

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

May 2023

You have heard ...

Don't fret about the state of our world. Do something about it. In this culture of cancelation and division, we have a tool and an obligation to make this place better. The tool is LOVE. The obligation comes from the words of Christ.

When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus said that we are to LOVE GOD WITH OUR ALL and LOVE EACH OTHER. That on these two commandments hang all of the Law and Prophets.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminded us that our obligation is to LOVE ALL. Jesus said "You have heard to love your neighbor", but I am telling you to love your enemies. To pray for those who persecute us. From the cross He demonstrated this very love when He prayed that God would forgive those who crucified Him, because they didn't even understand what they had done.

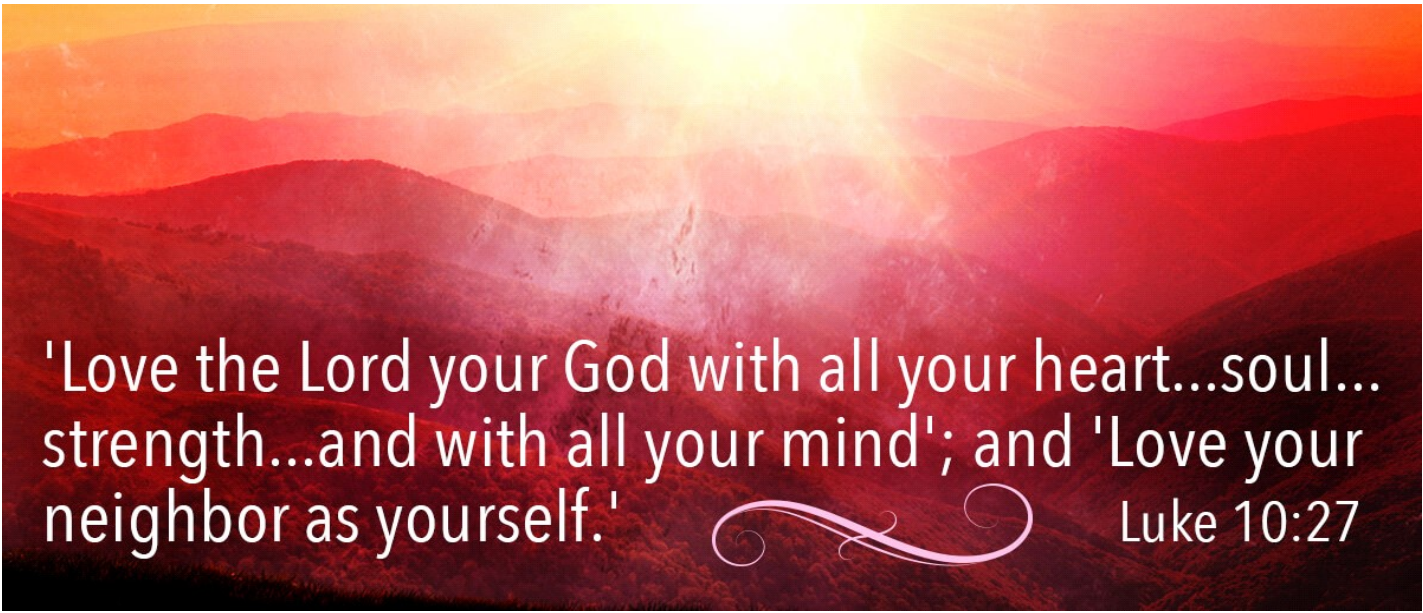
He constantly reminded us (His disciples) that we should love in the same way!

So what difference would this make in 2023????

If we all took this approach to our culture and our world, both would significantly change for the better. But we are afraid to love. We don't know how to love and not judge (and that one is a tough one). So we choose to hate because it seems easier.

Church, we've got work to do.

David



'Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul... strength...and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Luke 10:27



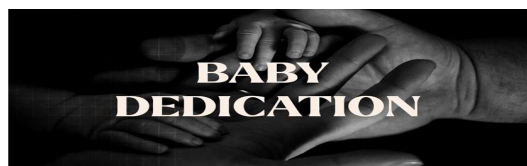
The Mission Team will be selling these Mission tshirts for \$10 each. You can come by the church office or stop by the Mission counter on Sunday Mornings following Worship.



Women who are interested in being in God's word through scripture memorization, book discussion and prayer, please join us on Tuesday evenings for a 5 week study.
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm beginning Tuesday, June 6th.
Contact the church office if you plan to attend.

FIRST NAME SUNDAY

Grab a name tag from a greeter as you come in Sunday morning, June 4th. 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 Eberezerites.



For anyone that was not able to participate in Baby Dedication on Mothers Day, we will observe a time of Baby Dedication during Fathers Day Worship Service. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Our Baby Nursery is GROWING



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To serve in the nursery during Morning Worship,
Please contact the Church Office



There will be a ukulele class offered on Monday Evening, June 26th at 6:00 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.

Vacation Bible School

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



Register at ebcsc.com



The VBS Schedule for the week of June 19-22

3K/4K VBS will be 6:00 – 8:00 pm with a carline style pick up in front of Pettigrew Hall at 8:00 pm

5K – 4th grade will be 6:00 – 8:30 pm with a carline style pick up at 8:30 pm in front of the Worship Center

Middle School VBS will be 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Youth House with pick up there at 8:30 pm

Adult VBS will be at 6:30 pm in the Chapel

June Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Brad Sansbury Cole Jordan Dennis Townsend	2 Mallory Conner	3 Heather Willis Crissy Jones
4 Gayle Harrelson Melinda Miller Briggs Kearns	5 Keith White Jessica Brown Summer James	6 Karen Floyd Beverly Shearon	7 Ted Webster Jean Ander- son	8 Loretta Gottula Mary Todd	9 Victoria Miller Nicole Moore	10 Kylan McDill Sharon Milligan Cindy Belk Hayden Johnson McKay Willis Miller Willis
11	12 Pam Wade Lucy Sheesley	13	14 Joey Rogers	15 Jumana Swindler Helen Deans	16 Cherry Bridges Joyce Lunn	17
18 Thomas Clemson Malinda Milton Sherry Young	19 Annie Owens	20 Jay Pusser	21 Frances Parker Emilee Cox Chalmers Hutchinson James Hardesty Emmy Anderson Dustin Fails	22 Brenda Doman Shelby McCormick	23 Lea Gardner Jack Newton Mark Fountain Mike Krupa	24 Natalie McCabe James Trussell
25 Kay Stephenson Charles Modrell	26 Walker Little Donnie Carter	27 Diana Wike Dustin McRae	28 Jimmy Gardner Johnny Hobson Everett Hicks Avannah Phillips	29 Artie McKnight	30 Maylee Lewis Brayden Lewis Addison Lewis Parker Lewis Marcia Watkins	

**Father's Day will be a Family
Worship Day at 9:15 am
NO Children's Church**

VBS Supper Menu

Night 1 Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Butter Beans

Night 2 Spaghetti, Garlic Bread

Night 3 Chicken Bog, Green Beans

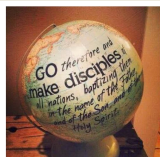
Night 4 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs,
French Fries, Baked Beans

Each Night Chicken Nuggets and a Salad
Bar will be available.

Adults \$6

Children \$3

**Deacons Meeting
Sunday, June 3rd at 5:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall**



EBC MISSIONS

June 2023 Opportunities

OM Ships

On **Jun 10** from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

Vacation Bible School

On **Jun 19-22**, VBS will be held from 6:00pm – 8:30pm. Dinner will be available at 5:00pm (\$6 per adult, \$3 per child). Please sign-up at www.ebcsc.com and invite children from the community.

Honduras Mission Trip

Please be praying for the those going to Honduras on July 8-15.

A Choice to Make

Come get your baby bottles from the Mission's Counter. Fill them with money and return by **Jun 26**.

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: small toys for boys and girls (less than 6 inches long).

Samaritan's Purse lists the following items as ideas for small toys: playdough, slinky, Barbie doll, drawstring backpack, finger puppets, yo-yo, marbles, costume jewelry, toy animals, puzzles, jump rope, stickers, binoculars, building blocks, small tools, kite, sewing kit, and deflated balls

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/B60BW01H1KEV...>

Walmart list: <https://www.walmart.com/.../d4ddaa1e-e32a-47cc-ae2d...>

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Peanut butter & Jelly

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

- OM Ships volunteers
- Parking Lot Mission Meal Provision
 - Faith Builders Sunday School Class

EBC Missions Committee

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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 May 28, 2023

Year to date needs.....\$646,865.31

Year to date receipt.....\$603,818.99