

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

April 2023

Preparing for Worship

Holy Week 2023 is upon us! We will gather throughout the week for different worship experiences, and I hope you will be able to join us for all! In light of this, a serious question for you:

What are you doing to prepare your heart?

Easter is our most holy day of worship, a day we must contemplate and remember what Christ did for us!! Easter for Ebenezer is a season in which we gather a little more, worship a little deeper, and consider what salvation really means a little more. Should that be so??

As we prepare our hearts for worship, we each need to examine our hearts and lives Confess every sin that we know is unconfessed ... Forgive any and everyone to rid our hearts of malice and ill thoughts ...and avoid and remove anything in our lives that will distract us from giving our entire heart, mind, and soul in worship. If you can work towards all of these goals, I promise this Holy Week will mean more to you than perhaps any other Holy Week of your life!

And here is the kicker: We really should approach EVERY WEEK and EVERY OPPORTUNITY we have to worship with that same posture. EVERY SEASON. EVERY YEAR.

Yes, Easter is our most holy of holidays!! And it is one we should celebrate EVERY DAY!!

Hope you have a great Holy Week!!

David



Join Us **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

April 2nd Palm Sunday (Easter Egg Hunt 3-5 pm)
April 5th No Wednesday Night Activities
April 6th Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm
April 7th Good Friday (Church Office Closed)
April 9th Sunrise Service at 6:45 am
 Morning Worship at 9:15 am
 Sunday School 10:15 am
April 12th No Wednesday Activities



FIRST NAME SUNDAY

Grab a name tag from a greeter as you come in Sunday morning, April 2nd. Put your first name on it and there will be a special time during the service for getting to know the names of your fellow Ebenezerites.

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 19-22
 6:00 - 8:30 pm



Register at ebcsc.com



The Mission Team will be hosting a Family Fun Event for local foster families through the Foster Care Clothing Closet...**but we need YOUR help.**

Volunteer on the day of the event

Volunteers will be needed in the areas of food service, safety, crafts, and games and will need to arrive by 10am on the day of the event. Youth and older children are encouraged to help.

You Name It. We'll Be Playing It!

GAME NIGHT



4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 6:30 pm The Youth Building

April Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Roger Salyer	3 Bridgette Coates Anna Todd Hollyn Phillips	4 Ashlan Shriver	5 Jeffrey Miller	6 Valerie Modrell	7 Diane Morganti	8
9 Wendell Lane Kaden Todd Karen Griesse	10 Jill Webster Jennifer Hoover Betty Suggs	11 Logan McRae Wyatt Oakley Anna Katherine Townsend	12	13 Eric Belk Amanda Chambers	14 Michael Bell	15
16 John Garrett Jeff Lee	17 Elaine Hutchinson Bill Watkins Hannah Collins	18 Sydney Frazier Sophie Belk Jacob Floyd Cameron Nesmith Dustin Rouse Kimberly Townsend	19 Glen Gottula Willard Dorriety Ed Self	20 Richard McCabe Emma Graham	21	22 Randy Fails
23	24 Gerri McDill Gene Grimsley Kellen Davis Marci Gatewood	25 Debbie Sorenson Randell Lee Matt Glaz	26	27 Reagan Dunnam Laura Mason Belk Andl Phillips	28	29 Sandra Swofford Fowler Laney
30 Charley Moore						

Ladies...need a place to plug in on Wednesday Nights???

Join us for a 7 Week Study on Philippians. 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in Caring Friends SS Classroom on the Gym Hallway.

Contact Latrell Fowler with questions (843)319-1536

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or go to tiny.cc/vbscrew23 to register to be a VBS crew leader. We will also offer an opportunity for rising 9th graders through 12th grade to be an assistant crew leaders.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

April 5th NO Wednesday Night Supper
 April 12th NO Wednesday Night Supper
 April 19th Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread
 April 26th Fried Chicken, Butter Beans, Mac & Cheese, Salad Bar

Betty Mears Circle will meet Thursday, April 13th at 10:30 am in the Mears House

Deacons Meeting Sunday at 5:00 pm In the Fellowship Hall



EBC MISSIONS

April 2023 Opportunities

Foster Care Clothing Closet Saturday Funday Event

We will be hosting a Family Fun Event for local foster families through the Foster Care Clothing Closet on **April 22 from 11am – 1pm**...but we need YOUR help. There are 2 ways you can help:

1. Provide items for a Family Fun Bag—Each family will receive a gift bag at the end of the event. Bags will be due by April 16 and can be placed at the Missions Counter.
2. Volunteers on the day of the event will be needed in the areas of food service, safety, crafts, and games and will need to arrive by 10am on the day of the event. Youth and older children are encouraged to help.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Sunday School folders. If you have any questions about volunteering or the event, please contact Tiffany Phillips, Marcia Watkins, or Joel Shearon.

Mission Rummage Sale Fundraiser

So many donations have been sorted and priced. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who have given of their time. The yard sale is now a two-day event: March 31 from 1pm – 7pm and April 1 from 8am – 4pm. Please spread the word.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. EBC Goal: \$12,000

OM Ships

On **Apr. 15** from 9:00am - 12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships. Sign-up at the Missions Center.

Operation Christmas Child

The collection items for March are **reusable plastic bowls and cups (not disposable items)**. Wish lists have been created on the Amazon and Wal-mart websites. Links are available on the EBC Missions Facebook page. Items ordered will be delivered directly to the church.

Amazon list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/B60BW01HIKEV...>

Walmart list: <https://www.walmart.com/.../44ddaa1e-e32a-47cc-ac2d...>

We are collecting supplies for use by the RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends to use while packing shoes 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: Macaroni and Cheese

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

- Donations for Spanish bibles
- Water donations
- OM Ships volunteers
- PLM Breakfast: Prepared and served by the **For Those Who Dare** SS class

EBC Missions Committee:

Angie Bessinger	843-618-5403
Angela Hamlin	843-496-1283
Tiffany Phillips	843-283-1091
Amy Rouse	843-496-0110
Suzette Watson	843-250-0571

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 March 26, 2023

Year to date needs.....\$369,637.32
 Year to date receipt.....\$357,408.92