GREATER EBENEZER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2019

YEAR OF PRAYER AND PARTNERSHIP

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

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TABLE OF MINISTRIES

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Church
Children and Youth Choir
Youth and Junior Ushers
The Outlet
Saturday Morning Bible Study
Praise Dance Ministry

MUSIC MINISTRY

Children and Youth Choir Inspirational Choir Men's Chorus Mission Chorus Praise and Worship Ministry Sanctuary Choir

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Brotherhood Ministry Christian Education Church-In-Training(BTU) Sunday School Vacation Bible School

MEMBERSHIP

A. W. Lott Scholarship Ministry
Culinary Ministry
First Aiders Ministry
Mobility Ministry
New Members Ministry
Prayer Retreat Ministry
Resource Ministry
Senior Citizens Ministry
Solace Ministry
Ushers Ministry
Wedding Ministry

OUTREACH

Employment/Health Fair Evangelistic Outreach Ministry General Mission Ministry

SPECIAL

Audio/Visual Photography Safety & Parking Transportation

2019 MINISTRY LEADERS

A. W. LOTT SCHOLARSHIP IN	<u>IINISTRY</u>			
	Chairperson	Deaconess Maxine Sims		
Brotherhood Ministry	President	Bro. Rufus Kirkwood		
CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR	:			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH MINIS	President Director	Bro. Daniel Bernal Sis. Seminolia Lamar		
	Directors	Bro. Anthony Thomas Sis. Dinah Thomas		
CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	Director	Sis. Daryle Watson		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Director	Sis. Sallye Smith		
Church In Training	Directors	Dea. Thomas McCaskill Sis. Jessye Carter-Robinson		
<u>Culinary Ministry</u>	Coordinator	Deaconess Stacy Benjamin		
DEACONESS MINISTRY 1	President	Deaconess Deborah Verner		
DEACONESS MINISTRY 2	President	Deaconess Maxine Sims		
DEACONS MINISTRY	Chairman	Dea. Michael Verner, Sr.		
	Vice-Chairman	Dea. Erroll Brown		
EMPLOYMENT & HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR				
	Coordinators	Bro. Martin Evans Sis. Lisa Bernal		
EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH MINISTRY				
	Coordinator	Bro. Samuel Hendricks		
FIRST AIDERS MINISTRY	President	Sis. Karlyn Claiborne		
GENERAL MISSION MINISTRY				
	President	Sis. Wilma Cotton		
Inspirational Choir	President Director	Sis. Adrienne Chustz Rev. Harold M. Pittman		
Male Chorus	President Director	Bro. Dexter Turner Rev. Harold M. Pittman		
MINISTERIAL MINISTRY	Danaidant	Dorr Charles Lett II		
MISSION CHORUS	President President	Rev. Charles Jett II Sis. Laverne Jones		
THEORY CHORUS	Director	Sis. Debra Williams		

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MOBILITY MINISTRY
Coordinator Sis. Althelia Billingsley

MUSICIANS MINISTRY

Coordinator Rev. Harold M. Pittman

NEW MEMBERS MINISTRY

President Sis. Sandra Carter

Praise Dance Ministry

Coordinator Sis. Jennene Pugh

PRAYER RETREAT MINISTRY

Coordinators Sis. Carmen Williams

Sis. Gretchen Williams

RESOURCE MINISTRY Coordinators Sis. Regina Randall

Deaconess Magali Guillette

SANCTUARY CHOIR President Sis. Suzette Mitchell

Director Bro. Anthony C. Jones

SENIOR CITIZENS MINISTRY

President Sis. Alma Williams

SOLACE MINISTRY
Chairperson Sis. Althelia Billingsley

SOLACE/FOOD MINISTRY

Chairperson Bro. Paul Smith

Bro. John Ellison

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent Dea. Carl Charles

TRUSTEE MINISTRY

Chairman Dea. Marcus Martin

USHERS MINISTRY

President Bro. Clifford Jones

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - DAY

Coordinator Sis. Brenda Hardin

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - EVENING

Coordinator Sis. Hester Johnson

<u>WEDDING MINISTRY</u>

Coordinators Sis. Erica Calhoun

Deaconess Letha Martin

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Directors Sis. Gretchen Williams

Bro. Calvin Hamilton

STATEMENT OF FAITH

THE TRINITY

We believe in one Triune God, - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; co–eternal in being, co–eternal in nature, co–equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections. | Deuteronomy 6:4 | John 1:1,3 | Matthew 28:19 | 2 Corinthians 13:14 |

GOD: The Father

We believe that the Father is supreme among the persons of the Trinity (1 Corinthians 15:28, Philippians 2:11). He is the architect and designer of all creation, redemption, and fulfillment (Ephesians 1:3-12). He is the giver of everything good and perfect (James 1:17). Despite his position of supremacy, as the definitive example of humility and love, the Father sends both the Son and the Spirit as his greatest gifts and through whom he does much of his work. $\mid 1 \text{ John 4:10} \mid \text{ Acts 1:4} \mid$

GOD: The Son

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man (John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a representative, vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice, and that our justification is made sure by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Romans 3:24; 1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:3–5). We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God, whereas our High Priest, he fulfills the ministry as Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate. | Acts 1:9-11 | Hebrews 7:25, 9:24 | Romans 8:34 | 1 John 2:1–2 |

GOD: The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption. | John 16:8–11 | 2 Corinthians 3:6 | 1 Corinthians 12:12 –14 | Romans 8:9 | Ephesians 5:18 |

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, infallible, and has authority in all matters of faith and life. \mid 2 Timothy 3:16-17 \mid 2 Peter 1:20-21 \mid Matthew 5:18 \mid John 16:12-13 \mid

STATEMENT OF FAITH

DEPRAVITY OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God, but that through Adam's sin the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God; man is totally deprayed, and of himself utterly unable to remedy his lost condition. | Genesis 1:26-27 | Romans 3:22-23, 5:12 | Ephesians 2:1-3, 12 |

SALVATION

We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. | Ephesians 1:7, 2:8–10 | John 1:12 | 1 Peter 1:18–19 |

ETERNAL SECURITY & ASSURANCE OF BELIEVERS

We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever (John 6:37–40, 10:27– 30; Romans 8:1, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 1:4–8; 1 Peter 1:5). We believe that it is the privilege of believers to rejoice in the assurance of their salvation through the testimony of God's Word which clearly forbids the use of Christian liberty as an occasion to the flesh. | Romans 13:13-14 | Galatians 5:13 | Titus 2:11-15 |

THE CHURCH

We believe that the church, which is the body and espoused bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 11:2). We believe that the establishment and continuance of local churches is clearly taught and defined in the New Testament Scriptures (Acts 14:27, 18:22, 20:17; 1 Timothy 3:1-3; Titus 1:5–11). We recognize Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church.

| Matthew 28:19-20 | Acts 2:41-42; 18:8 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 |

The Ordinances

Jesus Christ commissioned two ordinances for the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper (communion). We believe baptism is a step of obedience to publically proclaim faith, taken by one after they have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord. The Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for the remembrance of His death.

| Matthew 28:18-20 | Romans 6:3-5 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 |

Full-Text of Statement of Faith www.gembcla.org/we-believe

BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

AVING been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

Te engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

e further engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and goodwill towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

e further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness, and into his marvelous light.

hen we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

LEADERSHIP

"A Christian leader is someone who is called by God to lead; leads with and through Christ-like character; and demonstrates the functional competencies that permit effective leadership to take place."

-Oswald Sanders, Spiritual Leadership

"The central task of leadership is influencing God's people toward God's purposes."

-George Barna, Leaders on Leadership

"It takes more than a busy church, a friendly church, or even an evangelical church to impact a community for Christ. It must be a church ablaze, led by leaders who are ablaze for God."

-Wesley L. Duewel, Ablaze for God



"The heart of the leader is manifested through service to others."

-Dr. Artika Tyner



"It's not the position that makes the leader; it's the leader that makes the position."

-John C. Maxwell

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS. DISCIPLESHIP

ENGAGING THE WORLD.

EVANGELISM

ENJOYING THE LORD. WORSHIP

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