

# Ebenezer Baptist Church



## WHO DO THEY SEE?

Christmas is a season of hope. Many people will celebrate Christmas this year without an inkling of a clue of what Christmas truly means. All of our lives, we have heard that Christmas is about HOPE. We have heard that there is a MAGIC about Christmas. That Christmas is about GIVING. All of these are somewhat TRUE, especially if you know the real meaning!!

The HOPE of Christmas is Jesus. Jesus Christ, the Promised Messiah. Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus, the One who came to break us free from the cycle of sin and shame that seems to trap us and engulf us. Jesus, who came to pay the price for our sin so that we could know a solid, intimate relationship with God. Jesus ... Our Salvation. Jesus is the HOPE of Christmas.

What is the MAGIC of Christmas? Some immediately take offense to that word "MAGIC" but hear me out ... The basic definition of MAGIC revolves around supernatural power. Don't be mistaken: In no world or way is Jesus about MAGIC or WITCHCRAFT. But His power is beyond our understanding of what is natural. The power of Christ is unexplainable by natural law, and He is in the miracle-working business. So in my humble opinion, Jesus IS the magic of Christmas (and He is so much more!!)

Christmas really is about GIVING. God loved us so much that He sent His ONE and ONLY SON to GIVE UP HIS LIFE so that we might know salvation. Greater love has no one than this: That he would give up his life for others. God gave us the ultimate gift in JESUS. JESUS gives us the ultimate gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

And our world is struggling. Looking for hope. Looking for relief. Looking for something. And they are looking to us, looking AT us to see if Christ really is the meaning for this most holy day. WHAT DO THEY SEE?

And, more importantly, when they look at us, WHO do they see?

Hope you have a great Christmas!!!!

**David**

Join us for the Christmas Play

**Dill & Phil's**



## Christmas Crabtacular!

**Sunday, December 10th  
6:00 pm**

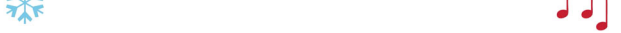
**Reception will follow**



**Wednesday, December 13th**

**Meet in the Worship Center at 6:00 pm**

*Wednesday Night Supper will be served at 5:00 pm*



## SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

**Tuesday, December 19th  
10:00 am in the Youth House**  
Sign up in Sunday School  
or call the Church Office



## Merry and Bright

### CRASH CHRISTMAS PARTY

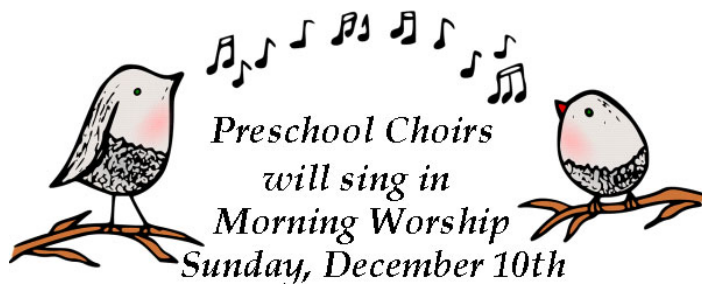
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 - 6:00PM-7:30PM**

DINNER, GAMES, PHOTOBOOTH AND A TIME OF WORSHIP.  
BRING \$5 TO HELP A TEEN IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS.



*Purchase a Poinsettia in Honor  
or Memory of a Loved One.*

Contact the Church Office to purchase a poinsettia  
to help decorate the Sanctuary this Christmas Season.  
\$12 each



**Preschool Choirs  
will sing in  
Morning Worship  
Sunday, December 10th**

**Wednesday, December 6th  
will be the last night of regular Wednesday  
Night activities  
for the year.**

**Wednesday Night activities will resume on  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024**



## CHRISTMAS EVE

**9:15 am Worship with no Children's  
Church or Nursery. No Sunday School.**

**5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service**



**Special Called Business Meeting to vote on the proposed Budget for 2024 will be Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> during Morning Worship.**

**Proposed Budgets will be available on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Mears Ladies Group will meet on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am.



**Any Canned Goods**

### Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Dec. 6: BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Butter Beans

Dec. 13: Chili and Baked Potatoes

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

**Wednesday Night Supper will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

*welcome  
to our newest members!*

**Sandra Swofford**

**Addison Hanna**

**Eden Caroline Hinson**

**McKenzie Lee**

**Brian, Catherine, & Coleman Denny**

**Holdon Carter**

**Emma Graham**

**Sawyer Hinson**

### 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 November 26, 2023  
Year to date needs.....\$1,447,746.14  
Year to date receipt.....\$1,413,380.25

## December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Anita Shively Tina Taylor Eddie Young	2 Anna Leah Gowdy Greg Miller David Taylor Angela Warner
3 Tom Gaddy Ken Barnes	4 Dwayne White	5 Delores Pace	6 Charolette Brown Meredith Hoover	7 Jack Clemson Camryn Gardner Justin Thompson Marianne Gaskins Carmen Townsend	8 Wendy Carmon	9 Hilda Biggerstaff
10 Patsy Andrews Larry Morganti	11 Charlie Harden	12 Tiffany Phillips	13 Hannah Laney Kelly Polk	14 Linda Myrick Randy Welch Harry Freeman Austin Greer Kennedy Home Billy Barnes JD Hatfield	15	16 Phillip Lowe Zander Hardesty
17 Caroline Clemson Margaret Early	18 Richard Hooss Jamie Hoover Luis Cedano	19 Joey Matthews	20 Jamie Kizziar	21 CG Mathews	22	23 Kimberly Rodriguez
24	25 Carol Enzor Mitry Kirshy	26	27 Walter Gregg Mollye Watford Brooke Forshey Brianna Forshey	28 Bill Holladay Angela Hamlin Kamryn Bradshaw	29 Jean Atkinson Joyce Atkinson Kay Andrews Jewel Young	30 Ben Winbum Davis Dewitt
31 Ellen Simmons						

## EBC MISSIONS

### December 2023 Opportunities



#### OM Ships

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

#### Christmas Food Boxes

Christmas Food Boxes will be purchased from Piggly Wiggly and delivered to Trinity Presbyterian Hispanic Ministry on Sunday, December 17.

#### Operation Christmas Child

Pray for the children across the world as they receive the OCC boxes. Pray that when they hear the gospel message, their hearts will be opened to the freedom only known by following Jesus. Pray they will take the gospel message back to their friends and families.

#### Cold Weather Accessories Collection

We are collecting the following items for distribution in January: hats, scarves, gloves, and socks

#### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides funding to send missionaries all around the world to places with little to no access to the gospel. Please pray about giving an offering this year. EBC goal: \$10,000

#### EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Canned goods

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

- OM Ships volunteers
- 329 OCC boxes collected
- Volunteers assisted with the OCC collection at Calvary Baptist Church and with packing at the OCC Processing Center in Charlotte
- Parking Lot Ministry breakfast meal by the Rowdy Bunch SS Class
- Prisoner Packets collected
- Breakfast provided at the fair
- Christmas presents collected for children in West Virginia
- Volunteers decorated the House of Hope Men's Shelter for Christmas

#### EBC Missions Committee

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