

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

April 2021

## Where are we going??

"It doesn't matter so much where you have been .... The question now is where are you going?"  
(Rough quote from Mike Franks, a recurring character on NCIS)

A lot of truth today in that thought. When we think about where we have been (particularly in the past year), we have been in uncharted territory for most of the year. And not too many of us wish to return. As our COVID positive numbers go down and things begin to level out, what matters most is where we are going!!

As a church, we are still finding new ways to reach out to people who do not know Christ OR who are not connected with the Kingdom of God. Our mission in this realm has not changed, but we are learning more and more about methods every day!! CHANGE. We do not like it, but it is already upon us, like it or not.

As individuals, we are still finding new ways to relate to others, to work in our jobs, to attend school, and to do the things that make up our lives. And these too have changed significantly. But we are surviving and learning new things every day.

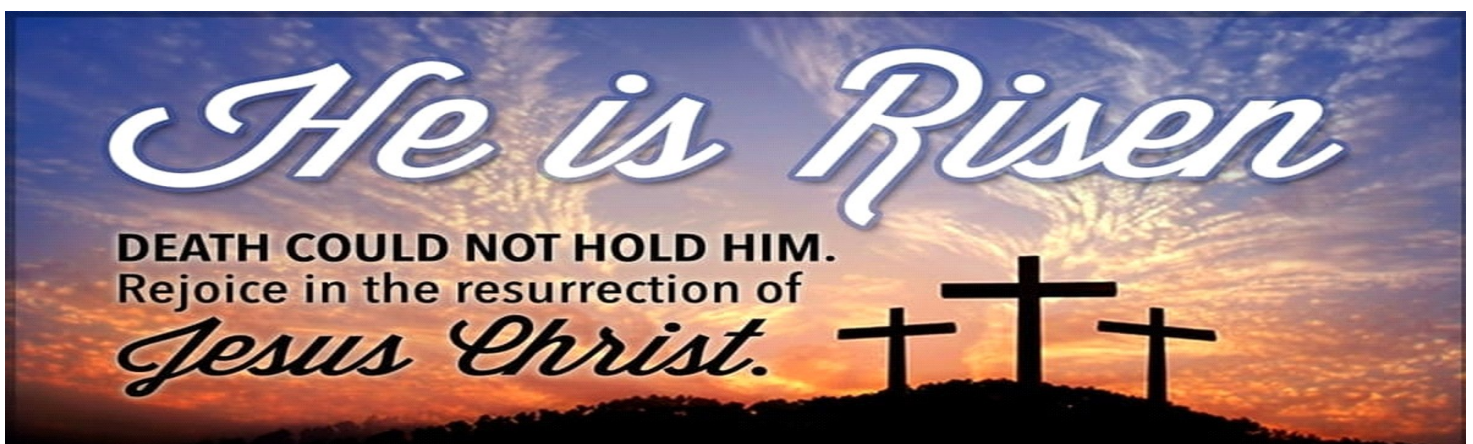
One of the most radical changes I have seen is the way we handle death and funerals. We (in the South) have always done a good job of reaching out and surrounding families who are grieving and struggling and we still SHOULD do this as well as possible. But our methods have changed.

We must ADAPT and OVERCOME. Adapt to the changes by finding new ways to accomplish the mission, then accomplish the mission and OVERCOME the obstacles that our present "normal" have put in our paths.

Right now, our instincts for adaptation are HUGE assets in the fight. In the new "normal," we will need them everyday.

It's not so important where you have been .... But where are you going??

David





# BABY DEDICATION

If you wish to participate in Baby Dedication on Mother's Day, May 9, please contact the Church Office.

# 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



# Ebenezer GRADUATE RECOGNITION

THE CLASS OF 2021 **SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

**RSVP for High School Graduate Recognition at [www.tiny.cc/ebcgrads21](http://www.tiny.cc/ebcgrads21).**

If you plan to participate, please email 10 good quality photos of your graduate to [nathan@ebcsc.com](mailto:nathan@ebcsc.com) by Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. These photos should be a variety of ages including a senior photo and family photos. These photos will be used in our graduation video.

\*If you have a College Graduate please contact the church office.



Missions Team will be collecting rain attire such as umbrellas, ponchos, raincoats in April to distribute at Parking Lot Ministry May 1st

## APRIL Shower

Bring May Flowers 

### Centrikid Camper Lock-In for Campers

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00 - 6:45 pm Parent Meeting while Campers have a pizza supper.

6:45 - 9:00 pm Lock-In for Kids and Adult Campers



**CONCRETE & CRANES**  
Philippians 1:6

**GRAB YOUR HARD HAT & TOOL BELT!**

**VBS 2021**  
June 14-16  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Registration opens May 1st

If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office.

### 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.

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| Financial Report Through March 28, 2021 |              |
| Year to date needs.....                 | \$395,920.98 |
| Year to date receipt.....               | \$362,806.01 |



# 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**

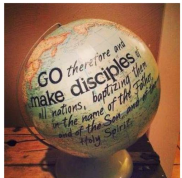
Thank you to the Transportation Team for their hard work in acquiring two new buses for the church. We are so excited for future trips and outings with the different ministries of the Church. We will be sad to say goodbye to the '06 and '03 buses. They have provided many trips for us here at EBC.

## April Birthdays

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                                | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |                                    | 1   | 2<br>Roger Salyer                               | 3<br>Bridgette Coates<br>Anna Todd<br>Hollyn Phillips                      |
| 4<br>Ashlan Shriver  | 5<br>Jeffrey Miller  | 6  | 7<br>Diane Morganti                | 8   | 9<br>Wendell Lane<br>Kaden Todd<br>Karen Griese | 10<br>Jill Webster<br>Jennifer Hoover                                      |
| 11<br>Logan McRae<br>Wyatt Oakley<br>Anna Katherine Townsend   | 12<br>Ethan Rodgers  | 13<br>Eric Belk  | 14<br>Michael Bell<br>Chris Shelor | 15<br>Tony Hall                                       | 16<br>John Garrett<br>Jeff Lee                  | 17<br>Elaine Hutchinson<br>Bill Watkins<br>Charley Goode<br>Hannah Collins |
| 18<br>Sydney Frazier<br>Sophie Belk<br>Jacob Floyd<br>Cameron Nesmith<br>Dustin Rouse<br>Kimberly Townsend | 19<br>Glen Gottula<br>Willard Dorriety<br>Ed Self<br>Betty Mears<br>Raynor Tad Huggins | 20<br>Richard McCabe<br>Emma Graham                      | 21                                 | 22<br>Randy Fails                                     | 23  | 24<br>Gerri McDill<br>Gene Grimsley<br>Marci Gatewood                      |
| 25<br>Debbie Sorenson<br>Randell Lee   | 26   | 27<br>Reagan Dunnam<br>Larua Mason Belk<br>Andi Phillips | 28                                 | 29<br>Sandra Swofford<br>Fowler Laney<br>Brock Shelor | 30<br>Charley Moore                             |  |

## EBC MISSIONS

### April 2021 Opportunities



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

#### House of Hope Meals

On April 19, the Young Married Sunday School Class will provide and serve a meal at the Men's Shelter.

#### Parking Lot Ministry

We will be collecting rain attire, such as ponchos, raincoats, and umbrellas, for distribution on May 1.

#### OM Ships

Individual volunteers are welcome from 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Also, the first Saturday of the month is community day where groups are welcome to serve. Volunteer activities include sorting books, packing boxes, making boxes, and any additional needs of the organization. There are both sitting and standing activities available.

#### Honduras Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off

During April, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 April will be stuffed animals.

#### 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.

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

- Meals were served at the Men's Shelter by the **For Those Who Dare** SS class and at the Community Shelter by the **Love You, Mean It** SS class.
- Eight people volunteered at OM Ships on March 6. OM Ships was very appreciative.
- World Water Day was recognized on March 22, 2021. <https://wmu.com/compassion-ministries/ministries/pwpl/>
- The WMU State Mission's Conference was attended and provided great information and renewed passion for missions.

#### EBC Missions Committee:

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|------------------|----------|
| 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

#### will resume April 14th

-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)

### 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