

Ebenezer Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

Lean in and Listen

This year has been a tough one. Many families at Ebenezer have faced (or are facing) crises this year. Some have walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Some are dealing with the loss of jobs and/or complete changes in the direction of their lives. Some find themselves in places that most of us cannot imagine (and don't want to imagine).

When you find yourself in one of these places, who are you gonna call?

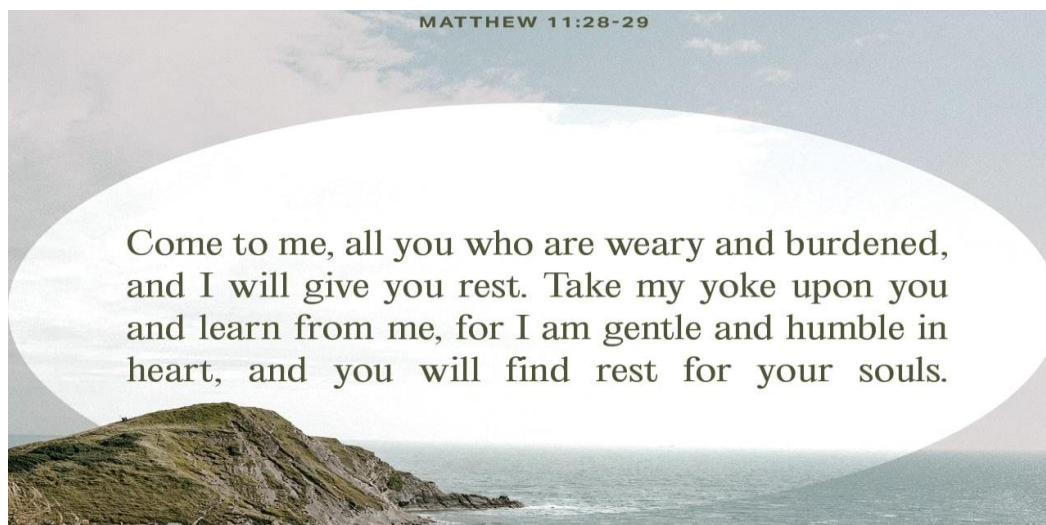
Some of us have a family and circle of friends. People on whom we feel we can rely. And rely we do. We lean on them. This is the way a church family should function.

Sometimes, though, we find that they let us down. It makes us sad and angry, especially when we have been there for them and now our support just seems to fall short. In those times, it is important to remind ourselves that **OUR HELP COMES FROM THE LORD.**

People in our lives are so important, yet even the best of friends will let us down at times. When we lean into them too much we are not leaning into the One who said "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

God cares about you, and even when everyone else is out of gas, or out of breath, or just not there, HE IS THERE!!! Lean into Him. And just listen..

David



Dismissal is at 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS START BACK

Fried Chicken on the Menu

THIS WEEK!

Supper at 5:00 pm Adults \$8 Kids \$5
Children's Music followed by Missions begins at 5:45 pm
Youth Activities at the Youth House 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting at 6:15 pm



DENVER BIERMAN
— IN CONCERT —

Plan to Join Us for a Sunday of Fun and Fellowship

Sunday, September 22nd during Morning Worship at 9:15 am with a covered dish lunch following Sunday School There will be NO Children's Church




Senior Adult Rally

for the Florence Baptist Association will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Tuesday, September 17th at 10:00 am

Bill Cox will have a "Art to Heart" presentation and "The Called Quartet" will provide music. The event will conclude following lunch.

Please call the church office to sign up. Sign up by Sept. 8th




Choir Rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept. 15th at 4:15 pm

If you would like to join the Choir please contact Matthew at mattandrews@ebcsc.com



Named after South Carolina WMU's first president, the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions helps support missions efforts across South Carolina and North America. Each year, we spend one week in September highlighting how the Janie Chapman OfferingSM is used, as well as praying for those serving across our state.

EBC Goal: \$3500.00

Ways to give your tithe

- text to 73256 and enter EBCSC
- drop it by the church office
- drop it in the secure church mailbox
- mail to 524 S. Ebenezer Rd.

Financial Report Through August 25, 2024

Year to date needs.....	\$1,083,892.38
Year to date receipt.....	\$943,293.35

ALL Ministry teams will meet

Sunday, September 8th 6:00 pm in the Worship Center



Join us for a New Adult Sunday School Class!!

Sunday, Sept. 8th Upstairs Pettigrew Hall

Nursing

at Francis Marion University

The FMU Nursing Students will be on Campus Wednesday, September 11th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm checking blood pressure, sugar, etc... Plan to come and support them as they learn.



Women who are interested in being in God's word through scripture memorization, book discussion and prayer, please join us on Thursday evenings
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm beginning Thursday, September 12th in Pettigrew Hall
Contact the Church Office with Questions.

DEACONS

meeting

Sunday, September 15 at 5:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

CPR TRAINING

Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

This class will be offered on September 28th in the youth House at 9:00 am
Please contact the Church Office to sign up and get more info.

-Fall Festival Oct. 27th

3:00 – 5:00 pm

-Ladies Dinner Nov. 14th

-Christmas Play Dec. 7th & 8th
6:00 pm

-Family Christmas Caroling Dec. 18th

Supper at 5:00 pm & Caroling at 6:00 pm



Betty Mears Group will begin meeting Thursday, September 12th at 10:30 am in the Mears House.

YOUTH D-GROUPS SUNDAYS AT 5:00PM BEGINNING SEPT 15

CHECK THE FALL BROCHURE AND YOUR CRASH TEXT FOR LOCATION DETAILS

darkroom

DARKROOMFAITH.COM

EBENEZER STUDENT MINISTRY FLORENCE, SC

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPT 8 - 5:00PM
IN THE YOUTH HOUSE



Food Pantry Needs

Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles
Canned Meat, Oatmeal



EBC MISSIONS

September 2024 Opportunities

OM Ships

On **Sep 9** from 9:00am-12:00pm there will be a workday with OM ships.

Parking Lot Ministry

On **Sep 28**, the Koinonia SS class will be preparing and serving breakfast.

Operation Christmas Child

Item of the Month: reusable plastic bowls and cups

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: spaghetti sauce and noodles

Janie Chapman Offering

The Janie Chapman Offering helps support mission efforts across South Carolina. Some of these efforts include the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, prisoner packets, Disaster Relief, and Camp La Vida. **EBC Goal: \$3,500**

Bliss Ball

Bliss Ball will be held on **Saturday, Sep 28** at Calvary Baptist Church. This event honors children and adults with special healthcare needs. If you want more information about volunteer opportunities, email FBALouanne@sc.rr.com or call 843.662.5921 and talk to Louanne with the Florence Baptist Association.

Up-Coming Activities:

- Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair Ministry Breakfast on November 8
- Christmas Present Collection for West Virginia (GAs)
- Prisoner Packet Collection (WMI)
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection
- Collection of cold weather items (coats, hats, gloves, and socks)

What has EBC Missions been up to? Here is the August recap.

- BCM Cookout served over 400 students. On the Tuesday following the cookout, 175 students attended BCM for worship—so many that students were in the hallway and kitchen area....22 students accepted Christ as their Savior. Praise the Lord!!!
- Darlington RaceWay Ministries

EBC Missions Committee	
Kim Andrews	843-615-2933
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Amanda Chambers	478-387-5426
Tiffany Phillips	843-283-1091
Amy Rouse	843-496-0110

September Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Kiersten Walters Cadance Moore Cooper Chatlosh Olivia Bennett	3 Misty Kempson	4 Ann Holliday Bobby Rabon	5 McKenlee Kendrick Tony Hanna Mary Wells Foster Julie Whatley	6	7 Vickie Tyner Preston Graham
8 Julie Barfield Zach Medlin Bryce Winburn Laurie Turner	9 Victoria Hicks	10 Kimberly Brown Lydia Hicks	11 Ernie Strickland Dennis Lein Lauren Dawkins	12 Debbie Trussell Hubie John Garrett Brian Denny	13 Lee Carter	14 Wallie Timmons Finley King Brad Gardner
15 Julie Self Tyler Self Greta McKelvey	16 Paul Frazier Glenda Cottingham Toby Milligan	17 Dean Lisenby	18 Tamara Horton	19 Reggie Knox Griggs Brown	20 Maeley Rodriguez Jerry Locklair Angie Bessenger Anniston Carlson Marty Massey	21 Will Thompson J.D. Lee Mason McKnight
22 Bill Langston Jamey Medlin	23 Glenn Matthews Brenda Rabon Les Ward Robbie Mahoney	24 Elizabeth White Amy Rouse Brooke Collier	25 Jimmy Horton	26 McKinnley Foster Avery Bausmith	27 Marion Broach	28 Barrett Anderson
29 Davis White	30 Laura Stephens Brice King Cindy Pierce					

We are getting close to reaching our Goal of paying off the Worship Center! We have completed the 4th Goal, WOO HOO!!! One more Goal to go!!!! Help us to get the chairs colored green!!

