

Announcements @ THE WEST!

Ebenezer West

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"What is Pentecost Sunday?"

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:3-8). After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, John 20:19-23 may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in Matthew 28:19-20, saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He **breathed** on them, and they **received** the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-23).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the **unifying Spirit** that was poured out upon the first-century church in Acts 2:1-4. It is a reminder that we are **co-heirs with Christ**, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers (Romans 8:9-11). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call (Acts 2:39).

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Upcoming Events

June 4

Pentecost Sunday
Children & Youth Recognition Sunday
@ 10:00 am
Deacons Fellowship – 7:00 pm

June 5-9: "The Faith Run"

Vacation Bible School
9am-12 noon
Lunch Daily
Van Transportation Provided

June 7-9: Children/Youth Revival

Wednesday –BRYGC 7pm
Thursday – Chestnut Grove
Youth Choir 7pm
(Theme: Jerseys and Jay's)
Friday – Mt. Pleasant Youth Choir
7pm
Guest Minister: Rev. Kenneth Wright
Youth Pastor, Salem Missionary
Baptist Church Lilburn, Ga.

June 12-30

Summer Enrichment Program
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Women of Ebenezer Summer Book Study!

"Fearless" by Max Lucado

Facilitators: Sis. Betty Hope &
Carrie Cox
Tuesday June 13 @ 6pm
Tuesday June 20 @ 6pm
Tuesday June 27 @ 6pm



Sunday School

Every Sunday @ 8:30 am
Classes for all ages infants to
senior adults!



To Benefit Children of
St. Carl Home of the Champions Orphanage
Mission-September 18-29, 2017

Donations Accepted!
Saturday, June 17 & July 15
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
EBCW Parking Lot

KENYA MISSION TEAM MEETING-JUNE 11 @ 12:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

THIS WEEK WHEN YOU BUY GROCERIES AND TOILETRIES FOR YOUR FAMILY, BUY A BAG OF GROCERIES FOR EBENEZER'S CMC FOOD PANTRY TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY AND IN NEED THIS SUMMER!

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO WORSHIP ON COMMUNION SUNDAY!



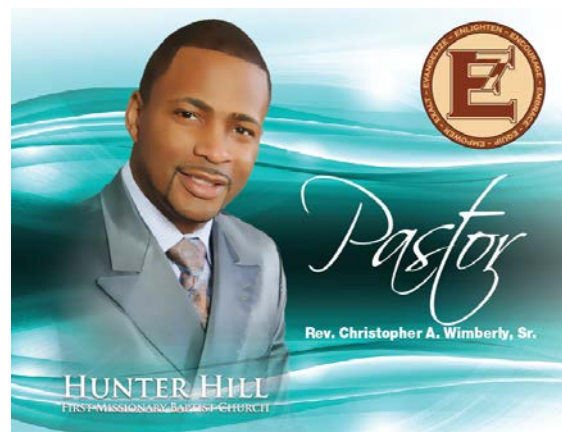
"Christ First and Forever"

Annual Church Revival

July 10-14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Rev. Christopher A. Wimberly, Sr.



Pre-Revival Prayer & Worship 7:00 p.m. July 5-7 @ THE WEST

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