



A Natural Dilemma

Carey Nieuwhof said earlier this year that 2026 would be the year that NO ONE would be happy!! Our culture and our nature are driving all of us to push for what WE want, regardless of how it impacts others. In the church, some also disregard the fact that God has His will and His plans for us. This is a story as old as time itself, a story that began centuries ago in the Garden of Eden. And the influences around us push us to want more, and to do whatever we need to do to get it. As a pastor, this is one of the most discouraging things about 2026 and we (the church staff) see it unfold every week at our church, and at churches all across our country.

But, again, this is a tale as old as time. Adam and Eve made a choice in the Garden to push for their way instead of listening to God. People have done this ever since that day. Even good people. Even godly people. And, remember, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Jesus had something to say about this ... In Matthew 16, these words of Christ were recorded:

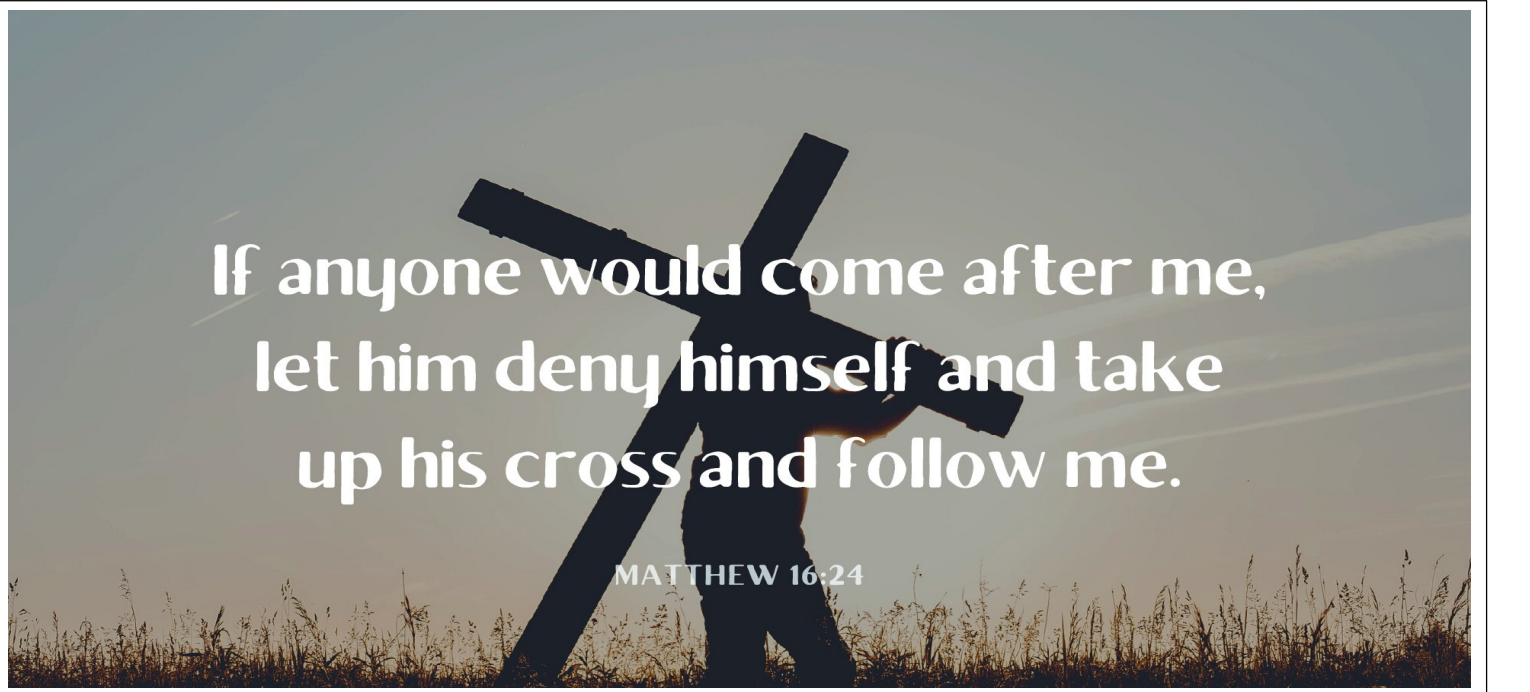
24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

25 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. He will supply everything else we need!!!!!!!

David



**If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take
up his cross and follow me.**

MATTHEW 16:24



Family Fun Day

May 17th

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Lynches River State Park

Come join us as we get ready for VBS in June.
Visit the Tree Walk and Nature Center
from 4:00 - 5:00
followed by Burgers and Hot Dogs.

**Bring a Blanket
or Chair**




Deadline to order t-shirt is May 6th



EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School

JOIN US IN THE RAINFOREST
JUNE 1-4
3K/4K: 6-8 PM
5K-4TH GRADE: 6-8:30 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL (RISING 6TH - 8TH GRADE): 6-8:30 PM

REGISTER AT EBCSC.COM




A Choice to Make
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

A Choice to Make Bottle Collection

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



Sunday, May 3
Morning Worship at 9:15 am
Family Worship Day
NO Children's Church

Sunday, May 10th Mother's Day

Baby Dedication
during Morning Worship
at 9:15 am
Family Worship Day
NO Children's Church



thank you

Dear Ebenezer Family:
Words are not enough to express my gratitude for all of the kindness you have shown me as I retire from Children's Ministry. The cards, calls, gifts and conversations have meant more to me than you will ever know. It has been a blessing to me to serve children and their families for the last 18 years. God has truly changed my life because you allowed me the privilege of being the first fulltime children's minister. Thank you again.

God's blessing and my love, Andi

All Music Night for kids
1st - 5th Grades on
Wednesday, May 6th

Mission friends, GA, & RA
Recognition Service
Wednesday, May 13th at 6:15 pm

VBS VOLUNTEER

Meeting

SUNDAY,
MAY 31ST

4:00 pm

in the Worship Center

It is very important that all volunteers attend!

Foster Care Clothing Closet:

Spring Fling Event May 2nd
11 am- 1 pm

Spring Fling Event is for local foster families
through the Foster Care Clothing Closet

Volunteers needed for set up May 1st at
5:00 pm and on the day of the event
Saturday, May 2nd, needed by 10: 00 am in the
areas of food service, safety, crafts, etc.
Youth and older children are encouraged to
help.

DEACON
NOMINATIONS

Deacon nomination forms will be available
beginning June 1st. Please take these next few
weeks to prayerfully consider who you could
nominate to serve the families of Ebenezer.

BAPTISM

SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31st
Morning Worship
Family Worship Day
No Children's Church

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING
BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER
AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

The Betty Mears Group will meet on Thursday, May 14th, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

May 6th : Breakfast for Supper
 May 13th : Free Spaghetti Supper

VBS Week Menu:
 Day 1: Chicken Strips
 Day 2: Spaghetti
 Day 3: Hot Dogs
 Day 4: Pizza

Please contact the Church Office if you plan on eating the week of VBS.



Special Called
BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
AT THE END OF
MORNING WORSHIP

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 Tate Welsh	5 Melia Garrett	6 Kelly White	7 Nadine Wise Candy Kirshy Mark Barhite	8 Ellis Neighbors Berk Jones	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 Wylder Hardesty	16 Addison Hanna
17 Fran Greer Ladson Hardesty Donna Barnes Kinsey Car-	18 Andrena Connor Mila Towe	19 Judy Lee Melba Barnes	20 Teresa Suddreth Harper Brown Donnie Atkinson	21 Melinda Huiet Jacqueline Finklea Scott Ben-nett	22 Davis Townsend	23
24 Ross Reaves Ronnie Lee	25 Drake Deal Madison Mitton Reagan Mitton	26 David Turner Pat Rose Catherine Denny	27 Blake Conner Karen Clemson	28 Marcia Winburn	29 Nathan Neighbors Beverly McKee	30 Robert Mahoney Ronald Nesmith
31 Haley Kemmerlin Jim Stamp Elizabeth Medlin						

MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Mission Trip to Limon, Honduras
 October 10-17, 2026
 with Carolinas Honduras Health Foundation
 Sunday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm
 in the Mears House
 A representative from Carolinas Honduras Health Foundation will be attending.
 Team Members needed for Medical, Non-Medical, Children's Ministry, Health Education, and more. If you cannot attend the meeting, but you are interested, please call
 Kim Andrews (843) 615-2933

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 26, 2026

Year to date needs.....\$ 548,921.84
 Year to date receipt.....\$ 521,646.61