

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

People of God, Reaching Everyone with the Love of Christ

July 2019 Newsletter

## God and Country

I am thankful to be an American. Born in a free nation. Free to worship. Free to read my Bible in public. Free to talk about Christ openly.

Or am I? For years, we have had these freedoms and sometimes failed to use them. Failed to worship. Failed to tell others.

I am thankful for the sacrifices of so many to earn our freedoms and to preserve them. As we celebrate another birthday of our great nation, May we resolve to exercise the freedoms we have to build the Kingdom of God the RIGHT WAY. His way. In love.

When you fail to exercise a muscle, atrophy sets in and you could eventually lose the use of that muscle. Who knows that our freedoms might be the same?

David



Be in prayer for our  
Honduras Team as  
they travel  
July 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.



VBS Visitation  
July 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm  
Meet in the  
Fellowship Hall



## EBC Kids!!

### Wonderful Wednesdays 2019 Schedule "Summertime Fun Sports!"

Each night we will begin with a devotion and an opening activity while everyone gathers together.....

- July 10** – 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the YAB Volleyball and other games...snack time....fun painting on canvas. Mission item for the EBC Food Pantry – peanut butter
- July 17th** – 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the EBC baseball field Kickball and other games.....cold yummy snack..... Mission item for EBC Food Pantry – jelly
- July 24th** – 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the FLC Basketball.....snack time.....(remembering our Seniors)..... Mission item for EBC Food Pantry – Ravioli
- July 31st** – 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the FLC and outside....WATER NIGHT!!!!.....wear your swimsuit and bring a t-shirt.... Supper on the grill with all the trimmings..... Mission item for the EBC Food Pantry - boxed Mac 'n Cheese





[www.ebenezeryouth.com](http://www.ebenezeryouth.com)

## July in Youth Ministry

### Summer Bible Reading

Students, join us this summer as we read through all of Paul's letters. Pick up a reading plan at the Youth Building. The plan begins Sunday, June 2. Follow the online conversation about each reading daily at [www.nathanneighbors.com](http://www.nathanneighbors.com)

### First Wednesday

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month this summer for food, fun, games and a time of worship at the Youth Building. Our next event will be Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm-11pm. We will have dinner, a worship service and then play laser tag on campus.

### Summer Prayer Breakfast

Dutch treat meals at 9:00am

- Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – at Bazen's
- Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> –No Prayer Breakfast while in Lake City on Mission
- Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - at Bojangles on Celebration
- Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – at Chick-fil-a outside the Mall

### Sunday Nights with the Crash

July 7<sup>th</sup> – No PM (Lake City Mission Trip)

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Cookout at The Neighbors (500 Arbor) – 6pm-8pm

July 21 – TBA

July 28 – Pool Party at Cypress Gleen – 6pm-8pm

### Crash into 7th

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are getting ready to head up to the Youth House this Fall. We will be offering four classes during 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School to help them begin their transition to middle school. Classes will be held in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom during Sunday School and led by Nathan, Ashley and a few students (as well as their regular teachers) The dates are: July 21, July 28, Aug 4 and Aug 11. We hope to see all of our rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Crash into 7<sup>th</sup>!

**The Children and Youth had a wonderful time at camp. Thank You for all of the prayers and support!!**



### Food Pantry Needs for July!!

**Items needed** are rice, grits, canned meat & vegetables, soup, raviolis, & peanut butter and jelly. 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.



**Food  
Pantry**

# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

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## July Events

2. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
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NO Evening Praying Meeting.
4. Church Office and Weekday closed. Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!
5. Youth Prayer Breakfast at Bazens 9:00 am
7. Lord's Supper during Morning Worship.
9. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.
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Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm; Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm
12. NO Youth Prayer Breakfast.
15. VBS Visitation at 6:00 pm meet in the Fellowship Hall.
16. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
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Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm; Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm
19. Honduras Team leaves; Youth Prayer Breakfast at Bojangles at 9:00 am.
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Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm; Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm
28. Youth Prayer Breakfast at Chick fil a at 9:00 am.
30. Men's Bible Study at 6:30am in Pettigrew; Disciple Training Day 9:30 am – 2:00 pm
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Wonderful Wednesday 6:00pm; Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm

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## Sunday Summer Schedule:

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

## Wednesday Evening Summer Schedule:

Wonderful Wed. in July for kids.....6:00-8:00 pm  
Youth Activities (See Summer Brochure)  
Choir Rehearsal (when Scheduled).....6:30 pm  
Prayer Meeting (in the Sanctuary).....6:30 pm

## July Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Iley McLeod	3 Dawson Daniel	4	5 Roy Todd McKenzie Lee Bailey Conner	6
7 Matthew Andrews Dianne Massey	8 Emma Newton	9 Debbie Lane Lee Freeman Charlie Clemson	10 Rachel Anderson Jamie Huggins	11	12 Kim Gregg Fran Jones Beth Townsend Maddox Daniel	13 KC Todd Logan Brown
14 Brenda Cox Marty Coates Jackson Connor	15 Barbara Lee Hampton Pusser Robert Gaskins	16 John Floyd Wendy Frazier William Winburn Alden Long	17	18	19 Robert Clemson Patti Holland Jamie Foster Steve Swofford	20 Mia Taylor
21 Isabella Talbert	22 Paulette Scott Madilyn King	23	24 Bennett Bradshaw	25	26 Bette Meads	27 Larry Jones Greg Clemson Andrew Lee
28	29 Cullen Shelley Sheila Lein	30 Carson Gardner Randy Lee	31 Suzette Watson Jennifer Hanna Rhonda Lee Lorraine de Roche Jacob Graham			

**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 June 23, 2019

Year-to-date Needs.....\$690,427.25  
Year-to-date Receipt.....\$615,171.86