

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

August 2023

## GRACE

One of the greatest things about the grace of God is that we don't have to clean ourselves up for God to love us. We didn't have to clean up our lives for Christ to come for us, to die on a cross for us, and to defeat death so that one day we will be with Him in a place He Himself has prepared for us. That is the TRUE meaning of GRACE ... The unmerited favor that God has shown to us. In fact, I will tell you a little secret about that grace in just a moment.

But first ...

One of the great sins of The Church (dating back to the first century) is that WE, the CHURCH, the recipients of this incredible grace, WE REQUIRE OTHERS TO CLEAN THEMSELVES UP TO COME TO GOD. At least to come to church. And, gang, that is just plain wrong. No way around that one. Now for the secret!!!

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CLEAN OURSELVES UP ENOUGH FOR GOD!!! We could never clean ourselves up to the point that we qualify or deserve the Grace of God. Period.

So what makes us think we can require the lost to clean themselves up to be worthy of our love, when we cannot clean ourselves up enough to be worthy of the love of God???

Do you see the problem?

David

All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a polluted garment; all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities carry us away like the wind.

—Isaiah 64:6 (HCSB)



## ATTENTION PLEASE

**CALLING ALL TEACHERS**  
(Adult, Youth, & Children SS Teachers  
Missions & Music Teachers)

Meeting August 23rd at 6:30 pm  
Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Joel Dale  
Dessert will be served

## FIRST NAME SUNDAY

Grab a name tag from a greeter as you come in Sunday morning, August 6th. 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.

## Wonderful Wednesday SKATE NIGHT

Kids ages 4K-5th grade

August 30th 5-7 pm

pizza snack provided

## Christmas Play AUDITIONS

open for all adults

August 20th & 27th at 3:00 pm

Deacon Ordination  
August 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS START BACK

September 6th

5:00 pm: Supper  
5:45 pm: Children's Music 3K-5th grade  
6:00 pm: Youth  
6:15 pm: Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
6:45 pm: Children's Missions 3K-5th grade  
(Dismissal for Youth & Children at 7:30 pm)

## The Heat IS ON TO SAVE LIVES

Ebenezer Baptist Church - Florence

524 S. Ebenezer Rd  
Florence, SC 29501

08/20/2023 | 11:00 AM-04:00 PM

Sponsor Code 106EB

**\$50 in rewards!**

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**Sunday, August 20th  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Please Consider Giving!**

Middle & High School  
**PRAYER**  
*Breakfast*  
begins Friday, Aug. 3rd  
7:00 am in the Youth House

## August Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Alli Freeman	2 Pam Gaddy David Rodriguez Hilda Freeman	3 Jonathan King	4 Julie Duff Arthur Sauciu Addison Pusser	5 Pavit Nelson Tina Modrell
6 Ethan Shriver Catherine Jackson	7 Linda Slaughter	8 Jimmy Haynes David Sheesley Russ Warner	9 Dennis Mitton Evelyn Campbell Mason Benenhaley Abby Menasco	10 Betty Broach Annabelle Miller Rick Luhrs	11 Emma Grace Gensel	12 Mike Rallings Cameron Clemson
13 Buddy Rainwater Logan Hatfield	14 Chad Graham	15 Toby Hutchinson Billy Andrews Ryan Jordan Modene Echerd	16 Marla Greer	17 Lyn Myrick Latrell Fowler	18 Bryant Hicks	19 David Wike
20 Kim Andrews	21 Jennifer Hicks Leslie Strickland	22	23 Russ Watson Allyson Anderson Hampton Corner	24 Jack Ray Breanna Lisenby Beth Krupa	25 Irvin Ulmer Sarah Geddings Julie Fails Kim Rogers	26 Hazel Rast Cindy Rallings Renee Kennedy
27 David Clemson	28 Cameron White	29 Stephanie McCabe	30 Megan Bolt Ron Love	31 Jan Singleton Shelley Rodriguez Jeremy Locklair Debbie Boswell		

*welcome*  
to our newest members!

**Christian & Shane Gibson**

**rightnow** MEDIA

**Link to access Right Now Media**

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/ebenezerbc>

**Deacons Meeting**

**Sunday, August 6th at 5:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall**

**Special Called**

**Business Meeting**

**Sunday, August 27th  
in 9:15 am Worship  
to vote on Ministry Selection  
and Deacons.**

**Business Meeting**

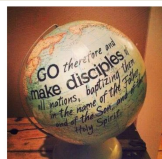
**Wednesday, August 2nd  
6:15 pm in the Chapel**

**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 July 23, 2023

Year to date needs.....\$893,290.19  
Year to date receipt.....\$797,237.78



## EBC MISSIONS

### August 2023 Opportunities

#### **OM Ships**

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

#### **Mission Trips**

**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.

**West Virginia:** Nancy Gatewood will be taking a group to West Virginia on Aug 18-20.

#### **Baptist Collegiate Ministry Cookout at FMU**

On **Wednesday, Aug 24**, EBC will be providing a meal for students at Francis Marion University as part of the university's back-to-school welcome week. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, dessert, and drinks will be provided. Can you help at the event? If so, please notify Nathan Neighbors.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Item of the Month: one subject notebooks and crayons

#### **EBC Food Pantry**

Item of the Month: canned meat and vegetables

**EBC Missions Committee**  
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Tiffany Phillips 843-283-1091  
Amy Rouse 843-496-0110  
Suzette Watson 843-250-0571

#### **What has EBC Missions been up to? Here is the July recap**

- OM Ships volunteers
- Honduras Mission Trip
- Parking Lot Ministry Meal served by the **Love You, Mean It** SS class
- School supplies (including bookbags, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, and dry erase markers) were provided for Brockington, Henry Timrod, Savannah Grove, and Dewey L. Carter Elementary schools
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry was provided 109 Welcome Packs including crackers, pop tarts, mechanical pencils, Tic Tacs or breath mints, and gum.