

Ebenezer Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

January 2025

SEEK YE FIRST

On Wednesday evenings we've been going through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6, & 7). A few weeks ago we were looking at Matthew 6:33, and there is something in that verse we need to really see and understand:

Matt 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus pushes those who follow Him to go beyond the expectations of the world. And in every way He pushes us to realize that life is about THE HEART. The things that we say and the things that we do are all borne out of our hearts.

In 2024, we live in a very ME world. Most of us look at every issue we see FIRST through the filter of "How does this impact me? How does this impact my immediate need?" The crazy world in which we live has conditioned us to respond to life this way. But it was into a world just like that 2,000 years ago that Jesus said "SEEK FIRST GOD'S KINGDOM and allow Him to place all of those other things in order!!"

Could it be that Jesus was serious about us needing to PUT GOD FIRST and allow HIM to sort the other things out???

That might be an interesting thought for 2025

David



Seek first the kingdom of God and
his righteousness, and all these
things will be added to you.

MATTHEW 6:33



THE LORD'S SUPPER
Do this in remembrance of Me
Sunday, January 5th
During Morning Worship

FAMILY
Worship **DAY**
Sunday, January 5th
NO Children's Church

Youth Winter Retreat
Parent & Student
Info Meeting



Sunday, Jan. 12th
11:30 am
following SS
at the Youth House

Wednesday
Night Supper



Jan. 15th: Spaghetti and Garlic Bread
Jan. 22nd: Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans
Jan. 29th: Beef Stew, Rice, Green Peas

Betty Mears Group will be meeting
Thursday, January 9th
at 10:30 am
in the Mears House.



FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS
 Fruit, Beans, Jelly
 Mac & Cheese, Canned Meat

Wednesday
Nights
Start Back January 15th
 Supper 5:00 pm + Children 5:45 pm + Youth 6:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting 6:15 pm

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER



DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!
 Drop your donations at the Missions Counter in the Welcome Center by Wednesday, January 22nd.

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 December 29, 2024

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| Year to date needs..... | \$1,657,716.90 |
| Year to receipt..... | \$ 1,469,853.77 |



EBC MISSIONS

January 2025 Opportunities

*****Cold weather item collection: We are still collecting cold weather items for distribution after parking lot ministry breakfast later this month. Please consider donating any scarves, gloves, jackets, and hats.*****

Parking Lot Ministry

On **January 25th**, the GAs, RAs, and Missions Team will be preparing and serving breakfast.

Operation Christmas Child

The collection items for January is washcloths.

EBC Food Pantry

Item of the Month: Canned Fruit, Mac& Cheese, Canned Meat, Beans, & Jelly

Missions Rummage Sale

The Rummage sale is coming up in March, start your spring cleaning early and donate items to help with missions.

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

- Lottie Moon Offering Goal was \$12,000. Final amount raised: 11,795.46
- 40 Christmas Food Boxes were provided to the Trinity Presbyterian Hispanic Ministry. Special Thanks to **Jenny Kizziar** for all her research and efforts to get the best food prices and **Marty Massey** for helping us with the prices on the hams!

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January Birthdays

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| | 1 Chuck Andrews | 2 Whit Stephens Maggie Dawkins Reed Bausmith | 3 Beth Ham Jay Graham Chandler Medlin | 4 Greer Maret Lily Anderson Michael Lee | 5 Owen Hicks Fran Matthews Ben Gensel Renee Mathews | 6 Wesley Nobles Grace Singletary |
| 7 Wayne Atwood | 8 Ina Garrison Linda Kennedy Linda Freeman | 9 Lily Turner Miller Turner | 10 Amanda Pope Ben Early | 11 | 12 Connie Skipper | 13 |
| 14 Robin Freeman Cybil Usher David Jackson Shelby White | 15 Dawn Tolson Leia Kizziar | 16 Caleb Todd | 17 Michael Shriver David Nelson | 18 Alexandria Hicks | 19 Brad Kempson Kimberly Jordan Geneva Pitstick | 20 Carolyn Cooke Debbie Winburn Sandra King Hugh Garrett |
| 21 Nancy Gatewood | 22 Claire Andrews Jimmy Norton Ernie Connor | 23 Caroline Grimley | 24 Tanner Welsh | 25 Jim Kizziar | 26 Greg Hamlin Cayden Horne Lisa Conner Ken Hiers Stephanie Nobles | 27 Priscilla Kizziar |
| 28 Crystal Clemson Neal Kennedy Gale Hobson | 29 Virginia Matthews Sarah Woodbury | 30 Eden Hinson | 31 David Newton | | | |

**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!!!! 76
Chairs left to color green!! Under 200,000.00!!!**

