

Ebenezer Baptist Church, West *139th Church Anniversary Celebration*



Rev. Dr. Winfred M. Hope, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Richard B. Haynes, Guest Minister
Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Lilburn, GA

Sunday, August 27, 2017
10:00AM

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Mission Statement

The Mission of Ebenezer Baptist Church, West is to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in such a way that transforms non-believers into believers, believers into disciples, disciples into fruitful mature leaders who will in turn go back into the world to reach others for Jesus Christ.



Rev. Dr. Richard B. Haynes

Pastor Richard B. Haynes is a native of Gainesville, Georgia. The son of a Baptist Minister, he has been in service for the Lord basically all of his life. He has an enormous love for the Word of God and the people of God, and enthusiastically fulfills his call to serve the present age. Pastor Haynes' daily walk exemplifies the words of his favorite hymn: *"Lord I want to live for thee, every day and hour; let Thy spirit be with me in its saving power"*.

Pastor Haynes accepted the call to preach the gospel in 1981 under the pastorate of Doctor Winfred M. Hope at Ebenezer Baptist Church West, Athens, Georgia. Shortly after being ordained, he was called to Pastor Springfield Baptist Church, Comer, Georgia, where he served for eight years. For two of those eight years he also served as Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, Lula, Georgia.

In April 1988, Pastor Haynes was called to pastor Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Lilburn, Georgia, where he continues to serve as Senior Pastor. Salem is recognized as one of the oldest and largest African American congregations in Gwinnett County. Under Pastor Haynes' effective leadership, the membership at SMBC has increased from under 100 to over 4500 members, including approximately forty Associate Ministers, and many auxiliaries.

He is past president of the Ninth District of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, past Chaplain for the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department, and past Director of the Statewide Minister's Convention for the State of Georgia. In May 2003, he received a much deserved honorary doctorate from Antioch Baptist Bible College in Marietta, Georgia.

In February 2011, Dr. Haynes served as guest Chaplain at the capitol in Atlanta, Georgia, and in June 2012, he was invited to serve as Chaplain for the day at the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. In April 2012, he received the Civil Rights Leadership Award from the Governor of Georgia, in recognition for many years of dedicated service and accomplishments in the area of racial equality. Additionally, he serves on the Advisory Board for the Gwinnett County Board of Education, where he was instrumental in the recruitment of the first African-American male principal for Gwinnett County Public Schools.

Pastor Richard Haynes resides in Lilburn, Georgia with his wife First Lady Beverly Billups Haynes. They are the parents of three adult children, Sheena and Jayson (Quantrishia), and have three grandsons, Demetrious, Richard Benjamin and Jayson VaShon.

10:00 AM August 27, 2017

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER & PRAISE

Prelude

Devotion, Praise & Worship – Deacons Ministry & Billups/Rodgers Young Generation Choir

*Call to Worship & Invocation – Rev. Frankie Jordan

*Hymn of Praise – #529 – We’ve Come This Far by Faith

Church Anniversary Litany – Dea. Ed Morgan

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Welcome – Sis. Hortense Lee

The Occasion – Sis. Monja Randolph

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139th Church Anniversary Financial Appeal – Sis. Marqueta Reese Swain

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Tithes, Offerings, E-Giving & Mortgage Pay-Off – Rev. Darren Vinson

Stewardship Tip:

MY NAME IS _____, and I am a steward of God’s goods. Using the expression, “MY NAME IS,” points to the fact that stewardship is PERSONAL. Therefore, each of us must not only count our blessings, we must PERSONALLY account for them. As stewardship is PERSONAL, be informed today that stewardship must also be PROGRESSIVE. That is, the more the Lord blesses us to have stewardship over, the more we must give in accordance to what God has given. Our response must be appropriately PERSONAL AND PROGRESSIVE. MY NAME IS _____, AND I AM A STEWARD OF GOD’S GOODS!

Prayer

Offertory Selection – EBCW Sanctuary Choir

*Offertory Response

“What shall I render unto God for all His Blessings?

What shall I render, (Tell me) What shall I give? AMEN”

(Psalm 116:12)

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Membership Celebration – Sis. Michelle Carter

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Selection of Praise – EBCW Sanctuary Choir

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Altar Call Prayer – Rev. Ambrose Jackson

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Introduction of Guest Minister – Dea. Willie Billups

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon Hymn – #310 – Keep Me Every Day

Sermon

“Behold I Will Do A New Thing”

Isaiah 43:14-19

WORSHIP BLESSINGS

*Invitation to New Members

Call to Discipleship

Anniversary Expressions – Dea. Ed Morgan

Benediction & Postlude

***Those who are able, please stand**

****Worshippers May Enter**

Dinner immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall



***Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen.
He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."***

The history of Ebenezer Baptist Church had its beginning during the latter part of 1878 at the peak of the Reconstruction Period when a group of God-fearing Christians, just a few years out of slavery, desired a church home of their own. Prior to the Civil War, Negro Christians for the most part worshipped in the balconies of white churches. Approximately one hundred and thirty-eight years ago, a small group, led by Rev. Collins H. Lyons, Sr., met in an abandoned building on the **corner of Mitchell and Thomas Streets** and organized Landrum Chapel Baptist Church, later named Ebenezer Baptist Church. Landrum Baptist was the first bi-racial church in the Athens area. Since that time Ebenezer has been an active partner in the community by representing the all-powerful voice of faith in God. This presentation, a part of the 2017 Church Anniversary Celebration is an abbreviated look at our history!

In 1881 Rev. Lyons initiated the first steps toward the establishment of **Landrum Chapel**, which reported a congregation of 16 members at the Jeruel Baptist Association. After experiencing continued growth, the church property was sold and the church relocated to the **corner of Broad and Newton Streets**. On December 13, 1889, the first church conference was held under the name of **Ebenezer Baptist Church** with Rev. Lyons signing as security for the loan for the purchase of the property. In 1891, the church building was completed and remained at this location for 46 years.

Ebenezer is the birthplace of Jeruel Normal School (later named Union Institute), which was founded on November 15, 1881. The school operated for many years by the association under the leadership of Rev. Lyons' son, Professor C. H. S. Lyons, Jr. The school served as a guiding light for hundreds of young men and women in this community and surrounding counties. Its influence is still felt today with the many alumni produced by this institution.

In 1921, recognizing the need to expand its facilities in order to serve the people's needs, the church sold its property in 1921, paying \$3,500 for the lot located on the **corner of Chase and Reese Streets**. Due to the Depression and bank failure in 1929, progress was hampered for some time. A few members who served during this time included Minnie Alexander, Sarah Hill, Cornelia Jones, Isabella Chester, Emma Tillman, Sallie Winfrey, Laura Eberhardt, and Julia Wilkerson. Deacon James (Jim) Mack, owner of Mack and Payne Funeral Home, served as security eighty years ago. In January 1936, a new structure was dedicated and worship services began thus completing the vision of the late Rev. Lyons.

Ebenezer has been shepherded by the following pastors, Rev. C. H. Lyons, Sr., Rev. J. A. Walker, Rev. J. W. Scott, Rev. D. C. Bracy, Rev. J. H. Horton, Rev. J. B. Reid, Rev. C. J. Gresham, Rev. J. H. Sanders, Rev. C. L. Stokes, Rev. W. J. Hudson, Rev. W. G. Griffin, Jr. and Rev. Dr. Winfred M. Hope, the current pastor.

A visionary decision was made in 1959, when Sis. Frances Eberhardt McBride became the first delegate from our church to attend the National Baptist Sunday School Convention. Ebenezer also served as the center for the civil rights movement in Athens. The pastor during the 1960's, Rev. William J. Hudson, was the President of the local NAACP chapter. Meetings and strategies were held at the church throughout this period. Protests were organized effectively in the sanctuary which led to the KKK puncturing the front glass doors of the old church with bullet holes. The legacy of Ebenezer's involvement in the civil rights movement from the 1950's to the present came full circle August 16-19, 2015 when Ebenezer was selected by the State and National Offices of the NAACP to host, house and feed for four days the 2015 America's Journey for Justice Marchers as they made their journey from Selma, Alabama to Washington, D.C. on behalf of justice and civil rights for all Americans. It was an indeed an honor and privilege to serve, and be part of this historic event. Prominent civil rights leaders, Dr. Ralph Abernathy and Ambassador Andrew Young both preached at

Ebenezer. Youth leadership at Ebenezer was provided in the 1970's by Bro. Michael Thurmond who would go on to be an Athens attorney and the first African-American (1986) elected to the Georgia General Assembly from Clarke County since Reconstruction.

In 1971, the church built the L.B. Eberhardt Educational Building. In 1978, the church mortgage was burned celebrating the paying off of a newly air-conditioned structure worth at the time approximately \$700,000. In addition the church owned the parsonage and adjoining lot, across the street which now serves as the Community Ministry Center.

Under our current pastor of 37 years, Rev. Dr. Winfred M. Hope, Ebenezer continues to grow. Dr. Hope is the former Dean of the Congress of Christian Education, GMBC, Inc. and is known nationally as an outstanding Christian Educator. As a result of being dynamic, dedicated, and determined, Dr. Hope sets the example of how to walk by faith.

Under his leadership some of his many accomplishments include the creation of W.O.W (Worship on Wednesday), for those in need of encouragement, fellowship, a meal and hope; and the 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Worship on Wednesday for those in need of prayer and worship during the week; the Community Ministry Center, a 501(c)3 organization, which provides assistance for individuals and families in need of food, clothing, and financial help with rent and utility expenses. Additionally, his effort to meet the social and spiritual needs for college students led Pastor Hope to establish the Foster Parent Program to provide a home away from home environment. This program allows EBCW families to adopt and connect with students from The University of Georgia and other institutions while they are in study in Athens.

To meet the many needs of the Ebenezer family and following God's vision for the church, many ministries for children, adults and seniors have come into existence under Rev. Hope's leadership: The Little Lambs Nursery, Kids for Christ Children's Church, Children's and Youth Ministry, Older People are Lovingly Special (OPALS) Women's Ministry, Cosby Men's Ministry, Toastmasters of Hope, Christian Education Committee, Worship Committee, Public Relations, Scholarship, Personnel, Health Care, Security and Parking, Stewardship Campaign, Transportation, Evangelism, Dance, Young Adult and College Ministry, Finance, and Prayer Warriors Ministry.

The administrative office of Pastor Hope includes a supportive and dedicated staff which is committed to serving God, and the membership here at Ebenezer. Under his energetic and proficient leadership, several additional church properties have been purchased and renovated. The church structure built in 1936 was demolished in July 2008, and in June 2009, the newly built worship sanctuary was dedicated to the Glory of God.

In October 2012 and October 2013, Ebenezer, West sent its first set of three missionaries to Kenya, Africa under the leadership of Rev. Geoffrey V. Guns, Pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, VA. In June 2014, and October 2015 and October 2016 Rev. Hope led a team of missionary members of Ebenezer to Kenya to engage in missionary work at the St. Carl Home of Champions School/Orphanage and the Nyabigege Baptist Church in Kisii, Kenya.

Ebenezer continues to make a great impact in the world for the cause of Christ. Our great emphasis on Christian Education, holistic family ministry, home and world mission, dynamic worship and community involvement will ensure that our kingdom building efforts will honor God until the return of Jesus Christ.

c.1937



c.1971



c.2009



Church Litany

Leader: Dear Lord, thank you for drawing us, as a body of believers, to you to become part of your church.

Congregation: Thank you for our ancestors and those who listened to your voice and were obedient to your call to organize this body of believers for your purpose.

Leader: Help us to teach our children your ways and their history, so they will know who you are, our Creator God, and who they can be in you.

Congregation: Inspire us with a vision for the future and use that vision to direct the path of this Church.

Leader: Help us to lean not on our own understanding but to lean on every promise of your Word.

Congregation: Grant us the authority to conquer all divisiveness, and fill us with your Holy Spirit and a sincere desire to love one another as you love us.

Leader: Lord, please hide us in your bosom and protect us from all evil and from the deceits of those spirits that seek to destroy the peace you have given us.

Congregation: May your Holy Spirit continue to instill this church with courage, hope, grace, mercy and love.

Leader: For 139 years God has nurtured and fed us.

Congregation: For 139 years God has shown us His grace.

Leader: For 139 years God has made us His witnesses in the world.

Congregation: For 139 years God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

Leader: For 139 years God has blessed and brought us to this place and to this time.

ALL: Praise the Lord for 139 Years! Praise Him for 139 more! Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, Praise the name of the Lord, Ebenezer West!

This Week @ The West

Monday – August 28

Tuesday – August 29

7:00pm Church Business Meeting

Wednesday – August 30

Noon Day Worship

4:00pm WOW Worship

4:30pm Mission Rescue

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Bible Studies For Life

6:45pm BRYGC Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00pm Mid-Week Worship

7:45pm REAL Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday – August 31

12Noon Bible Study Class

6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday – September 1

9:30am Church Women United

Springfield Baptist Church

Saturday – September 2

8:30am Bible Study Class

9:30am CMC Worship

10:00am Women's Ministry Meeting

11:00am Teen Ushers Ministry

Sunday – September 3

8:30am Sunday School

9:30am Teen Ushers Ministry

10:00am Worship Service

10:00am KFC Children's Church &

TLC Teens Living For Christ –

"Faith Trip" – Birmingham, AL

TODAY'S EVENTS @ THE WEST

Church Anniversary Dinner

Fellowship Hall

Menu

Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Mac N Cheese

Green Beans

Glazed Carrots

Rolls

Homemade Desserts

Tea, Lemonade & Water

BRYGC @

Mt. Pleasant

Youth Day Program

2:00pm

Upcoming Events @ The West/Community

Church Women United will meet Friday, September 1, 2017 at Springfield Baptist Church, 550 Fourth Street, Athens, at 9:30am. Please bring Non-Perishable Goods for the Food Bank.

Calling All Children at the West! God has assembled a dedicated group of teachers who are committed to sharing the caring message of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. These teachers are devoted to developing and growing in you, and themselves the **Kindliness, Friendliness** and **Christlikeness** of Christ. So all children ages 5 – 12, please join us on September 10th at 10:00 am in Kids for Christ Children's Church here at the West. To kick-off the Kids for Christ School and Teens Living For Christ Year, a "Faith-Trip" is planned just for you! We will take a chartered bus to visit the Civil Rights Institute and the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama on Sunday, September 3, 2017. The cost for meals and tickets to the Institute will be paid by donations from church members who believe in the spiritual growth, as well as the educational growth of our children. Seating is limited, to reserve your seat on the bus, please contact the Ebenezer West Church Office at 706-543-9644 or sign up today by August 28, 2017. Thank you Dea. Brian Williams, KFC Coordinator

"Being a Disciple and Sharing Discipleship." Starting Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 pm here at the West. Rev. Ambrose Jackson, instructor. This is a must study for those desiring to grow as an effective disciples.

Attention UGA Football Fans. The Scholarship Ministry is looking for volunteers to help staff the parking lot at Piedmont College on Prince Ave. The first home game is **Saturday, September 2** against Appalachian State. **Kickoff is 6:15pm.** The lot opens 3 hours prior to kick off. Volunteers are needed for a 3-hour shift. College students and/or their families are highly encouraged to help for one game, more is welcomed. Please see Sis. Susan Williams to sign up for a shift or email smwillia@uga.edu.

"Pray Without Ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17 NKJV)

MEMBERS IN THE NURSING HOME

Sis. Alfreda Ballard – Unihealth Post-Acute Care on Hawthorne

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Bro. Bailey Grimes	Sis. Mary Lumpkin
Sis. Dorothy Hemphill	Sis. Frances McBride
Sis. Callie Ann Johnson	Sis. Louise Thomas

MEMBER(S) IN THE HOSPITAL

Sis. Evelyn (Dea. Ronald) Billups, PARMC – ICU #4522

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS AND NEEDS

"Healing, Restoration and Peace In America"

Rev. James Herron	Kids For Christ
Sis. Mae Jo Calloway	Sis. Shirley Hopp
Sis. Pat Harris	Bro. Gary Jones
Bro. Jerry Foote	Bro. Antonio Mosley
Sis. Carolyn Johnson	Bro. Danny Peeks
Bro. Wilmer Jackson	Bro. Brian Winston
Bro. Richard Williams	Bro. Will Tharpe
Bro. James Lumpkin, Sr.-Florida	Children of St. Carl Orphanage,
Sis. Evelyn Billups	Kisii, Kenya
Sis. Daisy Watkins	Rev. Julius Hope

Active Military: Kurt Crafton II, Army | Christopher Lester, Army | Jeron Draine, Army
Brandon Greene, Navy | Shaquille Moody, Navy

Funeral

Bro. Leroy Knapper, Friday, August 25, 2017, Harlem, GA
Brother of Dea. Charles Knapper

