

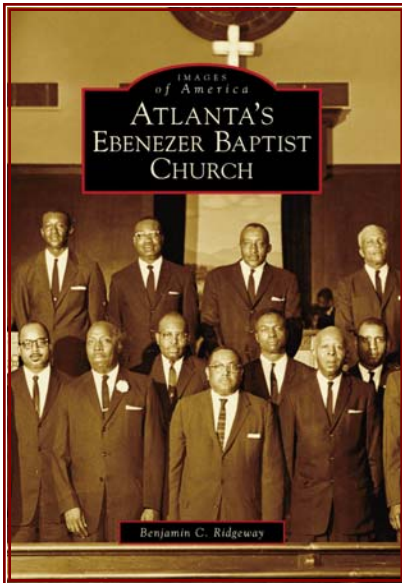


The National Archives at Atlanta is pleased to welcome

Benjamin C. Ridgeway

Author of

“Atlanta’s Ebenezer Baptist Church”



Saturday, September 26, 2009

2:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, is one of America’s most historic churches. It was founded in 1886. From a small group of believers, many of whom were former slaves, in a boxlike structure on Airline Alley, Ebenezer has grown to an internationally known church with over 4,000 members. The church has welcomed presidents and statesmen to speak and attend services there.

Throughout its long history, Ebenezer Baptist Church has been a spiritual home to many citizens of Atlanta’s "Sweet Auburn" community. Its most famous member, Martin Luther King, Jr., was baptized as a child in the church. In 1960 Dr. King became a co-pastor of Ebenezer with his father, "Daddy" King. He remained in that position until his death in 1968, and his funeral was held in the church.

Benjamin C. Ridgeway is an educator and has been a member of Ebenezer for more than thirty years. He hopes this book will give its readers a glimpse of the environment that formed the foundation of the social consciousness which Martin Luther King, Jr. brought to the civil rights movement.

The book will be available for purchase, and the author will be available to personally autograph copies for guests.

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