

Ebenezer Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

April 2025

BE STILL

Easter is coming soon! For a church staff, Easter is a busy season in which we try to put our best foot forward. All of that culminates in the Super Bowl of Sundays (for a church), the Easter worship service.

My first Easter in the pulpit at Ebenezer was in the year 2000. The pressure was incredible! More than you could imagine. Not only was there a little voice whispering "You cannot do it" into my ear, there were several voices in the church shouting the same thing. None of that really bothered me. The trap that got me that year (and several years afterward) was the idea that I had to logically reason with everyone in the room about WHY the death of Christ makes such a difference!! That I had to CONVINCE them of the truth of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ!! I would imagine that younger preachers get caught in that trap more often than they would care to admit.

Years later looking back, I see that I cannot convince ANYONE of these things. Nor should I. My job is to present the Truth of Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to work. OUR JOB is to BE STILL and listen to God. Be still and KNOW that He is God.

Very truthfully I say to you, God is speaking to YOU. God has a plan for YOU. Be still and hear it.

(By the way ... I will always love Ebenezer for the chance you took on me in 2001 when you trusted me to be your pastor)

David



*Be still,
and know that
I am God!*

PSALM 46:10A

Holy Week and Easter 2025

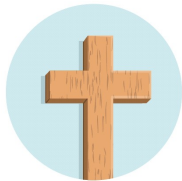


Palm Sunday, April 13
Morning Worship 9:15 am
Sunday School 10:15 am

Evening Music Event 6:00 pm



Maundy Thursday, April 17
Service at 7:30 pm



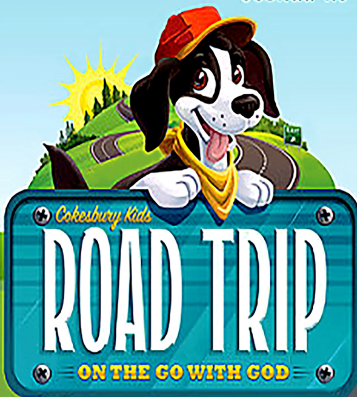
Easter Sunday, April 20
Sunrise Service at 6:30 am
Morning Worship 9:15 am
Sunday School 10:15 am

Mark Your Calendars **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 12th
2:00 pm

**NO MIDWEEK
Activities**
April 16th or 23rd

The LORD your God is with
you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9



VBS 2025

Important Dates

- April 2: Registration Opens
- April 2: T-shirt sales begin
- May 21: Imani Milala Childrens Choir
Performs at 6:00 pm
- June 1: All Volunteer Meeting at 4:00 pm
- June 2: VBS begins at 6:00 pm

CREW LEADERS STILL NEEDED FOR VBS IN ALL AGES 3K-4TH GRADE.

**A CREW LEADER'S JOB IS TO ROTATE WITH A GROUP OF 5-7 KIDS
FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER.
THERE IS A SIGN UP BOARD IN THE WELCOME CENTER
OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Sunday, May 11th
at 9:15 am

baby dedication

**Please contact the Church office
if you want to participate.**

Join us on Palm Sunday Evening
April 13th at 6:00 pm for the



**SOUNDS
Of
Spring**

All Choirs (Children & Adult) will be singing

**The Lord's
Supper**
Sunday, April 6th



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Located at the Welcome Center



Ebenezer

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE
RECOGNITION

SUNDAY
MAY 4

THE CLASS OF 2025

High School Graduates will march in and be recognized during Service.
College Grads will be recognized in the Worship Bulletin.
Please contact the Church Office if you have a Graduate.

Betty Mears Group will be meeting
Thursday, April 10th
at 10:30 am
in the Mears House.



Wednesday Night Supper

April 2: Ham, Pineapple Casserole, Green Beans

April 9: BBQ Chicken, Red Gravy, Rice,
Butter Beans

April 16: No Wednesday Activities

April 23: No Wednesday Activities

April 30: Lasagna and Garlic Bread

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Wednesday, April 30th at 6:15 pm
in the Chapel

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

STEP INTO THE STORY

In North America, population: 386 million, 350 languages, estimated lost 286 million,
unreached people groups: 161

Our NAMB Missionaries, Joshua and Brittany Brown started Pillar Church of Topsail just
outside of Marine Corp Base Camp Lejeune near Sneads Ferry, NC. We have some Former
Marines at EBC. Please pray for the Brown's and the Marines and their Families.

As of last Sunday, we have given \$5,041.00 towards our church goal of \$10,000.00



**FOOD
PANTRY**
NEEDS

Corn, Rice, Soup, & Jelly

Ways to give your tithe:

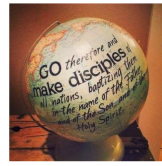
- text to 73256 and enter EBCSC
- drop it by the church office
- drop it in the secure church mailbox
- mail to 524 S. Ebenezer Rd.

Financial Report Through March 30, 2025

Year to date needs.....\$417,941.94
Year to receipt.....\$404,629.61

April Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Newt Hinson	2	3 Anna Todd Hollyn Phillips	4 Ashlan Shriver	5 Jeffrey Miller
6 Valerie Modrell Waylon Gibson	7 Dianne Morganti	8	9 Wendell Lane Kaden Todd Luke Landry	10 Jill Webster Betty Suggs	11 Wyatt Oakley Anna Katherine Townsend Turner Brown	12 Mattie Landry
13 Amanda Chambers Maverick Carter	14 Michael Bell	15	16 John Garrett Jeff Lee	17 Elaine Hutchinson Anderson Connor	18 Sydney Frazier Jacob Floyd Cameron Nesmith Dustin Rouse Kimberly Townsend Ashley Gandy	19 Glen Gottula Willard Dorniety Ed Self
20 Emma Graham Richard McCabe	21	22 Randy Fails	23	24 Gerri McDill Gene Grimsley Marci Gatewood	25 Randall Lee Matt Glaz	26
27 Andi Phillips	28	29 Sandra Swofford Fowler Laney Tanner Poston	30 Charley Moore			



EBC MISSIONS

April 2025 Opportunities

Foster Care Clothing Closet: Spring Fling Event May 3rd from 11 am- 1 pm

We will be hosting a Spring Fling Event for local foster families through the Foster Care Clothing Closet on May 3rd from 11am – 1pm...but we need YOUR help....

1. Volunteers for set-up on the day before the event: 5 pm on May 2nd
2. Volunteers on the day of the event will be needed in the areas of food service, safety, crafts, and games and will need to arrive by 10am on the day of the event—**Saturday, May 3rd**. Youth and older children are encouraged to help.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Sunday School folders and at the Missions Counter.

Raceway Ministry Breakfast April 5th and 6th in Darlington

Opportunity to serve race fans breakfast and share the love of Jesus at the Darlington race! Check out www.racewayministries.org for more info. If interested in volunteering, contact Kim Andrews.

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: small stuffed animals (6-10")

OM Ships

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

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Mac-and-cheese (just add water)

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Goal is \$10,000

As of 3/22, EBC has raised \$3700 so far.

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 March recap.

- Whosoever Church Meal
 - Around 45 blessing bags that were packed in February were taken to hand out
- Parking Lot Ministry
 - Breakfast provided by the Love You, Mean It SS class
- Rummage Sale was a HUGE success!!
 - Thank you to all the volunteers before and during the sale!

EBC Missions Committee:

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