

# Ebenezer Baptist Church set as Christmas shoebox drop-off site

## Press Release

In November, sites in the Lexington area will be among 5,000 U.S. drop-off locations collecting shoebox gifts for children overseas during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 12-19.

Lexington families, churches and groups are busy transforming empty shoeboxes into fun gifts filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. The Samaritan's Purse project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions

of God's love to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. For many of these children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

This year, Lexington-area residents hope to collect more than 3,630 gifts to contribute to the 2018 global goal of reaching 11 million children.

"We are honored to be linking arms with our community to help children around the world experience the true meaning of Christmas," said Regional Director Shelli Wishard, "These simple gifts show God's love to children facing difficult circumstances."

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
3529 Ebenezer Road  
Lexington MS 39095-5862

**Mon, Nov. 12: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Tue, Nov. 13: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Wed, Nov. 14: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Thu, Nov. 15: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Fri, Nov. 16: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Sat, Nov. 17: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Sun, Nov. 18: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Mon, Nov. 19: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



## FLORINE LEWIS UMMC-Holmes honors volunteer

### Staff Report

Florine Lewis was chosen as Volunteer of the Year for UMMC-Holmes County for 2018. She has volunteered at the hospital since 2003 and contributes her time and talents for all who come to the hospital. Lewis loves the volunteer work that she does. The patients are uplifted by her warm smile

# Ribbon cutting held for Dorethe Draine Wiley Fine Arts Magnet Academy



A two hour ceremony was held for Holmes County Consolidated School District's new magnet academy on Friday, October 12 at Holmes County Central High School campus. Former students, family and friends of the academy's namesake gave tribute to the former Lexington Attendance Center teacher with poems, instrumental, choir and solo musical performances. The academy will serve the entire student population in high school grades. Pictured above (from left): Superintendent James L. Henderson, Ms. Wiley, Board President Anthony Anderson, Vice-President Louise Winters and Board member Elder William Dean, Jr.

(Photo by Alderine Jones)

and the compassion that she share.

Lewis is a retired teacher of 37 years and has extensive experience in the field of education. She also volunteers at a local nursing center. Lewis cares for her 97-year-old mother, works

with outreach programs in her community and is a proud mother of six children and grandmother of 11.

Lewis is an active member of Greater Hinds Street M.B. Church in Greenville. She serves on the Mother's Minister and Pastor's Aide

Committee.

Lewis enjoys volunteer work and traveling. When asked why she has dedicated so much of her life to volunteering she will say, "I truly love the outreach of helping others." Her favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 26:4.

## OBITUARY

### WILLIAM TURNER

William Turner, 74, was laid to rest on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. during a graveside memorial service at Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Lexington, MS.

Mr. Turner, a native of the Mount Olive Community in Holmes County, passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018 at Lexington Manor in Lexington. Funeral services were entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**HOLIDAY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.**

**FBC DURANT**  
First Baptist Church in Durant will host revival services from Sunday, October 28 through Wednesday, October 31. Services will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday followed by a fellowship meal. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m. Worship is open to everyone.

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**ST. JOSEPH C.O.G.I.C.**  
St. Joseph C.O.G.I.C. in West will host the Wallace Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, October 28 at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

The Pastor and Wife 18th Year Appreciation will be held on Sunday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. with Sunday school at noon.

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**SWEETWATER C.M.E.**  
Sweetwater C.M.E. Church in Lexington will celebrate its 171st Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 28 at 2:30 p.m.

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**GUIDING LIGHT**  
Guiding Light C.O.G.I.C. in Lexington will hold a Pastor Appreciation Service on Sunday, October 28 at 1:30

p.m.

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**SHROCK U.M.C.**  
Shrock U.M. Church in Goodman will hold its Annual Fall Revival from Sunday, October 28, through Tuesday, October 30 at 6:00 nightly. There will be a covered dish supper on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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**EPWORTH U.M.C.**  
Epworth U.M. Church in Lexington will host the Epworth U.M. Women Annual Walk/Run to Raise Breast Cancer Awareness on Saturday, October 27 with registration at 7 a.m. and the walk/run starting at 8 a.m.

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**WESLEY YOUTH FOUN.**  
The Wesley Youth Foundation is co-sponsoring a cancer awareness walk on Tuesday, October 30 at 8 a.m. at Mileston Middle School.

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**GILMORE REUNION**  
The Gilmore Family Reunion will be held at the Holmes County State Park on Saturday, November 3. A covered dish lunch will be

at noon, come early to visit. Please bring a wrapped door prize, pictures and genealogy to share with descendants of Elijah B. and Melissa Gilmore. This event is free and open to the public.

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**HOLLY GROVE M.B.C.**  
Holly Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will celebrate its 135th Year Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 28 at 11 a.m.

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**CHESTNUT RIDGE**  
Chestnut Ridge M.B. Church in Lexington will be having its Youth Day Program on Sunday, October 28 at 11 a.m.

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**WEST M.B. CHURCH**  
West M.B. Church in West will hold its Musicians Appreciation Service on Saturday, October 27 at 5 p.m.

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**MEDAL OF HONOR**  
A Medal of Honor presentation will be given posthumously at the grave site of Pvt. Milton Lee Olive on Thursday, November 1. A ceremony will be held on the grounds of the Holmes

County Courthouse to present the medal to the Olive family at 10:30 a.m. The headstone mounting will be at noon at the Ebenezer grave site followed by an honor guard presentation.

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