



Some of my greatest memories of days gone by are from Christmases. When I was a child, my favorite part of Christmas was the "magic" of the holiday!! The fun of new toys and two weeks of vacation from school!! Those memories will always be some of my favorites!!

As a dad with two small children, all of that changed. My favorite part of Christmas became seeing the joy on their faces!! Diana and I were almost addicted to the happiness we could bring into their lives!! Christmas was (and is) AWESOME!!

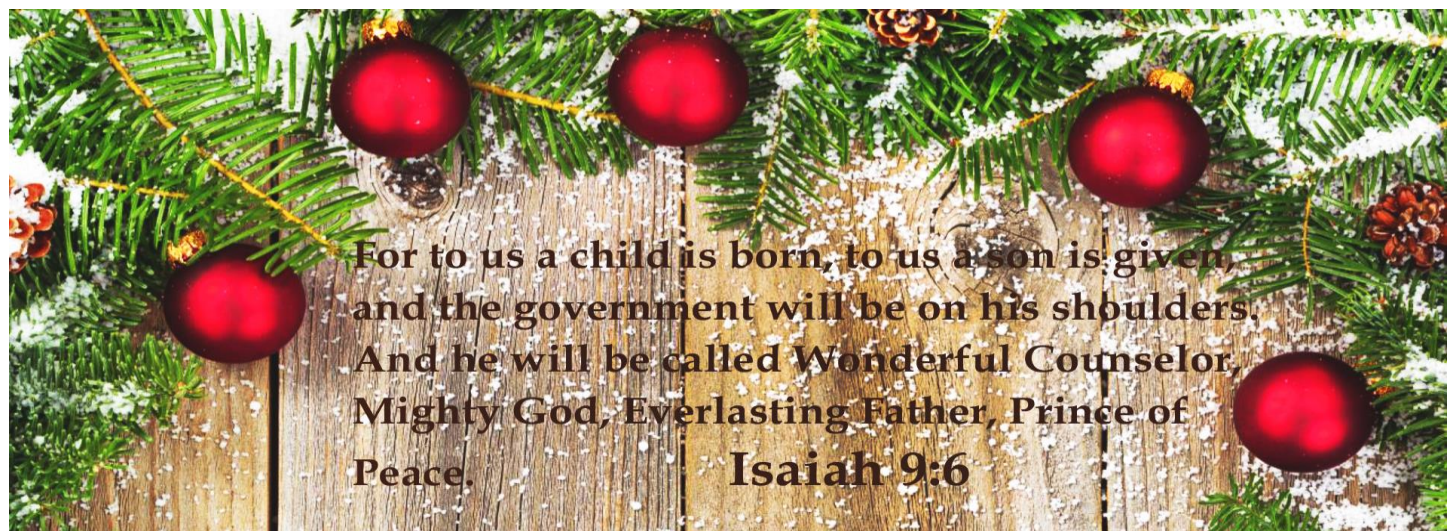
As I grow older, Christmas has a whole new meaning. Jesus has ALWAYS been the Reason, but the sacrifice God made for us when He sent His Son into the world is what all of the joy is about!! We traditionally give gifts because God gave the greatest Gift to us in Jesus Christ. When you think about that, it all makes sense!!

My favorite memories NOW are memories of my mom and dad, my grandfather, and other family members (some of whom are no longer on this earth). All of the priorities have changed. The joy has changed. But, the source of it all remains the same:

God sent His Son to save us from our sins. His name is Jesus!!

**Don't forget the Reason!!**

David







**Be sure to mark  
your calendars & join us  
for the Christmas Play**

**Saturday, Dec. 14  
Sunday, Dec 15  
at 6:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

**Join us Sunday evening for a reception  
following the play**

500 Operation Christmas Child boxes have started their journey to find the smiling faces that will receive them. Thank you for your support this year to make these boxes possible to share God's love.



**If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, please contact the church office.  
The deadline to purchase is December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **EBC Kids!!**

**3K- 2nd grade choirs will be singing in the morning worship service on December 15 at 9:15 am.**

**3rd-6th grade choirs play rehearsal schedule:**

- Wednesday, December 11th 6:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, December 13th-Dress rehearsal 5:30-8:00 pm (supper will be served)
- Saturday, December 14th & Sunday, December 15th-performances at 6:00 pm  
(choirs arrive at 5:15 pm)



EBENEZER STUDENT MINISTRY

## December in Youth Ministry

### Weekly Schedule for Students

#### Sundays:

- 9:15am – Worship
- 10:30am – Sunday School

#### Wednesdays:

- 5:00pm – Church Supper
- 6:00pm – Outdoor Games (YAB)
- 6:30pm – Youth Worship Service

#### Fridays:

- 7:00am – Prayer Breakfast

### Crash Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8

6:00pm-8:00pm

At the Youth Building

This year's party will be a Coffee House. Students, come enjoy some dinner, coffee, open-mic Christmas entertainment and a bonfire with smores. We will also have a Christmas craft and photobooth fun. **Please bring \$10 to donate to help buy gifts for a child in need this Christmas.**

### College Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17

College students, join us for our Christmas Party at the home of Oral Strickland. We will begin at 6:30pm.

### College Christmas Retreat

Friday, December 20-21

Sign up online at:

[ebcsc.com/students/college](http://ebcsc.com/students/college)

to join us for an overnight trip to the beach as we celebrate Christmas together.

We will be going to see the lights at Brookgreen Gardens.

#### Mark Your Calendars...

**Winter Retreat Registration**

Deadline – Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Parent/Youth Meeting**

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm-6:00pm



## Senior Adult Christmas Lunch December 10

**12:00 noon**

**in the Family Life Center**

Please RSVP to the church office by December 8<sup>th</sup>

**The Audio/Visual Team** is in need of 2 or 3 additional members who will serve during the morning worship service on a rotational basis and at other special events. No special experience is needed, as we will provide all necessary training. All you need is a desire to serve and to be willing to commit the time necessary. So if you have a good ear for deciding if something sounds right or not, are comfortable with computers and would like to explore this opportunity, please contact Dwayne White at 843-992-0960 or by email at [dwavnewwhite@sc.rr.com](mailto:dwavnewwhite@sc.rr.com).



Take a moment and stop by The Mission Table in the Welcome Center to see what opportunities are available for you to help serve or contribute too.

### Food Pantry Needs for December!!

#### Items needed:

Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles, Grits/Oatmeal, Canned Meats, Peanut Butter and Jelly



## Food Pantry

The budget for 2020 will be available in the welcome center Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be voting on the budget Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

*People of God, Reaching Every One with the Love of Christ.*

## December Events

3. Men's Bible Study at 6:30am in Pettigrew
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6. Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am.
8. Budget available in the Welcome Center.
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12. Betty Mears Circle 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall
13. Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am; Play Dress Rehearsal 5:30-8:00 pm.
14. Christmas Play "No Room at the Inn" 6:00 pm.
15. Preschool - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade choirs sing in Morning Worhsip at 9:15 am; Christmas Play "No Room at the Inn" 6:00 pm.
17. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
18. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Deacon Caroling 6:00pm - No Music/Missions.
20. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am.
24. Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm
25. Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus!
27. NO Prayer Breakfast in the YAB at 7:00 am
29. Gospel Singing in Chapel at 6:30pm
31. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew

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### Sunday Schedule:

Worship.....9:15 am  
Children's Church.....9:15 am  
Sunday School.....10:30 am  
Disciples.....5:00 pm  
Children's Evening Activities.....5:00 pm  
Youth Dgroups.....5:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study.....5:00 pm

### Wednesday Evening Schedule:

Supper.....5:00 pm

#### Menu:

Dec. 4th : Ham, Brown Rice, Green Beans  
Dec. 11th : Grilled, Smothered or Fried Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Butter Beans

Children's Mission & Music.....6:00 pm  
Youth Middle.....6:30 pm  
Choir Rehearsal.....6:30 pm  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 pm

## December Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Anita Shively Tina Taylor	2 Anna Leah Gowdy Greg Miller Angela Warner	3 Tom Gaddy Ken Barnes	4 Dwayne White	5 Delores Pace	6 Charolette Brown Meredith Hoover	7 Jack Clemson Camryn Gardner Justin Thompson Marianne Gaskins
8	9 Hilda Biggerstaff	10 Patsy An- drews Larry Morganti	11 O'Neal Kennedy	12 Tiffany Phillips	13 Hannah Laney Merle Hayward	14 Linda Myrick Randy Welch Harry Freeman Austin Greer Kennedy Horne
15	16 Phillip Lowe Zander Hardesty	17 Caroline Clemson Margaret Early	18 Richard Hooss Jamie Hoover Meredith Taylor	19 Jo Ann Baker	20 Vicky Lee	21
22	23 Kimberly Rodriguez	24 Bill Har- grove	25 Mitry Kirshy Carol Enzor	26 Tim Carter	27 Walter Gregg Brooke Forshey Brianna Forshey Melina Krupa	28 Bill Holladay Angela Hamlin Kamryn Bradshaw
29 Jean Atkinson Joyce Atkinson Garrett McDill Kay Andrews	30 Ben Winburn Davis Dewitt	31 Scott Taylor Terry White Ellen Simmons				

**Dr. David R. Wike, Pastor**

**Ed Self, Music & Worship Minister**

**Andi Hill, Minister of Children**

**Nathan Neighbors, Youth Pastor**

**Dusty Kertis, Church Administrator**

**Michele Driggers, Weekday Director**

**Marcia Watkins, Ministry Resource Coordinator**

**Melinda Miller, Receptionist/Ministry Assistant**

## Financial Report - Through November 24, 2019

Year-to-date Needs.....\$1,298,003.23  
Year-to-date Receipt.....\$1,163,225.13