THE EBENEZER CHURCH APRIL NEWSLETTER

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APRIL GREETINGS

FROM PASTOR LARRY E. COVINGTON

Greetings my fellow Ebenezerites and friends!

Easter is upon us and Christ is indeed risen! What a message of hope and such a time of need!

April is Youth Emphasis month here at Ebenezer and Pastor Burgess and his team have planned a full month of activities beginning with the Exercise Boot Camp with Charity and Spring Community Day, then concluding with our Youth Day in worship on April 25th! We look forward to our annual Youth Revival with our former youth pastor, Rev. Brandon Dawson, followed by our Youth Retreat. Plan now to have your young people involved in all of these blessed events and classes so that they can mature in all areas of their lives; especially spiritually.

We will start the month off around the Lord's table, what a perfect way to celebrate resurrection Sunday! "When I think of the goodness of Jesus in all that He's done for me, my soul cries out: Hallelujah! I thank God for saving me!!" That's the testimony of those of us who know the value in the victory of the Cross! Even in this season of COVID-19 as we virtually gather as well as physically gather, we can thank God for the gift of His Son - our crucified and Risen Saviour who reigns above all viruses and problems that we encounter in this life.

We must pause and thank God for our new members who have been added to the Ebenezer family: Mrs. Joyce Hayden and Mrs. Diane Wilson. Let's praise God for them!!!

May God bless you all as we go forward in faith, embracing God's future!



APRIL 2021 MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

BY PASTOR COVINGTON

Each year the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Alamance sponsors the Martin Luther King, Jr. / Edward McDowell scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Two of the three recipients of this year's award are from our congregation and they are our April 2021 members of the month: Miss Alana Drumgold and Miss Jordann Stephenson.

Both of these young ladies have grown up in Ebenezer, are products of our youth ministry, and are still consistently active in the life of our church family. Both of them sing in the Voices of Hope youth choir, both have served in our youth Hospitality Ministry, they are currently President and Vice President of our Youth Ministry Board, serve on our youth advisory team, and are 13 year Girl Scouts with 10 of those years as integral members of Ebenezer's Girl Scout Troop #41353.

Educationally, both are graduating high school seniors this 2021 school year. In addition to their exceptional high school matriculation through River Mill Academy, Jordann is also a student at Alamance Community College and Alana is also a student at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Both young ladies are very involved with community activities, regularly volunteer, are student athletes, and work part time jobs, while they maintain their honor roll success academically.

Jordann will be attending Winston-Salem State University and Alana will either be attending Spelman College or North Carolina Central University in the fall.

Congratulations to Miss Alana Drumgold and Miss Jordann Stephenson for earning the 2021 IDMA Martin Luther King, Jr./Edward McDowell scholarship, and for being our April 2021 Members of the Month!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

WE PRAY YOU ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

Ethan Adams Lizzie Alston Sharon Anthony Olivea Baines Alana Blackwell Miranda C. Blackwell Sandrika Blackwell Tammy Blackwell Brenda Blount Soijett Blue Christine Boggan Charles Bradshaw Chandrika Brown Erica Brown Roger Brown BJ Carter Carolyn Coble **Howard Coble** Christopher Cooper Annetta Corbett Derrick Covington Courtni Croom Natasha Cross Susan Davis April Dawson Willie Mae Daye Keimesha Dorsey Aaron K.V. Drumgold Alana Drumgold Reisha Drumgold Brandon Dunham Ernest Eason Barnabas Edmonds Courtney Edmonds Wallace Enoch Lorraine Evans

Tawana Evans Bobby (Rev) Faucette Ziyah Ferguson Barry Ford Bella Forney Autre Garner Tania Garner Linda Gattis John Gibson Larry Gwynn Sherron Haith Crystal Herbin Quanisha Hester Sheron Hightower T'Keyah Hinton Kysha Holman Varick Holman Jackie Hooker Sarah Hunter Fred Ireland Althea Jamison K'amir Johnson Charlene Jones Katucha Kebreau Tania Kebreau Koi Kourouma Alisia Lambert Malik Larkin Bettina Lee Janiya Lee Ollie Marie Lee Kristie Lettley **Gregory Lettley** Asia Linster Lonetta Love

Larry Mack

Sabrina Martin Whitney McDonald Kawana McKnight Timothy McNair Priscilla Mickens Christy Miles LaKinya Miles Terry Montague Dalvin Moore Marsha Moore Nancy Moore Robert Morrow TJ Oliver Heather Parrish Yondi Pettiford Courtney Poteat LaKeisha Poteat Jarvis Price Janice Ratliff Niketa Ray Maiya Reaves Celeste Richards Albert Richmond Sheronda Richmond Wanda Richmond Darren Rollinson Erin Rollinson Sharon Rollinson Karen Russell Keisha Scott Eric Scott Lorraine Sellars Willie Singletary Calvin Smallwood Christian Smith LaTasha Smith

Rose Smith Jabari Spruill Wendy Spruill Destyne Stanback Tarisha Stanback Artis Stanfield Sarah Stanfield Michael Steele Bonita Stephenson AJ Stewart Fredricca Stokes Denita Sturdivant Stephen Terry Dalvin Tyner Shacora Vaughn Alesva Wade Daniel Wade Brycen Walker Vandoria Walker Valerie Walker LaToya Walters Dominic Watkins Kaden West Dimples Whitaker Cynthia White Nelliah Wilcox Cheryl Williams Jonathan Williams Janae Williamson Dianne Wilson Rufus Wilson Tangy Wilson Jazyia Wright Robert Wright Jason Yarborough Vickie Young



PRAYER AND BEREAVEMENT

WE LIFT YOU UP IN PRAYER

SICK MEMBERS

Miss Amiah Corbett Mr. Jerry Cooke Ms. Gwendolyn Daye Ms. Willie Mae Daye Ms. Ethel Faulk Ms. Trica Faulk Mrs. Vivian Fonville Mr. Todd Fonville Mr. Larry Foushee Mrs. Shirley Gant

Ms. Pauline Hazell
Mrs. Sarah Hunter
Mr. Victor Jeffries
Mrs. Bonnie Johnson
Mr. James Johnson
Ms. Lorraine Yvonne Johnson
Mrs. Fannie Kirby
Mrs. Martha Lee
Mrs. Nancy Maynard
Mrs. Alma Pinnix

Ms. Karen Russell
Ms. Virginia Sellars
Mr. Terry Stevens
Ms. Rose Marie Smith
Mr. James Thaxton
Ms. Tammy Thaxton
Ms. Liz Turner
Mrs. Gladys Vaughn
Mrs. Mamie Walker
Mrs. Ruth Mae Wiley
Mrs. Dorothy Wilson

NON-SICK MEMBERS

Mrs. Annie Brown
Mr. Delroy Brown
Ms. Janiece Shelli Brown
Mr. Clarence Bruce
Mr. Lawrence Doby
Mr. Robin Ellison
Mrs. Jewel Enoch
Mr. Cleo Faucette
Mr. Ronnie Foster
Mr. Tony Foust

Ms. Denise Gattis
Mrs. Ruth Harris
Deacon Morris Harrelson
Ms. Virginia Hester
Mr. Hugh Holness
Mrs. Mary Lee Jenkins
Min. Elisabeth Johnson
Mrs. Velma Jones
Ms. Blondell Love
Ms. June Love

Mr. Joseph Moceri Mrs. Ruthie Rogers Mrs. Christine Stanfield Ms. Annette St. Clair Ms. Myrtle Stevens Mrs. Brenda Tapp Mrs. Denise Vinson Mrs. Rhoda Walker Mrs. Jean Warren Mr. Preston Williamson

BEREAVEMENT

- Mrs. Patsy/Larry Simpson & family (brother-in-law, Mr. Preston Hollings), husband of Mrs. Brenda Hollings
- Mrs. Ella Neeley & family (mother, Mrs. Rena Hightower Daye Faucette
- Mrs. Gladys Shepard; Rev. Desiree White & family (great aunt, Mrs. Bertha Russell Poteat)
- Ms. Shari Manning & family, a coworker of Tore Foster (her mother Mrs. Sonja Manning)
- Ms. Faye Graves, Javis/Laura Graves, Tore/Tim Foster & family, (cousin, Ms. Robin Long)
- Mrs. Alma Pinnix & family, (brother, Mr. James Earnest Owens)
- Dea. Maverick/Helen Jeffries & family (Maverick's father, Mr. Thaddies Jeffries)

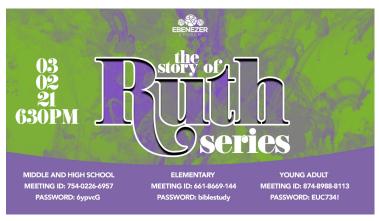
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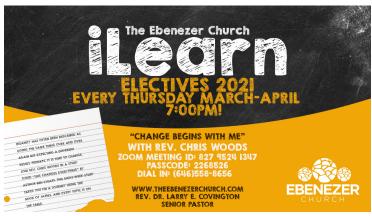










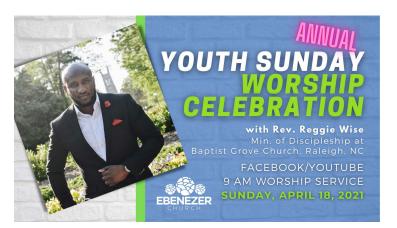


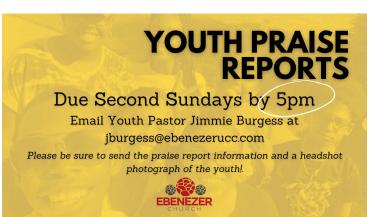












EXCEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

NOW HIRING!

Excel Christian Academy is now hiring!

We are looking for a Licensed NC PreK teacher and other qualified individuals who are:

- First Aid/CPR Certified
 - SIDS Certified
- · Childcare Credentials I & II
- Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or Education background
 - BK Licensure or equivalent

Please send resumes with cover letters to: bcannon@ebenezerucc.com



EBENEZER'S

Train up a child in the way he should go; Even when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

reetings Ebenezer Family!

Last month during our Preschool Bible Story Time,

Last month during our Preschool Bible Story Time, we continued our lesson on the Fruit of the Spirit. Please join us with your precious little one(s) on Tuesdays at 7:15PM, as we continue this series throughout the next six weeks beginning Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Also, in March, our Elementary group, completed their study on the Bible character "Ruth" who is known and admired for her selfless love towards her mother-in-law (Naomi) and for her virtue, courage, loyalty, compassion and resilience.

This month we kick-off our new six-week series studying a Bible character from Ruth's lineage, her great-grandson, David, also known as "King David." David is oftentimes referred to as "... a man after God's own heart." (I Samuel 13:14). It is known that at times David sinned against God and wasn't always morally pure. Therefore, some may wonder what makes David deserving enough to be considered a man after God's own heart. Despite his imperfections, not only did he seek God's forgiveness, he had a heart of repentance.

Some factors that set David apart is his strong trust and faith in God; his deep desire for doing whatever God willed him to do; his commitment to and meditation upon God's Word and law and his heart of thanksgiving and praise. As we search within our own hearts, though we are also imperfect, we, too, can be a man/ woman or boy/girl after God's own heart. We can learn from David, the principles of keeping your covenant (word), true friendship, kindness, mercy and grace.

Over the next six weeks, our Elementary group will learn about:

- 1). **David's Anointing:** Just as David was anointed for God's use, they too, have a God-given gift and purpose to be used for God's kingdom.
- 2). **David, the Giant Killer:** God is more powerful than their most fearful enemies, so when they call upon God and trust Him, they too, will have faith and courage.
- 3). **David's Best Friend:** Friends are a blessing from God. Ultimately, Jesus wants to be their best friend.
- 4). **David Honoring God:** David had motive and opportunity to end Saul's life, but chose to honor God's will and spare his life. Likewise, they, too, should always honor God and do what pleases Him.
- 5). **David Dancing Before the Lord:** David danced and leaped for joy before the Lord. Whatever their task or job, God is always deserving and worthy of their best thanksgiving and praise.

Be Blessed,

Shawana O. Emehel Children's Ministry Pastor

Elementary Bible Study Kindergarten – 5th Grade Tuesdays at 6:30PM

Meeting ID: 661 866 9144 Password: biblestudy

The Story of



Preschool Bible Story Time Up to Age 4 Tuesdays at 7:15PM

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3/26-3/29: 3pm-7pm 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/5: 3pm-7pm

