

Announcements @ THE WEST!

Ebenezer West

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40 Day "Journey to the Cross" – Lent Devotional

Ash Wednesday (March 1) marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This is the time where Christians around the world turn their focus on Jesus Christ and His journey to the Cross. We meditate on our mortality, our sinfulness and our need for a Savior. During Lent our focus shifts from self-absorption to being abundantly saturated and connected to Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on God's Word, fasting, simple living, sacrificial giving, humility and faith.

Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). It was not a religious ritual or display of His restraint. However, it was a time of trial and temptation which He endured only by entrusting Himself to God and being nourished on the Word of God. During Lent, many Christians give up something or some activity, sweets, coffee, junk foods, TV, Facebook, etc. Participating in Lent, and "playing" at Lent are entirely two different things. However, do not be misled by the fact that the absence of a certain food or activity will draw you closer to God. Lent is about what we do for Christ, and what God wants to do "in" each of us this season while remembering daily the depths of what Christ did for us on the cross.

The point of giving up things is not for us to be reminded of how much we miss these things, but rather to re-awaken in us how much we miss God...This means, of course, that Lent is not about giving up things. It is about adding good things, God-things...

Give up junk food for healthy diet, what will you do with the energy you gain? Give up reading magazines/books, what will you read now? Give up Social Media, now whom will you have meaningful, encouraging conversations with every day? Give up lunch/dinner, how will you rely on God for the strength of "food from heaven"? Give up TV, how will you use that time for quality family time? Give up shopping, will you now see those who need clothing in Athens?

(If you missed our Ash Wednesday Worship Service, you may contact the church office for a copy of the 40-Day Lent Devotional).



Upcoming Events

March 6

Senior Mission – 4pm
Cub/Boy Scouts – 6pm
Deacons/Deaconess/Ministers & Ministers Wives Meeting – 7pm

March 7

Intro. To Doctrine of Theology – 7pm

March 8

12 noon Worship
WOW Worship – 4pm
Fellowship Dinner – 5pm
Bible Study – 6pm
BRYGC Rehearsal – 6:45 pm
Mid-Week Worship – 7pm

March 9

Bible Study – 12 noon
OPALS Fellowship – 1:15pm
Sanctuary Choir – 6:30pm

March 10

Saturday Bible Study – 8:30am
CMC Worship – 9:30am
Adv. Dance Rehearsal – 9:30am
Beg. Dance Rehearsal – 10am

March 11-Communion Sunday

Sunday School – 8:30am
Food Pantry Donations
Bible 101 Class – 9:00am
Worship – 10am
Kids For Christ – 10am

March 12-Communion Sunday
CMC Food Donations-10 am
Please donate the following items according to your last name.

A-J

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, beef stew, chili, etc.)

K-P

Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Can Veggies, Can Soup, Rice, Beans, Boxed Mac & Cheese, etc.

Q-Z

Oatmeal, Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, Crackers, etc.

Four E's of Ebenezer: Exalt, Edify, Evangelize, Extend

March is Ministry Recruitment Month

Interested in Serving God through the ministries @ THE WEST?
Stop by the Choir Room or any table around the church to find out how!

March 5 – Extend Ministries

Community Ministry Center
Food Service & Hospitality Ministry
Greeters Ministry
HealthCare Ministry
Public Relations/Advertising Ministry
Scholarship Ministry
Security & Parking Ministry
4- Ushers Ministries
Adult Ushers
Senior Ushers
Teen Ushers
W. M. Hope Ushers
Van & Transportation Ministry



Show Time Bowl is Open for Business!

You're invited to join us for an evening
Of fun, laughter, food and fellowship on
Sunday, March 19, 2017
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Show Time Bowl
555 Macon Highway
Athens, Georgia 30606

Cost:

One game/shoe rental: \$6.00 per person + tax
Two games/shoe rental: \$10.00 per person + tax
Sign up today in the church office.

Bible 101 Class taught by Rev. Hope begins Sunday,
March 12 @ 9:00a.m. in Classroom #2. All new
members and current members of EBCW are invited to
attend. For additional information
please call the church office.

EBCW Women: We will hold our
Annual Hygiene Kit

Assembly/dinner/fellowship with First
Baptist women on **Monday April 24
6:00pm @ THE WEST.** Our goal is to
provide 200 hygiene kits to the clients
at the Athens Homeless Nurses Clinic.
Yes, it's an ambitious goal, but we can
do it. We are asking several Ebenezer
Ministries to collect 200 of the following
items by **Friday, April 21:**

Bar soap (200) OPALS Ministry
Shampoo/Conditioner Ushers (100)
Shampoo/Conditioner – Deaconess &
Ministers Wives (100)
Deodorant (200) – Choirs of Ebenezer

If you are not involved with any of these
ministries, please donate **deodorant.**

Donations can be placed in the bins
outside the church office. If you have
any questions, please contact the
church office or Cheryl Legette at

legette@bellsouth.net.

Thanks for your help.



**Have a Heart for Mission... Interested in
Learning More about Mission Work?**

Join the 2017 EBCW Kenya Mission Team
after worship in the Fellowship Hall Sunday,
March 26 to learn how you can become a
part of our mission team! The 2017 St. Carl
Home of the Champions Orphanage Mission
trip to Kisii, Kenya is **September 18-28, 2017.**

For more information, Contact Sis. Lynn
Brown, Mission Team Leader at
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