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VETERANS DAY DINNER

November 7, 5-7 PM

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COUNTRY STORE

November 14

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Sunday Services

- 9:00am Worship Service
- 10:15am Sunday School
- 5:00pm Adult Choir / 4:00 pm Praise Band Practice
- 6:00pm Every FOURTH SUNDAY Ebenezer Methodist Women

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." *Matthew 28:19*



Pastor's Pen



This is the Season of Thanksgiving, Service, and Hope. The Bible declares, "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 107:1 NKJV)

Dear Ebenezer Church Family,

As we enter November, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness and the many blessings He continues to pour upon our church family. This is a season to celebrate our ministry, honor those who serve, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

I want to say thank you, Kim and Marsha! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for answering God's call to serve on the mission trip to Romania. Your willingness to share Christ's love beyond our community is a wonderful example of faith in action. May God continue to bless the seeds planted through your ministry. We also Celebrate Our Successful Missions Fundraiser for local missions. I give a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent mission's fundraiser. Your generosity, hard work, and commitment demonstrate Ebenezer's heart for missions. Together, we continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

On Saturday, November 7, Ebenezer will host a special celebration honoring our veterans. I encourage everyone to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and veterans to join us as we recognize their service and sacrifice. Let us make this a meaningful occasion of gratitude, fellowship, and community outreach.

Before you know it, Christmas is just around the corner! On Sunday, November 29, we begin the Advent season with the theme of **Hope**. Advent reminds us to prepare not only our homes but also our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us enter this sacred season with renewed faith, joyful expectation, and a commitment to sharing Christ's love.

As we all celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that our greatest blessing is God's presence in our lives. What can we ever do without God in our midst. Scripture reminds us that we cannot do anything without Him. I invite you to pray for me as I plan to attend a conference in Texas for church growth and development on November 12 and 13. Let us remain a church that serves faithfully, loves generously, and reaches others with the Gospel.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful beginning to Advent!

In Christ's love and service!

Pastor Simon

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY

- 11:00a Seniors Gathering
- 1:30p God's Word Bible Study
- 6:00p Covenant Meeting

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:30p Prayer Meeting
- 7:00p Bible Study — Adults.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: (828) 396-2214



Meetings, etc.

Covenant Group Meetings

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. How is it with your soul? New members welcome.

Finance Training

Finance Committee officers or representative members need to attend the GMC's Finance Committee training at Trinity Methodist Church, 901 Seehorn St. NE, Lenoir on **Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m.** This training will show how a church is expected to conduct their financial affairs in the Global Methodist Church.

Seniors Gathering

Our Senior citizens are invited to another morning of fellowship with meal on **Tuesday, November 17th at 11:00 a.m.** Details to be announced later.

God's Word Study

Our monthly afternoon Bible Study will continue in the book of Genesis on **Tuesday, November 17th at 1:30 p.m.** Non-members and all ages are welcome.

EMW Meeting

The Women will have their next meeting on **Sunday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m.** All women of the church are invited to participate.

Church Office Closure

The office will be closed for **Thanksgiving Nov. 26-27th**. Please turn in Nov. 29 bulletin items Nov. 24th, Dec. newsletter items by Nov. 18th.

Special Giving

We gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts in October:

In honor of All Global Methodists Women & Men by Delores Campbell.

In honor of Preachers and Teachers by Delores Campbell.

In honor of All Saints Sunday by Delores Campbell.

In loving memory of Larry Hill & Bleaka Hollar by Alice Hill.

In memory of Edward & Bonnie Roberts by Darrell & Harolyn Roberts.

In memory of Cleo Clark's Oct. 23rd Birthday by Becky Silver.

Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

Washed in the Flood

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!
--Romans 5:9-10 NIV

"Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." --Genesis 7:4 NIV

There is an old hymn called *Are You Washed in the Blood?* (words by E. A. Hoffman, 1878). This refers to the blood of the Lamb, meaning our Savior, Jesus Christ. To get your robes white, to have sin guilt completely washed away, you must be washed in the blood of Jesus by accepting his sacrifice of himself on the cross in your place. This is the only way to be forgiven of all your sins and be cleansed so thoroughly that to God you look as if you had never sinned. Your robes will be white as snow.

In Genesis chapters 6-8, we are told how God became so disgusted (grieved, Genesis 6:6) with the violence, hatred, and corruption on his recently created earth that he decided to literally wipe out all life on it, to cleanse the earth by a great flood of water. God saved one man and his wife, his three sons and their wives, and samples of all the land and flying creatures he had created. But all other humans and land and flying creatures were destroyed in this great washing in the Flood (water dwelling animals survived on their own).

Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. --Genesis 7:23 NIV

The sin of Adam and Eve trying to be like God by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil led to murder, lying, and increasing violence and corruption so pervasive that only one family of one righteous man (*Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.* --Genesis 6:9b NIV) was good enough for God to save to continue the line of humans made in his image.

The world had become unbalanced toward evil and away from good so much that God reverted the world to a watery chaos (see Genesis 1:2) to start over. Afterwards, God promised to never flood the whole earth again. So how was he to keep the evil from overpowering the good again? This is where the story of Abraham and the Chosen People, the Hebrews, begins.

Yet even one nation of Chosen People, set aside to worship the one true God, and given the means to repent and live good lives by obeying the laws laid out by God's spokesman, Moses, could not save the world from increasing evil.

Then came Jesus. The blood of this Lamb, unlike the daily sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple, was forever; shed once, and good for all who accept his sacrifice. The balance of good and evil changed again. This time, we know who will win in the end, but the fight continues of good versus evil. Water alone

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November Events

Veterans Day Meal

Saturday, Nov. 7
5-7 PM

We will be honoring the veterans in our area by serving a free meal to anyone who served in the armed forces of the U. S. and their spouses.

We give thanks to our brave and honorable men and women who have served our country and praise you for the sacrifices you made to help protect the U. S. here and abroad. May God bless you and your families.

There will be a brief service honoring our veterans during the meal.

(We are asking some of our members to help by being cooks and waiters during this event. Let's make it a thoroughly pleasant experience for these wonderful patriots.)



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, Nov. 29
10:00 AM

We invite you to help us decorate the church for the Advent season on this day. Then after our worship service, we will be serving soup and sandwiches in the CLC. Bring a favorite soup or snack and sandwich fixings or dessert to share if you can.

Upcoming Events & Ministry Opportunities

Nov. 1st--Daylight Savings Time ends & All Saints Sunday

Nov. 7th--Veterans Meal, 5-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 12th--Finance Training, 6:00 p.m., Trinity Church, Lenoir

Nov. 14th--EMW Country Store, 8-2:00 p.m.

Nov. 23rd--Festival on the Square, G. F., 6-7:30 p.m.

Country Store

Saturday, Nov. 14
8 AM - 2 PM

It's time to bargain hunt again with the Women's group of Ebenezer. Look through used goods from desks and cabinets to kitchen tools, decorative items, blankets, bed frames, pots, toys, and more. Find a something for yourself or a loved one.

Enjoy a breakfast biscuit or a hamburger or hot dog later in the morning.

All proceeds will go to support the women's ministries throughout the coming year.

We thank you for your support.



Festival on the Square

Monday, Nov. 23
6 - 7:30 PM

Granite Falls will have their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festival again this year. Although this is not confirmed yet, Ebenezer usually prepares and gives away delicious breakfast biscuits at this event. Lots of other businesses and churches will also participate. Come out for the freebies, fun, music and see the lights turned on for the Christmas season.

November Celebrations



- 4th—Janette Teague
- 6th—Linda Moretz
- 7th—Joshua Hefner
- 9th—Sherry Deanda
- 15th—Paul Burson IV
- 27th--Anna Boone

Our Military

Ricky Garland
Shane McRary
Jamie Mullinax
Hunter Tolbert



Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.

Operation Angel Tree

Wayne & Jeff Yount are having a barbecue fundraiser to benefit Caldwell County Schools ANGEL TREE KIDS.

Friday, Nov. 6th, 11am - 7pm

Saturday, Nov. 7th, 11am - til gone!
\$12 per plate.

You can also preorder whole Boston butts for \$45 or chopped bbq for \$12 per lb. Call or text Chelbe at 828-493-8379 by Nov. 2 to place your order.

NEW PICK-UP LOCATION

4680 Burns Rd., G. F. Follow the signs out to the red metal building.

John Wesley Said:

"The sea is an excellent figure of the fullness of God, and that of the blessed Spirit. For as the rivers all return into the sea; so the bodies, the souls, and the good works of the righteous, return into God, to live there in his eternal repose."



Successes in God's Power

We give praise to everyone and to God who has inspired our members and our community's members to help us raise money for missions and for items of food and school supplies, etc. to give to those in need and to show God's love to others.

On October 6th, we gave 30. lbs of food and 9 lbs of non-food items to SCCM's Food Pantry;

On October 17th, we raised \$1562 for our local missions fund;

In August, we were able to give away lots of school items and provide fun and games and free food at our annual Community Fun Day because of our generous donators and workers;

In August, Ebenezer set up a brokerage account to accept a donation of stocks, which were sold for over \$44,000. This is now our "endowment fund." There are plans to diversify the proceeds that are now in a money market account;

And in June we received a \$25,000 contribution in memory of a member; Plus during our revival, we received gracious love offerings that were given to our special speakers and singers (though some returned the money for us to use in our ministries),

We have had other fundraisers that have helped fund our ministries and church budget. May God continue to bless us with generous givers and bless their generosity to the work that God has called us to do. Amen.

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will not cleanse your sin from you or the world, only the power of the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, can make you whole again and stain-free.

*There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. (see the hymn *There Is a Fountain* by William Cowper.)*

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood, in the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? (E. A. Hoffman)

Being washed in the blood of Jesus leads to the power to be good here and now, freedom from the guilt and stain of sin, and eternal life in the future when Jesus returns to make all things right.



How do I hide God's word in my heart? Memorize it!

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NIV



You Can Help

We want our members to help us carry out all our ministries, from our worship services to our fundraisers and events. Giving of your money is great; giving of your time and effort is and even greater blessing to us and to yourself. Here is a list of things you can do to help us in November:

- Be a waiter at the Veterans Day meal to honor our veterans--and help clean;
- Help us price items for the Country Store sale and set them out;
- Prepare baked goods to sale at the Country Store;
- Prepare soup or sandwiches for our Hanging of the Greens service;
- Help prepare and give out biscuits at the Festival on the Square;
- Volunteer to read scripture, read the offertory prayer and more during our worship services.

Ask us. We will find something for you to do to be an active part of our church family and service.

