

EBENEZER

BAPTIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND



Inspiring Hope, Transforming Lives

In partnership with

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Ebenezer Baptist Church

The mission of the Ebenezer Baptist Church is to love people and empower our community through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Historically known as “The People’s Church,” Ebenezer values its rich tradition of community uplift, service, and care for its members, the historic Jackson Ward and Carver neighborhoods, and the greater metropolitan Richmond area.

Community Empowerment Fund

The Community Empowerment Fund was established to engage the needs and opportunities of the Ebenezer Community and beyond. This fund will serve as a resource for the arts, education, health, and economic empowerment by providing current financial resources for today while securing long-term assets for the future.

Areas of Focus

The Ebenezer Community Empowerment Fund will inspire hope and transform lives by providing resources for:

- Senior Health & Wellness
- Children & Youth
- Small Business & Nonprofit Initiatives
- Community Service

Senior Health & Wellness

Ebenezer Baptist Church is committed to providing a vibrant social atmosphere for our seniors within the community. This fund will establish and maintain facilities and activities that will contribute to their physical, social, and emotional wellbeing.



Children & Youth

Ebenezer Baptist Church is committed to providing a safe haven for our children and youth within the community. This fund will establish and maintain programs that provide academic and cultural learning experiences that complement school-year instruction.

Small Business & Nonprofit Initiatives

Ebenezer Baptist Church is committed to supporting innovators and change agents in the Jackson Ward, Carver, and Gilpin communities. This fund will provide resources for systemically excluded leaders in the small business, fine arts, and nonprofit sectors.



Community Service

Ebenezer Baptist Church is committed to assisting people in need within our community. This fund will establish and maintain outreach ministries like the EBC Food Pantry and the Diaconate's emergency assistance fund.

Ways to Give

Your financial commitment is important for the initiatives supported by the *Community Empowerment Fund*. Ebenezer Baptist Church has teamed up with *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* to provide these and other creative “planned giving” options.

In addition to cash gifts, we strongly encourage other ways to give, and embrace:

- Online giving through Givelify App
- Gifts through Wills and Bequests
- Gifts of Stock
- Life Insurance designations
- Real Estate and Other Property
- Charitable Trusts and Gift Annuities

Together, we can find the best gift plan to benefit you, your loved ones, and our community.

Thank you for giving!



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Free blacks and slaves living west of Second St. and north of Broad St. founded the Third African Baptist Church in 1857. In 1858, it was dedicated on this site as Ebenezer Baptist Church, with a white minister, the Rev. William T. Lindsay, as pastor, as required by law. On 21 May 1865, the Rev. Peter Randolph became the congregation's first black pastor. The church made education one of its chief goals. It opened the first public school for black children in Richmond in 1866, organized Hartshorn Memorial College for black women in 1883, and helped found the Richmond Colored Young Men's Christian Association in 1887.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, 2011

Small plaque at the base of the marker, partially obscured, likely containing additional information or a dedication.



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