

Ebenezer Baptist Church

People of God, Reaching Everyone with the Love of Christ

January 2019 Newsletter

The Golden Rule

Leviticus 19:18 says "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." Easy to say. At times, HARD to do.

Love you neighbor as YOURSELF. Love them with God's kind of love. When you look at the love God demonstrated when He sent Jesus Christ to die on a cross for our sins, He modeled UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. SACRIFICIAL LOVE. The kind of love that doesn't expect a return. The kind of love that would never provoke or judge. The kind of love that the world could NEVER understand because they do not know God and are not at all familiar with His ways.

Are YOU familiar with His ways? Are YOU willing to love with His kind of love? We talk about it often. Read about it all over the Old and New Testaments. But when it comes right down to it, only a few of us are willing to love His way. We SAY we are different, but when it comes right down to it, we too often do what looks right to the world. We are not willing to step out in faith and love unconditionally.

I see way too much of it in the ways that we live. We treat each other no better than the world treats us. In fact, there are times when church people are even more brutal than the world in how we treat each other. How we judge each other. How we do little things to provoke each other. It breaks my heart as a pastor, and will one day be my undoing for sure.

WHY don't we just agree to try the Golden Rule in 2019?? What if we tried to treat each other BETTER than we treat ourselves for ONE YEAR??? EVEN FOR ONE MONTH?????? Test and see what happens!

I dare you.

David



HAPPY
New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4

Looking Ahead.....

Sunday, January 6th

Family Worship Day, no Children's Church,
and we will be observing The Lord's Supper.

Wednesday, January 9th

Wednesday Night Activities Resume

Sanctuary Flowers

The 2019 Sanctuary Flower sign up sheet is
in the Welcome Center. If anyone would
like to place flowers in the sanctuary
during 2019 in honor or memory of a loved
one, please be sure to sign up.



January 13th

SOUP LUNCH SUNDAY!

with the Deacons

following
Sunday School



PROVERBS 3:5-6

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT ON
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE
HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS. NKJV

EBC Kids!!

KIDS Night of Worship

Saturday
February 2nd
5:00 pm
at Ebenezer Baptist

Featuring:
Jeff Slaughter





EBENEZER STUDENT MINISTRY

www.ebenezeryouth.com

January Youth Ministry

- **Sunday School** – Every Sunday at 10:30am
- **Youth Band Rehearsal**
Sundays at 4:00pm
- **The Middle** (Youth Worship Service)
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
beginning back January 9th.
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- **Prayer Breakfast**–
Will start back January 11th.
This is a free breakfast for
Florence area students followed
by a prayer time. Transportation
provided to local school!

Sunday, January 13 - Parent/Youth Meeting at 5:30pm - Come hear about all the upcoming events and trips and sign up to serve in the Crash. This will also be the time to turn in deposits for camp and full payment for Winter Retreat. Winter Retreat Forms will be turned in at this meeting as well. (Forms were sent out before Christmas).

Looking Ahead.....

Winter Retreat

February 15-17

Payment due by Sunday, January 13th

Sign up and pay online at:

<http://ebcsc.com/students/winter-retreat-2019>

Missions on the GO

Roger's BBQ plate fundraiser

Tuesday, Feb. 5

in the Family Life Center at Ebenezer

Lunch 9 am-2 PM for eat in, take out
or delivery (for orders of 10 plates)

Dinner is Drive Thru only from 5-7 (please
see signs posted for directions for drive up).

Tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center and Wednesday nights starting on January 13 and delivery forms will be available also. All proceeds go toward sending the mission team to Honduras in July.

Ark Encounter

Sign Up's are still in progress for the Ark Encounter April 22 – April 25, 2019. Deposit is \$100.00. Final Payments are due 4/5/2019 and last day to cancel is 3/18/2019. Information is available in the Welcome Center.

Stop the Bleed - Save A Life

When: January 5, 2019

Time: Session A 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Session B 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Youth Assembly Building

Cost: Free, Free, Free

Reminder, if you signed up the Class is this Saturday, January 5th.

**Thanks to all who have
given to stock our food
pantry during this
Christmas Season!!**

We are running

low on Spaighetti Noodles and Spaighetti Sauce. If you are able to pick up a few of these items next time you shop, just drop them in the collection bins around campus or the church office.



EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

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January Events

1. Happy New Year! Church Office and Weekday Closed.
5. Stop the Bleed Class in the YAB.
6. Family Worship Day with Lord's Supper; NO Children's Church.
9. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Activities Resume with supper at 5:00 pm.
11. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am
13. Deacon Soup Lunch following Sunday School.; Parent/Youth meeting at 5:30 pm in the YAB.
15. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.
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18. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am.
22. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
23. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Night Activities with supper beginning at 5:00 pm.
25. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am.
27. Quarterly Business Meeting.
29. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
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524 S Ebenezer Road
Florence, SC 29501
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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
Youth Dgroups.....5:00 pm
Adult Bible Study.....5:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Schedule:

Supper.....5:00 pm

Menu:

January 9th: Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn

January 16th: Ham, Brown Rice, Green Beans

January 23rd: Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

January 30th: Beef Stew, Rice, Butter Beans

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

January Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chuck Andrews Carleen Benton	2 Whit Stephens Maggie Dawkins Reed Bausmith	3 Beth Ham Brenda Raynor Jay Graham Chandler Medlin	4 Greer Norton Lily Anderson Michael Lee	5 Grace White Owen Hicks Tanya Watkins Joseph Watkins
6 Johnny Sanderson	7 James Revell Wayne Atwood	8 Ina Garrison Linda Kennedy Linda Freeman	9 Ron Burley	10 Barbara Hill Claire McKay Ben Early	11 Jeremy Collins Ella Grace Barhite	12 Paula Hooss Connie Skipper Mariah Godbold Lynn Cain Patrick Peters
13	14 Robin Freeman Cybil Usher Michaela Hayes Chester Gambrell	15 Dawn Tolson Leigh Hamric	16 Marvin Slaughter Caleb Todd	17 Michael Shriver David Nelson	18 Alexandria Hicks Kessler Richardson	19 Brad Kempson Kimberly Jordan Geneva Pitstick
20 Carolyn Cooke Stephanie Stone Debbie Winburn Sandra King Gavin Gardner Hugh Garrett	21 Nancy Gatewood Michael Worthy	22 John Ratliff Claire Andrews Jimmy Norton Ernie Connor Caleb Hutchinson Kathy Ham Harry Sillman	23 Caroline Grimsley	24	25 Jim Kizziar Ethan White	26 Greg Hamlin Cayden Home Lisa Conner Grayson Giordano
27 Catherine Long	28 Crystal Clemson Neal Kennedy Gale Hobson Hudson Gray	29	30	31 David Newton		

Dr. David R. Wike, Pastor

**Ed Self, Associate Pastor/Worship &
Discipleship**

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 December 23, 2018

Year-to-date Needs.....\$1,297,983.15
Year-to-date Receipt.....\$1,222,167.33