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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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Greetings My Fellow Ebenezerites and Friends!

Grace and peace from God our Father, and from His Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Goodbye to August and all of its trials and triumphs and hello September, with all of its challenges and opportunities!

God has blessed us to start three new ministries of note last month and I want to emphasize and encourage your participation and prayers as we move forward. First, our King's Cupboard food distribution ministry. Through the leadership of Sisters Jackie Hooker and Mary Moore, we have been blessed to distribute over 140 boxes of food so far, but we want to encourage you, the membership, to spread the word to others you may know who may have a need to take advantage of this ministry. This is just another expression of us being a great church by serving to feed the hungry. Brothers Tony Wiley and Albert Baxter, along with an amazing host of dedicated volunteers, are faithful servants and they are doing a phenomenal job.

Second, Excel Christian Academy Day School! As of August 26th, a long-awaited vision was realized thanks to the leadership of Rev. Dr. Vanessa Diggs providing much needed consultation and guidance; Excel Christian Academy Day School was reborn! This is a private Christian school and as such, it is providing a quality education in a Christian environment. We are blessed to have Ms. Ernestine Holman, an experienced educator of more than 30 years, to be our lead teacher, supported by two experienced teachers' aides, Ms. Sheila Clinkscales and Ms. Berenda Slade. Though our inaugural class is small, we are excited, and the parents are pleased! We need your prayers, participation, and your assistance to get the word out about ECADS. We are offering classes and accepting students in grades kindergarten to 3rd grade. For more information, feel free to call 336-226-8526, ext. 7013 and speak to Sis. Janis Holness or visit the school's website at [www.excelchristianacademydayschool.com](http://www.excelchristianacademydayschool.com).

# SICK NON-MEMBERS



The third ministry that I want to highlight is our International Global Missions Ministry. Since the beginning of my pastorate here at Ebenezer Church, I have led us to be a part of our community and local missions. We have adopted local schools, played a significant role in Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the Patricia Bynum Cancer Relief Fund, Crop Walk, and various other nonprofit and community agencies doing good work. We have and we continue our involvement locally within the Nursing Home and Jail Ministries. We respond to crises around the nation through giving, and we are partners with Global Mission Ministries. In this month, under the leadership of Sisters Petula Sellers and Reverend Wendy Spruill, we will formally house these efforts under our Global Mission Ministry. We are excited to add World Vision as a major partner in our efforts to have a positive global outreach. Plan now to attend our first Mission weekend. Experience on September 14th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

September promises to be another exciting month of ministry as we re engage and sprint toward the close of the year. The Women's Growth Institute is fired up and ready to go! The Youth and Children's Ministry is fired up and getting ready to go! Our Music and Arts Ministry is getting ready to go, as well as the resumption of our sermon series on our theme "Moving Forward, Committed to Grow More in 2024" along with our Fall Winter Bible Study series!

Let's keep moving forward!

*Rev. Dr. Larry E. Covington*



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***Member of the  
Month***

**Dr. Vivian Fuller**

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### **Dr. Vivian Fuller**

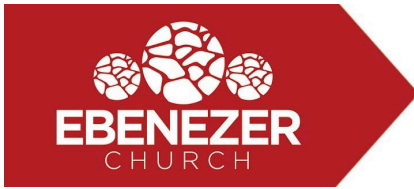
Ebenezer is blessed with a host of talented and committed disciples who use their gifts to edify the body and to build the Kingdom. One such soul is Sis. Vivian Fuller. Sis. Fuller is one of “Mrs. Fuller's Children.” Their saintly mother was known for her tireless efforts to raise money for worthy causes through local churches.

Upon joining Ebenezer, Sis. Vivian joined her sister Barbara in serving at that time with our culinary ministry and since then she is very visible serving in our Pastors Assistance Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Culinary Ministry and the King's Cupboard Ministry.

Though a professional, Sis. Fuller knows what it is to serve without a title or fanfare. She willingly and freely shares her knowledge and her gifts to help Ebenezer be all that God has called for us to be.

Sis. Fuller and the Fuller delegation can be seen at the 8:00 AM worship service and then making their way to Sunday School.

Praise God for Dr. Fuller, and I'm excited to celebrate her as our September 2024 Member of the Month!



# BIRTHDAYS

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Allison, Devonn  
Alston, Drew  
Alston, Brittany

# SICK NON-MEMBERS



# ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Tanesha McCulley  
Billy & Vanessa Diggs  
Melvin & Marionette Jeffers  
Devin & Natasha Cross  
Jonathan & Aimee Dupree  
Lorenzo & Lesa Ingram

August 10  
August 11  
August 13  
August 14  
August 15  
August 21

Tommy & Emma Rogers  
Kendrick & Felicia Alston  
James & Urana Brown  
Jason & ReAndrea Snipes  
James & Joanna Tolson

August 26  
August 28  
August 28  
August 29  
August 31

# SICK MEMBERS



Mrs. Martha Lee  
\*Ms. Nannie Sue Watlington  
\*Mr. Robert Boyd  
\*Mr. Terry & Mrs. Nancy Maynard  
\*Mrs. Janie Crisp  
\*Mr. Ronnie McCain  
\*Miss Amiah Corbett  
\*Mrs. Lillian McDowell  
\*Mrs. Carolyn Cooper  
\*Mrs. Retha Mickens  
\*Ms. Gwendolyn Daye  
\*Rev. Bobby Faucette  
\*Mrs. Willie Mae Daye  
\*Mrs. Carlene Nixon

\*Mrs. Alma Pinnix  
\*Mrs. Dorothy Wilson  
\*Mrs. Fannie Francis  
\*Ms. Rose Marie Smith  
\*Mr. Victor Jeffries  
\*Ms. Elizabeth Turner  
\*Mrs. Jean Morton  
\*Mrs. Fannie Kirby  
\*Mr. Lorenzo Ingram  
\*Mrs. Ruth May Wiley  
\*Mrs. Lorraine Johnson  
\*Mrs. Sylvia Martin  
\*Mr. Selma Keyes, Jr.  
\*Rev. Wilbur Crawford

\*Mrs. Valinda F. Graves  
\*Mr. Robert Scott  
\*Mrs. Laura Graves  
\*Dea. Dewey & Doris Maxwell  
\*Mr. Don Hayden  
\*Mrs. Brudell Whitaker  
\*Dea. Ronald Corbett  
\*Ms. Diamond Smith  
\*Mr. Dion Williams  
\*Mr. Celo Faucette  
\*Ms. Tina Williams  
\*Mrs. Kathryn Wilson  
\*Ms. May Carpenter

# SICK NON-MEMBERS



\*Mr. Robin Ellison  
\*Mrs. Theresha Rochelle  
\*Mrs. Zellia Everette  
\*Mrs. Ruthie Rogers  
\*Rev. Antoine Lee  
\*Mrs. Nancy Stewart  
\*Mrs. Ruth Harris  
\*Mrs. Brenda Tapp  
\*Min. Elisabeth Johnson

\*Mrs. Emma Richards  
\*Mrs. Velma Jones  
\*Ms. Donna Morrow  
\*Ms. Ayonna 'Nikki' Morrow  
\*Mr. Travis Alston  
\*Mr. Edward "Tony" Foust  
\*Dea. Louis McClure, Jr.

\*Mr. Melvin Jones  
\*Mrs. Ada Stokes (Dea. Lance Stokes' Mother)  
\*Ms. Kathleen Crawford Sanders  
\*Mr. Aaron McGee  
\*Ms. Anna Thompson (Sis. Gloria Crawford's mother)  
\*Ms. Gladys Straiter (Sis. Alyce Straiter's Sister)

# SICK NON-MEMBERS



# BEREAVEMENTS



**Mr. Jimmy Long** (Cousin of Sis. Doris Long)

**Mrs. Joann Walker** (Sister-in-Law of Sis. Carolyn Cooper)

**Mr. Jeremiah Brown** (Brother of Sis. Karol Shoffner/Rev. Bryon)

**Mrs. Virginia Alston Graves**

**Mr. William Reaves** (Father of Sis. Gail Donaldson)