

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

July 2023

FREEDOM!!!

Freedom! The ability to move about freely and do what we want, when we want!!
(Within the limits of society and law)

For 247 years, we have enjoyed freedom as Americans and we are thankful for the freedoms we have. Freedom of speech. Freedom to worship. Ebenezer Baptist Church was borne during the waning days of the American Revolution and we gave sons to that fight. I would also like to think that, if we had to do it, we would stand and fight for those same freedoms again. I would, because I love America.

I wonder if we would share that same resolve for the Church? For the Body of Christ and for the Kingdom of God? More importantly, would we lay down our lives on OUR TERMS or would we do it God's way??

God's way and the way of Christ would look very different from our way. Jesus said "don't be surprised when they hate you ... They hated Me!!" And "love your enemies ... Pray for those who persecute you..." What is God's way??? Read the word. It's not hard to figure out.

As we enjoy the freedoms of being American this week and this month, please do not forget that, even above our citizenship, we are blood-kin to the family of God!!!! We have a greater freedom than even that of being American ... We have freedom from guilt and the entanglement of SIN!!! Live FREELY and tell someone else how they can know true FREEDOM this month!!!

David





The Mission Team will be selling these Mission tshirts for \$10 each. Contact the church office to purchase a tshirt.

FIRST NAME SUNDAY

Grab a name tag from a greeter as you come in Sunday morning, July 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.

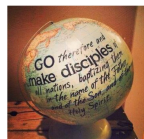
There will be NO Deacons Meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 6th at 5:00 pm

July Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Iley McLeod	3 Dawson Daniel	4	5 Roy Todd Mark Jones Bailey Doyle McKenzie Lee Sherri Marlowe	6	7 Matthew Andrews Dianne Massey Ted Sweat	8 Emma Newton Jenelle Files
9 Debbie Lane Lee Freeman Charlie Clemson Graeme Bennett Caroline Bennett	10 Rachel Anderson	11 Sophia Graham	12 Kim Gregg Fran Jones Beth Townsend Maddox Daniel	13 KC 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 Jamie Foster Jackson Odom	20	21 Suzanne McCall Austyn Rouse	22 Paulette Scott Madilyn King
23 Anna Dowling	24 Bennett Bradshaw	25	26 Trey Gensel	27 Larry Jones Greg Clemson	28	29 Cullen Shelley Shelia Lein
30 Carson Gardner	31 Suzette Watson Jacob Graham Rhonda Lee Lorraine de Roche					



Come join us for ukulele class on Monday Evening, July 10th at 6:30 pm in the Choir room. All ages are invited to come learn and jam with Stacie Watford. Contact Andi Hill in the church office for more info.



EBC MISSIONS

July 2023 Opportunities

OM Ships

On Jul 8 from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

Mission Trips

Honduras: Please be praying for the those going to Honduras on July 8-15. Also, pray for those in Honduras—pray that their medical and spiritual needs will be met.

Maine: Please pray for the planning of the Maine mission trip. The trip will occur on Oct 2-9. If you have any questions about the trip or interest in going, please contact Kim Andrews.

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

Parking Lot Ministry

On Jul 22, the Love You, Mean It \$5 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 local elementary schools. Items include glue sticks, washable classic markers, fine tip dry erase markers, and rulers. Items will be collected through Jul 23.

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: pencils, colored pencils, erasers, and sharpeners

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: canned soup

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

- OM Ships volunteers
- VBS
- A Choice to Make baby bottle monetary donations

EBC Missions Committee

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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 June 25, 2023

Year to date needs.....\$770,077.75

Year to date receipt.....\$697,931.54