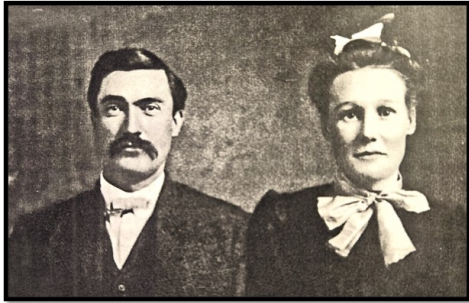




### ENKA BAPTIST CHURCH...DID YOU KNOW?

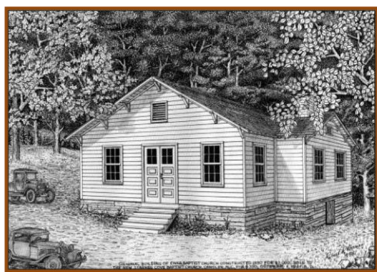
Reverend John Carmine Bennett, Sr., Charter Pastor of the Enka Baptist Church, a man of the mountains was born in the verdant valley of the Fines Creek section of Haywood County, North Carolina, October 19, 1873. He had a great compassion for people, and his heart's desire was to serve them.



Rev. John Carmine Bennett and wife, Allie Bennett

In 1915 he was ordained to proclaim the truths of the Gospel by the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, NC. From that time on, he literally gave his life in service to others without regard to his own health.

During the fall and winter of 1929, Rev. John Carmine Bennett, Sr., then pastor of Hominy Baptist Church in Candler, North Carolina, had a vision for those families living in the Enka Village. He acted on that vision and trudged the streets of Enka Village through cold, snow, ice and rain in what to some would have been a futile attempt to get a church started there. But not to him. By visiting each house in the village he found several Baptists who did not have a local church affiliation because they had moved into the community to work for American Enka Corporation.



Original Building of Enka Baptist Church constructed in 1930 for \$1,000.

On March 23, 1930, an original group of thirteen individuals met in the unfinished sanctuary of this first building. Through their work with the Associational Baptist Council (Buncombe Baptist Association), they became a member, and the new body was

christened Enka Baptist Church. Because of holding the Charter open for approximately four more months to permit additions, by July 13, 1930, the number increased to 41.


The church today, with all who have traversed its doors, attest to the fact all his door-to-door, person-to-person contact, was not in vain.

Rev. John Carmine Bennett and wife, Allie Delaine Fisher Bennett organized and built the Enka Baptist Church, and he served as missionary pastor for half-time work at Enka during 1930 and until his sudden death in 1931.

**An interesting note:** Reverend John Bennett's daughter, Zelma Bennett Barnes, her husband Robert (*who designed and created our beautiful stained glass window*), and their daughter joined EBC in 1940 and held many leadership positions.


**Watch this space for more exciting history about your Enka Baptist Church!**





Happy Birthday!

- 03 Olivia Reese
- 21 Pam Ellis
- 23 Jerry Bradley



Happy St. Patrick's Day 17th

### PASTOR CHRIS' NEW SERMON SERIES



*lessons from the early church*

Join us on Sunday Mornings beginning March 23, 2025 for this exciting new sermon series from the Book of Acts. This book was written so we would have the true story of how the Christian church began and grew.



#### Beginning March 2, 2025

Join us on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for a new study:

#### The Doorway of Prayer

*A Practical Guide to Knowing God and His Will*

*Prayer was important to Jesus so, it should be important to us. It is the doorway into knowing Him and learning the sound of His voice.*

MARCH 2025		Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)
<b>MAR 02</b>	6:00 p.m.	Brief Business Meeting Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
<b>MAR 04</b>	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>MAR 05</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>MAR 09</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	2nd Sunday Celebration Bible Study with the Pastor CIA/Youth
<b>MAR 11</b>	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>MAR 12</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>MAR 16</b> ABCCM SUNDAY	6:00 p.m.	Adults on Mission CIA / Youth
<b>MAR 18</b> ABCCM SUNDAY	10:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>MAR 19</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>MAR 23</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
<b>MAR 25</b>	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
<b>MAR 26</b>	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>MAR 29</b>	8:00 a.m.	 <b>Men's Breakfast</b>
<b>MAR 30</b>	5:00 p.m.	5th Sunday Night Hymn Sing

## Having a “Kingdom Impact”

Did you know that the simple acts of service we do have a huge impact on many, not just the ones we serve but also those we don't even know are watching? Let us be faithful...we can be “sent” without even having to leave our own town.

# MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



The new spring season brings a new perspective, a time when we promise ourselves we are going to do more. What if we decided to do one thing—pray more—this year? What if we dedicated ourselves to intentional intercessory prayer?

- ◆ *Let's pray for lost people.* We have a mission, and the world's greatest problem has a solution. His name is Jesus. Let's share about our loving Savior with folks who desperately need to know Him.
- ◆ *Let's pray for our church, our pastor, our association, state, and denominational leaders.* Our pastor and leaders in our community and state need our encouragement. What if we decided to pray for our pastor and other leaders consistently? What a difference we would make in their lives!
- ◆ *Let's intercede for missionaries and the people they serve.* Our missionaries tell us often that they are able to remain hopeful when they remember church groups are praying for them. What an honor we have to serve them through prayer.
- ◆ *Let's follow our missionaries' examples and pray about those we have been sent to serve:* those in offices, schools, and grocery stores, at sporting events, in our neighborhoods, and among the nations. Everywhere we go, we are on mission together for Jesus.
- ◆ *Let's pray that the Lord would bless and increase the work of our Adults on Mission as well as for the leaders and children in our Youth and Children in Action groups.*
- ◆ *Let's pray that the Lord would show us where He is working and allow us to join Him there.*

Serving Jesus is a wonderful, awesome privilege.

And speaking of a wonderful privilege, let me tell you about **Adults on Mission.**

It's a lot more than just a meeting on the third Sunday night of each month. It's where we learn what life is like for the missionaries that have been called to serve God around the world. We learn about how many lost people there are and how our missionaries are reaching them, giving them hope, as they tell them about Jesus. We hear about the joys and heartaches and needs of our missionaries and how to support them. We learn how WE can be empowered to become more effective witnesses in our own world. When we explore current missions efforts around the world, delve into the biblical mandate for missions, and become personally involved, we clearly see our responsibility to take the gospel to the nations.

**The goals of Adults on Mission are to learn about missions, pray for and give to missions and disciple others to live on mission for Christ.**

Believers living in God's will are to be involved in missionary work.

Acts 1:8 says that we receive the Holy Spirit so we may bear effective witness to those who need salvation.

It's not merely a suggestion but a command that we share the good news and make disciples. Believers living in God's will are to be involved in missionary work. Some will go and some will send, but *all are called* to spread the gospel.

How will the world hear about Jesus if you do nothing? Every believer is called to missions as either a “goer” or a “sender.” Ask the Lord, “How can I be a full participant in Your mission to get the gospel out to a world that's in desperate need of it?” If you aren't called to go, then choose to be a sender. Offer your prayers, your support, and anything else that will help to put others on the mission field to share the good news of Christ.

We invite you to come and join us on the third Sunday night of each month and be part of fulfilling the Great Commission:

*19 Therefore go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”*

Matthew 28:19-20 (TLB)



## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT EBC

### Jesus & Women, IN THE FIRST CENTURY AND NOW

Ladies, get ready for a new study coming mid-March on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

by Kristi McLelland, speaker, teacher and college professor. Explore how Jesus generously restores dignity and honor to women in the first century and now. You'll get a fresh perspective on familiar Bible stories, understand Jesus more fully and fuel your worship of Him and much more.

If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions, please contact Polly Stanberry at 828-335-5100 or email [pstanberry@bellsouth.net](mailto:pstanberry@bellsouth.net). All are welcome!



l to r: Susie, Kaitlin, Christine, Mary, Robbie Russell, Rachel, Ruby

Once upon a time, on a chilly Saturday morning in February, this group of “*extremely talented*” individuals was blessed when they visited the wonderful residents at the Aston Park Nursing Home Community. It was a fun time meeting, singing and talking with these sweet folks. We will definitely visit them again, and you are all invited to join us. You never know what a blessing you can be

until you try. As pastor Chris said on Sunday morning during his “What We Believe About Evangelism and Missions” sermon, *we are motivated by love for God (John 21:15-17) and anything we do is because we love Jesus!* We are called to share the gospel wherever we go and what better way to share than through songs and hymns and smiles!



## MISSIONS

### GOT SOCKS? WE NEED SOCKS!

**All shapes and sizes for men, women, boys and girls.**

As our MARCH Mission Project, let's help fulfill a basic need...Socks are an essential item that protects and improves overall quality of life. Help us collect and donate socks to the shelters in our community! If you would prefer to give money, please indicate “**March Mission Project - SOCKS**” on your offering envelope.

*As always, thank you for your generous heart in giving to this worthwhile mission project!*

## TUESDAY MORNINGS AT EBC

Join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning for Co-ed Group Bible Study: We are currently studying **THE BOOK OF JUDGES, Unlikely Leaders, Unbelievable Power**, by David Jeremiah.

Prayer Meeting follows at 11:30 a.m.



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“It would've been quicker if Paul just posted his letters to the Corinthians on his Facebook page.”