

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

January 2023

The ONLY thing that remains the same ... is CHANGE

Changes are happening in our world at light speed ... Some might say at an alarming rate. Changes in our nation, our state, our city, our community, and our neighborhoods have impacted life in every way. Yet, our calling and commission from Christ remains the same: To GO and reach the WORLD. So how can we do that in the midst of all of this change?

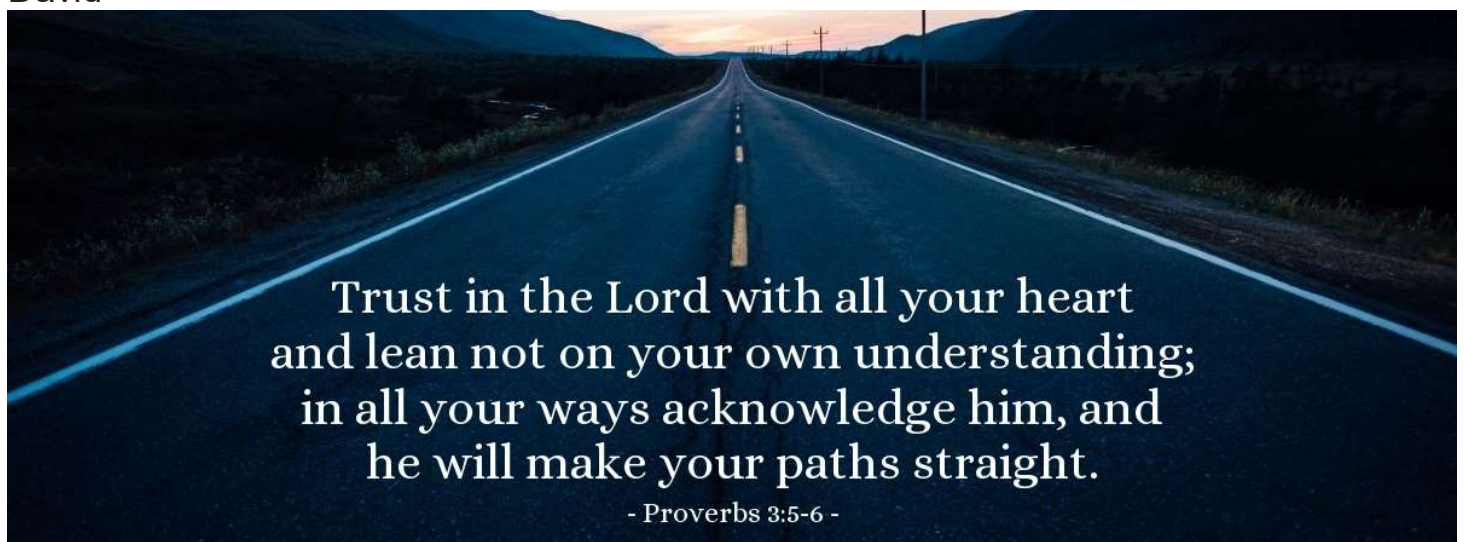
I could dance around this topic for a while, but why not cut to the chase? While our message can NEVER CHANGE (because the Gospel is not ours to change), our methods must. The way we will reach people in 2023 will be different from the way we reached people in 1995 (when I first moved to Florence and began my tenure at EBC).

People who are seeking Christ are looking for something genuine: less flash and polish, and more real. Sometimes I think we made mistakes in the past with flash and polish. They look at us to see if it is real to us first. So, the greatest thing you can do to reach others for Christ is to LIVE IT and then TELL IT. And we must do both and remember that one won't work without the other.

We have a new year before us and, contrary to what the world would have you believe, there are more people right now seeking Christ in Florence, SC, than ever before.

GO GET 'EM!

David

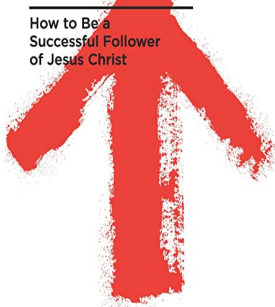


Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and
he will make your paths straight.

- Proverbs 3:5-6 -

START! TO FOLLOW

How to Be a
Successful Follower
of Jesus Christ



GREG LAURIE

Join the Discipleship team on Sunday Evenings in January at 6:00 pm in the Chapel as they lead in helping us learn how to successfully follow Christ. You could come learn as a SS Teacher and then use this study in Sunday School.

Women's Winter Bible Study

Are you interested in joining a study for women on Wednesday Evenings at 6:15 pm. Please contact the Church Office to sign up.



Parents of Youth and Children, it's time to register for camp.

Register & pay a deposit for Centrikid Children's camp at tiny.cc/centrikid23 by February 10th.

Register and pay a deposit for RA & GA camps at tiny.cc/ragacamp23 by January 11th.

Register and pay a deposit for Youth Summer Camp at tiny.cc/crashcamp23 by January 22nd.

*Wednesday
Nights Resume January 11th*

Supper at 5:00 (Pancakes off the Grill)
Children's Activities begin at 5:45 pm
Youth Activities at 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting at 6:15 pm

**There will be Prayer Meeting
at 6:15 pm on Wednesday,
January 4th in the Chapel**



**EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH**
PEOPLE OF GOD REACHING EVERY ONE WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST

NEW YEAR'S DAY

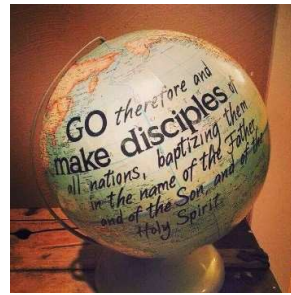
JANUARY 1, 2023

**Family Worship at 9:15 am
NO Children's Church
Sunday School at 10:30 am**

Lord's Supper will be observed

January Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chuck Andrews	2 Whit Stephens Maggie Dawkins Reed Bausmith	3 Beth Ham Jay Graham Chandler Medlin	4 Greer Maret Lily Anderson Michael Lee	5 Owen Hicks Will Bolt Fran Matthews Ben Gensel Renee Mathews	6 Wesley Nobles Grace Singletary	7 Wayne Atwood
8 Ina Garrison Linda Kennedy Linda Freeman	9 Lily Turner Miller Turner	10 Barbara Hill Claire McKay Ben Early	11 Jeremy Collins Ella Grace Barhite	12 Paula Hooss Connie Skipper Maniah Godbold Lynn Cain Luke Davis	13	14 Robin Freeman Cybil Usher David Jackson Shelby White
15 Dawn Tolson Bailey Johnson	16 Caleb Todd	17 Michael Shriver Tyndall Fountain David Nelson	18 Jake Webster Alexandria Hicks Kessler Richardson	19 Brad Kempson Kimberly Jordan Geneva Pitstick	20 Carolyn Cooke Stephanie Stone Debbie Winburn Sandra King Gavin Gardner Hugh Garrett	21 Nancy Gatewood Thomas Gless
22 Claire Andrews Jimmy Norton Ernie Connor Caleb Hutchinson Kathy Ham	23 Caroline Grimsley	24	25 Jim Kizziar Abby Kertis	26 Greg Hamlin Cayden Home Lisa Conner Stephanie Nobles	27 Priscilla Kizziar	28 Crystal Clemson Neal Kennedy Gale Hobson
29	30	31 David Newton Jennifer Baldwin				



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 January 8th
5:00 pm**



**January 29th
New boys and girls underwear will be collected as a donation to the Foster Care Clothing Closet.**

Undie Sunday

**Betty Mears Circle
will meet
Thursday, January 12th
at 10:30 am
in the Mears House**

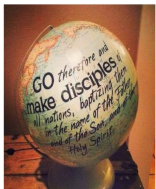
Mark Your Calendar...
Wild Game Supper
Saturday, February 4th
6:00 pm

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 December 25, 2022

Year to date needs.....\$1,583,683.92
Year to date receipt.....\$1,409,546.80



EBC MISSIONS

January 2023 Opportunities

OM Ships

On Jan. 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships. Sign-up at the Missions Center.

Parking Lot Ministry

On Jan. 28, the GAs, RAs, and Missions Team will be preparing and serving breakfast. We are still collecting cold weather items for distribution after the breakfast. Please consider donating any coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, socks, etc....

Undie Sunday

New boys and girls underwear will be collected on Jan. 29 for donation to the Foster Care Clothing Closet. The Foster Care Clothing Closet exists to provide support in the form of clothing and supplies for wonderful families that open up their hearts and homes to foster children looking for a sense of belonging.

Operation Christmas Child

The collection items for January are washcloths and bar soap.

We are collecting supplies for use by the RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends to use while packing shoe 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: Peanut butter and Jelly

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

- Lottie Moon Offering collection to date: \$7,250.00
- 60 Christmas Food Boxes were collected and distributed
- HOH Meal Provision – Men's Shelter
 - Cross Trainers and Rowdy Bunch
- 88 Prisoner Packets were donated

EBC Missions Committee:

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