

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

February 2021

Our Marching Orders Never Changed

2020 was a year of change. Almost every industry had to find ways to re-invent and adapt. Those that did not adapt didn't make it. Some adapted and STILL didn't make it. We all found ourselves dealing with major changes and most of them have been unwelcomed.

But here we are.

How has EBC done during this timeframe?? Much like every other organization and business, EBC had to quickly make major changes. We balance the great need for community within the church with the potential hazards of COVID. Almost every method we use at the church to accomplish anything had to adapt to the new way. And we are still struggling. Still learning. And still adapting.

But for us as a church staff and for us as a church body, our marching orders never changed. God's call on each of us is exactly the same as it was in February, 2020. And in February, 2019. And even in February, 1778 (which is, of course, the year we were founded). In fact, it goes all the way back to the Ascension of Jesus.

Matthew tells the story in Matthew 28:

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.

17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful.

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

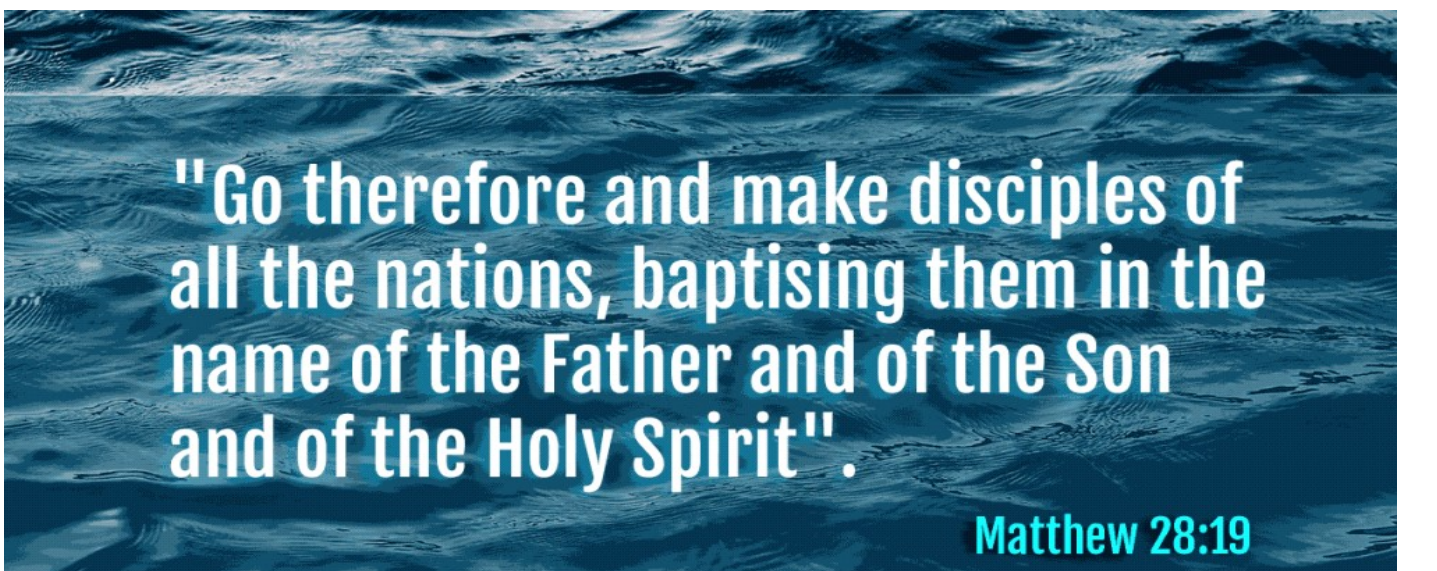
19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Now ... Our job is to get it done. How, you ask?? Get involved in morning worship and you will definitely find out!!!

Adapt and move forward, Ebenezer!!!

David



"Go therefore and make disciples of
all the nations, baptising them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit".

Matthew 28:19

Health Team Guidelines for Ebenezer Baptist

Please Social Distance When Possible

1. Everyone should wear a mask when entering or leaving a building
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. A mask should be worn at all times if you cannot properly social distance at 6 feet at any on campus event.
5. You are strongly encouraged to use an alcohol based hand sanitizer periodically, especially when entering or leaving a building.
6. Please exercise social distancing and refrain from hugs, handshakes, etc.....
7. 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.

Wednesday Nights Start Back In-Person February 3rd

- 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.

Ways to give your tithe during this time:

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

Financial Report Through January 24, 2021

Year to date needs.....121,821.84

Year to date receipt.....109,541.71

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH

**We are in the process of updating the website.
You can still access ebcsc.com for the
livestream service and online giving.**



SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Site is under construction. Will keep you posted.

Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

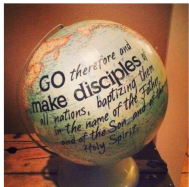
Thank you to all church members, team members and friends who donated to send food and supplies to the people of Honduras who were devastated by two hurricanes and several tropical storms recently. Many houses and farms washed away or were covered by mud slides.

We were able to send food for 232 families with our food bucket donations, 112 hygiene kits, 400 Gospel of John booklets, 2 wheelchairs, crutches, canes, a bedside commode, 55 bed pillows, 8 tubs of very important medication needed in the clinics and 87 boxes of clothing, shoes, blankets, masks and other medical items. Overall, 151 boxes were packed and shipped.

Ebenezer follows the Great Commission with mission activities both locally and internationally.

February Birthdays

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| | 1 Holdon Carter | 2 Dennis Dorman Madison Willis Mason Shelor David Anderson | 3 | 4 Kaitlyn Kempson Scarlett Glaz Sangeeta Nelson | 5 Van Waddell Christine Cash Courtney Clemson | 6 Tory Brown Camden Blanding |
| 7 Brad Kempson John Andrews Nikki Milligan | 8 Luke Freeman Starla McRae Linda Hardee | 9 Ryder O'Neal Jordy Guffey Avery Garrett | 10 Carter Matthews Sonya Smith | 11 Noah Cooke Vicki Strickland Rudy Lee | 12 | 13 Morgan Rolfe Donnalene Pullen |
| 14 Ted Bailey Chester Gambrell Sydney Williamson | 15 Gail McLeod Samuel Townsend | 16 Teresa Atwood Kailee-Holynn Hare Madison Gipko | 17 Rebecca Gardner David Sims | 18 Willie McKay Jackson Miller Randy Harrelson Bayleigh Glaz Rebekka Watkins | 19 Lee White Ray Willis North Willis | 20 Olin Bullock Carl Cooke Heidi Newton |
| 21 Bob Stamp Nancy McCormick Cynthia Young Carra Griffin | 22 Gayle Hutchinson Dean Huie | 23 Bob Clemson Derinda Comor | 24 Van Threadgill Joni Tarte Claire Jordan Harriette Dawkins | 25 Dennis Wade Michaela Taylor Alex Greer Katherine Green Nancy Saucieu Marshall Saucieu Anniston Kirshy | 26 Gina Lee Jenny Hicks | 27 |
| 28 Anne Bailey Charlene Carter-Groce | | | | | | |



EBC MISSIONS

February 2021 Opportunities

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.
Mark 12:31

Connie Maxwell Children's Home

Individual baskets will be provided to the girls at the Children's Home including toiletries and Valentine's goodies. The Children's Home has also expressed a need for everyday items including dish detergent, gel dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, dryer fabric sheets, napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue, paper plates, and individually wrapped snacks.

House of Hope Meals

The House of Hope meal schedule for 2021 has been posted to the EBC Missions Facebook page. On February 15th, the **For Those Who Dare** SS Class will provide and serve a meal at the Men's Shelter.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child collection item for February is hair accessories for girls. Girls love items like scrunchies, hairbands, hair clips, etc...

Hygiene Bags

Hygiene bags will be packed for the patients of Mercy Medicine Free Clinic and Darlington Free Medical Clinic on February 10th by the youth and adults during prayer meeting. This will take place in the Chapel.

Home Improvement Project

We hope to provide an opportunity for a local home improvement project very soon. More information to come...

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

- The RAs and other church members distributed 15 boxes of cold weather items along with some toiletry items on January 23 at the Parking Lot Ministry. Thank you so much to all who donated.
- New undies were collected on January 31—Undie Sundie—and will be given to the Foster Care Clothing Closet.

EBC Missions Committee:

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Be sure to check the Sunday School folders for announcements, sign ups, and Mission opportunities.

Business Meeting on Sunday, February 7th at the conclusion of Morning Worship.