

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

March 2021

Sharpen your Axe

Any woodcutter or lumberjack worth his salt will take time to sharpen his axes and saws. I once heard a story about a young man who was eager to start his career as a lumberjack. He reported to work and worked hard the first day. It was a great success and he felt good about his work.

On the second day, he reported and the older guy working beside him was sharpening his axes and saws. The young man thought it a waste of time, so he immediately went to work. He was dropping trees left and right and the other guy was still sharpening. He thought the older guy was wasting time.

Around mid morning, he began to slow down. Had no idea why. He started working harder and harder to keep pace. The older guy was at work again, working at a steady pace. And dropping trees.

Near the end of the day, the younger man was WORN OUT. The older guy was still working steadily, and the OG won the war of dropping more trees. The younger man couldn't understand it: HE had the big biceps, HE had the stamina, HE had all of the tools. HOW in the world could that older guy have won the race??

Because the older guy KNEW: Sometimes you have to sharpen your axe. If you continue to work and keep your nose to the grindstone without stopping to sharpen, you will grind yourself down to nothing. How can you sharpen? Well, what makes you relax? Fishing? Hunting? A trip with the family? Maybe LAUGHING???

Whatever you need to do, do it. I believe with all of my heart that God wants each of us to take care of our own health, as much as we possibly are able. What are you doing about that???

David





BBQ


Tuesday, March 23rd
Rogers BBQ
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Delivery for 10 or more plates

Easter Services

- Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm Thursday, April 1st
- Sunrise Service: 7:00 am Sunday, April 4th
- 1st Morning Worship Service: 9:15 am, April 4th
- 2nd Morning Worship Service: 10:30 am, April 4th

Children's Church and Nursery available at both services

Check your email for sign up links to the 9:15 and 10:30 services. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



March 6th
9:00 am – 12 noon

A group of 10 people is needed to help sort and pack books at OM Ships. Sign up at the Mission Table in the Welcome Center

Ways to give your tithe

- text to 73256 and enter **EBCSC**
- drop it by the church office
- drop it in the secure church mailbox
- mail to 524 S. Ebenezer Rd.

Financial Report Through February 21, 2021	
Year to date needs.....	\$243,643.68
Year to date receipt.....	\$223,212.82

Health Team Guidelines for Ebenezer Baptist

Please Social Distance When Possible

1. Everyone should wear a mask at all times. Doors open at 9:00 am for Worship. Ebenezerites, please exit Worship service with your mask on as soon as service ends.
2. Masks need to worn at all times in the Sunday School classes – 3K and older.
3. For Sunday School Children will be dropped off and picked up at the glass doors to Young Hall breezeway to limit the number of people in and out of Young Hall.
4. You are strongly encouraged to use an alcohol based hand sanitizer periodically, especially when entering or leaving a building.
5. Please exercise social distancing and refrain from hugs, handshakes, etc.....
6. No buffet style food service should be offered. All food servers should wear mask and gloves at all times. Fellowship/coffee time will be suspended indefinitely.

WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR NEW WEBSITE!

ebcsc.com

CHECK IT OUT NOW!



RUMMAGE SALE

Starting March 8

We need your stuff! Please bring donated items for the Rummage Sale!

Drop Off Times for Spring Honduras Rummage Sale are Mon, Wed and Sat mornings from 9 AM-12 noon as well as Tues and Thurs evenings from 5:30-8 PM. Store is not open on Friday or Sunday for drop offs. Store closed for Drop Offs April 3-10 for Spring Break.

Rummage Sale Dates-

Thursday, April 29 1-7 PM

Friday, April 30 1-7 PM

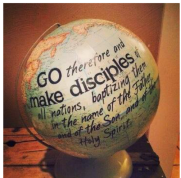
May 1 8 AM-12 noon

The address of the store is 450 Second Loop Road and is located in the old Post Office building. For pickup of large items or for more info, please call 992-1179. All proceeds help send the team back to Honduras. Thank you for your support!

*no printers or old tv's**All electric/electronic equipment must work.

March Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dolly Anderson Emily Finklea	2 Trish Taylor Alex Hiers	3 Emma Watford	4 Angela Pettigrew Susan Turner Laura Kendrick Cathy Rolfe	5 Bret Greer	6 Emma Oakley
7 Harold Miller	8 Gloria Carter Sarah Anne Cox Eugene Piersol Diane Lee	9	10 Tripp Lisenby Abbie Norton Margaret Rose Sims	11 Gimmy Gray Julianna Barfield Jack Anderson Dustin Phillips	12 Yvonne Stamp Kevin Todd	13 Terri Lisenby Tracy Wright
14 Bailey Winburn Joey Bradshaw	15 Jane Duff Cecil Collins	16 Allie Lee Marty Langston Wyatt Driggers Emma Kate Rogers	17	18 Bill Pickle	19 Sophie Watson Jessica Graham	20
21 Amanda Clemson	22 Jonathan Moore Tom Finklea	23 Lindy Thompson Walker Sansbury Tracie Foster Hannah Gibbs	24 Bennie Cox Deborah Collins	25 Pat Horton Becky Miller Mike Dean Aubrey Lee Joyce Carroll	26 Richard Pullen David Daniel	27 Stacie Watford Suzanne Barhite
28 Pat Gullede Wayne Freeman Mike Camak	29 Kimberly Connor	30 Elisa Gardner Leslie Ward	31			



EBC MISSIONS

March 2021 Opportunities

House of Hope Meals

On March 1, the **For Those Who Dare** Sunday School Class will provide and serve a meal at the Men's Shelter due to a rescheduling from February. On March 15, the **Love You, Mean It** Sunday School Class will provide and serve a meal at the Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter.

OM Ships

On March 6 from 9am-12noon a group is needed to help with the sorting and packing of books to be distributed through the OM Ships ministry. Sign-up is limited to 10 people—adults only for this workday—so sign up at the Missions table soon. Wear closed toe shoes and clothing appropriate to work in a warehouse. A brief introduction to the OM Ships ministry will be given at the beginning of the workday.

Honduras Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off

Starting on March 8, every Monday/Wednesday/Saturday from 9am-12noon and Tuesday/Thursday from 5:30pm-8pm, items for the Rummage Sale may be dropped off at the old post office on 2nd Loop Road. In addition, volunteers are needed during those dates and times for sorting and organizing of donations. The Rummage Sale will be on April 29 and 30 from 1pm-7pm and on May 1 from 8am-12noon.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. EBC Goal: \$12,500

Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child collection item for March will be coloring books and crayons.

EBC Food Pantry

Canned vegetables such as green beans and corn, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, and noodles are just a few of the staple items needed in the food pantry.

WMU State Missions Meeting

A group will be attending the WMU State Missions Meeting on March 12 at First Baptist of Simpsonville. If you are interested in attending, please contact Anita Shively or Kim Andrews.

What has EBC Missions been up to? Here is the February recap.

- Honduras supplies and donations were delivered to the Alabama transport site for shipment to Honduras.
- Approximately 150 blessing bags were delivered to Mercy Medicine and the Darlington Free Clinic. Thank you to all who participated in the bag packing.
- Connie Maxwell supplies and Valentine's gifts were delivered.
- Foster Care Clothing Closet donations were given to Joel Shearon for delivery.

EBC Missions Committee:

Kim Andrews	615-2933
Nancy Gatewood	260-1775
Angela Hamlin	496-1283
Gina Lee	615-0583
Tiffany Phillips	283-1091
Suzette Watson	250-0571

Wednesday Nights

-Children's Missions & Music: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
(Drop off at the Welcome Center, masks need to be worn at all times, and RA/Mission Friend pick up at Young Hall. GA pick up at Pettigrew Hall.)

-Youth: 6:00 – 7:30 pm
(Youth Assembly Building)

-Adult Prayer Meeting: 6:15 pm
(in the Chapel)

-No Wednesday Night Supper will be served at this time.

Sunday, March 7, 2021
We will have Baptism during Morning Worship at 9:15 am

Womens Bible Study will begin Tuesday, March 2nd in the Youth Assembly Building at 6:00 pm