

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

Newsletter

July 2024

## GOD BLESS AMERICA AGAIN!!!

July is a month for we (in America) to celebrate our freedom and independence!! No celebration of this would be correct without giving thought to the PRICE that was paid for our freedom. Too often we want to enjoy the fruits of liberty but have put very little thought or investment into that fruit. If we only act as consumers and give nothing back, we would deplete the vineyard and leave our great nation desolate and barren.

Let it never be said of us that we would be that sort!!!

As a church, we also acknowledge that our first obligation is to worship and serve God. To love Christ and to tell others about Him. Have you ever thought about how our discipleship could be what God uses to bless America?

Imagine how peaceful our communities would eventually become if we loved like Christ. If we served like Him. If we put aside our differences and did the very things that God called us to do as the church??

Instead of shouting our elected leaders down and instead of criticizing them at every turn, perhaps we should PRAY FOR THEM and LOVE THEM. They are imperfect. So are we. But if we start praying for God to be active in THEIR lives, have you ever thought what kind of difference that might make??

You might be thinking "David has lost it" or "here he goes again dreaming pie in the sky ideas." But I believe God is powerful enough to change it all. And if we will put as much effort into praying for our elected leaders as we do shouting them down, He might just be moved to make a difference. (By the way, that little trick also works when we are disillusioned with ministers.....)

Keep praying for God to bless America again!! And be willing to BE the agent of that blessing!!!

David



## GALATIANS 5:13

**YOU, MY BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS, WERE CALLED TO BE  
FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR  
FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE FLESH;  
RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER  
HUMBLY IN LOVE.**



July 27, 2024

Bouncehouses, Food &  
Free school supplies

WEST FLORENCE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT ANNEX

10AM - 12PM

3379 PINE NEEDLES RD.  
FLORENCE, SC 29501

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EBC has been tasked with collecting 200 high school bookbags—these must be large enough for a chromebook. There will also be a need for volunteers on July 26 for set-up and July 27 for the event and clean-up.

**Can you donate one or more high school bookbags?**



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

**Canned Soup  
and  
Vegetables**

## 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 June 23, 2024

Year to date needs.....\$796,980.12  
Year to date receipt.....\$733,929.14

Be in Prayer for the  
**MAINE**  
Mission Team

As they Travel to Maine July 7-15  
Pray for health & safety as they are the hands & feet of Jesus!!

**There will be NO  
WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
PRAYER MEETING  
This Wednesday, July 3rd**

I can do all  
things through  
Christ which  
strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13







## EBC MISSIONS

### July 2024 Opportunities

#### Maine Mission Trip: July 7-15

The trip to Maine is coming up soon. Participants will be working on construction projects at Solid Rock Church and leading Vacation Bible School and a Family Fun Day. Please pray for community interest in the outreach and the building of relationships in the name of Jesus.



#### Community Back-To-School Party

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#### OM Ships

On **July 13** from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

#### Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, one-subject or composition notebooks

#### EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Canned soup and vegetables

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

- Veteran Canned Food Collection
- VBS Success—A huge thank you to all the volunteers
- A Choice to Make baby bottle collection

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## July Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Iley McLeod	3 Dawson Daniel	4	5 Roy Todd Mark Jones Bailey Corner McKenzie Les Sherri Marlowe	6 Edwin Blue
7 Matthew Andrews Ted Sweat Dianne Massey	8 Emma Newton Jenelle Files	9 Debbie Lane Lee Freeman Charlie Clemson Craeme Bennett Caroline Bennett	10 Rachel Anderson	11 Jackson Gibbs	12 Kim Gregg Fran Jones Beth Townsend Maddox Daniel	13 K.C. Todd Logan Brown Brody White
14 Brenda Cox Jackson Connor	15 Robert Gaskins Barbara Lee Hampton Pusser	16 John Floyd Wendy Frazier William Winburn Sawyer Hinson Mari Margaret Wasylyuk	17 Wendy Swofford Slone Finklea	18	19 Robert Clemson Patti Holland Steve Swofford Jamie Foster Jackson Odom	20
21 Austyn Claire Rouse	22 Paulette Scott Madilyn King	23 Anna Dowling	24 Bennett Bradshaw	25	26 Trey Gensel	27 Larry Jones Greg Clemson
28	29 Cullen Shelley Sheila Lein	30 Carson Gardner	31 Suzette Watson Rhonda Lee Lorraine de Roche Jacob Graham			

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!!

