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Homecoming
\$10,000 Sunday
October 12th
10:30 AM
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October 4th
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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



Dear Church Family,

October greets us with crisp mornings, colorful leaves, and the reminder that God's creation moves faithfully through its seasons. Just as the earth transitions, so too does the Lord work through the seasons of our lives.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, “*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*” We are currently in a season of mourning as we deal with grief and loss after the passing and burial of our two faithful and irreplaceable church members, Mrs. Amy Fowler and Mr. Randy McRary. May we be comforted each time we gather for worship and when we are away from each other.

We are thankful, however, for the wonderful just completed Fall Revival. I want to say thank you for your participation in these numerous church events because it helps our church move forward and reclaim its vision and mission. Our mission is to invite everyone to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as we spread Scriptural Holiness. We have been encouraging each other to invite friends and neighbors to church, especially on 30th November when our guest, conference evangelist, Rev. Andy Lambert, visits Ebenezer during our regular worship time. Come and continue to be revived and blessed.

This is also a wonderful month to reflect on God's faithfulness in both the harvest of the land and the harvest of souls. Farmers gather in their fields, and we as a church are called to gather in prayer, worship, and service. Ebenezer gathers on 12th October celebrating Homecoming 2025 where we encourage you to attend and participate fully. October invites us to consider how God is calling us to plant seeds of faith, nurture one another in love, and reap the joy of lives touched by Christ.

As we move through this season, let us remember that fall is not only a time of endings but also of preparation. The leaves may fall, but new life is always waiting to spring forth. In the same way, God is preparing us for the next chapter of our ministry and mission together.

Thank you for the ways you serve, give, and witness within our church family. May this October be a season of growth, gratitude, and renewed trust in the God who never changes.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Simon



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

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



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

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Meetings, etc.

EWG Meeting

The Women will have their next meeting on **Sunday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.** All women of the church are invited to participate.

Retire Debt Meeting

We will go over our projects and the progress made on paying off our loan at this meeting on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.** The leader of each project should attend or send a representative. Anyone interested in helping may attend.

Church Council Meeting

The Council will meet in the Sanctuary of **Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 p.m.** We will be finishing up the information we need for our charge conference on November 9th.

Seniors Gathering

Our Senior citizens are invited to another morning of fellowship with meal on **Tuesday, October 21 at 11:00 a.m.** Details to be announced later.

John Wesley Said:

"Happy are they who are sick, yea, or lose their life, for having done a good work."

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

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

—John 11:25-26 NIV

Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. —Acts 1:8 NIV

**BLESSINGS,
BLESSINGS, &
MORE BLESSINGS**

Revival Theme: *Revive Us Again: Healing Hearts, Renewing Faith, Igniting Mission.*

Ebenezer's recent revival started on a high note with rousing bluegrass style music on Sunday evening, and kept on building, ending with a final service filled with heartwarming and faith confirming personal testimonies by several of our members and guests. There was great music every night.

Three of The Roan Mountain Boys sang and played for us on Sunday, replacing The Barnes Family, who had to bow out because of family illness. They did a great job getting us fired up for Rev. Eunice Chigumira's first sermon. After being treated to a fine song by her daughter, Sarah, before the sermon, we were ready to "Come Back to the Lord" after all that praise and worship. I pray that the desire to keep in touch with our Lord and live for him instead of for the world will stick and grow within each of us, and we will pass that desire on to our children, families, friends, co-workers, and everyone we interact with daily. Our church, our community, and our nation desperately need to return to God before this country falls further into disbelief, evil, and despair.

Speaking of being desperate, one of the songs we were treated to by Jill Morrison and Irene Austin, who joined her to sing for us on Monday, was about becoming so desperate that turning to Jesus is the only way to go. Because He is the only Way to the Truth and to the Life (John 14:6). Don't wait until you are desperate to call on Jesus. He is ready to answer you and take you in every second of every day. He offers "Healing for the Wounded" as the title of Rev. Eunice's sermon proclaimed. Come to Him daily and be healed of the wounds (spiritual, emotional, physical) we cannot avoid in this fallen world. When you accept Jesus' healing, you are then better able to help other wounded people in this world.

On the last night, Rev. Eunice sought to "Set (Us) Ablaze for His Mission." Did she succeed? I pray fervently that she did. It is up to each of us to let the Holy Spirit, our access to all the power of God, and all the resources we need to do great things for His Kingdom here on earth, to take complete control of each of us, leading us into greater service for our Lord each day. The singing by Kristen Baker certainly showed the power of God's Spirit and kindled a strong response from us. May each of us find

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October Events & Fundraisers

Supper Fundraiser

Saturday, Oct. 4
4-7 PM

Country style steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli & cheese, roll, and choice of homemade dessert is on the menu for this fundraiser. Give us a donation, and enjoy delicious food and fellowship if you eat-in or take-out.

We're working hard to retire our Disaffiliation Loan before December 30, 2025. We hope you can help while enjoying a wonderful meal. You choose the price to contribute to our debt retirement.

We thank you for your support and prayers!



Homecoming/\$10,000 Sunday, Oct. 12

We invite you to come home to Ebenezer! **Worship begins at 10:30 a. m.** We will retire to the Christian Life Center for a pot-luck lunch after the service.

Please consider giving more than usual to help us reach our annual Homecoming goal of \$10,000 above our normal giving. Dig deep with a big shovel. Let's reach this goal and surpass it. May God's blessings pour out upon everyone who gives, even if it is only the "widow's mite." Let us continue to run the race God has set before us with joy and boldness relying on God's power, and not our own. Thank you.

October Celebrations



- 4th—Bleaka Hollar
- 5th—Brenda Kirby
- 5th—Gwen Teague
- 8th—Jackson Behmer
- 9th—Kelly Hefner
- 12th—Skylar Helton
- 21st—Loretta Helton
- 22nd—Colby Collins

Our Military

Ricky Garland
Shane McRary
Jamie Mullinax
Hunter Tolbert



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

Trunk R Treat

Saturday, October 25
5-7 PM

It's spooky time again! Our members are encouraged to decorate their truck bed or car trunk with fall and Halloween items, and help us hand out free candy to children in our community. Hot dogs will be served, too. Everything is free.

Come and have a good, safe time.

We are collecting candy donations now for this event. We will need cookies, brownies, and cupcakes for the kids, too. Thank you for your support.



"Your real, new self will not come as long as you are looking for it. It will come when you are looking at [God]." — C. S. Lewis, from *Mere Christianity*

William Barclay
said

"For the Christian, heaven is where Jesus is. We do not need to speculate on what heaven will be like. It is enough to know that we will be forever with Him."

Upcoming Events & Ministry Opportunities

October 12 — Homecoming & \$10,000 Sunday with lunch
October 19 — Church Council Meeting, 3:00 p.m. in sanctuary
October 25 — Trunk or Treat, 5-7:00 p.m.
November 1—Country Store, 8-2:00 p.m.
November 2—Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 9—Charge Conference
November 30—GMC Evangelist Andy Lambert Preaches
November 27-28—Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving



Something, cont'd

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the gifts God has given us and use them up for His glory and for leading more people to be blessed by salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has injured us, but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." -- Hosea 6:1-3 †

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please express your appreciation for Pastor Simon and all he has done and is trying to do for our church with words, cards, and letters this month.

But you can show your appreciation even better by becoming an active part of our church by serving on committees and in ministry groups, by attending worship services and giving regularly and generously to Ebenezer and her ministries, and by inviting people to come to church, including your own family members who may have become lax in attendance. God will give us the power if we are willing to accept his help. Also, pray daily for our church and our members, along with praying for the sick and hurting. Show your love to Jesus by showing your love and support to his bride, the Church. ♥



Collecting Country Store Items Now

Our Methodist Women's group is asking for gently used items that they can sell at their annual fundraising event, The Country Store which will open on November 1, 8-2:00 p.m.

Please put a price on the items you donate to the store with a sticker. They will also accept canned goods, and cakes and pies. (NO USED CLOTHING, please. It does not sell well enough to include.)

We thank you for helping the women fund their many ministries for the coming year by donating items and coming to eat and purchase things.



"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in."

—George Washington Carver

