

Ebenezer Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Are you THANKFUL?

2024 has been a tough year. The EBC Family has had some tough losses. Our nation is more divided than ever before. The economy struggles. The glass really does look half-empty (if not more).

So, are you thankful? Can our outlook really make a difference?

James addressed this in James 1:

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

If we focus on the good things (and there have been MANY this year), they will far outweigh the bad. If we dwell in the positive, it WILL make a great difference in our minds, hearts, and lives.

Will you allow the good to outweigh the bad and CHOOSE Thanksgiving?? God is doing a work in YOU and ME. To make us better for tomorrow!! Choose wisely!!

Hope you have a great holiday!!!

David



Sunday, November 17th will be

HARVEST SUNDAY



As we enter into November and the month of Thanksgiving, we often think more about the generous and gracious blessings God bestows on us throughout our lives. Many of these blessings we may never even know about in this life. Our Ebenezer provides many of these blessings such as worship, music, children and youth activities, prayer meetings, fun and service trips, but perhaps most of all - a church family. All of these things we sometimes take for granted are built into the business side of our church through the annual budget. While we are not in financial turmoil, thanks to God's blessings, we are not meeting our budget for this year. Harvest Sunday, coming November 17th, is a great opportunity for us to review our gifts back to God's church and catch up or make an additional gift. **Won't you pray about this with us?**

Join us for a covered dish lunch following Sunday School.

Bring your favorite side dishes and dessert.

**There will be a special guest speaker with us during
Morning Worship at 9:15 am.**



**Operation Christmas Child In-Gathering
Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 pm**

Guest speaker, Katya, from the former Soviet Union, who received her own box as a child.
Bring your packed boxes to be prayed over.

Please pick up a box to pack. Boxes are located in the Foyer and the Missions Counter.



**WORK DAY
• at the •
CHURCH**

**MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Saturday, November 16th

8:00 am - Noon

Please call the Church Office
to sign up 843-669-1802

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tobin and Kimberly Hyman

This Sunday, November 3rd, don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour.

FALL BACK



Wednesday Night Supper

Nov. 6th: Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese,
Green Beans

Nov. 13th: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas

Nov. 20th: Bog, Green Beans

Week of Thanksgiving NO Mid-week activities



Food Pantry Needs

**Jelly, Peanut Butter,
Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles**

**Betty Mears Group will be
meeting Thursday,
November 14th at 10:30 am in the
Mears House.**

A list of approved items and Ziploc bags are available in the Mission Area and are due on Dec 2nd. The bags must be packed exactly as the instructions read—no substitutions. Our goal is to collect 75 prisoner packets.



Christmas Prisoner Packets

CARING FOR INMATES AND
PROVIDING HOPE

The project represents an all-encompassing effort from the chaplains, volunteers, and churches, recognizing the profound impact a simple act of kindness can have on the lives of inmates. The gift bags convey a powerful message: that each individual is loved and valued, even during difficult times. Receiving a gift during Christmas can ignite a spark of hope, reminding them that they are not forgotten.



Volunteer at a
Shoebox
Processing
Center!



We have 15 spots still available for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing at the Charlotte, NC packing facility on Tuesday, November 26th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. We would depart the church at 7:00 am and return around 6:30 pm. If you are interested in going, please contact the church office.

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 October 27, 2024

Year to date needs.....	\$1,370,804.64
Year to receipt.....	\$1,181,058.05



EBC MISSIONS

November 2024 Opportunities

East Carolina Agricultural Fair Ministry

EBC will provide breakfast for the fair workers on **Nov 8** starting at 9:00am using the Missions Grill Trailer. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kim Andrews. We need at least 6-8 volunteers.

Operation Christmas Child

OCC boxes will be available at the Mission's Counter. Remember to pack your boxes at home and include the shipping cost within your box. Bring your boxes from home to the ingathering on **Nov 6th**. On **Nov 21st** 4-630 pm, volunteers are needed to assist with the OCC collection at Calvary Baptist Church.

Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast

On **Nov 23rd**, the last ones out SS class will be preparing and serving breakfast.

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides funding to send missionaries all around the world to places with little to no access to the gospel. Please pray about giving an offering this year. **EBC goal: \$10,000**

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Macaroni & Cheese

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

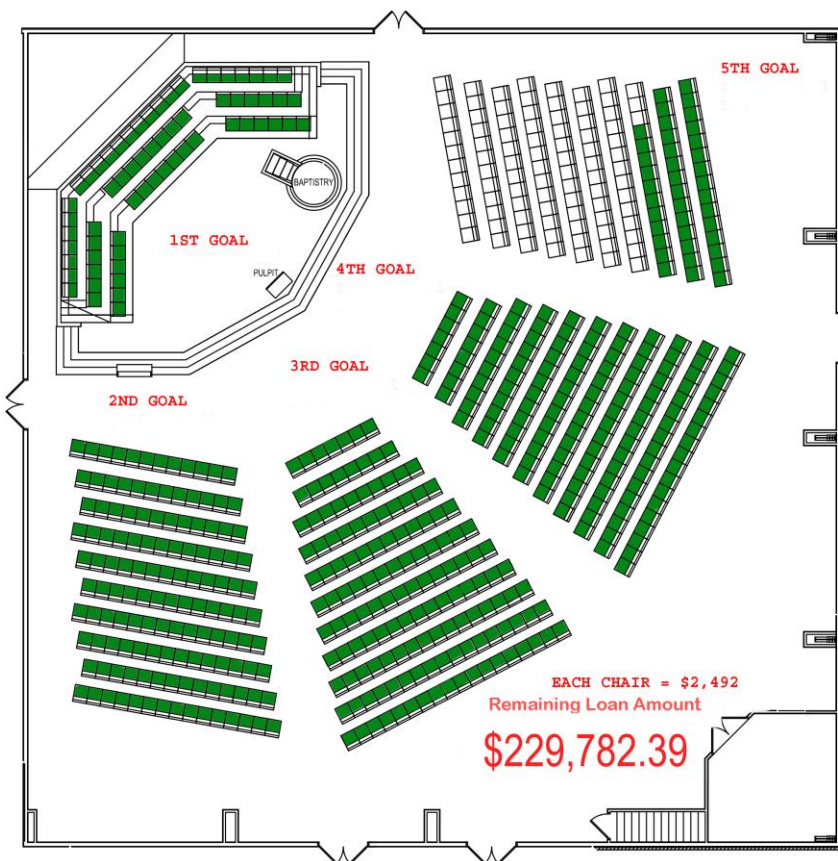
- OM Ships volunteers
- Donation to Mercy Chefs: feeding people in Florida and Asheville
- EBC volunteers served with SC Baptist Disaster Relief cooking/serving meals in Spartanburg for hurricane victims

EBC Missions Committee	
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November Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Abby Reeves	2 Greta Massey Pam Sweat
3	4	5	6 Jack Early Wade Watford Shane Gibson Kristin Towe	7 Sonner Ward	8 Anna Reagan Rodriguez	9 Lynn Laney Verma Dean Carol Burris Billy Phillips Kip Hicks
10 Gus McDill Madeline Gamble Kimberly Hyman Toby Hyman	11 Ellison Moody Judy Moody Edward Lunn Drew Rogers	12 Cindy Knox Matt Lewis Joel Graham	13 Linda Anderson Michael Kirshy	14 Krissy Huntley	15 Wayne Hill Cathy Phillips	16 Gina Jones Laura Pisser Danny Horne
17 Keith Pettigrew Luke Neighbors	18 Andrew Jackson	19 Rick Stephens Dena Strickland Linda Moore	20 Susan Lewis	21 Sarah Carlson Levi Hatfield	22 Ashley Lowe Layton Townsend	23 Pete Collier
24 Ryan Connor Luke Watkins Pierce Anderson Ellie Medlin	25 Kaleb Carlson	26	27 Pat Clemson Tim McKrae	28 Sherry Graham	29 Andrew Faile Anna Andrews	30 Hannah Floyd Carol Lang

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!!



CHRISTMAS CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Dec. 7th** Christmas Play at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 8th** Christmas Play at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 15th** Youth Christmas Parties
- Dec. 17th** Senior Adult Brunch at 10:00 am in the Youth House
- Dec. 18th** Supper followed by Churchwide Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 24th** Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm
- Dec. 25th** Happy Birthday Jesus!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!