

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
909 Queen Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

### Evangelism

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19

### Discipleship

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you”

Matthew 28:20

### Worship

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth”

Matthew 28:18

### Our Mission

Our mission is to educate sinners, edify the body of believers, and to elevate Christ as central to our living. We do this through proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, developing disciples and services of dynamic worship.

# Spreading The Good News

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## “Making Ministry Meaningful”



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Chairperson

Trustee Ministry  
Trustee Michael Charity  
Chairperson

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Sis. Mildred Woodard  
Director

Youth Ministry  
Minister James Buck  
Pastor Liaison

Brotherhood Ministry  
Bro. John Stanton  
Chairperson

Sisters With A Purpose  
Minister Becky Mays  
Chairperson

Ushers Ministry  
Sis. Terry Akins, President

Sunday Church School  
Bro. Raymond Anderson  
Superintendent

## WORSHIP

Minister Keith Exum  
Minister of Music



To My Ebenezer Family:

It is with great joy that I greet you at the beginning of another year. Our Father has blessed us greatly and has allowed us the opportunity to cross over into 2008. I know that you as well as my family are grateful for the blessings of 2007. However, it is my prayer that we will experience even greater blessings in this year of 2008.

This year represents the fourth year of our journey together.

We have encountered much on our road together that has been rewarding and challenging. However, I look forward to us embracing the vision before us and moving to a higher level this year in ministry. In 2008, we want to embrace and renew our focus in the areas of mission, family, and stewardship. As we seek to make ministry meaningful we should intentionally try to have an impact on persons' lives outside of these walls. Therefore, it is a must for EVERY ministry of Ebenezer to be engaged in a mission project in our city of Alexandria or one of the surrounding areas. I ask that ministry leaders will begin to coordinate with their auxiliaries and the Board of Christian Education. It is also my desire for Ebenezer to engage in a church wide mission project. More information concerning this endeavor will be forthcoming.

During this month of January we will be preaching, teaching, and focusing our attention on stewardship. It is a must Ebenezer that we put forth greater effort in becoming an epitome of biblical stewardship. There is a great need for us to become better managers of our finances, health, family, gifts, and talents. GOD has blessed us abundantly and therefore much is required of us (Luke 12: 48).

Also, much emphasis is going to be placed upon family enrichment. Our families are under attack and as the church it is time for us to take a stand. We must become proactive in promoting healthy marriages, parenting, budgeting, being single and many other facets of family living. We want to be that congregation that nurtures and supports family life. Through all of these things it is our goal to make ministry meaningful.

Thank you for your prayers and support. It is also my prayer that you and yours will experience a peaceful and prosperous new year. GOD bless you Ebenezer!!!!

Because of Him,  
Pastor Kay



<b>Church Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Communion (1st Sunday)</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Tuesday Night Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Wednesday Morning Bible Study</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
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## From The Board of Christian Education

We extend to the Ebenezer Church Family God's Blessings and Jesus' Joy for the celebration of HIS Birth!  
HAPPY BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!

BOCE Ministry has a REVIVED SPIRIT. All Ministry Leaders are to participate in the Monthly Meetings, and provide a complete written ministry report of their upcoming mission activities, training programs, and training needs. Ministry reports help to inform the Pastor, other ministry leaders and the congregation on what is going on within the church. BOCE can help to provide the tools of support and training if requested. All Ministry Leaders will be on one accord with planning and coordinating activities. For 2008, Pastor Kay has requested that each Ministry be involved in a MISSION Outreach Project. BOCE will provide a list of Mission/Outreach activities and programs. Announcements will be made from the Pulpit, Bible Study, and Sunday School.

There is a new meeting schedule for BOCE — meetings will be held on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Hargrave-Collins Educational Building.

BOCE 2008 Meeting Schedule: (January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13 (Holiday), November 10, December 8)  
Please mark your calendars!

In Christ,  
Sis. Mildred Woodard, BOCE, Director



## From The Deacon's Ministry

Disciples, I greet you in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have come to the end of the calendar year and as we reflect on His birth and all the sacrifices He made for us, we can only be forever grateful.

Christmas always reconnects us with the power of love and we manifest this love to others through our generosity and compassion for all. Now that the caroling and celebration of the season are over, let us resolve to keep the spirit of Christmas in the coming year by comforting and praying for each other, by keeping abreast of the needs of the elderly during these winter months, by embracing and encouraging new disciples and by informing the church of persons who are ill. We are deeply appreciative of the work of the Missionary Ministry during the year but we give a special thanks to the ministry for providing several families with a bounteous Thanksgiving and we also extend a special thanks to all who participated in the Community Support Day. Congratulations to the Brotherhood for a successful Men's Weekend celebration. Everything was well planned and implemented. We are looking forward to this celebration annually.

Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins blessed us with powerful sermons during our Harvest Revival held in November. Rev. Perkins is the pastor of the Greater Christ Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Our Deacons-in-training are displaying a passion for learning about God's word and the duties of being a Deacon as they prepare for their council and ordination that will be held early in 2008. During inclement weather we will inform you about the state of church activities and Sunday service by television on ABC channels 5 or 9, and radio station WHUR (96.3 FM). Our servant leaders installation service was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Freddie Jones delivered the sermon on how the "Holy Spirit Can Make a Difference." Now that the officers have been duly installed, let us go forth to perform the mission of our organization and continue to "Make Ministry Meaningful."

Yours in Christ,  
W. Vernon McMillan

### My Ebenezer Baptist Church Family

Just a word of warm and loving thanks for your participation in the securing of a most beautiful robe for Rev. James H. Buck, Jr. This was all done in our appreciation for him. I feel particularly humbled and deeply privileged to have a church family that so willingly give of themselves, so others may smile.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt personal thanks and appreciation for all you've done in helping me!

Mrs. Carrie, Committee Coordinator.



## From the Church Sunday School

I'm excited to report that the Church Sunday school is still very much committed to serving all disciples of Christ who thirst for knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore, I and the entire Sunday School staff do strongly encourage everyone to make a concerted effort to attend Sunday School devotion and Sunday School on a regular basis so that we may grow and learn more about the teachings of Christ. If anyone is interested in becoming a teacher or working with the Sunday School in some other capacity, you will not be denied that chance to lend your talent to a worthy cause. We are always seeking willing, faithful and committed workers in the vineyards. We have noticed a decline in attendance of our youth and young adults and we would like to send out this plea to you to come join us in study. We miss you and we need you.

Lastly, the new year will bring about some change to Sunday School. I must sadly announce that Sister Linda Wilkins will no longer be teaching her adult class. After many years of devoted service she has decided to take a break. Her dedication and love for teaching is unmatched and we thank her for her many years of faithful service. Also, Brother Bill Terry will be assuming the position of assistant superintendent. Brother Terry is a spirit filled warrior for Christ and is very excited about this opportunity to serve the congregation. Let's greet him with open arms and a cheerful smile. Thanks to everyone who has supported me during my first year as your superintendent. I've learned a lot and I've grown a lot. Because of people like you and God's grace and love we will be able to reach higher heights.

Yours In Christ,  
Raymond Anderson, Superintendent



### Sunday School Lessons For January and February

**January 6, 2008**  
**Inspired to Inquire**  
**Luke 2:41-52**

**February 3, 2008**  
**Called to Labor**  
**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

**January 13, 2008**  
**Inspired to Love**  
**Luke 6:27-36**

**February 10, 2008**  
**Called to Repent**  
**Luke 13:1-9**

**January 20, 2008**  
**Inspired to Pray**  
**Luke 11:5-13**

**February 17, 2008**  
**Called to Be Humble**  
**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**January 27, 2008**  
**Inspired To Trust**  
**Luke 12:22-34**

**February 24, 2008**  
**Called to be a Disciple**  
**Luke 14:25-33**

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### Please, Come to Bible Study

Tell A Neighbor, Tell a Co-Worker, Tell a Friend, Bring Family Members  
We need you here!!



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**Tuesdays, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Wednesdays, 11:00 A.M.**

### Visit our Website

**Please Visit our Ebenezer Website**  
**It is full of valuable information**

**Look for Upcoming Events**  
**Look for Ministry Contacts**  
**Look for Information for Our Pastor**  
**Look for Church History Information**

**Keep Informed!**  
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## 2008 Tithing/Offering Envelopes Are Ready!

All disciples having numbered envelopes from 601 - 700 are to expect a change in their number this year. Please note and record the change. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but this was a necessary administrative action. Please check your envelopes for number, address and telephone accuracy. Please make changes on the initial envelope! You are welcome to call the church office (703) 683-1473 for additional information and/or concerns.



## New Disciples Orientation Training Changes Effective on the First Sunday in January

New Disciples Orientation Training will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. New Disciples will not participate in the Sunday School devotional period. Students should meet their teachers at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs classrooms in the Education Building. This change will allow more classroom study time to cover more material.

New Disciples will be given another optional day/time to complete the Orientation Training Requirement. In addition to Sunday morning classes, new disciples will also have the option of taking classes on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Classes will be taught in the Education Building during the Bible Study period. ~~Students will be asked to choose either Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings to complete~~ classes, not a combination of both. This change is to accommodate those new disciples who are not available to attend Sunday morning sessions.

New Disciples will be strongly encouraged to participate in both Sunday School and Bible Study after completion of the three-class requirements. These changes are being made with the approval of the Pastor.

The New Disciples teaching team will remain flexible and will work to accommodate the schedules of new Disciples who cannot complete the training on the days offered. These new disciples should contact the church office and leave a message. Someone from the ministry will personally contact that new Disciple.



**In the event of service closing due to inclement weather,  
please refer to TV Channels 5 or 9 and Radio Station  
WHUR (96.3 FM) for notification.**

## From The Trustee Ministry

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. Happy New Year!

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and patience for the last three months, as we take care of the church's business. The Trustee Ministry is looking forward to some new and innovative ideas as we go into this New Year. We have new chairpersons on the Hospitality Ministry, Sis, Doris Anthony, the Brotherhood Ministry, Brother John Stanton, and the Sound Ministry, Brother Ryan Jackson.

The Audit Committee will be reviewing the last five years of the church's budget. Our 2008 budget will be voted on at our next quarterly meeting this month, January 16<sup>th</sup>. At our last meeting, Pastor Kay and the Budget Committee offered some interesting ideas on the budget. Please come out and exercise your right to vote.

As branches of this vine (John 15:1-4) we will be guided by His word and will.

Be Blessed,  
Trustee Michael W. Charity

### FROM THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Join Us For Bowling**

**Every 4th Saturday  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**US Bowl  
100 S. Picket Street  
Alexandria, Virginia**

**\$2.00 Per Game  
\$2.00 Per Shoe Rental**

**Come Join Us**

**January 26, 2008  
February 23, 2008**

**Event Contact**

**Latoya Price  
(571) 265-9930**

## Sisters With A Purpose (S.W.A.P.)



*To all of Ebenezer --  
May each of you Experience PEACE, JOY and LOVE this Christmas  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!*

SWAP extends a WARM, SINCERE, Christ-filled WELCOME to ALL the Women of Ebenezer to attend, participate, plan and fellowship with us at the monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the SECOND SATURDAY at 11:30 AM. There are exciting plans for 2008 -- GOD is moving this Ministry in a mighty way!!! Please keep your eyes and ears open for the announcements and flyers. Mark your calendars!

In Christian Love,  
Min. Becky Mays, Chairperson

## The Brotherhood Ministry Presents A Trip To The Beautiful and Scenic Niagara Falls, Canada

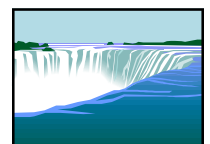
**July 14-17, 2008**

### **Trip Includes:**

**Bus Transportation on Luxury Coach**  
**Taxes, Gratuities (except for local tour guides)**  
**Meet and Greet Service on Arrival**  
**Guided Tours of Niagara Falls and Toronto**  
**3 Night at the Best Western Fallsview Hotel**  
**Luggage Handling**  
**3 Full Breakfasts & 3 Dinners (1 in Toronto)**  
**Shopping at the famous Eaton's Centre in Toronto**

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# January 2008

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>LaToya Price</i> <i>Katrina Roberts</i>  <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</b>	2 <i>Christie Ferguson</i> <i>Kaia Byrd</i>  <b>11:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	3	4 <i>Mildred Woodard</i> <i>Lisa Tate</i> <i>Meeting</i>	5 <i>Barbara Johnson</i> <i>Rachel Walker</i>
6 <b>Communion</b>	7	8 <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>	9 <b>11:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	10	11	12 <i>Juanita Booker</i> <i>Angel Mitchell</i>  <b>SWAP Meeting</b>
13 <i>Holly Newry</i> <b>Licensing Service for Min. Becky</b>	14 <i>Rodney Jenkins</i>  <b>BOCE Meeting</b>	15 <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>	16 <b>11:00 a.m. Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Church Meeting</b>	17 <i>Melvin Johnson</i>	18 <i>Anthony Jenkins</i>	19 <b>SOUL Ministry</b>
20 <i>Joy Gregory</i>	21	22 <i>Ashley Wilhort</i>  <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>	23 <b>11:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	24 <i>Valerie Sanders</i> <i>Reginald Sims</i>	25 <i>Irene Charity</i>	26 <i>Sharon Parks</i>  <b>Y&amp;YA Bowling</b>
27 <i>Jennifer Byrd</i>	28 <i>Tonya Williams</i> <i>Shirley King</i> <i>Carrie G. Price</i>	29 <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Baptism</b>	30 <b>11:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	31 <i>Pearl Rahming</i> <i>Markiah Taylor</i>		

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# February 2008

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Melodi Jenkins</i>	<sup>2</sup> <i>Katlyn Griffith Michael Barnett Lawrence Gerald Robert Chandler</i>
3 <i>Lillie Lourance</i> <b>Communion</b>	4	5 <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>	6 <b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	7 <i>Ermon Dillard</i>	8	9 <b>SWAP Meeting</b>
10 <i>Christina Carr</i>	11 <b>BOCE Meeting</b>	12 <i>Linda Williams</i> <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>	13 <b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	14	15 <i>Lisa Duhart</i>	16 <i>Willie Brown Roland Muse Jessie Adams Pamela Harrison</i> <b>SOUL Ministry</b>
17 <i>Lanell Coates</i>	18	19 <b>7:00 p.m. Bible Study</b>	20 <b>10:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>	21 <i>Lisa Brown Iris Saunders</i>	22	23 <b>Y&amp;YA Bowling 2-5 p.m.</b>
24	25	26 <i>Jaya Jenkins Ann Holmes Malachi Buster Elizabeth Boyd</i> <b>Bible Study</b>	27 <i>Violet Darring Louise Morrison LaShawn Walker Carlton Parker</i> <b>Bible Study</b>	28 <i>Sharee Day Lawnice Smith</i>	29	

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