

NEW EBENEZER NEWS



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Message from Pastor Hill

We thank God for this new opportunity to communicate with you through our very own newsletter. I believe this is going to be a tremendous Avenue towards keeping us connected. We are entering yet another year of pandemic challenges, but we do so with much more information than we had when this virus began.



Over the course of this pandemic, your Pastor and Deacons worked hand in hand to develop protocols and procedures to keep everyone safe. From the very beginning and with little information concerning how the virus spread or what would be an effective measure to combat the virus, we chose to provide live-streaming with your safety in mind. We believed this was the best decision at the time.

We have made numerous improvements in the building to meet recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). One of the most important changes was installing screens on all windows in the sanctuary which allows us to open our windows during services. According to the CDC, this improves ventilation, reduces the spread of disease and lowers the risk of exposure.

I, as your pastor, encourage all of you, and your children to get vaccinated and boosted as soon as possible. This is our obligation towards each other as good citizens of the body of Christ and our responsibility as a good neighbor. Our Christian walk is about more than just ourselves, we must be our brother's keeper.

With all of the information we are now armed with, we continue to update our protocols based on the CDC recommendations as we continue to meet the challenges of this pandemic.

To date, we have not had any case of COVID reported to have come from attending New Ebenezer MBC.

As new variants of the virus emerge, we have enacted additional protocols. All funerals must be done at the funeral home during this latest surge. No repasts will be held at the church and members will be given an allowance to help cover the cost of food elsewhere. All people attending church service will be given an upgraded N95 mask based on the CDC recommendation. We ask that you maintain this level of mask protection while attending services.

From time to time, you may observe that many of us in the pulpit are not wearing masks when talking or singing, however I assure that everyone is fully vaccinated and boosted, and we remain socially distant. We are doing everything humanly possible to keep everyone safe.

I pray for the New Ebenezer church and each and every one of you. Let's be about making our relationship with God and God's people a priority this New Year. Come to church. Come to Sunday School and Bible Class, and be strengthened and be blessed.

Deacon's Corner

Deacon Rickey Ross details the qualifications and conduct of a Deacon



Deacons are worthy of respect, sincerity, and not pursuing dishonest gain. Deacons must maintain the deep truths of faith with a clear mind.

Candidates for deacons must first be tested, and no fault can be found against them. A Deacon must be faithful to his wife and manage his household and children above board. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing in the church and the community, and have great assurance in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Business Spotlight



The Happy Xperience was officially founded and filed as a business in the year 2000. Before that, I was disc jockeying as a hobby in the 1990s. A friend advised me to convert my hobby into a business. I am the sole employee, and I have provided DJ services for more than 20 years.

In 2013 and 2014, I branched off into concert promotions and hosted my first event, "A Night to Remember," with Howard Hewitt. After that, I brought in Michael Cooper of Confunkshun, Blues Artists, Bobby Rush and the late Denise LaSalle all at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, IN.

From 2015 to 2020, I teamed up with Jerome "Rony" Bryant. We were able to increase the budget and bring in Zapp, Kindred the Family Soul and the S.O.S. Band to name a few.

In September 2021, I hosted my first outdoor concert. It was a great success and I look forward to bringing my own "Ravinia" to the town of Merrillville. Therefore, "Everyone get familiar with the name 'Tun Tavern.'"

The Happy Xperience does not have a website. Word of mouth has been my best advertisement. The Happy Xperience's mission is to provide an unforgettable experience for my client so they can pass the word on to a friend. Please contact me at 219-808-0275.

Happy Birthday Pastor!



Happy 65th Birthday to our Pastor T. Brian Hill on Dec. 19, 2021. Also, Happy 16th Anniversary to our church leader Pastor T. Brian Hill.

January

2022

New Ebenezer MBC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day Food Pantry CXL
2 Installation Service 10:45am Attire: Black & White	3 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	4 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	5 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	6 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	7 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Official Board 6:30pm (Conference call)	8
9	10 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	11 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	12 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	13 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	14 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	15
16	17 MLK Jr. Day Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	18 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	19 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	20 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	21 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Church meeting 6:30pm (Conference call)	22
23	24 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	25 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	26 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	27 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	28 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	29
30	31 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm					

February

2022

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		1 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	2 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	3 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	4 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	5 Food Pantry 10:00am
6	7 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	8 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	9 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	10 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	11 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	12
Attire: Black & White						
13	14 Valentine's Day Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	15 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	16 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	17 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	18 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	19
Attire: African						
20	21 President's Day Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	22 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm Fireside Word 5:30pm	23 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	24 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	25 Daycare 6:00am-6:00pm	26
Attire: African						
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NEMBC Daycare Carnival 2021



NEMBC Daycare

Hello, my name is Kayla Hill. I am 24 years old, and I'm daughter of Pastor T. Brian and First Lady Juanita Hill. I have been a part of New Ebenezer all my life. When we relocated to Merrillville, the late Barbara Chapman started the daycare 12 years ago. Soon after that, she went home to be with the Lord. Lifelong church member Jestine Ford became the new director and she continued in that position for 11 years, and taught me everything that I know.

I became the director in September 2021. "I was excited but nervous as the same time," Hill said. "My new role occurred quicker than I expected."

Hill plans to return to college and earn a degree in early childhood education.

"I am still learning how to be a director," she said. "Even though I have the necessary skills and temperament to watch the children, being a director requires more knowledge, learning to deal with parents and state inspectors, and lots more paperwork."

