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AUGUST 2022

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Thom Rainer, in a blog post on July 25, 2022, gave us 11 identifiers for us to examine if we are becoming a church consumer.

You know you are becoming a church consumer when:

- Your worship attendance becomes optional.
- You replace in-person attendance with digital attendance (though I fully understand that some people are unable to attend in-person).
- Your attendance to a small group is declining, or you stop attending completely.
- Your attitude toward your church is more critical.
- Your giving declines or stops.
- You critique sermons instead of listening prayerfully.
- You see church as a place to meet your needs instead of your meeting the needs of others.
- You move readily to another church when your needs are not met.
- You get frustrated at what other church members aren't doing.
- You don't pray for your church regularly.
- You don't share the Gospel.

Paul writes to the church at Ephesus reminding them to build each other up. The early church found ways to study the Word of God together and care for each other. Church is not just what I get but what I give. Let's not simply become consumers.

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV): "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

On Homecoming, Sunday August 7, we will celebrate 148 years as a church. God has blessed us with people who have constantly built into the lives of others through the years. Let's continue to carry that mantle. The Gospel is still good news, and we must continue God's Great Commission.

Love,

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2- Nyles Creppel	7- Lori McCoy	9- Chloe Ralph
11- Claudia Bales	11- Madison Sader	17- Emily Stephens
19- Allison Bales	20- Michelle Suter	20- Jack Evans
20- Anita McQuiston	24- River Dobbs	30- Marion Dobbs

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

18- Tammy & Jim Perko 21- Brenda & Chester Campbell

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of:

8/7 Amber Hudgins, Sonya Henry
8/14 Dianne Evans, Claudia Bales
8/21 Thom & Debi Wilson, Harvey Major
8/28 Amber Hudgins, Sonya Henry

DEACON OF THE

WEEK

8/7 Wayne Semore
8/14 Michael Kelly
8/21 Bryan Suter
8/28 Jeff Delong

EXTENDED SESSION

8/7 Thom & Debi Wilson	8/14 Pam Orum, Janice Cohea
8/21 Brenda Campbell, Sonya Henry	8/28 Jenny & Rob Kaukas

Community Happenings:

August 4 Election Day
August 6 Single Mom Celebration 9-11 AM Bethlehem Baptist Church
August 7 Christmas in August 3 PM Bethlehem Baptist Church
August 12 Mid-Cumberland Food Give Away 9 AM- 1 PM @ Highland Crest
August 13 Medical Clinic at the Center in Springfield
August 14 Who's Your One Rally, FBC Clarksville 6 PM
August 15 Who's Your One Evangelism Workshop FBC Clarksville
August 23 Highland Crest Old Testament 8/25 to 12/6 6-9 PM RCBA office
August 27 Harvest in the Brier 9 AM - 3 PM Golly G's
August 27 Regional Workshop Summit Grace Baptist Nashville,
www.worshipsummits.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday:

Deacon Prayer Time 8:50 AM

Sunday School 9 AM

Morning Worship 10 AM

Children's Worship 10 AM

Choir Practice 1:30 PM

Drama Troupe Practice 2:45 PM

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 7 PM

EBENEZER HAPPENINGS:

August 2	Office Closed
August 2	Deacon's Meeting 6 PM
August 3	Dinner 6 PM/Missions 7 PM
August 7	HOME COMING
August 8	1/2 Day of School for Students
August 9	Ladies Bible Study 10 AM @ church
August 10	Business Meeting 7 PM
August 20	Keenagers Cookout 5 PM
August 28	Bank Sunday

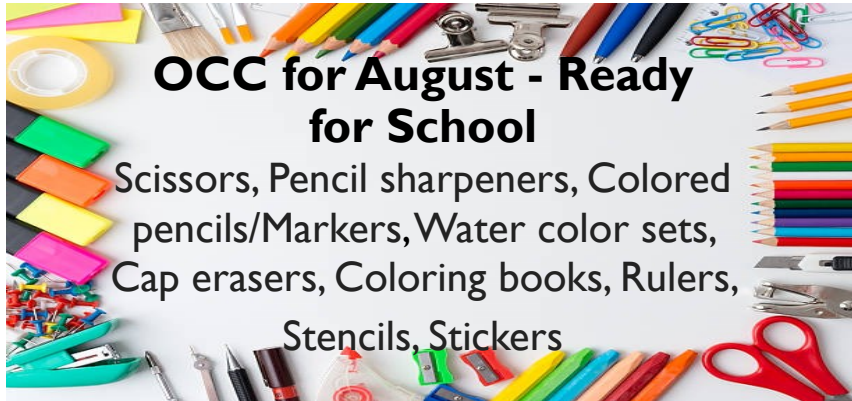
Community Happenings cont.:

August 28	Global Hunger Sunday
August 30	Spanish Class Placement Test 6 PM Stokes Brown Library \$50 registration fee (includes books)



Single Mom Celebration

August 6 9-11 AM Bethlehem Baptist Church
Free Event and a Free Gift * Haircuts * Coffee *
Live Music * Car Wash * Food
Register @ www.bbclife.online by August 3



OCC for August - Ready for School

Scissors, Pencil sharpeners, Colored pencils/Markers, Water color sets, Cap erasers, Coloring books, Rulers, Stencils, Stickers



Christmas in August

August 7 at 3PM

Bethlehem Baptist Church

They will be collecting toiletry items to give away at the Remote Medical Clinic on August 13.



Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, August 12
10 AM @ church



RCBA will intentionally pray for four churches each month. For August the churches are Oakgrove Baptist, Oakland Baptist, Orinda Baptist and Pleasant Hill Baptist. Please add these churches and their members to your prayer list for the month of August.

HOMECOMING

CELEBRATING 148 YEARS !!!

August 7 @ 10 AM



Following the service there will be a concert by The Higher Calling while we enjoy a potluck meal. Bring a dish that will feed your family and one or two more. Join us for fellowship, memories and good food!



Keenagers Cookout

Saturday, August 20

5 PM @ Church



Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Choir News

I've truly been enjoying hiding God's Word in my heart along with all of you: my sweet church family! The Scripture of the month for August is John 14:6. *"Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

I would also like to invite anyone who likes to sing to join the choir. The choir practices at 1:30 PM on Sunday afternoons. We have also started a new drama troupe! We will be using short, bible-centered sketches/scenes periodically during the worship services. Drama Troupe meets at 2:45 PM on Sundays.

Blessings!
CathyJean



Remote Area Medical Free Clinic
August 13, 2022 @ The Center in Springfield
Volunteers Needed (Dental, Medical Vision & General Support) To register, go to rcbatn.org/mah

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Office Closed Deacon's Meeting 6 PM	3 Dinner 6 PM Missions 7 PM	4 Election Day	5	6 Single Mom Celebration 9-11 AM @ Bethlehem Baptist
7 148th Homecoming Christmas in August 3PM Bethlehem Bapt	8 1/2 Day of school for students	9 Ladies Bible Study 10 AM	10 Business Meeting 7 PM	11	12 Food Giveaway Mid-Cumberland 9-1 @ Highland Crest	13 Medical Clinic @ The Center in Springfield
14 Who's Your One Rally 6 PM @ FBC Clarksville	15 Who's Your One Evangelism Workshop @ FBC Clarksville	16	17	18	19	20 Keenager Cookout 5 PM
21	22	23 Highland Crest School - Old Testament 8/23-12/6 6-9 PM RCBA office cost \$100	24	25	26	27 Harvest in the Brier 10 AM - 3 PM @ Golly G's Regional Workshop Summits @ Grace Baptist, Nashville, www.worshipsummits.com
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