

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

**Newsletter**

**March 2022**

## **How Do We Reach Them?**

We talk a lot about the people that live within a three-mile radius of Ebenezer. Census data now has that number higher than 30,000 people. Then, Barna Research confirms that over 60% of them do not attend worship anywhere on a regular basis (and that was a pre-Covid number. I shudder to think what that number might be now). So that would mean somewhere around 18,000 people within a three-mile radius of Ebenezer Baptist Church do not have a church home.

How do we reach them??


We could do the Southern Baptist thing and try programs, but that won't reach them. We could have revivals and tent meetings, but they are not apt to attend. We could jazz up our music and use pyrotechnics and light shows, but that would just be a waste of time and money.

So ... How do we reach them?

Maybe we should try loving them?? Reaching out to them where they are. Getting to know our neighbors and friends. Being genuine and taking an interest in them. Helping them when they find themselves at low points. Maybe we should try to just BE their community, their friends, and be people to whom they will turn when they need someone. We will have to give them one of the most precious gifts we have ... OUR TIME. But that might open the door for us to share the most precious thing we have -- The love of Christ!!!!

**Think about it!!**

**David**



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on  
your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge  
Him, And He shall direct your paths."

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

# Disaster Relief Team Interest Meeting

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

## Mission Trip

**To Maine  
July 7-15**

**If Interested  
call the  
Church Office  
by March 20th**

**Save your Stuff!!!**

**Missions Team.....**



**Saturday, April 2nd  
EBC Parking Lot**

**Drop Off for Yard Sale  
March 28th - April 1st**

**If you need earlier  
drop off contact  
the church office.**

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Lock-in for ALL Campers  
Friday, March 11  
5:30 - 9:30 pm  
Come and get to Know your  
Fellow Campers!!

**UNIFY**  
**DNOW** **MARCH**  
**25-26**

**For Students Grades 6th - 12th**

Register Online at [tiny.cc/dnow22](http://tiny.cc/dnow22)

**Cost: \$40** (\$30 Early Bird Rate  
includes DNOW t-shirt if paid by March 13th)





## Item of the Month for March Coloring Books

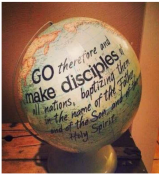
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Sunday, March 6  
5:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall**

## March Birthdays

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

## EBC MISSIONS

### March 2022 Opportunities



#### Maine Mission Trip - Yard Sale Fundraiser

A yard sale is planned for **Saturday, Apr 2** in the church parking lot to raise money toward the overall cost of the trip. Yard sale items can be delivered to the Family Life Center starting on Mar 28. Volunteers are needed to setup and price items from Mar 28 - Apr 1. The trip dates are Jul 7 - 15. A \$50 deposit is due by Mar 20.

#### Disaster Relief Team

A disaster relief team for men and women is being formed to assist with local, state, and national needs. Currently we are focusing our training on shower/laundry and feeding - small fixed kitchen. If you are interested in learning more and possibly joining this team, please come to the interest meeting on Mar 13.

Training through the Southern Baptist Association will occur on **Apr 2** in Hartsville. Go to this link: <https://www.scbaptist.org/events/disaster-relief-training-lakeview-baptist-church/> for more information and to register. Cost is \$55 for new volunteers and \$35 for returning volunteers. Training is required to be able to serve with disaster relief through the Southern Baptist Association.

#### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. EBC Goal: \$14,000

#### 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?

#### OM Ships

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

#### House of Hope Meals

On **Mar 21**, the **Koinonia** Sunday School Class will provide and serve a meal at the Courtney McInnis Graham Community Shelter.

#### Parking Lot Ministry

On **Mar 26**, the **Rowdy Bunch** Sunday School class will be preparing and serving breakfast. If you would like to assist this class with meal preparation and/or serving breakfast on Saturday morning, please contact Latrell Fowler.

#### Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: coloring books

#### EBC Food Pantry

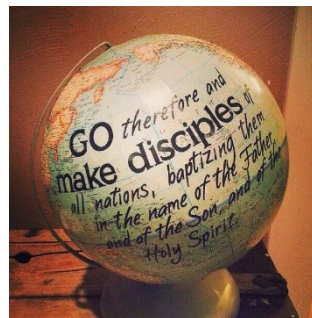
Item of the Month: Boxed milk and saltines

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

- OM Ships volunteers on Feb 12
- House of Hope Meal Provision - Men's Shelter
  - Love You, Mean It Sunday School class
- Connie Maxwell Children's Home donations. We received a good variety of paper products, games, and puzzles.
- 107 hygiene bags were packed and donated to the Darlington Free Medical Clinic. Thank you to all who helped back bags.

#### EBC Missions Committee:

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|------------------|--------------|
| Kim Andrews      | 843-615-2933 |
| Angie Bessenger  | 843-618-5403 |
| Derinda Connor   | 843-992-1179 |
| Angela Hamlin    | 843-496-1283 |
| Tiffany Phillips | 843-283-1091 |
| Suzette Watson   | 843-250-0571 |
| Devon Wheeler    | 573-888-7492 |



## EBC Missions

**Come and visit the EBC Missions Counter in the Welcome Center. Keep updated with the information boards, handouts, and collection bins for items. Please start dropping off your donations at the EBC Missions Counter.**

### 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 27, 2022

Year to date needs.....\$282,077.55  
Year to date receipt.....\$245,639.71