

Ebenezer Baptist Church

People of God, Reaching Everyone with the Love of Christ

May 2019 Newsletter

Taking Care of Business

ARE YOU?? Taking care of business?? Stacie Watford would quickly remind you that TCB was a favorite of Elvis Presley, so much so that he named his band TCB when he returned to the concert circuit in 1969.

But, seriously, are you taking care of business? **SPECIFICALLY**, are you taking care of yourself?

The ancient Hebrews believed the **WHOLE** person to be made up of three parts: **Body, Mind, and Spirit**. In order to live a healthy life, we **MUST** address our health in all three areas...

To take care of our **BODIES**, we must **EXERCISE THEM** and we must **REST THEM**. A muscle is either growing or shrinking. There really is no middle ground. Health experts tell us we need to find some form of exercise to keep our bodies healthy. Exercise doesn't just affect the muscles, it affects every system in our bodies. Keeps them working. Also plan for the appropriate amount of rest. All of this promotes good health when accompanied by a healthy diet (**BUT**, that is another sermon for another day).

To take care of our **MINDS**, we also **EXERCISE THEM** and **REST THEM**. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." If you are to survive this crazy circus of life, you **NEED** a mental escape, too. **IF YOU WORK 90 HOURS A WEEK FOR MONTHS ON END, YOUR BODY WILL MAKE THIS DECISION FOR YOU**. And it might be in a way that you do not like!! Treat your mind as well as you treat your body.

To take care of your **SPIRIT**, **YOU NEED TO EXERCISE IT. AND REST IT**. Can you see where this is headed?? You need **GOD**. You were built for a relationship with Him. Until you **GROW** with Him and **REST WITH Him**, you will never know the completeness of life for which you were created. For which you **YEARN**.

THAT, my friends, is a **HUGE REASON** why you should be involved in a local church. **YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**.

Praying for you that you will find ways to do this in **ALL THREE REALMS.NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**.

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David



VBS 2019
 June 9-12
 6:15 – 8:30
 Supper at 5:00 pm
 Register at
www.ebcsc.com

May Market

Saturday, May 4, 2019
 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Shop Unique Vendors and Local Artisans
 There will also be a Silent Auction
 Support Missions on the Go
 Ebenezer Baptist Church
 524 S. Ebenezer Road
 Florence, SC 29501



Admission:
\$5.00
Under 12
is free

For Vendor info call:
 Gale Hobson at
 843-687-4769
 May leave message

For All other info call:
 Kim Andrews at
 843-615-2933

Baby Dedication and Baptism

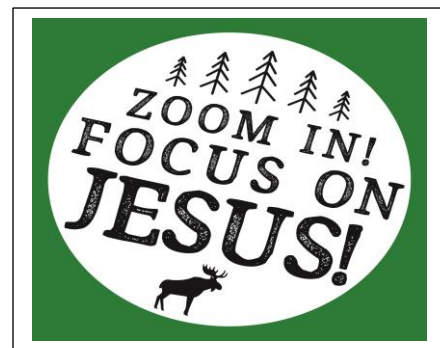
Sunday, May 12
 9:15 am

Please contact the church office if you are planning to participate in either of these.

Pill Counting in the Youth House

Pill counting for the upcoming Honduras mission trip will be May 13-16 from 9am – noon & 5:30pm – 8:30pm in the Youth House. This is a very vital part of preparation for the mission trip in July. Every pill you touch will help save lives. Youth and adult volunteers are welcome to come help. This is a great activity for a small group, Sunday School classes or individuals who want to get to know each other.
Great time of fellowship!

June 2nd
 Graduate recognition service.
 This is a Family Worship Day with
 NO Children's Church.



EBC Kids!!

RA, GA & Mission
 Friends Recognition
 Service
 Sunday, May 19
 6:00 pm
 In the Sanctuary

Reception to follow in
 the FLC

RA's
 Car & Plane
 Races
 Sunday, May
 5th at 3:00 pm
 in the FLC.

Sunday, June 2nd
 ALL Centrikid forms, mail,
 missions money, and 2
 lunch envelopes are due.
 Drop off in the breezeway
 of Young Hall from 4 – 6
 pm.
 A notary will be present if
 you need forms notarized.
 Do not sign the form until
 you get here.



EBENEZER STUDENT MINISTRY

www.ebenzeryouth.com

May in Youth Ministry

Sunday School

Every Sunday at 10:30am

The Middle (Youth Worship Service)

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Prayer Breakfast

Fridays at 7:00am

This is a free breakfast for Florence area students followed by a prayer time.

Transportation provided to local school!

Parent/Teen Camp Night

Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30pm

All students who are attending Centrifuge Summer Camp or the HomeWorks Lake City Mission Trip need to be at our Camps Meeting with your final payments and completed forms. Information packets were mailed to home. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Neighbors.

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 2

High School graduations are fast approaching and we want to celebrate with you and your family on Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 2nd. We need your photos and RSVP cards by Wednesday, May 1. Also, seniors... join us Sunday, May 5 for LAUNCH at Mellow Mushroom. See details below.

LAUNCH
 SUNDAY, MAY 5 LUNCH MEETING
 10:45AM-12:45PM AT MELLOW MUSHROOM
 Join us for a free lunch & class to help seniors launch well from high school.

VBS ALL Workers Meeting

Sunday, May 19th

11:30 am (following Sunday School)

In the Sanctuary

Young and Loving it – A Sunday School class for young adult 20 somethings, married or single:

This co-ed class will be a fun & engaging learning experience. This will be a new Sunday school class for those of us in our twenties. Come yourself or tell someone you know who might be interested. Led by Lee White and meeting in Pettigrew Hall room 203 beginning Sunday, May 5th.

Thank you for your giving, we have met the FIRST goal of our Chair Campaign!

Food Pantry Needs for April!!

We are running low on EVERYTHING, especially rice, grits, canned meat, 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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May Events

1. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Wednesday Activities with supper at 5:00 pm.
3. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am
4. May Market 9 am- 5 pm.
5. Adult Centrikid campers meeting at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall; RA plane & car race at 3:00 in the FLC.
7. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew.
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9. Betty Mears group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am
10. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am
12. Happy Mother's Day; Baby Dedication & Baptism during Morning Worship; This is a Family Worship Day with NO Children's Church; No Evening Activities.
14. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
15. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew; Last Wednesday Activities with Supper at 5:00 pm until the Fall.
17. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am
19. RA, GA, Mission Friends Recognition Service at 6:00 pm followed by a reception.
21. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
22. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
24. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am
27. Memorial Day. Church Office is Closed.
28. Men's Bible Study at 6:30 am in Pettigrew
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31. Youth Prayer Breakfast in YAB at 7:00 am

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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:

May 1st : Spaghetti, Salad, & Garlic Bread
May 8th : Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn
May 15th : Hot Dogs, Baked Beans , French Fries

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

May Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Danny Parker Diane Wright Madeline Taylor Thea White Rhett Bausmith	2	3 Jaden Carter Tabitha Modrell	4 Leta Hutchinson
5 Rylee Watkins	6 Paula Shriver	7 Nadine Wise Jo Ann Hall Candy Kirshy Mark Barbite	8 Ellis Neighbors Kristen Gray	9 Rachel Freeman Bert Winburn	10 John Brown Scott Turner Ciona Gray	11 Beth Simmons
12 Everett Long John Watkins	13	14	15 Wade Townsend	16 Addison Hanna	17 Fran Greer Donna Barnes Ladson Hardesty Joey Burch	18 Andrena Connor Marty Harrell
19 Sue Salyer Judy Lee	20 Teresa Suddreth Luke Green Harper Brown Hattie Cole Huggins Ethan Pettigrew	21 Becky Burch Melinda Huiet Jacqueline Finklea	22 Davis Townsend	23	24 Ross Reeves Ronnie Lee	25 Shannon Grimsley Drake Deal Madison Mitton Reagan Mitton
26 David Turner Pat Rose Merissa Taylor	27 BJ Ranson Lisa Sansbury Blake Conner Karen Clemson	28	29 Nathan Neighbors	30 Robert Mahoney Christy Hall Ronald Nesmith	31 Hannah Carter Jim Stamp Elizabeth Medlin	

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 April 28, 2019

Year-to-date Needs.....\$469,490.53
Year-to-date Receipt.....\$433,543.81