

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

March 2023

Weeding the Garden

Spring is almost here!! Very soon will be the season to start tending to the flowers and plants in front of our homes. At the Wike house, that will begin with weeding the flower beds.

I recently read an article by Carey Nieuwhof that talked about weeding the gardens of the church.... He wrote about pulling toxic weeds. If any of us had weeds that were truly toxic to our gardens, we would pull them at once and get them far away from our flower beds. That is for sure. But what if I told you we could go each have weeds in our own hearts and lives that will hinder the work of the church (if we allow them to remain)??

Weeds like bad feelings about others in the church, perhaps even leaders of our church, that motivate us to say ungodly things about them. Do you seriously think this could be healthy FOR our church?

Weeds like a general dislike of worship styles or even evangelism/ discipleship styles that differ from what we used to know in years gone by. Sometimes we get so attached to the nostalgia of yesterday that we fail to see the ineffectiveness of it today. Or we refuse to allow something more effective (that is sharing the same message) simply because it is contrary to what we loved in the past.

Maybe the month of March would be a good month to pray about the weeds that we each have in our own gardens and ask God to help us eliminate them!! Join me in this!!

David

Be kind and compassionate
to one another, forgiving
each other, just as in Christ
God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32



Ladies register for



Using this QR code or at
tiny.cc/ebcif2023



Registration ends Wednesday March 1st

Do you know what time it is?



IT'S VBS TIME!!!

You don't want to be and miss



Out on the time of your !!!



This year's theme will be more fun

than a Plan to join us before its



Mark your calendar June 19-22

Join us this Sunday, March 5th
 at 6:00 pm for the

Ordination Service

of Matthew Andrews
 with a reception to follow

FEELING SMART? SIGN UP FOR

TRIVIA NIGHT

March 30th
 at 6:30 PM

EBC YOUTH
 ASSEMBLY
 BUILDING (YAB)

Presented by the Family
 Enrichment Team

WINNING TEAM GETS A TROPHY!

Use your phone to sign up with this QR Code



FIRST NAME SUNDAY

Grab a name tag from a greeter as you come in Sunday morning, March 5th. Put your first name on it and there will be a special time during the service for getting to know the names of your fellow Ebenezerites.

Save your Stuff!!!

Missions Team.....



Indoor Yard Sale
 Ebenezer Baptist Gym
 Saturday, April 1st
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you can help organize, sort,
 or price items March 27th - 30th
 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

please sign up in SS, at the Mission Counter
 or Call the Church Office.

Anytime you can Volunteer will be appreciated
 an hour, 30 minutes, all day.....

ONE DAY

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SERVICE & WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:30AM - 7:30PM

COST : \$25

(INCLUDES T-SHIRT & 3 MEALS)

SPEAKER: KENDAL DANFORD

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 5TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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SCHEDULE:

8:30 AM BREAKFAST & SEND OFF @ FIRST BAPTIST FLORENCE
 10:00 AM SERVE @ VARIOUS SITES (LUNCH ON SITE)
 3:00 PM GAMES & SUPPER @ EBENEZER BAPTIST
 6:00 PM WORSHIP @ PALMETTO STREET CHURCH OF GOD

For more info on this Youth event
 contact Nathan Neighbors

March Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dolly Anderson Emily Finklea Renea Clement	2 Trish Taylor Alex Hiers	3 Emma Watford Patti Wesley	4 Angela Pettigrew Susan Turner Laura Kendrick Cathy Rolfe
5 John Paul Fowler Gavin Fowler Bret Greer	6 Emma Oakley Amber Glaz Stephen Elliott	7 Harold Miller	8 Eugene Piersol Diane Lee	9	10 Tripp Lisenby Abbie Norton Margaret Rose Sims Ella Kate Jones Victoria Strickland	11 Ginny 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 Kyle Jones	16 Marty Langston Wyatt Driggers Emma Kate Rogers	17	18 Bill Pickle
19 Sophie Watson Billy Early Jessica Graham	20	21 Amanda Clemson Daniel Cedano	22 Jonathan Moore Tom Finklea	23 Lindy Thompson Tracie Foster Hannah Gibbs Eyleen Atacho	24 Bennie Cox Deborah Collins	25 Pat Horton Becky Miller Mike Dean Joyce Carroll
26 Richard Pullen David Daniel	27 Stacie Watford Suzanne Barhite	28 Pat Gullede Wayne Freeman Caroline Jones Emily Jones	29 Kimberly Connor	30 Elisa Gardner Leslie Ward	31	

HOLY WEEK & *Join Us* EASTER

April 2nd Palm Sunday (Easter Egg Hunt 3-5 pm)
April 5th No Wednesday Night Activities
April 6th Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm
April 7th Good Friday (Church Office Closed)
April 9th Sunrise Service at 6:45 am
 Morning Worship at 9:15 am
 Sunday School 10:15 am
April 12th No Wednesday Activities

Join us Sunday, March 26th
as we invite all of our Weekday Families & Staff to
join us for Morning Worship
at 9:15 am

then join us at 3:00 pm for the RA
car race in the gym

Betty Mears Circle will meet
Thursday, March 9th at 10:30 am
in the Mears House

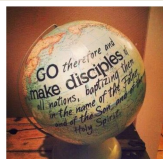
Wednesday Night Supper Menu

March 1st Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar
 March 8th Fried Chicken, Brown Gravy or Tomatoes & Rice, Butter Beans, Salad Bar
 March 15th Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Peas, Salad Bar
 March 22nd Chicken Bog, Green Beans, Salad Bar
 March 29th Hamburgers, French Fries, Baked Beans, Salad Bar



Kids & Student BBQ Fundraiser
Tuesday, March 7th
at Rogers BBQ
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Camper Lock in
Friday, March 10th
6:00 - 11:00 pm



EBC MISSIONS

March 2023 Opportunities

Mission Rummage Sale Fundraiser

A yard sale to support mission's projects will be held on Saturday, Apr 1 from 8am - 4pm in the Family Life Center. We need LOTS of help (trucks and trailers) on Mar 26 to bring items from storage to the church—meet at the church at 2pm. Yard sale items can be dropped off at the Family Life Center between Mar 27 - 30 from 9am-8pm. Volunteers are needed to setup and price items from Mar 27 - 31 from 9am-8pm and to work the yard sale on Apr 1. Even if you are not going on a mission trip, this is a great way to serve and support mission efforts locally and beyond. Sign-up at the Mission Counter in the Welcome Center.

Spanish Bibles for the Honduras Mission Trip

The Honduras team will take 750 Spanish Bibles to Honduras during the upcoming mission trip. The Bibles will cost \$1.68 each (total of \$1,260.00). Providing the Word of God and meeting spiritual needs is the ultimate goal. Can you donate toward the purchase of these Bibles? If so, please put a donation in an envelope marked "Honduras Spanish Bibles" in the offering plate or bring to the church office before Mar 31.

World Water Day

Mar 22 is World Water Day and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. Can you donate bottled water for use in future mission projects? If so, bring your donations to the Mission's Counter on Mar 26.

Parking Lot Ministry

On Mar. 25, the For Those Who Dare Sunday School class will be preparing and serving breakfast.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. EBC Goal: \$12,000

OM Ships

On Mar. 11 from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships. Sign-up at the Missions Center.

Operation Christmas Child

The collection items for March are coloring books and crayons. We are collecting supplies for use by the RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends to use while packing shoes boxes during their Wednesday missions time in November. Families will be collecting and packing their OCC boxes at home this year.

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Breakfast items (grits, oatmeal, breakfast bars, cereal)

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

- Over 100 blessing bags were packed
- 35 gift bags for the residents of Faith Healthcare were packed
- T-shirts and snacks were collected by the Children's Ministry for Faith Healthcare

EBC Missions Committee:

Angie Bessenger	843-618-5403
Angela Hamlin	843-496-1283
Tiffany Phillips	843-283-1091
Amy Rouse	843-496-0110
Suzette Watson	843-250-0571

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 26, 2023

Year to date needs.....\$246,424.88
 Year to date receipt.....\$246,239.96