Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

October 2023

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Seriously ... Our world seems to get a little worse and worse every day. We fret and we worry. We say things like "I cannot imagine the world that my grandkids will grow up in. Surely it won't be too much longer before Christ returns. Surely."

Then, we realize we heard our parents and grandparents say the same things decades ago. We look at the history of the world and understand that the world has been decaying for centuries. And, just when you think or say it cannot get any worse, it does.

Jesus said "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God and believe in Me." (John 14)

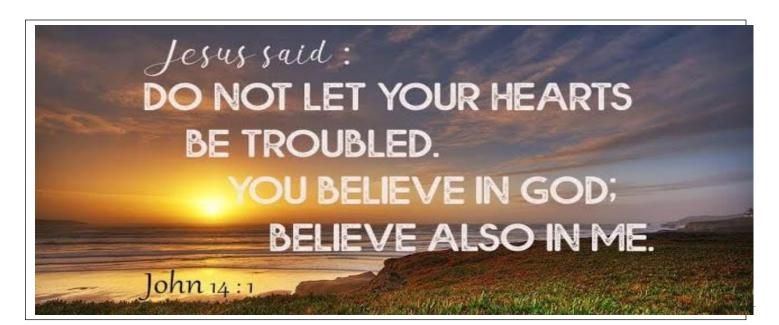
Do not be surprised as things get worse and worse. Do not fret. Trust God. Trust Jesus. Instead of worrying about the world around you, try to find the places where you can help. Where you can make a difference.

There are many stories about heroes who emerged at the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001. Men and women who, instead of shutting down in the face of disaster and death, rose to the occasion and made a difference. And people are alive today because of their unwillingness to worry or fret. Their sheer will to do what was right saved countless lives. And in several cases, those heroes gave their own lives so that others could live.

RE-DEFINE the signs in this time: WE ARE READY TO SERVE!! READY TO ACT!! READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE HOWEVER GOD CALLS US TO DO IT!!!!!!

You won't regret it! Neither will those you lead to safety!!

David







Fall Festival October 29th

3:00 - 5:00 pm

NOW COLLECTING CANDY DONATIONS! for Trunk or Treat



But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5



Ebenezer Ladies Dinner Thursday, November 9, 2023 Doors open at 5:00 pm for shopping Dinner at 7:00 pm Guest Speaker Holly Crowe Individual tickets go on sale October 18th

If you would like to decorate a table please see Angela Pettigrew or PamWade by Wednesday, October 11th.



Men we need your help Serving at the Ladies Dinner on November 9th. Please see Keith Pettigrew or contact the church office if you can volunteer.

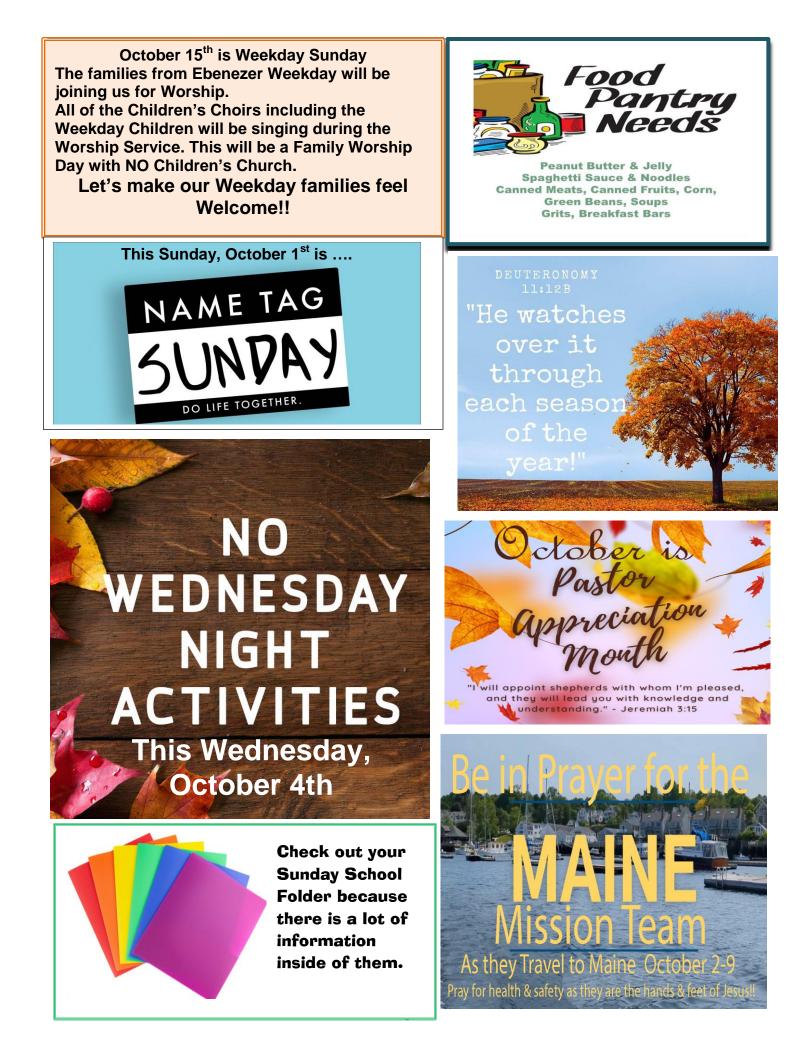
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2023-2024 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Ebenezer Families, if you would like your child/teen to play on our church basketball teams, please contact the Church Office during October. Cost: \$30

SOCIODER Bring a pair of socks during the month of Oct. for the Foster Care Closet.

Donation bin in the Welcome Center



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Madison McKnight Bry Stokes	2 Allen Ham Kendra Collins David Townsend	3 Bobby Cottingham Courtney Carter Linda Haynes	4 Ashley Neighbors Anderson Neighbors Ridge Little	5 Deena Shelley	6 Melissa Miller Lilly Huiet	7 Brenda Welch Betty Moore- Bell Rachel Garrett
8 Jackson Huiet Sarah Watford McKenna O'Neal	9 Debra Waddell Alex Pettigrew Lee Burris	10 Ray Scott Ronnie Windham Grace Hoover Joe Young Anna Clare Whatley	11 Jenny Kizziar Marti Rainwater Michael Suddreth	12 Jase Keller	13 Zach Marett	14 Connie Norton Monty Barfield
15 Ruth Dorriety Melanie White Thomas Huiet Tammy Horne	16	17 Joel Shearon Ryan Bausmith	18 Linda Brown Toni Bradshaw	19 Tony Fowler Miah Fowler	20 Jean Buxton Laura McKay BK Phillips	21 Andi Hill Savannah Williamson
22	23	24 Gale James Matthew Anderson	25 Shirley Galloway Luis Cedeno Tracey Daniel	26 Charlie Dewitt Donald Marlowe	27 Payton Townsend Larry Moore	28
29 Victor Brown	30 David Whatley	31 Joanne Ulmer Addie Bausmith Tripp Huntley				



EBC MISSIONS

October 2023 Opportunities

OM Ships

On Oct 14 from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

Mission Trips

Maine: Please pray for those going to Maine and for Solid Rock Church as they prepare to transition into their own church building. The trip will occur on Oct 2-9.

West Virginia Christmas Present Collection

The GAs will collect items for the Appalachian Outreach Ministry. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Sunday School folders.

Christmas Prisoner Packets

A list of approved items and Ziploc bags are available in the Mission Area and are due on **Nov 26**. The bags must be packed <u>exactly</u> as the instructions read—no substitutions.

Bliss Ball

Biss Ball will be held on Oct 14 at Calvary Baptist Church. This event honors children and adults with special healthcare needs. If you want more information about volunteer opportunities, email FBALouanne@sc.rr.com or call 843.662.5921 and talk to Louanne with the Florence Baptist Association.

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: socks for 'SOCK-TOBER'

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available at the Mission's Counter from now until November. Remember to pack your boxes at home and include the shipping cost within your box. Bring your boxes to church on **Nov 12.** During the morning worship service, we will pray over the boxes.

	EBC Missions Committee		
EBC Food Pantry	Kim Andrews	843-615-2933	
Item of the Month: Grits & Oatmeal; Peanut Butter & Jelly	Angie Bessenger	843-618-5403	
	Amanda Chambers	478-387-5426	
	Angela Hamlin	843-496-1283	
	Tiffany Phillips	843-283-1091	
What has EBC Missions been up to? Here is the September recan	Amy Rouse	843-496-0110	

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- OM Ships volunteers
- Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast: Young Married Sunday School Class
- RaceWay Ministries: volunteers cooked and distributed biscuits distributed at the Darlington Nascar Race



Tanner Poston

Mears Ladies Group will meet on Thursday. October 12th in the Mears House at 10:30 am.





Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Oct. 4: No Wed. Night Supper

- Oct. 11: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread
- Oct. 18: Chicken Bog, Green Beans

Oct. 25: Beef Stew w/Rice, Corn

Chicken Nuggets & Salad Bar will be available each week. The Salad Bar w/Drink & Dessert will be a cost of \$5.00

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	September 24, 2023
Year to date needs	\$1,070,518.15
Year to date receipt	\$1,028,751.05