

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

September 2023

Deep OR Wide?

If you could choose the focus of your influence, would it be a deep impact on a few or a wide impact on many? That question was recently posed to me as the pastor of Ebenezer. As I reflect on what God called me to do here at this church, the answer is obvious: DEEP.

The world measures things differently than God measures them. The world would say a successful church and a successful pastor would grow and show outward signs of success!!! Be bigger and better in every way. And, honestly, who wouldn't want that for their church? But the real question is: Is that what God called us to do as a church and as individuals?

Honestly, God's calling on the ministers of this church is for us to lead our sheep into a DEEPER commitment to Christ. To grow in Him. To seek His will. To become more like Him. To reflect Him. To love like Him. Not exactly how the world measures success ... and, it's a good thing we do not answer to the world!!!

On a side note, I honestly believe if DEEP becomes our goal, then God will add the WIDE part as He sees fit. So, we need to all go DEEP!!

Make sense?? If so, JOIN US IN THIS!!! If not, ask questions!!

Hope you have a great month!

David





**Mark your Calendars for the
Ebenezer Ladies Dinner
Thursday, November 9, 2023**

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



**All
Ministry Teams
will meet**
Sunday, September 10th
at 6:00 pm in the Worship Center

ONE NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - 5PM-7PM

HOSTED AT NEWSRING FLORENCE

1100 N CASHUA DR

FOR ALL
MIDDLE SCHOOL
& HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS



SCAN TO
REGISTER

WORSHIP - THE NEWSRING BAND
TEACHING - RICKY WILSON

LEAD PASTOR OF ID CLIFTON



YOUTH PARENT MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPT 10 - 5:00PM

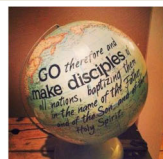
IN THE YOUTH HOUSE

September Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Kiersten Walters Cadance Moore Cooper Chatlosh Olivia Bennett
3 Misty Kempson	4 Ann Holladay Bobby Rabon	5 McKenlee Kendrick Tony Hanna Mary Wells Foster Julie Whatley	6	7 Vickie Tyner Preston Graham Sullivan James	8 Julie Barfield Zac Medlin Bryce Winburn Laurie Turner	9 Victoria Hicks
10 Kimberly Brown Lydia Hicks	11 Ernie Strickland Dennis Lein Lauren Dawkins	12 Debbie Trussell Hubie John Garrett	13 Lee Carter	14 Wallie Timmons Finley King Brad Gardner	15 Julie Self Tyler Self Greta McKelvey	16 Paul Frazier Glenda Cottingham Toby Milligan
17 Dean Lisenby	18 Tamara Horton	19 Reggie Knox Griggs Brown	20 Annie Kate Watson Marty Massey Maeley Rodriguez Jerry Locklair Angie Bessenger Anniston Carlson	21 Will Thompson J.D. Lee Mason McKnight	22 Bill Langston Jamey Medlin	23 Brenda Rabon Les Ward Robbie Mahoney
24 Elizabeth White Amy Rouse Brooke Collier	25 Jimmy Horton Zane Miles	26 McKinnley Foster Avery Bausmith	27 Marion Broach	28 Barrett Anderson	29 Davis White	30 Laura Stephens Brice King Cindy Pierce

welcome
to our newest members!

**Anna Jacobs
Betty Suggs
Robert, Marianne, Lauren, & Will Gaskins**



EBC MISSIONS September 2023 Opportunities

OM Ships

On Sep 9 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.

Parking Lot Ministry

On Sep 23, the Young Married SS class will be preparing and serving breakfast.

Janie Chapman Offering

The Janie Chapman Offering helps support mission efforts across South Carolina. Some of these efforts include the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, prisoner packets, Disaster Relief, and Camp La Vida. **EBC Goal: \$4,200**

Bliss Ball

Bliss Ball will be held on October 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: toothbrushes, ChapStick, and Band-Aids

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 you box. On Nov 12 at 6pm, there will be a service for families to bring in and pray over the boxes.

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: spaghetti and noodles

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

- OM Ships volunteers
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry cookout served approximately 450 new and returning students at FMU.
- West Virginia Mission Trip
- House of Hope: landscaping volunteers
- Race Ministries: 10 volunteers helped pack welcome bags to be distributed at the Darlington Nascar Race

EBC Missions Committee

Kim Andrews	843-615-2933
Angie Bessenger	843-618-5403
Amanda Chambers	478-387-5426
Angela Hamlin	843-496-1283
Tiffany Phillips	843-283-1091
Amy Rouse	843-496-0110

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Sept. 6: Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans

Sept. 13: Baked Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

Sept. 20: Breakfast for Supper

Sept. 27: BBQ Chicken w/ Red Gravy & Rice

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 August 27, 2023
Year to date needs.....\$1,047,305.74
Year to date receipt.....\$928,980.12