join in prayer for the next step God has for us as a church family.



COMMUNION STEWARDS

NEW MEMBER CLASSES



- DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE THEOLOGY, VISION, & MISSION OF HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHURCH?
- THINKING ABOUT WHAT MEMBERSHIP MEANS OR THE IMPORTANCE OF IT?

JOIN US FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Sunday, February 23 & March 23
10:30 AM in the HUB (lower level)

Please contact Pastor Brendan to sign up:
bhock@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, ext. 101



COMMUNION STEWARDS

We invite you to consider joining the Communion Steward Team here at HCC. We are looking for two additional people to join the existing team to be part of a rotation to prepare the elements for Holy Communion. For more information, please contact Kathy Stence (Communion Steward) 717-413-8705.

HCC will celebrate Holy Communion on the following dates in 2025.

Sunday, January 5

Sunday, August 3

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Sunday, October 5

Sunday, April 6

Sunday, Nov. 31

Good Friday, April 18

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Sunday, July 6

(10PM Service)

ADULT FELLOWSHIP & GROWTH

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR JESSE
Book of Joshua - Starting January 12
9 AM - Room 103

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every Sunday at 9 AM for Bible study and fellowship. Ages 18-35.
Location: Room 104

Currently Studying NEHEMIAH

New *Beginnings* Sunday School Class
Located in the Conference Room
9 AM
New day, begin new

Current Study...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS LOCATED IN ROOM 104

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S NAMES
TONY EVANS

10:30 A.M.

Bible Study

MONDAY MORNINGS
Facilitator: Alan Bostdorf
(alanbostdorf@gmail.com | 717-805-9583)
9:30 AM
CONFERENCE ROOM

God is a communicator, and the Israel Story is the story that He is telling. In order to understand The Story (God's story as well as our story) it is essential that we understand The Israel Story.

"REACH OUT" WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP

A supportive group to study God's Word and learn together. Held in the home of Kathy Stence on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 10 AM.
For more information, please contact Kathy: 717-413-8705

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Feb. 4: Fellowship and Games
Feb. 11: Fellowship and Games
Feb. 18: Bingo (Please bring 2 prizes; i.e., canned veggies or fruit)
Feb. 25: Fellowship and Games, then out to lunch at Denny/Lennies
Note: When the school is closed or on a 2-hr. delay due to weather, there is no Bedrock. Check abc27.com for info on school closures/delays.

WELCOME TO BEDROCK

The BedROCK Gang meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.
Location: Halifax Youth Center
BedROCK is a group of senior citizens enjoying Christian fellowship, fun activities, & programs!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
8:30 AM
DENNY'S LENNIES IN HALIFAX

Life Groups

We're meant to do life together! LifeGroups are the friends we grow, laugh, and serve with.

Contact Pastor Jesse to find or start a LifeGroup that fits your schedule and season of life.
jfunk@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, ext. 102



ROCKSOLID YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Coordinator: *Cherry Pechart*—youth@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, x 113
We exist to reach, equip, and empower students to be life-long followers of Jesus.

WEEKLY YOUTH RECHARGE/GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Sunday School: JOIN US FROM 9-10 AM IN THE HUB

⇒ Middle School Youth Study- **Flyte Jr. High Curriculum:**
February Topic: School

⇒ High School Youth Study- **RightNow Media Youth Study:**
Makers by Patrick Annotti

Wednesday Youth Group: WE MEET AT THE YOUTH CENTER EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-7:30PM

⇒ *Dinner is served at 5:30. 6-7pm watching/discussing Chosen TV Series Season 1, 7:00pm game time*

This will be an engaging addition to our study of the gospels. Hope you can join us!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Creative Worship/Choir Director: Carol Bostdorf—cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, x 105
Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30PM / Bell Rehearsals on Thursdays at 6PM / Praise Team on Thursdays at 7PM

SOUND & MEDIA TEAMS

We are looking for additional support for our Sound System and Media Teams here at HCC. We invite you be part of the teams that run the sound system and media for worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in more information, please reach out to Carol Bostdorf and she will connect you with training opportunities.



ADULT CHOIR

Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM, September - May.**
New Singers Are Always Welcome!

Carol Bostdorf, Choir Director

cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org
717-896-8092, ext. 105



BELL CHOIR

WE PRACTICE ON THURSDAYS AT 6 PM, SEPTEMBER - MAY.

New Ringers are Always Welcome!

Carol Bostdorf, Director:
717-896-8092, ext. 105 | cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org

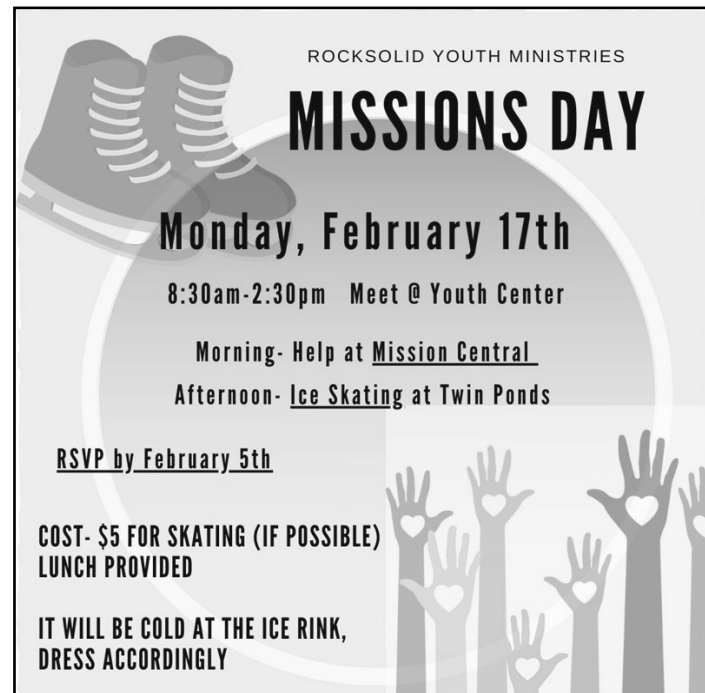


WEEKEND YOUTH RETREAT 6th-12th Grade

SAVE-THE-DATE

March 28th-30th

New Beginnings Loft- Carlisle
Look Out for More Information Soon!
6th-12th Grade Welcome



ROCKSOLID YOUTH MINISTRIES

MISSIONS DAY

Monday, February 17th
8:30am-2:30pm Meet @ Youth Center

Morning- Help at Mission Central
Afternoon- Ice Skating at Twin Ponds

RSVP by February 5th

COST- \$5 FOR SKATING (IF POSSIBLE)
LUNCH PROVIDED

IT WILL BE COLD AT THE ICE RINK, DRESS ACCORDINGLY



THURSDAYS AT 7-PM IN THE SANCTUARY

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

NEW INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP IS AT 10:30 AM EVERY SUNDAY.

Band Leader: Carol Bostdorf
717-896-8092, ext. 105 | cbostdorf@halifaxgmc.org



Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord



ROCKSTAR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Coordinators: Tricia & Adam Farner
children@halifaxgmc.org | 717-896-8092, x 103

HCC KIDZ

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
Join the Investigation!

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM
January 15 - March 19

Let's Have Some Fun!

FAMILY VBS NIGHT

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT - ALL AGES WELCOME
WE WILL ADVENTURE THROUGH BIBLE VERSES IN JOHN WITH OUR VBS SCUBA FRIENDS!
THE 2025 VBS THEME WILL BE ANNOUNCED!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6 - 8:30 PM

HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHURCH
105 WIND HILL DRIVE, HALIFAX

EMAIL TO REGISTER:
CHILDREN@HALIFAXGMC.ORG



YOUTH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)



The Halifax Youth Center is open on all Halifax full school days, from 2:30-5:30pm.
6th-12th grade students from any school are welcome to attend.

For more information please contact Cherry Pechart at youth@halifaxgmc.org or visit the Halifax Youth Center on Facebook.

Halifax Youth Center Benefit

DINNER & A 60'S DANCE



FEATURING

Geyer Brothers Band

Halifax Ambulance Building

April 5th 6-10pm

Prizes:
awarded for best 60s "costume";
Couple, Adult, Youth

Menu:
Pork Barbeque,
Baked Beans
Meatballs,
Hotdogs, etc.

Tickets

- Adults: \$20
- age 6-12: \$10
- under 5: free

Raffle: Baskets, Crafts & more

Student Art Live Auction

Ways to Help

- Sponsor a Youth!
Purchase an additional ticket to for a Youth to attend.
 - Provide a Raffle Item or Basket.
 - Bring a Baked Good for Dessert
- Please let Vivian or Cherry know if you plan to donate. Thanks!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE HALIFAX YOUTH CENTER & HALIFAX COMMUNITY CHURCH OFFICE WEEKDAYS AND SUNDAYS

QUESTIONS:
CONTACT CHERRY PECHART
YOUTH@HALIFAXUMC.COM
717-896-8092 EXT. 113

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

FEBRUARY, 2025

You can access the most up-to-date calendar on our website:
halifaxgm.c.org / Resources / Calendar

Feb 1

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9am ☺ Adult S.S. Class	8:30am ☺ CCC Hours - Stephanie	8:30am ☺ Men's Breakfast & Devotions
9am ☺ Middle & High School Sunday School	8:30am ☺ AARP Tax-Aide Program	9:30am ☺ Bedrock Gang
10-15am ☺ Bible Study Groups	9am ☺ Food Room Open	10am ☺ Weekly Staff Meeting
5:30pm ☺ Boy's Life Group	9:30am ☺ Bible Study	1pm ☺ CCC Hours
	12pm ☺ CCC Hours - Lily	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open
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10-15am ☺ Bible Study Groups	9am ☺ Food Room Open	1pm ☺ CCC Hours
10:30am ☺ Youth Cabinet Meeting	9:30am ☺ Bible Study	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open
	12pm ☺ CCC Hours - Lily	6pm ☺ Girl's Lifegroup
	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open	6pm ☺ Rainbow Preschool Meeting
		7pm Adult Discipleship Meeting
16	17	18
9am ☺ Adult S.S. Class	8:30am ☺ CCC Hours - Stephanie	9:30am ☺ Bedrock Gang
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5:30pm ☺ Boy's Life Group	9:30am ☺ Bible Study	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open
	12pm ☺ CCC Hours - Lily	5:30pm ☺ Cornerstone Counseling Meeting
	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open	7pm ☺ SPRC Meeting
23	24	25
9am ☺ Adult S.S. Class	8:30am ☺ CCC Hours - Stephanie	9:30am ☺ Bedrock Gang
9am ☺ Middle & High School Sunday School	8:30am ☺ AARP Tax-Aide Program	10am ☺ Weekly Staff Meeting
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10:30am New Member Class (Pastor Brenda)	9:30am ☺ Bible Study	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open
	12pm ☺ CCC Hours - Lily	6pm ☺ Girl's Lifegroup
	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open	7pm Stewardship Meeting

5	6	7	8
8:30am ☺ AARP Tax-Aide Program	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open	12pm ☺ CCC Hours - Stephanie	10am ☺ Reach-Out Lifegroup
9am ☺ CCC Hours - Stephanie	3:30pm ☺ Food Room Open	2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open	
1pm ☺ Cintas - Soap/Cleaner Refill	6pm ☺ Bell Choir Rehearsal		
2:30pm ☺ Youth Center Open	7pm ☺ Scout Meetings (Earl Rhoades)		
6:30pm ☺ Bible Study with Pastor Brendan	7pm ☺ Trustees Meeting		
6:30pm ☺ Bible Study with Pastor Jesse	7pm ☺ RockStar Core Leadership Meeting		
6:30pm ☺ Children's Wednesday Program			
6:30pm ☺ Choir Rehearsal			
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7pm ☺ Women's Lifegroup			
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6:30pm ☺ Bible Study with Pastor Jesse			
6:30pm ☺ Children's Wednesday Program			
6:30pm ☺ Choir Rehearsal			
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