

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

# WEEKLY

## *Sneak Peek*

Monday	Men's Fellowship	(6:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	Bible Study	(6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	(7:00 p.m.)
Thursday	Soup Kitchen	(9:00 a.m.)
Sunday	Youth Group	(1:00 p.m.)



### SICK & SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Kathleen Albury, Joseph 'Buddy' Bethel, Ruth Blackman, Margaret Bostwick, Brenda Bowe, Alice Cash, Ruth Cash, Lawrence Dorsett, Gaylene Hall, Doris Hanna, Emily Hanna, Derek Howard, Kevin Ingraham, Michael Johnson, Deborah Knowles, Lady Holly Knowles, Vincent Knowles, Cyril Mackey, John Phillpot, Godfrey Pinder, Janet Pinder, Linda Pinder, Thelma Pinder, Linda Sands, Aaron Sherman, Sheran Sweeting, Deborah Thompson, Merriel Thompson, Jessie Underwood, Ronald White, and Wayden Williams.



### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

April 26, 2026 – May 02, 2026

Jourdan Lockhart (26th),  
Christine Woodman (28th),  
Sophie (Elizabeth Estate Home) (28th),  
and all who celebrate their birthday this week.

Church Attendance:  
March 19, 2026 - 157

Next Sunday: May 03, 2026  
Preacher: Rev. Elvado Turnquest



## EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH

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April 26, 2026

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Good Shepherd Sunday

Theme: *'CARE - CHRIST- COMMUNITY'*



### *Mission Statement*

To Worship God Joyfully, Offer Christ Faithfully,  
Promote Growth Hopefully, Serve Others Lovingly.

Worship Leader: Mr. Timothy Pinder  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Philip Stubbs

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Opening Hymn**      *'The King Of Love My Shepherd Is'*      #76

### Responsive Call to Worship

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep."

**People:** We enter through You, O Christ, and find safety and rest.

**Leader:** The Good Shepherd calls His own sheep by name.

**People:** You know us, Lord, and we belong to You.

**Leader:** The sheep hear His voice, and they follow Him.

**People:** Help us to listen, to trust, and to follow Your leading.

**Leader:** A stranger's voice they will not follow.

**People:** Guard our hearts, that we may discern Your truth.

**Leader:** The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy.

**People:** Protect us, O Shepherd, from all that harms and divides.

**Leader:** "I have come that they may have life..."

**People:** ...and have it abundantly!

**Leader:** Christ is our Shepherd, our Gate, and our Guide.

**People:** In Him we find care, community, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Membership Update:** All members are asked to provide to the Church Office your date of birth, anniversaries and any other occasion that you wish to have recognized.



All ministries are reminded to submit dates for events and activities for the year.



**Drama Production:** 'Samson In The Bahamas' Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School:** June 29 - July 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

**Children's Choir Practice:** Every Friday 5:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Miss Kristi King, Director.

**Youth Choir Practice:** Every Friday except the 1st Friday per month, 5:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Mrs. Giavanna Cooper, Director.

**Dance Team Practice:** Every Friday except the 1st Friday per month, 6:45 p.m., in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact Mrs. Giavanna Cooper, Director.

**Youth Group:** Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p. m. (lunch donations would be greatly appreciated).

For more information, feel free to contact our Youth Worker, Mrs. Giavanna Cooper, or the church office.

**Congregational Vote:** Rev. Turnquest is currently serving his probation year at Ebenezer, from September 2025 - August 2026.

**Today, ALL MEMBERS** are invited to vote on whether Rev. Turnquest should be invited to serve as Minister of Ebenezer for a 3-year term. All members are urged to remain behind immediately following the service to complete the Congregational vote. The count will be completed following the vote.

**Congregational Board Positions:** Nominations are now being received for the following Congregational Board positions to the Church Council for September 2026. **Communications, Christian Education, Music, Mission & Evangelism, and Property.** Please submit all nominations/names to the Church office or via email: [ebenezermethodistchurch242@gmail.com](mailto:ebenezermethodistchurch242@gmail.com). The date when voting will take place for these positions will be announced in the coming weeks.

**General Conference: BCMC** Will be held here at Ebenezer beginning Wednesday, May 20 - Sunday, May 24, under the theme **'Embracing God's Way and Ways: New Wine, New Wineskins.'** Nominations for the Conference Delegates are now being received. Please contact the Church Office with the names of your nominees.

**Naomi Christie Home:** On the last Sunday of each month, Ebenezer members provide a meal for the home residents. If you are interested in joining the roster, please contact Mrs. Anne Lever at 425-3066.

**Tithes and Offerings:** Ebenezer Methodist Church, Commonwealth Bank, East Bay Street. **Branch Code #21102, Account #1022017940.**



**Tea Party:** St Michael's Methodist Church is inviting all ladies to their annual Tea Party, themed **'Blooming In Faith'**. This is a fundraising event and will be held **today at 3:00 p.m.**

**Cake Sale:** The Women's Fellowship will be holding a cake sale immediately following the service.



## Affirmation

## The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hades; on the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer Chorus

### 'Into My Heart'

*Into my heart, into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, come in to stay;  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*Out of my heart, out of my heart,  
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Shine out today, shine out always;  
Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.*

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Ricardo Burrows

## The Lord's Prayer

(To Be Sung)

## Offertory Hymn

'Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us'

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## Offertory Prayer

Miss Bella Dorsett

Gracious God, our Good Shepherd,  
You have blessed us with more than we need  
and entrusted us with gifts to share.  
As we bring these offerings before You,  
receive them as signs of our gratitude and love.  
Use them to care for Your people, to seek the lost,  
and to build a community that reflects Your grace.  
Guide us to give not only from what we have,  
but from who we are faithfully, generously, and joyfully.  
In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

**Selection**                    *'In This Fellowship Of Faith'*                    Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture Reading**                    *Psalm 23*                    Mrs. Charlotte Albury

**Reader: A Reading from the Book Of Psalm**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Reader: The Word Of The Lord**

**People: Thanks Be To God**

**Hymn**                    *'Blest Be The Tie That Binds'*

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives  
Our courage by the way;  
While each in expectation lives  
And waits to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin, we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

**Gospel Reading**                    *John 10:1-10*                    Rev. Dr. Philip Stubbs  
*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

**Reader: The Lord Be With You**

**People: And Also with You**

**Reader: A Reading From The Holy Gospel Of John**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the Shepherd of the sheep. The Gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. When He has brought out all His own, He goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

**Reader: The Gospel Of The Lord**

**People: Praise To You Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon**                    *'CARE-CHRIST-COMMUNITY'*                    Rev. Dr. Phillip Stubbs

**Benediction**                    Rev. Dr. Phillip Stubbs

**Closing Hymn**                    *'Where Charity And Love Prevails'*                    *(Insert)*

**The Altar Display:** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, and our altar display is simple, yet powerful. It centers on Christ, with the community gathered around Him, all held within His loving care. The candle before the cross represents Christ, our Shepherd, while the smaller candles symbolize His flock, the community of believers. Together, they remind us that we are drawn to His light and called to reflect it. The message is clear, as followers of the Good Shepherd, we are a caring community, reflecting His love and light to one another and to the world.

*'Where Charity and Love Prevail'*

Where charity and love prevail,  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
True charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and strength  
Now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
Let all contention cease;  
Be Christ the glory that we seek,  
Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of His body joined,  
We are in Him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed,  
If honored be God's name;  
Our common life embraces all  
Whose Maker is the same.

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