

Ebenezer Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

May 2025

The Personnel Committee would like to thank you for your discussion and feedback on the topic of sabbaticals for Church ministers and staff. Beginning last October, we visited each Sunday School class and held in depth discussions with Ebenezer ministers and staff. At this time, we feel it is best to support and encourage the ministers and staff to use more of the allotted PTO/Sick Days that are currently available to them.

We are a blessed church to have talented individuals that can fill and cover for one another when someone is away or sick. How can we as a congregation support and make their time away seem more like a vacation? We encourage you to call the church office at 843-669-1802 instead of first dialing their cell phone or sending them a text. For most of your questions or needs, someone else can assist if the individual you are trying to reach is unavailable or out of town. The staff has also been encouraged by the Personnel Committee to set up automatic out of office responses to their emails and texts when they are on vacation. If they absolutely had to be reached the church staff could contact them.

The Personnel Committee also asks you to remember that church staff attends on Sundays to worship like the rest of us. Before we go to them about a thought, challenge, or issue, ask yourself if the matter at hand could wait until Monday when you can call them at the church office. We would like to thank the Church Staff and Congregation for all you do to keep Ebenezer not only growing, but a continued beacon of light in the Florence Community.

The Personnel Team

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
And thou shalt love the LORD thy God
with all thine heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5



Vacation Bible School

June 2-5 Register @ ebcsc.com



ALL Volunteers Meeting
Sunday, June 1st at 4:00 pm
in the Worship Center

VBS Tshirt sales end May the 7th.
If you wish to purchase a tshirt for
your child for VBS, please register
them no later than May 7th.

Ebenezer

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE
RECOGNITION

THE CLASS OF 2025

SUNDAY
MAY 4

Join us
Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 pm
(Supper at 5:00 pm)
as we host the.....

Imani Milele Choir
Faith ♥ Hope ♥ Love

Mission: Lifting up Christ through vibrant worship, dance,
and storytelling, while raising awareness and support
for orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda

Sunday, May 11th
at 9:15 am

baby dedication

Please contact the Church office
if you want to participate.



How exciting it is that we can celebrate Dr. David Wike's 30th Anniversary at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Join us on Sunday, June 1st as we honor Pastor David for his service and dedication to Ebenezer through the last 30 years. There will be a brunch following Morning Worship, so everyone will have a chance to fellowship with David & Diana.

There will be NO Sunday School on this day.

*RA, GA,
& MISSION FRIEND
RECOGNITION SERVICE
WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH AT
6:15 PM
IN THE
WORSHIP CENTER.*



**RA Car Race
Sunday. May 4th
4:00 pm in the Gym**

Betty Mears Group will be meeting
Thursday, May 8th
at 10:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD PANTRY ENTRY
NEEDS



**Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles, Rice
Oatmeal, Grits, Canned Chicken
and Jelly**

 **Wednesday
Night Supper**

May 7: Fried Chicken, Green Beans,
Mac & Cheese
May 14: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Fries
May 21: Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

May Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Danny Parker Diane Wright Thea White Rhett Bausmith	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 Ellis Neighbors	9 Bert Winburn	10 Scott Turner
11 Chase Anderson Beth Simmons	12	13	14 Rivers Gamble Marlee Gamble Tim Towe	15 Wade Townsend Tanish Nelson Wyllder Hardesty	16 Addie Hanna	17 Fran Greer Ladson Hardesty Donna Barnes Kinsey Carraway
18 Andrena Connor Mila Towe	19 Judy Lee Melba Barnes	20 Teresa Sudreth Harper Brown Donnie Atkinson	21 Melinda Huiet Jacqueline Finklea Scott Bennett	22 Davis Townsend	23	24 Ross Reeves Ronnie Lee
25 Drake Deal Madison Mitton Reagan Mitton	26 David Turner Pat Rose Catherine Denny	27 Lisa Sansbury Blake Conner Karen Clemson	28 Marcia Winburn	29 Nathan Neighbors Beverly McKee	30 Robert Mahoney Ronald Nesmith	31 Haley Kemmerlin Jim Stamp Elizabeth Medlin



EBC MISSIONS

May 2025 Opportunities

Foster Care Closet Clothing Party: May 3rd

The Mission Team will host a Family Fun Event for foster families served by the Foster Care Clothing Closet on May 3rd from 11am – 1pm. This was such a fun event last year. There are opportunities for all ages to serve. This is a great opportunity for children to be involved by interacting with foster children. We will need volunteers to prepare and serve food, help with games and crafts, mingle with the adults, play with the children, set up and clean up. Mike Richenbach will be speaking at the party also!

A Choice to Make Bottle Collection

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

Parking Lot Ministry

On **May 24th**, the Last Ones Out 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.

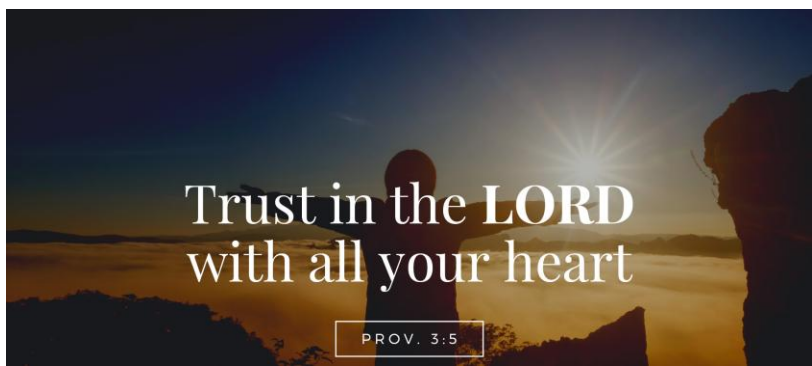
- We served approximately 200 breakfast plates in Darlington working with Raceway Ministries.

EBC Missions Committee:

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We are getting closer to reaching our goal of paying off the Worship Center.
45 chairs left to color green.

Under \$125,000



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 27, 2025

Year to date needs.....	\$546,539.46
Year to receipt.....	\$525,357.67