

Ebenezer Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

August 2025

Worship by Giving

We worship God in many different ways. Paul wrote in Romans 12 that our lives are to be lived as acts of worship... Truthfully, we cannot limit our definition of worship to what happens in the sanctuary.

Worship is the act of trusting God with every aspect of our lives. This certainly includes trusting God with our finances. Tithes and offerings are biblical and require great trust. We are thankful for those who honor God in this way, especially since it all changed in 2020 with the onset of COVID.

During COVID, we began taking extra precautions concerning physical contact. Medical consultants urged us to minimize things that would be handled by the entire congregation. In short, we stopped passing the offering plates. Many people moved to online giving. Some still chose to place their offering in the plate at the rear of the Worship Center.

After much prayer and discussion, we feel safe to move back to passing the offering plates during worship. This tangible action provides a more physical presence of giving during our services. It might be a little different from days gone by, but we feel this moment in our worship services will powerfully remind us all of the importance of giving. We are planning to implement this change in September.

If you currently give online and wish to continue giving online, please do! We need to guard ourselves from feeling like one method of giving is superior to the other. The Lord loves a cheerful giver, so what matters is our heart posture when we give, whether it is in the plate, by mail, or online. Our goal is to simply have a physical moment in the service that reminds us to give cheerfully.

While we are excited to implement this act of worship, we are not ready to pass the cup and bread during the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. When passing the elements of the Lord's Supper, there is the possibility of another person touching your elements. With giving, you are placing money in the plate and not taking anything from it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the staff. May the Lord find us faithful as we continue to seek and do His will!

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Sunday, August 3, 2025

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Preschool, Children, and Youth will move up to their new Sunday School classes for the 2025-2026 school year.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Instrumentalists

If you can play an instrument and would like to help lead in Worship, please contact Matthew Andrews

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Resume
August 20th

Supper at 5:00 pm

Children's Music followed by Missions 5:45 pm

Youth at the Youth House (Serve Night) 6:00 pm

Prayer Meeting in the Choir Room at 6:15 pm



Prayer Breakfast

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7AM - EBENEZER YOUTH HOUSE

Brunch and BAPTISM CLASS

Saturday, August 16th

Has Your Child Mentioned Baptism To You and You had the "DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS LOOK?"

If so, join us Saturday Morning, August 16th at 9:30 am for BRUNCH AND BAPTISM:

We will provide a time for you to spend talking with your child and working through some questions to help them in understanding their faith. We will be guiding you and your child through a short booklet and provide brunch. If you and your child would like to participate, call the church office and get your name on the list!

Please RSVP by Monday, August 11th!

Boys vs Girls in Children's Church

Who can bring in the most food during the month of August??

Items needed to donate to Help 4 Kids

Pop Tarts, Pop Top cans of ravioli, Beanie Weanies & Vienna Sauages, Applesauce & Fruit cups, Ramen Noodles.

Red Box for Girls & Blue Box for Boys items located in the Children's Welcome Center.



HELP 4 KIDS

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

A nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization

Wed. August 6th, No Prayer Meeting, but if you are on the Safety Team, there will be a meeting & training at 6:00 pm in the Gym.



Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, August 24 at 6:00 pm

The vote for Nominating, Ministry Selection and Deacons will be on Sunday, August 24th during Morning Worship at 9:15 am.

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 July 27, 2025

Year to date needs.....\$964,481.40
Year to receipt.....\$874,345.16

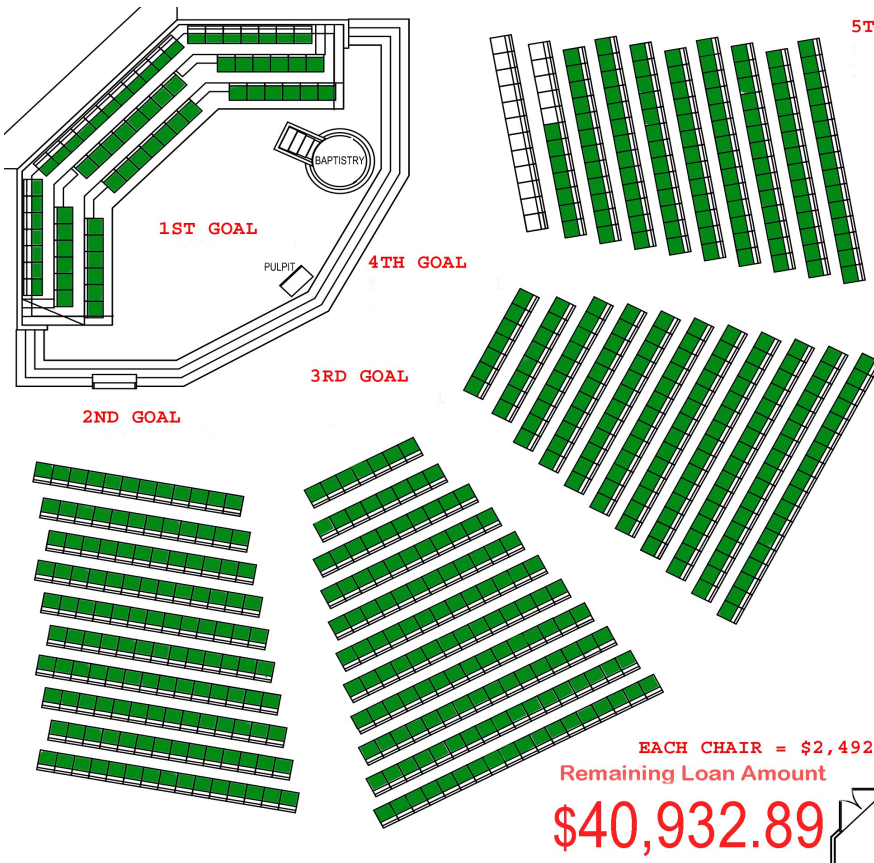
August for Sr. Adults.....
Thursday, August 14th we will head to the Florence Museum for a tour and then lunch at Wholly Smokin.



August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pam Gaddy Hilda Freeman Mark Gandy	
3 Jonathan King	4 Arthur Sauciu Addison Pusser	5 Pavit Nelson Tina Modrell	6 Ethan Shriver Catherine Jackson	7 Linda Slaughter	8 Jimmy Haynes Russ Wamer	9 Zachary McKay Dennis Mitten Evelyn Campbell Mason Benenhaley
10 Betty Broach Annabelle Miller	11 Emma Gensel	12 Mike Rallings Cameron Clemson	13 Buddy Rainwater Logan Hatfield	14	15 Toby Hutchinson Billy Andrews Ryan Jordan Modene Echerd	16 Marla Greer Blakely Kemmerlin
17 Lyn Myrick Latrell Fowler Debbie Johnson	18 Bryant Hicks	19 David Wike Ann Seaber	20 Kim Andrews	21 Jennifer Hicks	22	23 Russ Watson Allyson Anderson Hampton Comer
24 Jack Ray Breanna Lisenby Beth Krupa	25 Irvin Ulmer Sarah Geddings Julie Fails Kim Rogers	26 Hazel Rast Cindy Rallings Renee Kennedy	27 David Clemson	28 Cameron White	29 Stephanie McCabe	30
31 Jan Singleton Jeremy Locklair Debbie Boswell						

5TH GOAL



EACH CHAIR = \$2,492

Remaining Loan Amount

\$40,932.89

We only have 17 chairs left to fill in ! We have almost reached the goal of paying off the Worship Center!! WooHoo!!!!