

# THE INTERCOM

## Ebenezer Baptist Church

JANUARY 2023

### Connection 2023

Connection 2023 will take place Sunday, January 8. We are all a part of the body with unique gifts and talents. God has a job for us all to do. We must not be so focused on the task that we forget to stay connected to the body. It is God who is the head of the church. We are connected because of Him! What ministry or task are you able to do to help the work of the body continue to make an eternal impact? We will look back and see what God did in the life of Ebenezer in 2022 and get excited about what is coming in 2023. Let's build each other up and continue our focus on kingdom growth in 2023!

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV):

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—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.”

Love,

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Barbara Freeman

Ministry Assistant: Brenda Kelch

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3- Sonya Henry                      3- Melba Justice                      6- Mike Spencer  
8- Chrysti Dobbs                      10- Martha Johnson                      12- Jamie Spencer  
13- Wayne Semore                      14- Jim Perko                      15- Rob Kaukas  
18- Alexis Brown                      18- Ali Hasty                      23- Frances Christianson  
30- CathyJean Spencer

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

27- Jimmy & Bobbye Wilson

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of:

1/1 Amber Hudgins, Sonya Henry  
1/8 Bro. Chad  
1/15 Thom & Debi Wilson, Harvey Major  
1/22 Amber Hudgins, Sonya Henry  
1/29 Bro. Chad

## DEACON OF THE

### WEEK

1/1 Eddie Suter  
1/8 Gary Suter  
1/15 John Twist  
1/22 Wayne Semore  
1/29 Michael Kelly

## EXTENDED SESSION

1/1 Thom & Debi Wilson                      1/8 Pam Orum, Janice Cohea  
1/15 Brenda Campbell, Sonya Henry                      1/22 Jenny & Rob Kaukas  
1/29 Sarah Phelan, Bobbie Morgan

## 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:

January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!  
January 3 Deacon's Meeting  
January 4 Dinner 6 PM/Missions 7 PM  
January 8 CONNECTION 2023 - discussion and meal  
after morning service  
January 9 School resumes for students  
January 11 Business Meeting 7 PM  
January 16 Martin Luther King Holiday, No School  
January 20 Larry's 21 year anniversary at Ebenezer  
January 21 Deacons & wives fellowship @ Wayne and Pat  
Semore's home 6 PM  
January 29 Bank Sunday

## Community Happenings:

January 17-May 2

January 29-30

February 5

Highland Crest School of Ministry 6-9 PM at RCBA office \$100  
Testify WTN Evangelism Conference @ New Vision Baptist  
Church, Murfreesboro  
Gospel Conversations - Evangelism Training @ Springfield  
Baptist Church 6-7:30 PM Topic: Having Gospel Conversations

## OCC for January

### Personal Care items

Combs & Brushes    Toothbrushes  
Washcloths    Fingernail clippers  
Band-Aids (non-medicated)  
Chap Stick (non-medicated)  
Dental floss    Q-tips



Hair accessories (clips, headbands, ponytail holders...)



Highland Crest School of Ministry

January 17 - May 2, 2023

Tuesdays: 6 - 9 PM

RCBA Office

Cost: \$100 plus materials

[Www.rcbatn.org/hcsm](http://www.rcbatn.org/hcsm) (registration is open now)

## 2023 Missions Get-Together 2023

March 16-18

Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, TN

Theme: Overflowing Hope

Registration begins December 1, 2022

Registration closes March 3, 2023

\$100 Per Person by February 10

\$125 Per Person by March 3

Go to [TNbaptist.org/event](http://TNbaptist.org/event) to register



## Connections 2023

Join us Sunday, January 8 after the morning service for discussion and a meal (the meal will be provided).



## Choir News

Here we are at the beginning of a brand-new year. Another year to learn and grow together as we worship the LORD and study His Word together.

For the past nine months, we have been learning scripture together ... We've had NINE Scriptures of the Month. As a FAMILY, we've been making His Word a lamp unto our feet, a Light unto our paths, and striving to hide His Word in our hearts so that we might not sin against Him. We will continue to work together to internalize His Word in 2023.

The January Scripture of the Month is II Corinthians 5:21:  
*God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*  
II Cor. 5:21

(Please feel free to learn the passages in whichever translation you prefer.)

As a bit of fun, I offer this "challenge" to you: The first two people who come to me and recite all 9 of the 2022 Scriptures of the month—in any translation—will receive a new pocket/purse sized Bible. (I'll say the reference, you'll just need to quote the verse) The 2022 Scripture passages were: Matthew 11:28, Acts 4:11-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, I John 1:9, Revelation 4:11, John 14:6, Romans 10:9, II Corinthians 6:2, Romans 6:23, and John 6:37.


Blessings! CathyJean

## The \$5 Shoebox

If I asked you to go shopping in November and buy \$55 worth of shoebox items, most of you would think "That's a little much, I don't think I could afford that." But what if I asked you to spend just \$5 each month on items, most of you would say "well, that much I could do.... But what should I buy?" Once again I encourage all of you to go on a \$5 shopping spree each month for items to pack in this year's shoeboxes. I will put in the newsletter each month a shopping list of suggestions of things you can buy. Each month will have a theme such as school supplies or hygiene, but remember, these are just suggestions. If you find a great deal on something - don't leave it at the store just because it's not on this month's list! Many of these items cost less than \$5 so you can buy more than one. If you would like to participate but can't get out to shop for any reason, you can also give \$5 to Tammy or Mike and they will shop for you. As you shop, bring items in, put in the buckets, or place on the table in the OCC Room. Let's get started on another great year!



# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Deacon's Meeting 6 PM	4 Dinner 6 PM Missions 7 PM	5	6	7
8 Connection 2023 Discussion and Luncheon after morning service	9 School resumes for students	10	11 Business Meeting 7 PM National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Day - No School	17	18	19	20 Larry's 21 year Anniversary Youth Ministry Conclave - Chattanooga Convention Center	21 Deacon & Wives Fellowship @ Semore's
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Bank Sunday	30	31				
Testify WTN Evangelism conference January 29-30 New Vision						