

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

May 2024

## Are we missing the point??

As I have shared a few times recently, I am so proud of Ebenezer. We have moved through a terrible time in the history of the world, and we have kept the faith!! Our dedication to God and His church has been HUGE!!! But as we always must ask, what does He have for us on the horizon?

Churches all around us have struggled. We have struggled. In the post-pandemic world, it makes us feel good to focus on the things of the past and work to restore life as it was before. I will admit that I feel the same way as many of you ... I like the way things have been. I like the comfort of knowing what to expect next (within reason). And God is here, calling on us to broaden our horizons and fulfill the ultimate purpose to which He has called us, which is sharing the Good News of salvation in Christ.

Contrary to popular belief, I don't like change. It causes me to stretch and grow. To develop new skills and re-evaluate everything that I am doing. As an old programmer, I like knowing the "code that I write" will do the same things over and over. Consistently. But what if those same old things are not what we need? What if the comfort of continuity is not what God needs from me (from us) as we serve in His Kingdom?

What if we have missed the point??

We are called to reach the world. And that world is changing at an alarming rate. We can try to make the world stop changing (which won't happen) or we can figure out how to minister in that change. The world IS changing .... The need for Christ does not change and will never change. The message of Christ does not change and will never change.

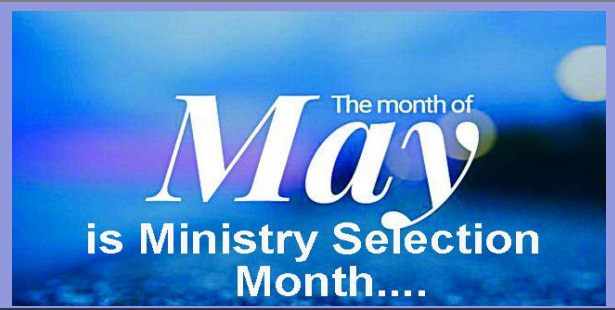
But, if we are really going to reach the world, we will have to find ways that will actually reach them!! How do we do this??

ASK GOD and HAVE FAITH TO FOLLOW HIS ANSWER. It really is that simple. And the sooner we decide to trust Him completely, the easier this will be!!!

**David**



Please register by Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to order a tshirt. Tshirts can be ordered online at the time of registration. If you are volunteering, please contact the church office with your tshirt size.



MINISTRY TEAMS. Plain and simple. Groups of volunteers that work with the church staff to plan and execute the things God has put before us in our given areas. Ministry Teams, that work towards the vision of our church (to be People of God, reaching every one with the Love of Christ). Ministry Teams, that set goals to help the church reach the biblically defined purposes of a New Testament Church (which are WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, MINISTRY, and MISSIONS).

There are a variety of Ministry Teams at Ebenezer that each have an area of service. There is no individual ministry team that is more important than another, and ALL MINISTRY TEAMS play VITAL ROLES in being exactly what God has called us to be as a church. Make no mistake, each ministry team needs every other team to perform at a peak for all of us to accomplish what God has called us to accomplish. Just as every member has specific gifts that the church needs to be a WHOLE, every ministry team has specific functions that contribute to the whole body. Without all of us, we are incomplete.

**Look for an email with a survey on “How to Serve” at Ebenezer. Fill it out and return it to the church office.**



We need tech savvy people willing to serve on a rotating basis. There will be on the job training. This will be a fun exciting opportunity. Please contact the church office.



**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 April 28, 2024

Year to date needs.....	\$541,947.00
Year to date receipt.....	\$530,311.49



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Caleb Todd**                      **Kinsey Carraway**  
**Caroline Bennett**              **Emily Jones**

**Volunteers needed for Raceway Ministry**  
**Saturday, May 11 and Sunday May 12**  
**7:00 am at the Darlington Raceway**  
**Helping Serve Biscuits & Gravy**

**Mark Your Calenedars now**  
**to join us at Ebenezer**  
**Sunday, June 30th**  
**for a July 4th Celebration**

**6:30 pm until .....**

Join us Wednesday,  
 May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm for  
 the RA, GA, & Mission  
 Friends Recognition  
 Service in the Sanctuary.

### May Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Danny Parker Diane Wright Madeline Taylor Thea White Rhett Bausmith Heather Ward	2 Angela Gensel	3 Jaden Carter Tabitha Modrell	4
5 Melia Garrett	6 Paula Shriver Blake Townsend Kelly White	7 Nadine Wise Candy Kirshy Mark Barhite	8 Laura Graham Ellis Neighbors	9 Rachel Freeman Bert Winburn	10 Scott Turner	11 Chase Anderson Beth Simmons
12	13	14 Rivers Gamble Marlee Gamble Tim Towe	15 Wade Townsend Tanish Nelson	16 Addison Hanna	17 Fran Greer Ladson Hardesty Kinsey Carraway	18 Andrena Connor Mila Towe
19 Judy Lee Melba Poston	20 Teresa Suddreth Harper Brown Donnie Atkinson	21 Melinda Huiet Jacqueline Finklea Scott Bennett	22 Davis Townsend	23 Deanna Smith	24 Ross Reeves Ronnie Lee	25 Drake Deal Shannon Grimsley Madison Mitton Reagan Mitton
26 David Turner Pat Rose Merissa Taylor Catherine Denny	27 BJ Ranson Lisa Sansbury Blake Conner Karen Clemson	28 Marcia Winburn	29 Nathan Neighbors Beverly McKee	30 Robert Mahoney Ronald Nesmith	31 Jim Stamp Elizabeth Medlin	

## EBC MISSIONS

### May 2024 Opportunities

**RaceWay Ministries**  
 We have the opportunity to prepare and serve breakfast on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12. In order to serve you must go online and fill out the volunteer form. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact the church office.

**Maine Mission Trip: July 7-15**  
 The trip to Maine is coming up soon. If you are planning to go, please turn in the Maine Trip Participation Form to the church office by May 1. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Kim Andrews or the church office.

**RA/GA Recognition Service**  
 The RA and GA Recognition Service will be held on **May 8** at 6:15pm in the Worship Center.

**A Choice to Make**  
 Come get your baby bottles from the Counter. Fill them with money and return to the office or the Mission's Counter by Father's Day...**June 16**.

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

**House of Hope Dinner Meal**  
 In May, the **Love You, Mean It** SS Class will provide and serve a meal at the Courtney McInnis Graham Community Shelter.

**Parking Lot Ministry**  
 On **May 25**, the **Faith Builders** SS Class will be preparing and serving breakfast.

**Operation Christmas Child**  
 Item of the Month: Balls (approximately 4" diameter) and baby dolls (no more than 6-8" tall)

**EBC Food Pantry**  
 Item of the Month: Spaghetti sauce & noodles

**Please stop by the Mission Counter to stay up to date on current and upcoming opportunities.**

**What has EBC Missions been up to? Here is the April recap.**

- Foster Care Clothing Closet Spring Fling Event
  - o 19 Families including 62 Children and 35 Adults
  - o 32 Volunteers
  - o 29 Family Fun Bags
- Annie Armstrong Offering

**EBC Missions Committee**

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

**Wednesday Night Supper Menu**

May 1st: BBQ, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Broccoli Salad

May 8th: Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

Chicken Nuggets & Salad Bar will be available each week.

The Salad Bar w/Drink & Dessert will be a cost of \$5.00

**May 8<sup>th</sup> will be the last night of supper,  
Children & Youth activities until August.**



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

**Jelly**

**We are getting close to reaching our Goal of paying off the Worship Center! We have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> Goal, WOO HOO!!! One more Goal to go!!!! Help us to get the chairs colored green!!**

