

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

November 2022

The Secret to Rollercoasters

When I was a kid, I hated rollercoasters. HATED. THEM. And honestly hated any amusement ride where there seemed to be a loss of control. (You can delve into my psyche however you wish, but I chalk it all up as irrational fear).

As an adult, I love to fly. And I will fly on anything!! Commercial jets! Cessnas! Kit planes that Mark Rutan built with duct tape and bubble gum! And I truly love it!!!!

One day it hit me: those rollercoaster I hated and avoided were probably tons safer than flying. I don't know the statistics on it, but at the very least I'll wager they are equally as safe. Maybe.

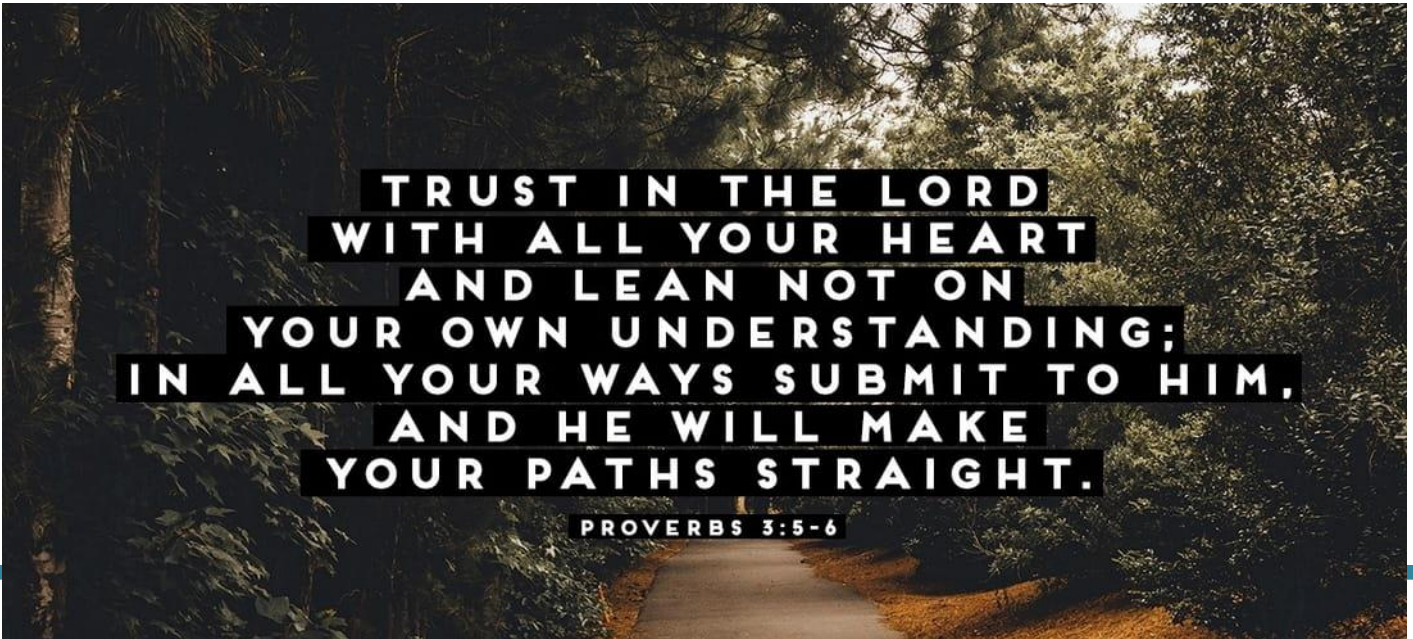
So when I hit 50, I decided to push the irrational fear off and try one. And life has never been the same!!! I now love a good rollercoaster!!! It's a matter of faith (and THAT is the secret to loving them)

I wish life were only like a rollercoaster. It does have its ups and downs, but it is actually not as stable as a rollercoaster. We can ride a coaster multiple times and know where the flips, dips, and sharp turns are coming. But life always deals it differently and we never know. And it all makes faith even more vital.

Where do you place your faith in this crazy world?? My challenge to you is try placing it in Christ. REALLY trusting Him to help you with all of the crazy stuff you face!! If we really believe what the Bible teaches us about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the plans He has for us, then it only makes sense to trust Him.

Do it!! You won't regret it!

David



**TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS SUBMIT TO HIM,
AND HE WILL MAKE
YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.**

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Sunday, November 6

**6:00 pm in the
Family Life Center**

**Join the Discipleship Team
for a round table group
discussion on Discipleship.
Childcare Provided**

**Wednesday Night Activities for the Week of
Thanksgiving will be on Tuesday Night
November 22nd.**

**The Church Office will be closed Thursday
November 24 & Friday November 25 in
observance of Thanksgiving**

**Church Wide
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Packing**

Wednesday, November 9th

6:00 PM in the Worship Center

**There will be NO Music, Mission Friends,
GA's, RA's, Youth or Prayer Meeting.
This is a church wide family event**



**HARVEST
SUNDAY
November 20th**



Summer Camp 2023 for Kids

What: "Drop-in" and find out about
summer camps.

Centrikid (Grades 3-5),
GA Camp – La Vida (Grades 1-5) &
RA Camp - McCall (Grades 1-12)

When: **Sunday morning November 13**
at 11:15 a.m. (after Sunday School) in the
Welcome Center or

Wednesday night November 16 at 7:30
p.m. (after Missions) in the Fellowship
Hall.

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

Missions Team BBQ Fund Raiser

At Rogers BBQ

Tuesday, November 8th

Lunch

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Take out or Dine in

Delivery available for orders of 10 plates or more

Dinner

5:00 - 7:00 pm

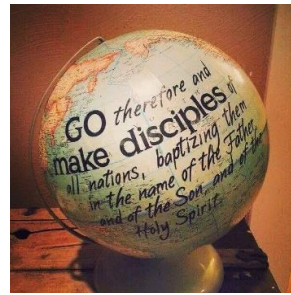
Dine In or Take Out



**If you can Volunteer to help please sign up at
the Missions counter in the Welcome Center
or in your Sunday School Class**

November Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Abby Reeves	2 Greta Massey Mya Kertis Pam Sweat	3 Mary Worrell	4	5
6 Jack Early Wade Watford	7 Sonner Ward	8 Anna Reagan Rodriguez	9 Lynn Laney Verma Dean Carol Burris Billy Phillips Kip Hicks	10 Gus McDill	11 Ellison Moody Judy Moody Edward Lunn Drew Rogers	12 Cindy Knox Matt Lewis Joel Graham
13 Linda Anderson Michael Kirshy Caroline Collins	14 Krissy Huntley	15 Wayne Hill Cathy Phillips	16 Laura Pusser Danny Horne	17 Keith Pettigrew Luke Neighbors Mark Menasco	18 Andrew Jackson	19 Ricky Stephens Dean Strickland Reagan Daniel Linda Moore
20 Riley Dunnam Susan Lewis Clayton White	21	22 Ashley Lowe	23 Joyce Bullock	24 Ryan Connor Luke Watkins Peirce Anderson Ellie Medlin	25	26 Georgia Floyd
27 Kerry Floyd Pat Clemson Nicole Watkins Tim McRae	28 Sherry Gra- ham Kandee Shelor	29	30 Ted Mears Hannah Floyd Carol Lang			



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.

**Deacons Meeting
Sunday, November 6th
5:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall**

We will observe Veterans Day on Sunday, November 13th during the Morning Worship Service.

If you are a Veteran please meet at the stage following service for a groups photo.

**Baptism will be held Sunday
November 20th during Morning
Worship**

- 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 October 30, 2022

Year to date needs.....\$1,379,045.80
Year to date receipt.....\$1,172,372.80



EBC MISSIONS November 2022 Opportunities

East Carolina Agricultural Fair Ministry

EBC will provide breakfast for the fair workers on **Nov 4** starting at 9:00am using the Missions Grill Trailer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kim Andrews. We need at least 6-8 volunteers.

West Virginia Backpack Collection

The GAs will collect items to pack backpacks for the Appalachian Outreach Ministry. Items due by **Nov 6**.

Missions BBQ Fundraiser

The Missions Team will be holding a Roger's BBQ Fundraiser on **Nov 8**. We are pre-selling BBQ plates and bulk BBQ by the pint. If you are interested in supporting the missions effort with your service, we need volunteers to pre-sale tickets, prepare and deliver plates to local businesses during lunch, and prepare plates during dinner. Please sign-up to help at the Missions Counter. Ticket sales are due and must be returned by **Nov 2**.

OM Ships

On **Saturday, Nov 12** from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

Operation Christmas Child

- On **Nov 9** starting at 6pm there will be a church-wide OCC box packing in the worship center. Bring your families to pack boxes.
- On **Nov 17** from 4-7pm, **ten volunteers needed** for the Florence Baptist Association intake of OCC boxes at Calvary Baptist Church. Contact Melinda Miller if interested in volunteering.
- The OCC collection item for November area **bandaids and chapstick**.

Christmas Presents for Families in Maine

We hope to continue to minister to the Maine community through acts of kindness and generosity. We will be collecting gift cards for the families of Solid Rock Church. Pull a name from the tree at the Missions Counter starting **Nov 13**. Gift cards are due back to the church office by **Dec 4**.

House of Hope Meals

On **Monday, Nov 21** the Pairs and Spares SS class will provide and serve a meal at the Courtney McInnis Graham Shelter.

Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast and Cold Weather Clothing Item Collection

- On **Nov 26**, the Faith Builders SS class will be preparing and serving breakfast.
- We are collecting the following items for distribution in January: new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks.

Christmas Prisoner Packets

A list of approved items and Ziploc bags are available in the Mission Area and are due on **Nov 28**. The bags must be packed exactly as the instructions read—no substitutions.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides funding to send missionaries all around the world to places with little to no access to the gospel. Please pray about giving an offering this year. **EBC goal: \$17,000**

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Macaroni & Cheese

EBC Missions Committee:

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Jill Webster 843-687-2158

Mark Your Calendars for Events coming in the next Months.....

Operation Christmas Child
Churchwide packing party
Wednesday, November 9th
at 6:00 pm in the Worship



Christmas Musical
Sunday, December 11th
During Morning Worship at 9:15 am



Bring us a Christmas Concert
December 18th at 6:00 pm
in the Sanctuary