

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

July 2022

Follow the Clues

Have you ever stopped to ask “who seeks to gain the most from dividing our country?” Think about it...

Watching recent events in the news reinforces my opinion. Unfortunately, most of us (including me) get our news online. My reason? I am tired of how manipulative news outlets have become. So I seek news either by personal experience or online.

For months now, I've seen fantastic and controversial headlines at every turn. But I have found if I go and read the article, more often than not the headline makes a mountain out of mole-hill facts. Too often, the facts do not back up the spectacular headline. Why??

Because online media outlets make their money off of web traffic. So the more controversial the headline might be, the more clicks they will get.

And here, my friends, is the major rub: we read the headline and assume it as fact without digging in and reading the article. We have probably all been guilty of it. Add the fact that we cannot trust everything just because it is online, and we have a real problem. And if we are not careful, we won't be able to climb out of this crater.

In some cases, groups on the internet do indeed seek to divide us and even the article is full of untruth. In some cases they don't, but they contribute to it anyway with a sensationalism that does more harm than good. All in the name of money.....

Recently, Diana and I rode in an airport shuttle with a driver from another country. He loved to talk and has been in the US long enough that his English was perfect. He proceeded to tell us fantastical stories of conspiracy theories, espionage, and intrigue that goes all the way up to Pennsylvania Avenue. (It was an exhausting ride). We realized towards the end that he wasn't listening to us at all, and the best thing we could do was to let him talk. And, oh, the stories he told!!!

Be careful what you believe. Be careful of the sources you read. And, for goodness sake, be careful what you write on social media. Don't contribute to the divide.

United we stand, but divided we fall. And we as a nation are more divided than ever before.

Be the change that you want to see. Everyday we, as the church, impact the world around us. What will your impact be?

David



CHURCHWIDE BACK — TO — SCHOOL BASH

July 27th 6 - 8 pm

Register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/back-to-school-bash-tickets-377329601997

Be in Prayer for those going on the Maine Mission Trip

Billy and Kim Andrews
Charles and Tina Modrell
Renee Mathews
Latrell Fowler
Dawn Tolson
James Trussell
Sandra Swofford

Wayne and Andi Hill
Derinda Connor
Anita Shively
Tiffany Phillips
Suzette Watson
Stella Miller
Marcia Watkins

NO
Children's
CHURCH
Sunday, July 3rd
Family worship Day

Sunday, August 7th
Movin' On
UP
Promotion Sunday



The Lord's
Supper
will be observed
Sunday, July 3rd



Deacons Meeting
Sunday, July 10
At 5:00 pm

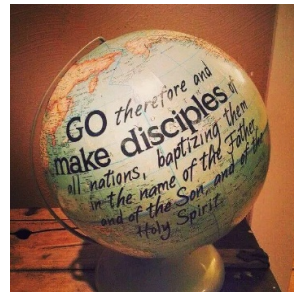
July 2022

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| | | | | | 1 Iley McLeod | |
| 3 Dawson Daniel Olivia Wheeler | 4 | 5 Roy Todd Bailey Conner Doyle McKenzie Lee Sherri Marlowe | 6 | 7 Matthew Andrews Dianne Massey Ted Sweat | 8 Emma Newton | 9 Debbie Lane Lee Freeman Charlie Clemson Aubrey Wheeler Graeme Bennett Caroline Bennett |
| 10 Rachel Anderson Jannie Huggins | 11 | 12 Kim Gregg Fran Jones Beth Townsend Maddox Daniel | 13 K.C. Todd Logan Brown Brody White | 14 Brenda Cox Marty Coates Jackson Connor | 15 Barbara Lee Hampton Pusser | 16 John Floyd Wendy Frazier William Winburn Mari Margaret Marlowe |
| 17 Slone Finklea | 18 | 19 Robert Clemson Patti Holland Jannie Foster Jackson Odom | 20 | 21 Austyn Claire Rouse Isabella Talbert | 22 Paulette Scott Madilyn King | 23 |
| 24 Bennett Bradshaw | 25 | 26 Trey Gensel Bette Meads | 27 Larry Jones Greg Clem- son | 28 | 29 Cullen Shelley Sheila Lein | 30 Carson Gardner |
| 31 Suzette Watson Jacob Graham Jennifer Hanna Rhonda Lee Lorraine de Roche | | | | | | |



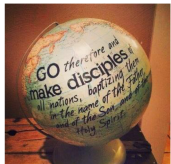
**Operation
Christmas
Child Items of
the Month**

Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, & Pens



**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.



EBC MISSIONS

July 2022 Opportunities

Connie Maxwell Children's Home

EBC will provide supplies for a July 4th celebration for the girls. This will include hotdogs and buns, cake, chips, watermelon, popcicles, and craft supplies.

OM Ships

On Jul 9 from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

Mission Trips

Maine: From Jul 7-15, around 17 people will be going to Maine to host VBS, participate in community outreach, and develop relationships.

West Virginia: From Jul 15-17, GA leaders are traveling to West Virginia to host a Women's Bible Study and Kid's Camp.

Please pray for those going on these mission trips and for seeds to be planted in the name of Christ.

House of Hope Meals

On **Monday, Jul 18** the **Church Staff** will provide and serve a meal at the Courtney McInnis Graham Community Shelter.

Parking Lot Ministry

On Jul 23, the **Love You, Mean It** SS class will be preparing and serving breakfast using the Disaster Relief grill.

Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

We will be collecting school supply items for Savannah Grove, Dewey L. Carter, and Timrod Elementary schools. Items include glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, zippered pencil pouches, washable classic markers, 24-packs of crayons, fine tip dry erase markers, wide ruled composition marble notebooks, and playdough. There is a list of items available on the Missions Counter. Item collection ends on **Jul 24**.

Back to School Prayer Walk and Cookout

On **Jul 27**, come and have fun at the Back to School Prayer Walk and Churchwide Family Cookout with Kona Ice. Each child that completes the Prayer Walk Activity Sheet will receive a Back to School goody bag.

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: pencils, pens, and sharpeners

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: canned fruit

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

- OM Ships volunteers
- House of Hope Meal Provision – Courtney McInnis Graham Shelter
 - GAs, RAs, and Missions Team
- Parking Lot Mission Meal Provision
 - Young Married Sunday School Class
- VBS: ONE NIGHT...350 people attended!!!
- A Choice to Make baby bottle monetary donations

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 |

Business Meeting, Wednesday July 27

at 6:00 pm

We will be voting on

nominating team report.

Deacon Nominee Response forms will be mailed out the first week of July.

If you receive a nomination request, please prayerfully consider it and return it to the church office by July 31st.

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 June 26, 2022

Year to date needs.....\$814,890.70
Year to date receipt.....\$695,888.23