LEARN WHAT OUR CHURCH HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2017 AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE FOR 2018
VISION

Ebenezer Baptist Church is dedicated to becoming a larger, stronger and more purpose-driven ministry; intentional in mission and focused on growth—spiritual growth and numerical growth.

“We now appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:10

PURPOSEFUL STATEMENT

Ebenezer Baptist Church is an urban-based, global ministry dedicated to individual growth and social transformation through living in the message and carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind”

– Matthew 22:37

▸ We EXALT our Lord, Jesus Christ and believe that by living in His Word we have eternal salvation.

▸ We EDUCATE our members through an interactive program of life-long learning that includes Bible studies, small groups, spiritual mentoring and practice.
We EDIFY God with head and heart through vibrant praise, persistent prayer and relevant proclamation.

We EFFECT growth in the church and change in the community by faithfully rendering to God our time, tithes and talents.

We EMBODY the mission of Jesus Christ through service-filled lives that work to feed the poor, liberate the oppressed, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and visit those who are sick or imprisoned.

We EQUIP the body to both discern and perfect the various gifts of individual members for the work of Christ here on earth.

We EMPOWER the people of Ebenezer to impact the world by bearing witness to the God of love and justice through Jesus Christ.

We EVANGELIZE those who have not accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Liberator.

We ENLIST the people of our community and of our world to join us in rejoicing, worshiping and serving at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”
– Matthew 22:39

Church Membership

New Members

![Graph showing the number of new members from 2005 to 2017]
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### CRISIS FOOD CLOSET
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### EBENEZER PARKING MINISTRY
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### “I HAVE A DREAM” ® OF ATLANTA (IHAD)
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### EBENEZER BOOK CLUB
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### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
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### VIDEO
- Andre Jones (678) 663-5261

### DIRECTOR
- Rev. Regina A. Chamberlain (404) 688-7300 X224
The A. D. Williams King Chapel for Children continued to provide an interactive, hands-on, fun-filled learning environment for approximately forty children. Overarching weekly themes continued to help children learn more about God, themselves, and others through a myriad of experiences. First Sundays were committed to learning more about communion and those baptized had an opportunity to partake in communion. On Second Sundays, students celebrated the birthdays that occur during the current month. On Third Sundays, the focus was on Social Justice and kid-friendly conversations were held regarding the rights of all of God's children with reinforcement being to be good to others and look for ways to serve the church and community. During Fourth Sundays, the focus was on Faith and Fitness. Children seemed to enjoy Fourth Sundays the most as it gave them an opportunity to learn more about the mind, body, and soul working in unison. Every Sunday, the students reviewed essential Bible knowledge and were encouraged to learn (memorize) scripture that included the Ten Commandments, Fruits of the Spirit, the Lord's Prayer, Beatitudes, and the 23rd Psalm. Children in fourth and fifth grade were also encouraged to learn the books of the bible. In addition, students learned from Bible stories through the use of the Orange and Echoes curriculum. Students benefited from having a host of guest preachers worshipping with them, as well as opportunities to worship in the Horizon Sanctuary throughout the year.
HIGHLIGHTED BELOW ARE SOME OTHER HAPPENINGS INVOLVING A.D. WILLIAMS CHAPEL FOR CHILDREN BY MONTH:

JANUARY 2017
• Super Bowl Party
• Visit to the King Center

FEBRUARY 2017
• Decorated and filled shoe-boxes with toiletries for the United Way

MARCH 2017
• Easter Program rehearsal began

APRIL 2017
• Easter Program
• Visited Legacy Transitional Care and Rehab on Auburn Ave

MAY 2017
• Children’s Day rehearsal began
• Created gifts for Mother’s Day

JUNE 2017
• Children’s Day Program
• Awards Ceremony and Picnic with families and volunteers at Stone Mountain Park

JULY – AUGUST 2017
• No Chapel
• Braves Game at the SunTrust Stadium

SEPTEMBER 2017
• Hosted Parents’ Night Out Pajama Party (Wildlife Wonders Animals)
• Child Abuse Training for volunteers
• 2017-2018 Chapel year began

OCTOBER 2017
• Trip to Chattanooga (attended worship service followed by visit to the aquarium and Imax Theatre)
• Certified PE teacher visited for Faith and Fitness Sunday and lead an interactive lesson regarding healthy eating and exercise

NOVEMBER 2017
• Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts

DECEMBER 2017
• Jesus’ Birthday Celebration (Arts and Crafts) and children also learned more about Hanukkah as our church partners with The Temple

EBC NURSERY
In October 2016, Deborah Dupree and Alyson Morsette were appointed to supervise the Children and Youth Ministry after the departure of the Minister for Children and Youth. They continued the scheduled calendar activities for the remainder of the year. Deborah Dupree supervised the Youth & Links Ministry and Special Events. Alyson Morsette supervised Children Chapel & Nursery and handled financial requests for the ministry. Monthly meetings were held with the volunteers and coordinators in the ministry, the handbook was updated, and volunteers received child abuse/volunteer training. Under the leadership of Deborah Dupree & Alyson Morsette and the faithful volunteers and coordinators, the Children and Youth Ministry has worked together to keep the Children & Youth Ministry going strong. However, the number of children & youth attending has remained stagnant. The ministry continues to attempt to improve by continued recruitment of volunteers, registration updates of children/youth, providing childcare services for special events within the church, and providing training for all volunteers and meetings with leaders of the church.
THE NEXT LEVEL CHILDREN’S & YOUTH MINISTRIES
CONTINUED...

IN ADDITION MONTHLY MEETINGS AND NURSERY SERVICE PROVIDED EACH SUNDAY, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE YEAR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

JANUARY 2017
∙ Mediation meetings with coordinator regarding concerns in ministry
∙ Scheduled Youth Day rehearsals and assisted as needed
∙ Chat it Up at Teen Café on Sundays
∙ Youth Church & Links small group lessons

FEBRUARY 2017
∙ Youth Day
∙ Chat it Up at Teen Café on Sunday
∙ Youth Church & Links small group lessons

MARCH 2017
∙ Easter Rehearsals
∙ Chat it Up at Teen Café on Sunday
∙ Youth Church & Links small group lessons

APRIL 2017
∙ Monthly meeting with coordinators
∙ Easter Program
∙ Chat it Up at Teen Café on Sunday

MAY 2017
∙ Monthly meeting with coordinators
∙ Children's Day Planning Meeting
∙ Children's Day Rehearsals
∙ Youth Church & Links small group lessons

JUNE 2017
∙ Children's Day Program
∙ Children & Youth Ministry Awards Ceremony at Stone Mountain Park
∙ Youth Church & Links small group lessons

JULY 2017
∙ Youth & Links Retreat at Six Flags
∙ Youth Church & Links closed for the summer

SEPTEMBER 2017
∙ Parents' Night Out Pajama Party with Wildlife Wonders Animals
∙ Youth Church & Links closed for Summer

OCTOBER 2017
∙ EBC Nursery Community Outreach (Feed Homeless Families)
∙ Children & Youth Ministry
∙ Revival Childcare (2 days)
∙ Young Adult Ministry Childcare
∙ Youth Church & Links Church

NOVEMBER 2017
∙ Youth Church & Links Church
∙ Thanksgiving festivities

DECEMBER 2017
∙ EBC Nursery on Sunday
∙ Youth Church & Links Church
∙ Jesus' Birthday Party
∙ New Year’s Eve Pajama Party (2 services)
L.I.N.K.S. MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

L.I.N.K.S. (Leading Into New Knowledge Spiritually) focuses on the critical period in the life of young adolescents in transition between childhood and high school. The ministry provides opportunities to grow closer to God, fellowship with Christian peers, and to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ as a young person in the 21st century.

PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHING VOLUNTEERS WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE:

- Baptist Doctrine
- Spiritual Growth
- Character Development
- Community Service
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships

MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

Currently, the unit has a coordinator and three teaching volunteers. Our leaders received Youth Protection Training and teaching training.

LINKS ACTIVITIES

- Super Bowl Party
- Children's Day
- Stone Mountain Park
- Braves Game
- Worship at Olivet Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN
- Chattanooga Aquarium

“The CREW” HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

“The Crew” Youth Ministry promotes a more thoughtful and deeper engagement with God, God’s written word, and God’s people. In response to the youth’s request for more intellectually challenging lessons, we taught an eight-week course during the spring semester entitled “Theology 101.” The following topics were explored: Introduction to Theology, Theology Proper, Bibliology in 4 installments - Revelation, Inspiration, The Timeline of the New Testament Writings, and The Canon. We completed the last 2 weeks on Early Church History and African Influence in Canonization by African Church Fathers (Clement, Origen, Athanasius, Tertullian and Augustine of Hippo). Youth Day allowed “The Crew” to showcase their talents and Christian insights into relevant teen issues such as cyber-bullying and sexting. During the fall semester, in addition to following the Online Orange Curriculum, the following themes in the Gospel of John were studied: “Jesus - The Word, The Life and The Light.” Youth are learning how the presence of Christ affects positively their daily lives. Youth are also given opportunities for meditation and reflection in the Heritage Sanctuary.
BRAVES GAME

CHATANOOGA

YOUTH RETREAT

FAITH & FITNESS

CHILDREN’S DAY
THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Y.A.M.
20/20 VISION:

“A focused effort to attract and retain young adults to actively grow the
Ebenezer membership”

The Young Adult Ministry provides a space within Ebenezer where 20 and 30 somethings can
fellowship to deepen their relationship with the church, the Lord, and each other.

▶ 2017 began with a vision board party to bring in new membership
that may have joined the church at the new year, and enable our
members to shape a plan for how they planned to grow in all aspects
of their lives including in the area of spirituality.

▶ In February, YAM had a strong showing of volunteers at the Love
Feast on both Friday and Saturday, and contributed a large amount
of toiletry donations to the cause.

▶ An Easter brunch was held in April to help those young adult
members who may not have family in the Atlanta area feel at home
with a home cooked meal. In the summer, YAM kept the faith and
fitness mission going with bi-weekly hikes in Atlanta's national parks.

▶ Throughout the year, many brunches and game nights were held
to keep the fellowship strong. The year culminated with a holiday
party where donations were compiled that enabled YAM to make
over 200 bags for the homeless which were then distributed the
following Sunday after church at the Trinity house where YAM
volunteered as servers.

In total YAM has 267 members readily accessible through our
GroupMe communication platform.
This past year has been a year of challenges and great accomplishments by the Worship and Arts Department with the departure of the Minister from Worship and Arts. Yet, here are a few of the many accomplishments/achievements as we became a ministry of overcomers.

- Following the departure of the Director of Worship and Arts, Dr. Tony McNeill resigned in January of 2017, thus launching a national search for a new Worship and Arts Director for EBC.

- Ms. Lydia Raglin Williams, Ed.S., Retired Music Educator, Administrator and former EBC Youth Choir Director, was asked to serve as the Interim Liaison for Worship and Arts in March of 2017. She effectively served during the transition as a liaison for Pastor Warnock, ministerial staff, administrative staff as well as all musicians, directors and ensembles. She also served as a guest director of the Church Choir as needed.

- During the interim, Dr. Patrice E. Turner (Harlem, NY) served as a guest director for the Church Choir and Celebration/Combined Choirs as the search was in progress. She successfully motivated and encouraged choirs to remain faithful while the search was in progress (earlier on, she was not a candidate for the position). As a result, the music at EBC maintained a level of excellence.

- The national search produced highly qualified candidates including Minister Richard Odom, Minister Will Harris and Mr. Damon Dandridge. Each candidate had a comprehensive interview with Pastor Warnock and the Worship and Arts Directors’ Search Committee. They also had to complete an audition with and conduct a Sunday worship with the Church Choir to ascertain their knowledge of music theory, vocal pedagogy, conducting skills and repertoire.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE YEAR’S HIGHLIGHTS:

Past and present EBC soloists, musicians and ensembles performed for the 131st Church Anniversary “Jubilee Concert” in March.

All choirs and the EBC Praise Team sang on their regularly assigned Sundays under the direction of Mr. Zebulon Ellis (Praise Team and M. L. King, Sr. Choir, Mr. Maurice Seay (J.L. Robert, Jr. Men’s...
The year ended with the hiring of Dr. Patrice E. Turner as our new Worship and Arts Director in December of 2017! After much prayer and fasting, Dr. Turner entered the candidate pool. Dr. Turner brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise as an accomplished recording artist, vocalist, pianist, composer and music educator. She is well-known throughout the world for her energetic style of musical teaching, conducting and worship.

Combined Choirs sang for many EBC Church events such as our Pastors’ Anniversary, Church Anniversary, Easter, Women’s Day, Spring and Fall Revivals, Friends and Family Day, Church Homecoming, Thanksgiving Sunday, Winter Unity Service, Christmas Sunday, New Year’s Sunday and both Watch Night Services. The choirs also supported many of our beloved members’ homegoing services (which occurred on the average of twice per month).

The Church Choir performed at the “Spirituals Festival” at St. Phillip AME Church in February.

The Children’s Choir sang at various nursing homes and sang for the EBC annual Children’s Day.

The J. L. Roberts, Jr. Men’s Chorus performed a commissioned work by Composer, Mr. Stacey Gibbs. They also performed for Men’s Day in 2017.


The EBC Instrumental Ensemble (under the direction of Mr. Robert Bryant, Jr.) performed faithfully for many of the services listed above. They most recently performed for the M.L. King, Jr. Holiday Ecumenical Pre-Service along with our EBC Praise Team (under the guest leadership of Mr. Cori “Coriology” Stevenson).

The EBC Praise Team ministered for W.O.W. weekly and many of the services listed above.

They were also featured performers for the “Black Nativity” Musical at the Southwest Arts Center in December.

The M.L. King, Sr. Choir ministered at their annual “Alberta W. King Scholarship” Concert. Thousands of dollars were raised in scholarship money for our graduates.

The Christine King Farris Adult Handbells (under the direction of Trustee Cynthia Terry) performed an amazing repertoire alone and with the combined Handbell Choirs at the “Collaborative Handbell Concert” held at Friendship Baptist Church in December. Trustee Terry recently submitted her letter of resignation. Mrs. Terry served for 45 years in the Worship and Arts Ministry in various capacities including the Coordinator of Music Ministry at EBC. Congratulation to Mrs. Denise Willingham Hewitt (APS Music Educator) who assumed the role of director of this fine ensemble as of January 2018.

Our faithful musicians have remained on board with Worship and Arts during our transition. They are the talented Dr. David Oliver (Church Organist), Dr. Curtis Powell (Accompanist), Cori Stevenson (Hammond Organ), Daniel Moore (Accompanist), Larry James (Percussionist), and Brandon Gilliard (Bassist).

The EBC pianos, pipe organ, Hammond organ, hand bells and drum sets were serviced and/or received new parts and/or were replaced this year. The Kawai Piano in the sanctuary was determined to be in such a state of disrepair that Pastor Warnock and the Trustees decided to place the need for a New Sanctuary Piano under the auspices of the “2018 Horizon Project.”
Historic Ebenezer's Social Justice Ministry rode the political wave of 2017. We began the year with a Saturday retreat for Ebenezer's leadership to discuss the ways that the ministry will anchor work around justice, but that justice-seeking is a value of the church at large. 2017 marked a year of our justice work's expansion as we collaborated with other ministries, the MLK Collaborative, community groups, and our national partners The Progressive National Baptist Convention and The Center for Community Change to fulfill the mission of the ministry.

This past year, the Social Justice Ministry collaborated with the Women's Ministry and the Young Adult ministry to host a Sunday “teach-in” on how to be an effective advocate. Over 70 church members attended the meeting and participated in a state lobby day in late February. We also began a “Let the Church Say Amen” public witness and story collection campaign in collaboration with PNBC’s annual convention to collect the stories of those of us who are impacted by the policy shifts (directly and indirectly).

The Social Justice Ministry partnered with the MLK Collaborative and NACA to host a mayoral forum ahead of the Atlanta’s mayoral race. Since the race, the ministry leaders have been a part of developing a “100-day plan” in conjunction with the mayor-elect. And we will be working to ensure the tenets of that plan that focus on affordable housing, education and policing, will be developed and implemented. Dr. Warnock sits on the mayor’s transition team.

The Social Justice Ministry has worked with national partner, The Center for Community Change, to begin the work or “pre-work” of centering the 2020 Vision issues of poverty/access to safety net programs, healthcare and voting during the first year of the current administration. The ministry partnered with W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesdays) to complete political education around the issues and how the current national policies affect Georgia residents. Over 90 church members attended the sessions and gave input and shared personal stories and vision on how this church body should address issues of poverty.

The ministry ended the year by partnering with local clergy and our new Worship and Arts Ministry Director to co-host a “Unity Prayer Service” to center community leaders and members after the 2017 local elections and a national attack on working people and the poor through a series of policy and budgetary fights (that continue). Over 300 community members attended and recommitted to justice-seeking across ethnic and religious lines. In 2018, the Social Justice Ministry will be reconvening that group for training an on-going support of our issue platform.
In 2018, the Social Justice Ministry, in collaboration with our denomination, The Progressive National Baptist Convention, will be anchoring a call to action, lifting the King Legacy during this 50th year since Dr. King’s assassination. The ministry’s work will focus on building our base of membership internally, strengthening our ties between the ministries, and collaborating with local allies that will stand with us as we call for economic justice and the needs of the poor and working-class people. We will do this through a series of “info-action” sessions where members can come out and learn more about an issue and the immediate steps they can take to be change agents on that issue. We will continue our “Let the Church Say Amen” public witness campaign.

The “north star” of our work will be the 2018 election. We will work to ensure that every member of our congregation who is eligible to vote is registered and has a way to the polls; we will ensure that none of our members have been unfairly expunged from the voting rolls; we will ensure that our members and community are “informed voters” and we will work with local organizations to get others to the polls.

The ministry ended the year with over 750 on our membership roll. We will work to create “team” structures within the ministry to support anchor the aforementioned work.
EBC 2018 Special Day Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018
1st Sunday of the New Year

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018
M. L. King, Jr. Shabbat & Dinner at The Temple

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018
9:00 & 11:30 am
King Sunday @ Ebenezer

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018
King Center 50th Annual MLK Commemorative Service
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Bernice King

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018
10:00 am—12:00 noon
Annual Church Conference Breakfast/Brunch

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018
Love Feast
Sponsored by Community Outreach

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
Ash Wednesday
Lent begins

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018
Youth Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Set your clocks forward 1 hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018
132nd Church Anniversary
50+ Members Recognition
Guest Preacher: Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018
6:00 pm - MLKCRC Banquet Hall
Ebenezer Missionary Union Cottage Prayer Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018
Citywide Men’s Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018
Palm Sunday

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018
Heritage Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018
11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Horizon Plaza
Ebenezer's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018
Services: 9:00 & 11:30 am
EASTER SUNDAY
1:30 pm
Children Easter Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
Administrative Professionals Day

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018
Silence the Shame Sunday
Mental Health & Wellness

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
MAY 9 & 10, 2018
Spring Back To Life (Revival)

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018
Mother’s Day
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018  
Senior Adult Recognition Sunday

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018  
8:00 am-11:00 am - TBD Location  
Citywide Quarterly Men’s Prayer Breakfast

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018  
Ebenezer Missionary Union Sunday

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018  
Memorial Day  
Church Office closed

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018  
53rd Annual Children’s Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018  
Father’s Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018  
Graduate Recognition Sunday  
Casual Sundays begin

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018  
Independence Day  
Church Office closed

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018  
71st Annual Women’s Day

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018  
Labor Day  
Church Office closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018  
Piedmont Park?  
Church Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
Family & Friends Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018  
College Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018  
13th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018  
71st Annual Men’s Day Celebration  
Guest Preacher: Senator Cory Booker

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018  
Church Homecoming  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Set your clocks back 1 hour

WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7TH & 14TH, 2018  
Fall Fire Revival (2 Wednesdays)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018  
Veterans Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018  
Thanksgiving Sunday

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22-23, 2018  
Thanksgiving Holiday Observance  
Church Office closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018  
Beginning of Advent: Anticipation Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018  
Remembrance & Hope Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018  
Christmas Sunday

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018 - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019  
Christmas Holiday Observance  
Church Office closed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018  
7:00 pm & 10:00 pm  
Watch Night Worship Celebration
HABAKKUK 2:2

And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness point in to what’s coming. It aches for the coming - it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t Lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on Time.”

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