

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

November 2023

## Thankful for the Storms

Nature has a way of Regenerating... Rejuvenating ... Strengthening ... And much of this activity is accomplished through storms!!

Storms cleanse the land. Storms strengthen some trees and remove others. Storms redraw geographical boundaries, reshape hill sides, reroute roads, and have a great impact on our world.

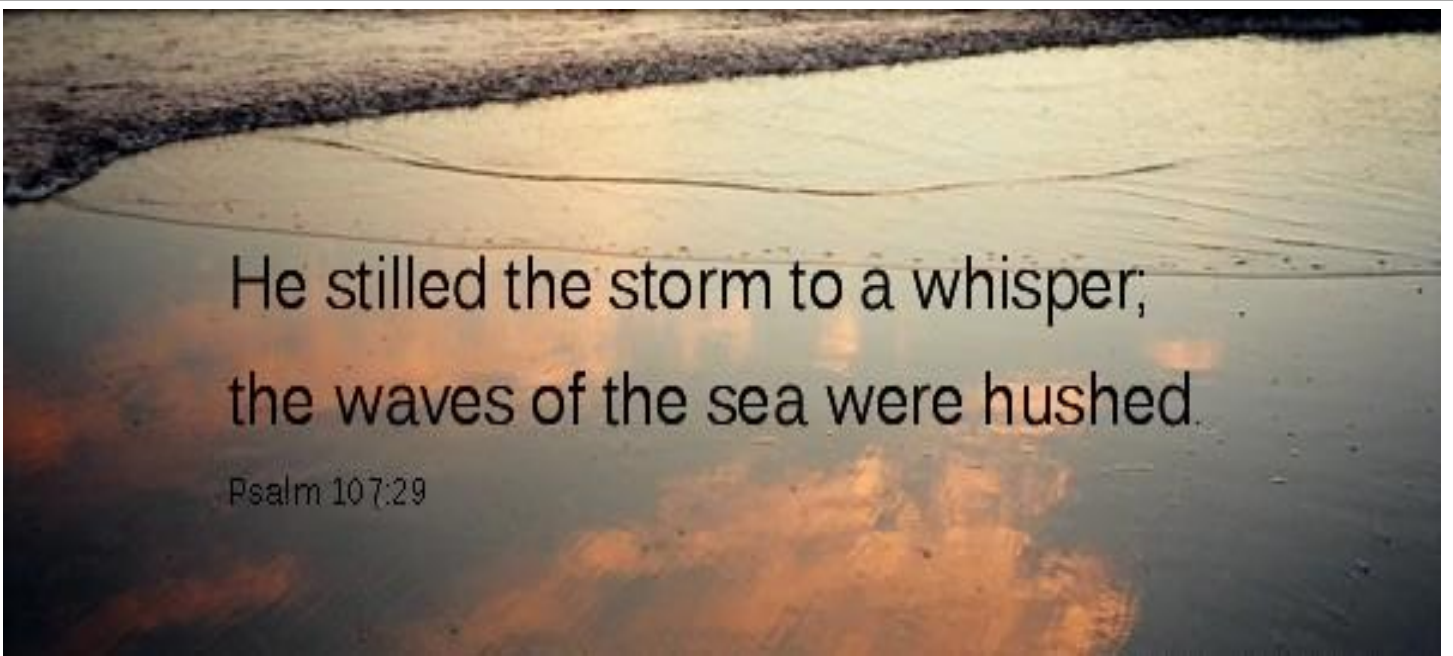
The storms of life are so much like that: Sometimes they make us stronger. Sometimes they highlight weaknesses. Sometimes they redraw our direction or reshape our circumstances.

The most worrisome attribute of storms is that we cannot control them.

The most peaceful aspect of storms is that our Savior is the very Creator of all that we know. We don't know what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future!!

As we move forward in this season of thanks, thank God for His Son, for His hand, and even for the storms!!!

**David**



He stilled the storm to a whisper;  
the waves of the sea were hushed.

Psalms 107:29





# BAPTISM SUNDAY

**November 19th**  
during Morning Worship at 9:15 am



**Bring your packed boxes**  
**Sunday, November 12th**

**We will have a**  
**Family Worship Day**  
**and Pray over the boxes**  
No Children's Church  
(Please include your \$10 shipping in each box)

**We will Observe**



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

# VETERANS DAY

**this Sunday, November 5th**

Veterans, join us at the stage following service  
for our annual Veterans picture.

As the Pastoral Staff at Ebenezer, we greatly appreciate the love and kindness you all have shown us through your gifts. We are so thankful for the heart of Ebenezer and we love you dearly.

God Bless,  
David, Andi, Nathan, & Matthew

**Ebenezer has the  
has the opportunity to**



**Volunteer at a**  
**Shoebox**  
**Processing**  
**Center!**

**Monday, November 20th**  
**in Charlotte, 1:00 - 5:00 pm**

**There are 13 spots still available. If interested contact the Church Office.**



# What are YOU Thankful For?





**The Wednesday Night Activities  
the week of November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
will be moved to  
Tuesday Night,  
November 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**Canned Fruit and  
Spaghetti Sauce**

**Join us for the Christmas Play**



**Christmas  
Crabtacular!**

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

**Reception will follow**

**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 exactly as the instructions read—no substitutions. Our goal is to collect 75 prisoner packets.



A CARE PACKAGE MINISTERS TO THE SPIRIT OF A MAN OR WOMAN IN PRISON. MANY INMATES HAVE NO ONE IN THE FREE WORLD. YOU MAY BE THE ONLY PERSON OR GROUP WHO DISPLAYS ANY CONCERN OR REGARD FOR SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL ALL YEAR LONG. IN DOING A CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY YOU TELL PEOPLE THAT YOU CARE, AND THAT GIVES HOPE.



**Check out your  
Sunday School  
Folder because  
there is a lot of  
information  
inside of them.**

**Reminder, men if you are  
volunteering with ladies  
dinner be here by 5:30 pm  
on November 9<sup>th</sup> in the  
Fellowship Hall.**

## November Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Abby Reeves	2 Greta Massey Pam Sweat	3	4
5	6 Jack Early Wade Watford Shane Gibson	7 Sonner Ward	8 Anna Reagan Rodriguez	9 Lynne Laney Verna Dean Carol Burns Billy Phillips Kip Hicks	10 Gus McDill	11 Ellison Moody Judy Moody Edward Lunn Drew Rogers
12 Cindy Knox Matt Lewis Joel Graham	13 Linda Anderson Michael Kirshy Caroline Collins	14 Krissy Huntley	15 Wayne Hill Cathy Phillips	16 Gina Jones Laura Pusser Danny Horne	17 Keith Pettigrew Luke Neighbors Mark Menasco	18 Andrew Jackson
19 Ricky Stephens Reagan Daniel Linda Moore Dena Strickland	20 Susan Lewis Clayton White	21 Sarah Carlson	22 Ashley Lowe Layton Townsend	23 Joyce Bull- ock Peter Collier	24 Ryan Connor Luke Watkins Pierce Anderson Ellie Medlin	25 Kaleb Carlson
26 Georgia Floyd	27 Kerry Floyd Pat Clemson Tim McRae	28 Sherry Gra- ham Kandee Shelor	29 Anna Jacobs	30 Ted Mears Hannah Floyd Carol Lang		

### Looking Ahead.....

**Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> there will be Morning Worship at 9:15 am and it is a Family Worship Day with NO Children's Church or Nursery.**

**There will be NO Sunday School.**

**Join us for the Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm.**

**Mears Ladies Group will meet on Thursday, November 9th in the Mears House at 10:30 am.**

## Deacons Meeting

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

## Ordination SERVICE

**Ordination Service for Marty Massey  
Sunday Nov, 26th at 6:00 pm**



## EBC MISSIONS

### November 2023 Opportunities

#### Praying for Solid Rock Church

EBC has now taken two mission trips to Maine to assist Solid Rock Church with local mission activities, community outreach, and most recently renovations in their new church. While renovations are still in progress, the congregation led by JB Usher, Dawn Usher's son, plan to hold their first service in the new church location on **Nov 12**.

There will be a jar of 'rocks' at the Mission Counter. We encourage you to take a 'rock' as a reminder to pray for Solid Rock Church. Pray for the church leaders, church members, and the community.

#### East Carolina Agricultural Fair Ministry

EBC will provide breakfast for the fair workers on **Nov 3** starting at 9:00am using the Missions Grill Trailer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kim Andrews. We need at least 6-8 volunteers.

#### West Virginia Christmas Present Collection

The GAs will collect items for the Appalachian Outreach Ministry. Items are due on **Nov 5**.

#### Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available at the Mission's Counter from now until **Nov 8**. Remember to pack your boxes at home and include the shipping cost within your box. Bring your boxes from home to the morning worship service on **Nov 12**. We will pray over the boxes and for the OCC ministry. The children will also be singing during the service.

On **Nov 14**, volunteers are needed to assist with the OCC collection at Calvary Baptist Church.

#### OM Ships

On **Nov 11** from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

#### Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast and Cold Weather Accessories Collection

- On **Nov 25**, the Rowdy Bunch SS class will be preparing and serving breakfast.
- We are collecting the following items for distribution in January: hats, scarves, gloves, and socks

#### Christmas Prisoner Packets

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#### 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: Macaroni & Cheese

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

- OM Ships volunteers
- Mission Trip to Maine
- Bliss Ball volunteers

#### 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

## 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 October 29, 2023

Year to date needs.....\$1,324,533.70

Year to date receipt.....\$1,151,161.26