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## GOD WITH US

During a recent small group study, I found myself extolling the virtue of Ebenezer's Greif Share and Divorce Care Ministries. They meet a need we often fail to realize even exists. In seasons of grief, separation and loss our tendency is to believe we are the only people who have ever felt this low and this lost. Almost miraculously, however, when we spend time with others who have been through similar challenges, we realize we are not alone.

Perhaps it seems run-of-the-mill, but in a true depth of loneliness such a revelation can be transformative and even salvific. Think about this hope: Even in our darkest moments, especially in our darkest moments, we are not alone.

According to Psychologist Kendra Perry, the sense of regularly feeling alone breeds fear, doubt, depression, addiction, even suicide. If we take time to contemplate the prospect of loneliness, it can be daunting. The most difficult thing I could imagine is to be without the deep relationships in my life.

The good news of great joy is that in Christ, we need never be alone. The God who created us knows our need for relationship. That's why when the birth of Christ is foretold in Matthew 1:23, the first title applied to Jesus is Emmanuel. Literally, Emmanuel translates to the God who is with us. God became present with us in the event of Christ and remains present with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Followers of Christ are never alone, and we take that hope with us into the world. Recently, I was at the bedside of a very sick child. I confessed to the parents and loved ones gathered in the room that I didn't have magic words to make such a difficult time easy. Words like that simply don't exist.

What I brought to this precious family, what you bring everywhere you go, is a reminder of the truth that in this life we will never be alone. God has given us the gift of one another, and God has given us the greatest of all gifts, Emmanuel.

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## upcoming SERMON SERIES

### GOD WITH US

In the valley, in the wilderness, in the storm, on the mountain, God is with us. Matthew records the promise that a child shall be born, and his name shall be Emmanuel. Through this series we'll look at the gift of God's presence in differing seasons of our lives. Following God on the mountain is fun, but we get to know God in the valley. In all ways, at all times, in every season and every step God is with us!

### PARENT TRAPS

Parenting is one of the most beautiful and difficult things we will do in our lives. We are entrusted with these treasures when they are small and cute. Then, they learn to talk, walk and find friends. Before we know it, they are asking questions we don't understand. If you are a parent, you have struggled. Thankfully, God has given us a number of gifts to help us become better caregivers for the young ones in our lives. In this series we will discuss some mistakes parents make, some ways to be a bit better, and even how we care for children who are grown or aren't even ours.



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MONICA

Hello, Ebenezer Family!

Middle school years can be exciting and challenging on so many fronts. During a time in life when the world is telling our kids who they should be, it is our responsibility to remind them who they already are and why we believe God is who God says he is.

Our children are developing their own identity both socially and academically. They are also growing in their spiritual identity. Whether they ask us or not, our children have many questions about God and their faith. They often wrestle to find answers and sometimes, sadly, form conclusions without the support of their church family.

To help our middle school students, Ebenezer Church offers Confirmation classes. Confirmation is an important step our students take as they begin to claim the Christian faith as their own. The class setting provides a safe and supportive environment to ask questions of their mentors and leaders and grow in relationship with God and others.

If you have a 7th or 8th grader and you want them to participate in Confirmation, please contact me or Michelle Paquette, Director of Student Ministries. You must have either attended one of the parent meetings or connect with one of us in order to register your child. You can email us at [PastorMonica@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:PastorMonica@ebenezerumc.org) or [MPaquette@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:MPaquette@ebenezerumc.org) or call the church office at 540-659-1349.

We're excited about this upcoming season with our middle school students and look forward to watching them grow.

Blessings,  
Pastor Monica

As we journey together through the season of Advent, preparing for the birth of Christ, we will explore what it means for God to be truly present with us in our times of blessings and of pain. This year, Ebenezer has prepared an Advent Devotional to help all of us focus on the majesty, beauty, humility, and life-changing power that entered the world when God became flesh.

Friends, Christ knows what it feels like to be caught in the storm. He's been there. Jesus knows the anxiety of the wilderness, the poignancy of the valley. Jesus knows the glory of the mountaintop. This God who is with us knows the fullness of the human experience, the wonder of our heavenly reward, and the comfort of journeying together.

May the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and the birth of a New Year be blessed for you and yours. I hope your family will join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, or 8:00 PM. Let us give thanks to God that the darkness of loneliness is a mere vestige of the past, for the dawn of Emmanuel has come.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rob



## MISSION TRIP

In October, Pastor Rob gave an update on the Focus 2025 initiative to expand the ministry in Sierra Leone, Africa. The tangible phase of planning kicked off with a visit to the region in late October.

Pastor Rob, Tina Deboeser, Director of Missions and Outreach, and a team from Helping Children Worldwide spent two weeks meeting with partners in Bo and nearby villages, Fengehun and Samie.

The following photos capture their visit. Watch Pastor Rob's sermon at [ebenezerumc.org/sermons/the-rest-of-the-story](https://ebenezerumc.org/sermons/the-rest-of-the-story) where he details this effort.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Throughout history, the Church has marked time with its own calendar. Every year we celebrate six holy seasons including Pentecost, Easter, Lent, Epiphany, and Christmas, but the Christian year begins with the season of Advent.

Advent is a season of spiritual longing as we make our hearts ready to receive God's greatest gift to the world, the gift of Jesus. This year, the staff members of Ebenezer wrote a Devotional to help us in our daily preparations. There are two versions, one for adults and one for young children and elementary students.

### Adult Devotional

- Text Christmas19 to receive a daily message with a link to the full text
- Visit [ebenezerumc.org](https://ebenezerumc.org) to download a PDF copy of the publication or to read it online
- Stop by the Connection Desk to pick up a paper copy

### Children's Devotional

- Sunday School students will get their devotional Dec 1
- Preschool students will receive a copy of the devotional the last week of November



Top Left: This building houses the latrines. However, the floor has caved in and is beyond repair. The doors now serve to keep people out.

Top Right: This is the kitchen at the CRC. It was used to prepare meals for the children that used to reside there, now it is used to cook for the staff.



# SIERRA LEONE MISSION TRIP

Pastor Rob and Director of Mission & Outreach, Tina DeBoeser



During village medical outreach, staff from Mercy Hospital visit each of the surrounding communities at least once a month to provide preventive care and to test for diseases and illnesses like malaria or AIDS. In the left picture, mothers and their children wait for their time with a provider. During one of the visits, Amos, pictured on the right with his mother, was diagnosed with life threatening hernias and taken to Mercy Hospital for surgery. He receives follow-up care during the community outreach days.



A photo of the water well in Samie that provides water during the rainy season.



Student nurses from a post-secondary school in Freetown, Sierra Leone work at Mercy for three months as part of their education and training.





Kids who participate in HCW's Sponsor-A-Child program meet at the CRC regularly to write letters to their sponsors.



Pastor Rob stands in the operating room Ebenezer Church helped equip.



Tina with members of the Mercy Hospital lab team during a village medical outreach.



Students in a classroom in Fengehun. Last year the CRC built an additional classroom, but they remain overcrowded. Because so many children start school at different ages and many children have breaks in their education, children are assigned a class based on their ability rather than their age.



Photo of the Village Chief and some of the elders in Samie village. The chief is responsible for leading the village in decisions to build their economy. The travel team was encouraged by the sense of community in Samie and impressed the entire village showed up for the planning meetings.



December sees the most charitable giving, and January, the most financial planning. If you are like thousands of others, you might find this article from Dave Ramsey, author and financial guru, helpful.

## **TITHING AND GIVING: YOUR 5 QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

As the old saying goes: We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Three big principles of any solid financial plan are to save, spend and give. Most people forget about the giving part, though, because they think mostly about saving and spending.

But giving—specifically tithing—is just as important. It softens the heart of the giver and frees their soul from dependence on money. You'll never walk away from giving feeling bad! Giving comes in many forms, with your tithe being the most important, because it's a biblical mandate.

### **WHAT IS A TITHE?**

Let's start with the basics. Simply put, the tithe is the first 10% of your income that should be given to your local church. It's strictly measured in money, so you can't replace it with giving your time or your talents.

### **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT TITHING?**

According to Leviticus 27:30 (TLB), "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy." And 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV) says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

What's the difference between tithing and offerings?

A tithe is an amount (a percentage of your income) and an offering is anything given beyond that, but not in place of the tithe.

After you've tithed, you can give in other ways: Giving a cash offering to your church above and beyond the tithe, giving money to a charity you support, giving to a friend or neighbor in need, or giving of your time or talents. Not only does giving of your money or other resources generate good in the lives of others, it also generates contentment in your heart.

### **WHY SHOULD I TITHE?**

The tithe was not put into place for God's benefit—He already has everything He needs. He doesn't need our money! (And "our" money is already His anyway.) Tithing is an act of obedience and should be given freely with pure motives.

In other words, we give without expecting anything back in return. And it teaches us to be good stewards of what God has given us.

Tithing was created for our benefit. It teaches us how to keep God first in our lives and how to live unselfishly. Unselfish people make better spouses, friends, relatives, employees and employers. And they usually have better finances.

God is trying to teach us how to prosper over time. Remember, no one has ever become poor by giving. But what about those times when you're wondering if your situation is the exception?

### **1. Is it okay to pause my tithing during tough financial times?**

The Bible doesn't mention anything about "pausing" tithing. And it doesn't say we'll go to hell if we don't tithe. But get this: Many people have observed that after they stopped tithing, their finances seemed to get worse. In Malachi 3:8–11, God says that if you tithe instead of keeping it for yourself, He will pour out blessing and rebuke your devourers. In other words, He'll keep you safe from those who might harm you. So keep tithing.

If you can't live off 90% of your income, then you're probably struggling to live off 100% anyway, and that means you have bigger financial problems you need to address. It shouldn't require a miracle for you to get through the month with 10% less in your wallet.

If you sit down and look at your budget, you'll see you can make it while giving away at least 10%. That might mean cutting some fun money or increasing your income, but it can be done. Read the Bible and take from it what you will, but remember this: If you tithe, do it out of love for God, not out of guilt.

### **2. Is it right to count my church tithe on my tax returns?**

You were biblically obedient by giving your tithe to your church. The Bible tells us to be good managers of our money, but it doesn't shrink the value of your gift if you take the tax deduction. It is a way to manage the other 90% of your money. Take the deduction.

Later, when you get your income tax refund, remember it's money you've already tithed—although you're certainly welcome to devote some or all of it back to the Lord as additional thanks for His blessings.



### **3. If I'm not affiliated with a church, should I still donate 10% of my income?**

If you don't belong to a church, you can still give a percentage of your income to charities and philanthropies that are important to you. Think of what causes matter most to you, and align your support there. There are plenty of ministries and organizations that are doing great work and could benefit from a percentage of your income.

### **4. Do I donate 10% of my income before or after taxes? And do I factor in income from side hustles?**

Honestly, whether you tithe from your gross pay or your take-home pay is entirely up to you. The point here is you're giving that 10% of your income. Dave gives off the top of his taxable income, but he'll be the first to tell you, "Just give and be a giver. It's about changing your spirit anyway."

As for your side hustle—the 10% should be a percentage of your entire amount of income. So if you take a part-time job on the weekends that brings in \$300 extra each month, add that amount to your total monthly income.

### **5. I'm making more money now. I want to know how to increase giving above the tithe.**

When things are going well and you find yourself with lots more income than you need, it can be easy to accidentally spend all that extra cash on yourself.

But it should be a great opportunity to begin thinking about other ways to give above and beyond your tithe. That's why it's a good idea to budget what you'll do with the extra so you can make sure you're giving some of it too.

Once you've calculated your tithe, plus any saving and spending you're doing, see what your surplus is. Divide that surplus among extra offerings, extra investing, and some fun money.

It might help to specifically budget a certain amount each month for special giving opportunities above the tithe. Then look around you—ask friends if they know of anyone in need and watch for opportunities to give that money away. If you're intentional about seeking out those circumstances, you're going to find them!

And remember, whether you're giving a tithe, offering, or some other special contribution, it should come from your heart. It's an important part of any financial plan, and it's really the most fun you can have with your money!

## IF: GATHERING 2020

This 2-day Women's Conference is the spark to fuel hope in our community.

## February 7-8

Registration opens December 15 | [ebenezerumc.org/events](http://ebenezerumc.org/events)

# December EVENTS

## EVENT REGISTRATION

To learn more about our upcoming events or to register to attend, please visit [ebenezerumc.org/events](http://ebenezerumc.org/events)

## GROUPS & CLASSES

Share life together and grow in your faith.

- Small groups
- Short-term Classes
- Recreation Groups
- Support Groups
- Special Interest Group
- Kids & Student Groups

Free KidzCare is available for all groups who meet on campus.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A GRAND CHRISTMAS - *EMPTY NESTERS*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
TNT CHRISTMAS MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT  
LIVE NATIVITY

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
ANGEL TREE GIFTS AND FOOD DUE  
KIDZCHOIR PERFORMANCE - 11:15 AM SERVICE

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CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR AT RIVERSIDE  
*EMPTY NESTERS*

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PAJAMA DAY

## WEEKLY & MONTHLY RECURRING EVENTS

### Basketball -

Men - Sundays, 7:00 PM

### Exercise Classes -

Mondays - Friday, 9:15 AM

### Indoor Hockey -

Mondays, 7:00 PM

### Active Older Adult Exercise Group -

Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30 AM

### Family Yoga -

Fridays, 7:00 PM



# January EVENTS

**9** GAME DAY - *EMPTY NESTERS*

**10** GREASE REGISTRATION DEADLINE - *EMPTY NESTERS*

**12, 19** EXPLORE EBENEZER

**14-23** HOLY LAND TOUR

**27** RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**29** AXIS WINTER RETREAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

# February SNEAK PEAK

**1** CHILI COOKOFF

**1** LANCASTER GETAWAY REGISTRATION DEADLINE

**7, 8** IF: GATHERING 2020

**11** LEADER LIFTER

**Community Meals -**  
December 7, January 4, 9:00 AM

**4th Saturday Meals -**  
December 28, January 25  
1:00 PM & 3:15 PM

**Gaming Club -**  
December 21, January 18, 12:00 PM

**Brisben Center Meals -**  
December 21, 28, January 30,  
3:30 & 5:45 PM

**Nar Anon Meetings -**  
Wednesdays 7:00 PM

**Cold Weather Shelter -**  
December 7, 14, January 4, 11

## SERVICE TIMES

**Traditional** | 8:15 AM  
**Contemporary** | 9:45 AM, 11:15 AM,  
6:00 PM

**Church Online** | 9:45 & 11:15 AM

Watch at [live.ebenezerumc.org](http://live.ebenezerumc.org)

## KIDZCARE

Available for infants and toddlers during Sunday Services and for infants, toddlers, and school age children during most events and studies.

*Check-in at the KidzRock Kiosk.  
Please note, during the week, KidzCare is closed when Stafford County Schools are closed.*

## KIDZROCK SUNDAY SCHOOL

Available during all Sunday Services for children age 3 through 5th Grade.

*Check-in at the KidzRock Kiosk and classes in the Ministry Center.*

## TNT MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Sundays** | 9:45 -11:00 AM  
*Meet in Room B01*

## AXIS HIGH SCHOOL

**Wednesday** | 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Specific Studies  
**Sunday** | 9:45 -11:00 AM  
*Meet in Room 216*

## MISSION POSSIBLE: SEWING MINISTRY

On any given Thursday, 10-15 women come together to serve the Lord by stitching. Sewing machines can be heard humming down the hall, where laughter and fellowship overflows. Many have never sewn before but with the help of seasoned volunteers, pieces of fabric are constructed into healing messages of love from Ebenezer Church.

- Old jeans, donated from our congregation, have been cut and sewn into sturdy quilts for Micah Ministry to give to homeless men and women to keep warm or used as a place of rest on the ground.



- Over 200 small cough pillows were made by the group and filled during a church wide event in October. The pillows were donated to Stafford Hospital for patients recovering from surgery.

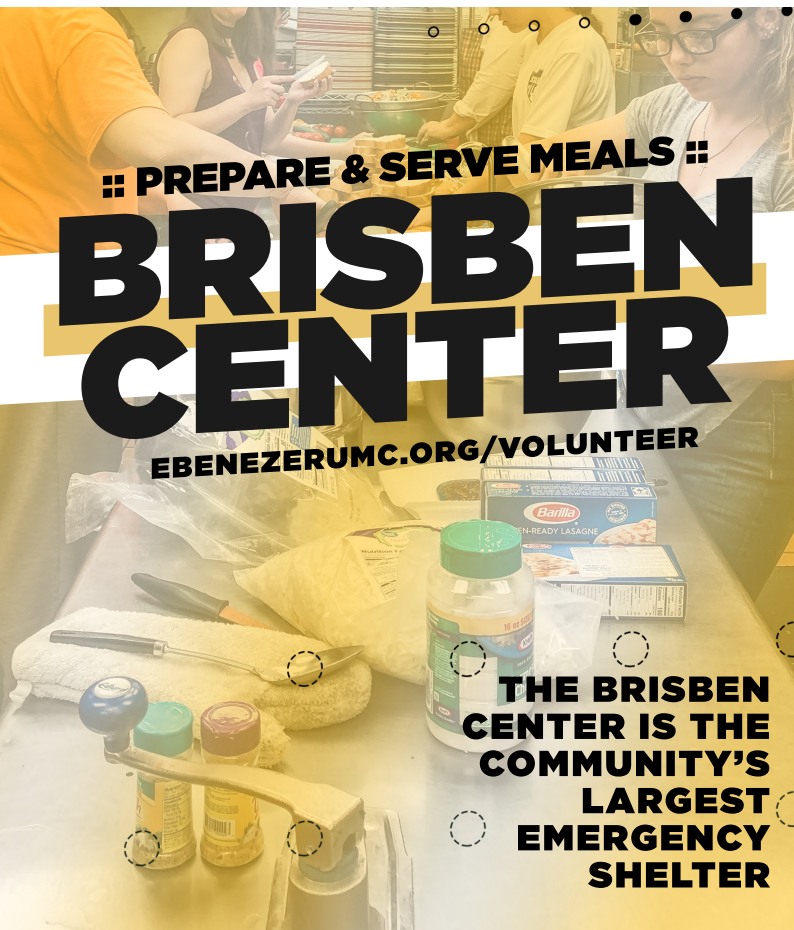
- The sewing group made reusable sanitary pads for girls in Kenya. This was a life changing mission. Without these pads, girls would miss school for several days during their cycle. A few seams sewn together, and the sewing group was able to help these girls stay in school.

- A prayer quilt is given under special circumstances, at the request of a church member, to someone who needs to be lifted to God in prayer. The entire congregation is invited to tie a knot and pray over a quilt sewn by the team, literally wrapping the recipient in prayer.

Want to be a part of this fun and meaningful ministry? No experience or sewing machine required. Just a willingness to serve God and others. Contact Marilou through the church website at [ebenezerumc.org/sewing](http://ebenezerumc.org/sewing) or join us on Thursdays at 9:30 in Room 203.

- Marilou Sheppard  
Volunteer Leader

**SUPPORT OUR HOMELESS MINISTRIES.  
PREPARE AND SERVE MEALS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.**







## ALL TIME FAVORITES

Christmas traditions, we all have them. Many we carry from our childhood, many we shared with our children, and some with our grandchildren.

This December we've pulled together some of the best traditions for a Grand Christmas event. What could be more grand than, *The Night Before Christmas*, cookie decorating, caroling, Santa Claus, and more.

Not only is this a celebration for you, but also an opportunity to share traditions with your grandchildren; bring them for a Grand Christmas.



## EMPTY NESTERS

Top: Empty Nesters stay healthy by participating in the annual Go For Bo race.  
Bottom: A quick snapshot at a recent tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps.







## STUDENT & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Above: TNT Students at the Overnight Retreat. Below: 4th and 5th graders shine during Glow Night





# DON'T PUT JESUS IN A BOX

As we enter this holiday season, we begin to unpack our Christmas ornaments, lights and other decorations. We play Christmas music and bake cookies. We visit with family and friends. We put out our mangers with the ceramic Mary, Joseph, shepherds and wise men. We add Baby Jesus and talk about preparing our hearts for Him and getting ready to celebrate his birthday.

It's a wonderful time to honor Jesus, but after Christmas, when everything goes back in their boxes, we sometimes forget to leave Jesus out and keep him in our hearts. Since we need Jesus every day of our lives, I want to share some upcoming things we do at Ebenezer that can help your children continue in their faith walk with Jesus.

## COMMUNION CLASS

Those in 2nd – 5th grades are encouraged to attend Communion Class on Saturday, February 29 to learn the importance of communion and why we take it. Pastor Monica and I will lead this class from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Registration is required.

## FUNLAND

If you have 4th & 5th graders, they need time with their friends to build their relationships with other kids who share their faith. We will host an afternoon of fun for them at Funland on Saturday, February 22, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. Registration is required, \$20.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

For every child, every Sunday, we have Sunday School during all worship services. Sunday School is a place where your children hear the Bible stories and learn how to apply the lessons to their lives. This is crucial to their faith journey.

## COLOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA

For the entire family, we will have our annual Color Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 5. Come, hunt Easter eggs, do the color dash, and run in the obstacle courses! It's a great time to be with other families and celebrate Easter.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar. VBS is June 8 – 12, 6:00 – 8:45 PM. VBS is a week of Bible story immersion for your kids to teach them how to apply the lessons to their everyday lives. They'll make friends, learn songs, play games, eat snacks, and so much more. Registration opens April 26.

So, as you can see, Jesus isn't just for Christmas. Please join us throughout the year as we partner with you to help your child grow in their faith. Feel free to contact me any time for more info at [sparsons@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:sparsons@ebenezerumc.org). Merry Christmas and more!

- Shari Parsons  
Director of Children's Ministries

## LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 8, we are bringing the Christmas story to life. Live animals and Bible characters will depict the Christmas story in a special way. Kids will be able to touch the animals, ask questions of the Bible characters, and share in the joys of Christmas.

There will be sugar cookies and hot chocolate for snack and gluten free cookies for those who need them.

Please dress your children in warm clothes and bring their coats, hats, and gloves if needed. We are going outside to our Bethlehem.

Rain date: Sunday, December 15





# TRUE NORTH

## HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

### FEBRUARY 14-16

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REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 11

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REGISTER AT [EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS](http://EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS)

## AXIS HIGH SCHOOL AND TNT MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”- John 2:52**

Jesus goes off from his parents in Jerusalem at the age of 12 and after they discover him missing, they find him teaching in the temple courts. Then we read John 2:52 and this is all we know about Jesus until he begins his ministry about the age of 30. This is the call of our teenage years - to grow in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and men. The church is here to do that together.

We have a lot coming up in 2020 focused on helping your student mature in their faith. Middle School Youth Group meets Sundays from 9:45-11:00 AM. High School Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM. In addition to weekly youth group meetings, we'd love to have you join us for the following activities.

### HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

A weekend getaway to escape from your normal routine and distractions is a phenomenal way to refocus and build your relationship with God. Not to mention, they are fun! High school students should join us on the Winter Retreat February 14-16, 2020.

It is a weekend full of wonderful worship, small group time, and the famous fun Winter Retreat Challenge. Take that step to grow in your faith and go on the Winter Retreat!

Register by January 12 to get the early bird deadline for the discount. Visit [ebenezerumc.org/events](http://ebenezerumc.org/events) to learn more and register.



High School Sunday Study meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM – 11:00 in Room 216

High School Youth Group (Axis) meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. We start in the Gym and move to the Youth Room (B01)



## STUDENT MINISTRIES *CONTINUED*

### SPONSORS NEEDED: AXIS MISSION TRIP

It's that time of year again. We've already started preparing for the summer mission trip and we need your help. Our students will be going to Wilmington, NC to partner with food pantries, homeless shelters, or home repair projects relating to Hurricane disaster relief and they need sponsors to help cover the cost of the trip. Mission trip attendees are asking for a donation of \$25.00 (you can give more if you'd like) to offset costs.

Your donation is tax deductible. After the mission trip, the students will host a celebration party on June 28 to thank you for helping make the trip possible and to share what the Lord has done in their lives. If you are interested in sponsoring someone and haven't been contacted by a student, please contact Michelle Paquette, [mpaquette@ebenezerumc.org](mailto:mpaquette@ebenezerumc.org)

### CONFIRMATION

This class is designed for 7th and 8th graders to help them take steps to make their faith their own. It's our responsibility as parents to raise our children in faith, but at some point, our children need to think about what they believe, not just what we've taught them to believe.



Middle School Youth Group (TNT) meets Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM in the Youth Room (B01)

Confirmation helps students wrestle with questions like; What does it mean to really live for Christ? What does our church believe? Do I believe the same things as the church? During Confirmation, students are paired with adult mentors, have a day retreat, a weekend retreat, and weekly classes.

Classes kick-off January 26. Register at [www.ebenezerumc.org/events](http://www.ebenezerumc.org/events).

- **Michelle Paquette**  
Director of Student Ministries

**CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 26, REGISTER NOW AT [EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS](http://EBENEZERUMC.ORG/EVENTS)**



**DUE TO THE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT,  
PARENTS MUST ATTEND A MEETING:**

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DECEMBER 24  
2:00, 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 PM

Learn more at [ebenezerumc.org/christmas](http://ebenezerumc.org/christmas)