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**JUNE 2019**  
newsletter items are due  
by **Monday, June 24th.**

Evolution is modern man's idolatry. Do we follow man's opinion or the Creator's Word? "Either the Bible is true in all respects, or not true at all." --Kent Hovind



### Sunday Services

- 9:00a Worship Service (Combined)
- 10:15a Sunday School
- 5:00p Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00p Every **FOURTH SUNDAY** United Methodist Women

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." *Matthew 28:19*



## Christian Life Center Memories

### Banquet — 2011



### Groundbreaking



### Construction

See p. 3 and 4 for more pictures.

### WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:00p Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:00p Teens for Christ (Gr. 6-12)
- 7:00p Bible Study—Children & Adults.



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: (828) 396-2214



## Meetings, Etc.

### Church Council

The Council will meet on **Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m.** All members of the church are invited to attend.

### Trustees Meeting

The Trustees will meet on **Monday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

### United Methodist Women

The women will meet on **Sunday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.** Tammy Adams is in charge of the program.

### Special Offerings

**Sunday, May 5th is Native American Ministries Sunday.** The Thank Bank offering will go to this ministry on this day.

**On Mother's Day, we will take up a special offering for Arbor Acres,** the United Methodist Retirement Community.

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving to these two ministries. Thank you.

## Special Giving

We gratefully acknowledge these special gifts in *April*:

**In Memory of Cleo Clark by:**  
Judy McCrary

**In Memory of Paul & Inez Spencer by:**  
Delores, Bill & Gary Paul Campbell

**In Memory of Seth & Hester Stafford by:**  
Delores, Bill & Gary Paul Campbell

**In Honor of Bill Campbell's 82nd Birthday on May 5 by:**  
Delores & Gary Paul Campbell



## Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

"...who plants and the one who reaps  
will be glad together."  
John 4:35b-36 GNT

**FAITHFUL GIVING;  
FAITHFUL WORK  
= SUCCESS!**

All the people of Israel left, and everyone who wished to do so brought an offering to the LORD for making the Tent of the LORD's presence. They brought everything needed for use in worship and for making the priestly garments. All who wanted to, both men and women brought...Exodus 35:20-22a

Moses called Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the other skilled men to whom the LORD had given ability and who were willing to help, and Moses told them to start working. They received from him all the offerings which the Israelites had brought for constructing the sacred Tent. But the people of Israel continued to bring Moses their offerings every morning. Then the skilled men who were doing the work went and told Moses, "The people are bringing more than is needed for the work which the LORD commanded to be done." So Moses sent a command throughout the camp that no one was to make any further contribution for the sacred Tent; so the people did not bring any more. What had already been brought was more than enough to finish all the work. —Exodus 36:2-7 GNT

It's been a long road, but we finally made it. The Christian Life Center mortgage was begun in June of 2011. We paid it off in January of 2019. The idea for adding a family life center began even earlier. There

were multiple fundraisers before and after Ebenezer's leaders signed the mortgage agreement and actual construction began.

First came the vision. Then came the passion. The vision was made reality, not only by the construction workers, but by each and every person who contributed to financing the building project. People gave their time, their physical efforts, and their money—either as a direct gift or by purchasing something at one of our many fundraising events. We thank every one of you. We praise and thank God for your gifts. We are especially thankful to those who hung in there when the going got rough; including our faithful members who helped us save money on our other expenditures, so we could keep up



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## May Events & Fundraisers

### CLC Note Burning

**Sunday  
May 5th  
3:00 PM**

This is a great and good day of celebration for Ebenezer UMC. At this special service, we will praise God and thank our members and friends for their dedication and sacrifice that helped us build and pay for the Christian Life Center.

Former pastor, Rev. Eric Lane, will attend. Invitations have been sent to others, but are not yet confirmed. All members of the community and anyone who helped with this project are invited to attend, too.

We are asking our members to bring sweets and finger foods to share after the service and the note burning. See you there!

### Biscuit Sales

**Thursday  
May 16th  
6 AM — 'til gone!**

The *Rainbow* Sunday School Class will be selling ham, sausage, egg, livermush, bologna, and gravy biscuits on **Thursday, May 16th.**

Kitchen will be open from **6:00 a.m. —til gone!** You can eat in or we will continue to deliver orders of 10+ to area businesses, etc. Please **call early or pre-order large orders on Wednesday by calling: 396-3935** (Bleaka Hollar).

Proceeds will support local missions. Please make your checks out to ART, which stands for *Area Response Team*.

**Yum! Yum!**



## May Celebrations



- 3rd—Bea Spencer
- 5th—Bill Campbell
- 5th—Brei Ledord
- 8th—Marsha McRary
- 12th—Paul Burson III
- 12th—Heather Helton Wallace
- 13th—Ricky Baker
- 13th—Meredith Knepp
- 14th—Carolyn Davis
- 15th—Darren mcCrory
- 21st—Tom Kohnle
- 22nd—Michael Crouse
- 24th—Lillie Johnson
- 29th—Ted Daniel

### Happy Anniversary!

- 2nd—Lucas & Sarah Teague
- 13th—Robert & Teresa Herman
- 30th—Monte & Bleaks Hollar

### CLC Memories





## Something, cont'd

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the mortgage payments in the last couple of years. May God bless you greatly for your sacrifices.

There are many more things for us to do at this church and in our community. We ask that our members and friends continue to support our church and its ministries. The more you give regularly, the more we can do. Help us to continue to bless our community with the work that we do in Jesus's name; and help us to spread the good news about Jesus—who died that we might live forever and be saved from our sins and the guilt and sorrow those sins place upon us. Above all: to God be the glory! Amen.



**Mother's Day plans were not complete at the time of publication.** We do thank all of our mothers, both living and deceased, for giving us life and providing a home of love and care throughout their lives. May God bless our mothers and all the women and girls of our church and community.

## Christians by Maya Angelou

"A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek Him first to find her."

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'"  
I'm whispering "I was lost, Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian" I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect.  
My flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner Who received God's good grace, somehow!

## More CLC Memories



## Our Military

Nick Austin  
Kyle Blair  
Ricky Garland  
Trey Hefner  
Shane McRary  
Jamie Mullinax  
Michael Potts  
Hunter Tolbert  
Josh Yount



Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.

## How do I hide God's word in my heart? Memorize it!

Our friends, we want you to know the truth about those who have died, so that you will not be sad, as are those who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will take back with Jesus those who have died believing in him.

—1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 GNT

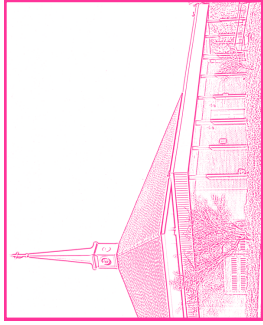




**EBENEZER UMC**

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

**May 2019**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday:</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday school 5:00 PM Choir Practice			<b>1</b> <i>Every Wed.:</i> 6 PM Praise Band 6 PM <i>Teens for Christ</i> 7 PM Children and Adult Bible studies	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> CLC Kitchen <i>Reserved—2-9 PM</i>	<b>4</b> CLC Kitchen <i>Reserved—All Day</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i> <b>Note Burning—3 PM</b>	<b>6</b> Basketball—7 PM	<b>7</b> <i>Senior Adults Go Visiting—9:30 AM</i> Volleyball—7 PM	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Private Function—1-6 PM</i> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b>	<b>13</b> Basketball—7 PM	<b>14</b> Volleyball—7 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Biscuit Sales—6 AM 'til gone!</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Private Function—12-8 PM</i>
<b>19</b> <i>Private Function—2-4 PM</i> Church Council—4:00 PM	<b>20</b> Lord's Supper Ministry—5 PM Basketball—7 PM Trustees Meeting—7 PM	<b>21</b> <i>Senior Adults Go Visiting—9:30 AM</i> Volleyball—7 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Private Function—5-7 PM</i>
<b>26</b> <i>UMW—6 PM</i>	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed <b>Happy Memorial Day!</b>	<b>28</b> Volleyball—7 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>	