

# Ebenezer Baptist Church

People of God, Reaching Everyone with the Love of Christ

March 2020

## WHY we do what we do

One glance at the church calendar will tell you that there are a lot of events going on in the life of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Every day. Events that keep the facilities full, the staff hopping, and the parking lot full. People in the community frequently comment about how there is "always something going on at that church." And that is a great thing to hear.

But, why??

It would be easy for the staff to take pride in hearing things like that. After hearing all of the jokes about how the staff never does anything, it is somewhat rewarding to help these things happen and hear people appreciate you for what you do. But that is NO REASON for a church to do anything. It is not about the staff.

It would be easy for the members of a church to take pride in it, too. Knowing that there is a constant stream of events at church to entertain, to educate, and to give members options of what to do on any given day. There is something kind of cool about people who want to be at church all of the time, and we like it when the events at church cater to our preferences. But that is NO REASON for a church to do anything. It is not about the members.

Why do we do what we do??

Matthew 22:34-39 says "Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 28:18-20 says "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

EVERYTHING we do should be motivated and rooted in those two passages. If not, why are we doing it??

**BE THE CHURCH everywhere you go!!!**

David



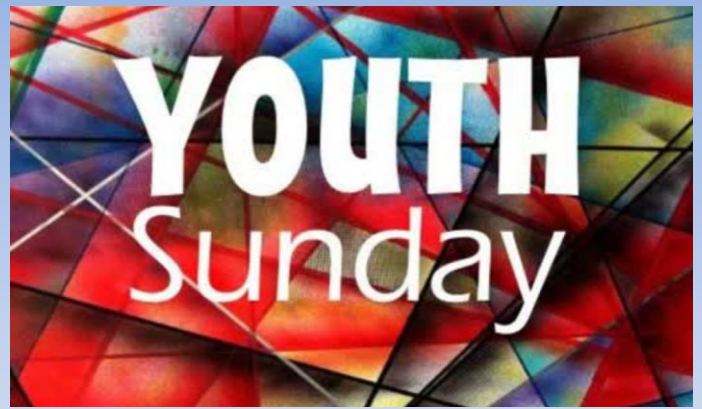
## 2020 Disaster Relief Training Conference

Saturday, March 14

Summerville Baptist Church

\$50.00 per person – Contact church office or Kim

Andrews if interested in attending.



**March 29th**

The Youth will be leading the Service at

9:15 am and children's Sunday School at 10:30 am

**NO Children's Church**

There will be a fundraiser lunch for youth activities following Sunday School.



## PANCAKES & PAJAMAS

Sunday, March 9th in Children's Church



Meet in the Flc  
at 9:15 am for  
a Time Change  
celebration!

How Can I Serve at Ebenezer surveys are available in the Welcome Center or the Church Office. Be sure to pick one up and return it to the church office by April 5th.

# SERVICE

JESUS MADE HIMSELF NOTHING FOR ME,  
SO I WILL CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF OTHERS BEFORE MY OWN.

## EBC Kids!!

# Shout Hosanna Jesus, He saves!

Spring Music "Shout Hosanna"

Wednesday Night, April 1st at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

All Children's Choirs will be sharing.





EBENEZER STUDENT MINISTRY

## MARCH in Youth Ministry Weekly Schedule for Students

### Sundays:

- 9:15am – Worship
- 10:30am – Sunday School
- 5:00pm – D:Groups

### Wednesdays:

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

### Fridays:

- 7:00am – Prayer Breakfast

## Youth Sunday 2020

The Church

Though many, we are ONE

**Sunday, March 29**

Students, if you've not already signed up to help with Youth Sunday, contact Nathan in the Church Office. We're preparing to lead worship and Sunday School for the entire congregation on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Most of our preparation is being done on Sunday nights during D:Groups. You can help with skits, songs, testimonies, ushering, greeting or other parts of the service. You can even help teach children in Sunday School about Jesus! Come get plugged in and help us have an awesome Youth Sunday. Following Sunday School, we will have a church-wide lunch fundraiser to help raise money for youth summer camps.

### Upcoming:

Sign up for our VBX Mission Trip to Lake City – June 14-18. We will be working with HomeWorks to help local homeowners with much needed repairs to their homes. The total cost for this trip is \$25.

Have you signed up for Summer Camp? We have one male and one female spot still available for Centrifuge Summer Camp (June 28-July 3) in Panama City Beach, FL. The cost is \$400

**Contact the Church Office to sign up for  
both of these trips**

## Welcome our new members.

- Allie Lee
- Emma Kate Rogers



**THE BLOOD  
CONNECTION**  
*Your Community Blood Center*

**Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

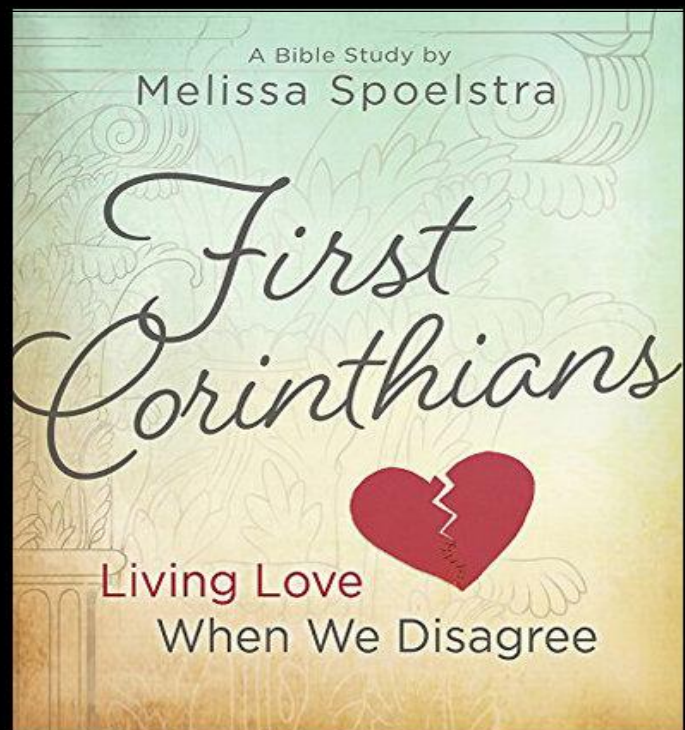
**At Ebenezer Baptist 1:00-6:00pm**

**Sign up in the Welcome Center or by  
calling the church office**

March Items of the Month  
Colored Pencils and Crayons



## Womens Bible Study for all ages



**A six week study beginning, Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00 pm in the Mears House**



# EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

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## March Events

1. Baptism during Morning Worship at 9:15 am.
3. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.
4. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Night Activities begin at 5:00 pm.
6. Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am.
7. Deacon Retreat 8 am – 12 noon at ACS.
8. Pancake & PJ's for kids 9:15 am in FLC
9. Ladies Bible Study begins in Mears House 6:00 pm
10. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.
11. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Night Activities begin at 5:00 pm.
12. Betty Mears Circle 10:30 am in Mears House.
13. Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am; Centrikid Lock In 5:30 pm
14. Senior Adults to Narrowway Theater.
17. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.
18. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Night Activities begin at 5:00 pm.
19. Ladies Third Thursday Fellowship at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
20. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am.
24. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Blood Drive at EBC
25. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Night Activities begin at 5:00 pm.
27. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am; D Now Weekend begins
29. Youth Sunday – Lunch fundraiser; no Children's Church
31. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.

## March Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dolly Anderson Emily Finklea	2 Trish Taylor Alex Hiers	3 Johnny Johnson Emma Watford	4 Angela Pettigrew Susan Turner Laura Kendrick Cathy Rolfe	5 Bret Greer	6 Emma Oakley	7 Harold Miller Shawn Peters
8 Gloria Carter Sarah Anne Cox Ray Gray Eugene Piersol Diane Lee	9	10 Tripp Lisenby Abbie Norton Margaret Rose Sims	11 Ginny Gray Julianne Barfield Jack Anderson Dustin Phillips	12 Yvonne Stamp Kevin Todd	13 Caitlin Pettigrew Terri Lisenby Tracy Wright	14 Bailey Winburn Joey Bradshaw
15 Jane Duff Cecil Collins	16 Allie Lee Marty Langston Wyatt Dnggers Emma Kate Rogers	17	18 Bill Pickle	19 Sophie Watson Billy Early Jessica Graham	20	21 Amanda Clemson
22 Jonathan Moore Tom Finklea	23 Lindy Thompson Walker Sansbury Tracie Foster Hannah Gibbs Wayne Horn	24 Bernie Cox Deborah Collins	25 Pat Horton Becky Miller Mike Dean Aubrey Lee Joyce Carroll	26 Richard Pullen David Daniel	27 Stacie Watford Suzanne Barhite	28 Pat Gullede Sherry Nordine Kaylee Gibbs Mike Camak Wayne Freeman
29 Kimberly Connor	30 Elsa Gardner Leslie Ward	31 Aaron Kizer				

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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:

March 4<sup>th</sup> : Fried/Baked Chicken, mac and cheese, butter beans  
March 11<sup>th</sup> : Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread  
March 18<sup>th</sup> : Chicken bog, green beans, coleslaw  
March 25<sup>th</sup> : Beef stew, mashed potatoes, green peas

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

**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 February 23, 2020

Year-to-date Needs.....\$227,643.76  
Year-to-date Receipt.....\$222,288.85