



# Forerunner

## Emmanuel Baptist Church

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*Connecting people to Jesus and one another.*

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Joanna Fuchs has written around 800 poems in her lifetime, and she has published many of them on her website at [www.poemsource.com](http://www.poemsource.com). No matter what your special occasion is – holiday, birthday, or wedding – she has a poem to help you celebrate it, and all of them are available freely for your use.

As I searched her website, I came across this beautiful Easter poem she had written to the familiar tune of “Jesus Loves Me.” As we look forward to celebrating Easter together this year, I pray that you will find her poem as encouraging as I did. Perhaps you will find yourself even singing the words!

### **Jesus Loves Me; Easter Tells Me So**

Jesus loves me, this I know;  
The Easter story tells me so.  
He died for me to bear my sin;  
He opened heaven to let me in.

*Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me;  
Easter tells me so.*

Jesus loved me when He died,  
Loved me enough to be crucified.  
But His death didn't last very long,  
Because His power is so strong.

Jesus' came back from the dead.  
I know because the Bible said.  
Jesus is my Lord and King;  
Love and praise to Him I bring.

When I die, I'll rise up, too.  
We'll all be in heaven, me and you.  
We'll see Jesus face to face.  
Up in heaven, that happy place.

The Easter story brings much joy  
To us all, each girl and boy.  
Jesus is my Savior now;  
Heaven and earth to Him must bow.

“He is not here, He is risen just as He said.” And all God's people said, “Amen.”

God bless you,  
Bro. Chad

# Minister of Music



On my return trip back home from Lake Charles the other evening, I was listening to Dr. Billy Graham preach on the Cross of Jesus Christ and its spiritual transforming power. I have such vivid memories as a youngster, sitting in front of the Sylvania black & white television and hoping the horizontal line would not go crazy again as I watched those wonderful crusade services. Dr. Graham's words made an indelible impact on my life then and they still do today.

While speaking of the meaning of the Cross, Dr. Graham made two comments that jarred my fatigued senses. He said "The Cross is offensive because it confronts people and the evils that dominate so much of this world." Dr. Graham also said, "The Cross is offensive to so many because it demands a new lifestyle in all of us."

Brethren, that is why there is Power in the Blood! That is why we sing, praise and worship Jesus and thank HIM for the finished work of Calvary. We receive our freedom through the Cross of Jesus Christ and become spiritually clean and new when we accept the risen Savior! From there the Holy Spirit can strengthen, lead and guide our lives daily as we seek to be effective and real in our witness for Christ.

In these difficult days that confront us as believers, through the power of the Holy Ghost, let's endeavor to live what 1 Peter 3:15 says. "But Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

Living for Jesus and confronting those hostilities with the message of the Cross could cost us more than we want to imagine in the natural. But if that transforming power is real in us and has changed our lives then we can proclaim that message with love, with tenderness, with strength and with Joy!

SO .... The next time we sing of the Cross and HIS blood, let us not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the POWER of God unto salvation for those who believe! Romans 1:16. Hallelujah! Glory to HIS name forevermore!

Bro. Harold

# Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

**ON MISSION HERE & NOW** – That is the theme for this year's Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions which runs from March 4<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. The North American Mission Board supports more than 5,000 missionaries throughout the United States and Canada. They serve as church planters and in compassion ministries. Every dollar given goes directly to keep missionaries serving on the field to which God has led them. This year's national goal is \$70,000,000. Our church goal is \$7,000. This Sunday, in your order of worship, you will receive a daily prayer guide for the offering. I encourage you to read it. In it you will find out more about the Fields, serving through Graffiti Church in New York City, using compassion ministries to reach out to people. You'll find out about a missionary who grew up as a Hindu in Sri Lanka, lived in several other countries, was arrested and sent to jail for gang violence at the age of 19, but came to know Jesus while in prison. He and his wife now serve in Toronto, Canada. You'll read about a couple serving in Las Vegas, where 9 out of 10 people living there do not know Jesus. You'll read about a couple serving in East St. Louis in the midst of an area known for gangs, drugs and high murder rates. Most of all, you'll see that Jesus is at work in our world today, working through people who yield their lives to Him and reach out to others with compassion. Your gifts make it possible for these mostly young ministers to focus on the task at hand and devote their full attention on ministry in the name of Jesus. Our goal, \$7,000, should be easy to meet. I hope that we will go well beyond that. You'll find envelopes for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in the pew racks and also in your offering envelope box (look for the green one). God bless you as you do your part in reaching out in the name of Jesus.

Bro. Paul

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME -

Begins Sunday, March 11th!!

Whenever you go to bed Saturday night, March 10th, set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST, THIS SUNDAY, March 4

– Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30. All Sunday School attenders are invited.

The cost will be \$3.00 per person, or \$10.00 per family, as per the Wednesday night meal. This is also intended to be an outreach event. Get a ticket and invite a friend. Contact Dave Linn, Sunday School Director, if you have any questions.



## Van Driver - March 4

Gary Palmer  
(318) 286-2075

## DEFIBRILLATOR / FIRST AID TRAINING

Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 p.m.

We already have four signed up and can register four to eight more individuals. Contact Dave Linn (318-773-1792) to sign up.

# Opportunities

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### Fund: Budget

**In Memory of: Larry Ramsey,  
Kent Van Arsdel,  
Margaret Stone**

By: Jackie & Alda Sayles

**In Memory of: Larry Ramsey**

By: Bo & Judy Worley

**In Memory of: Larry Ramsey,  
Margaret Stone**

By: Bob & Karen Johnston

**In Memory of: Hubert Taylor,  
Loraine White,**

**Randall Baronette,  
Kent Van Arsdel**

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

### Fund: Prime Time

**In Memory of: Larry Ramsey**

By: Wayne & Carol Dillman

### Fund: Children's Ministry

**In Memory of:**

**Alex Preston Johnson**

By: Mark & Glenda Johnson

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### Fund: Brazil

**In Memory of: Margaret Stone**

By: DeWayne & Grace Kelly

**In Memory of: Margaret Stone**

By: Rose Turner

**In Memory of: Larry Ramsey**

**Margaret Stone**

By: Cheryl Procell

### Fund: T W B

**In Memory of:**

**Windom W. Wilson**

By: Billie Martin

**In Memory of: Larry Farmer**

By: Leesa & Jimmy Sitter

## HONORARIUMS

### Fund: Budget

**In Honor of: Erin Xiaoyuan**

By: W.P. Spillers, M.D.

### **Dear EBC Family,**

Thank you so much for the calls, the cards, food, visits and your presence at the memorial for my sister, Susan Armstrong. Thank you to friends who made donations in her name. These difficult times are made easier by Christian friends. We love and appreciate you and the loving EBC family.

Ann Moore & the Susan Armstrong Family

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE** - This course will be offered on Monday, April 9, from 8:30 - 12:30 in the Dining Room of the FLC. Cost is \$15.00 for AARP members, \$20.00 for non-members. Enrollment is limited to 30. Please call or come by the church office to get your name on the list.

### **TACTICAL TRAINING**

Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location either Emmanuel Baptist Church or Norris Ferry Christian Church. Cost: \$125.00 / \$50.00 Deposit. See Dave Linn for details.

# Children's Ministry

**Eggciting Emmanuel Easter Eggstravaganza (E4)** -- In only one month, it will be Easter. Our Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 10:30-noon. Please make plans to join us, even if you don't have children or grandchildren. We usually have many guests attend; you can be a blessing to others by being there and welcoming our guests. We want this to be an outreach event where we share the love of Jesus with our community. We will have large post card sized invitations for you to hand out to your friends and neighbors. The post cards will be inviting friends to join us for all three events planned for Easter weekend: our Good Friday service, our egg hunt on Saturday, and our Easter Sunday services.

**For the egg hunt** -- You can't have an Easter egg hunt without eggs! Emmanuel, y'all are the BEST at filling eggs for the children!! The empty plastic eggs will be in the hallways. Please take some and fill them with individually wrapped candy. Thank you in advance for your help.

**VBS** -- WAIT -- throw the brakes on! Did she say VBS??!!??? ALREADY??? Yep, you heard (or read) correctly. VBS will be here in 3 months. It is scheduled for June 3-7. Please be in prayer about ways you can serve. Year after year, the Lord blesses us with wonderful, faithful workers. But we always have extra places where we need help. MOST IMPORTANTLY, please be in prayer. VBS is the single most evangelistic outreach event. We want to continue taking Jesus to our community through this worthy project.

### **Connecting people to Jesus and one another.**

Saved to Serve,  
Denise

### **Childcare Worship Volunteers:**

#### **1st Sunday, March 4**

Babies: Carole Pacheco, Cheryl Procell

Toddlers: Alda Sayles

#### **2nd Sunday, March 11**

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

#### **3rd Sunday, March 18**

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Brenda Collins

#### **4th Sunday, March 25**

Babies: Kim Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel



**EBC FOOD PANTRY** -- We are collecting non-perishable food for our food pantry to help members and people from our community who are experiencing financial hardship. Please bring food items to the box in the main hallway.

Please check the expiration date on your donations. We cannot use items more than a year past expiration.

## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday, 03-04-18

S.S. Breakfast, FLC, dr 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
 Defibrillator Training, Fh 3:00 p.m.  
 Jubilation Ringers 5:15 p.m.  
 Youth Choir 5:30 p.m.  
 Children's Bible Drill 5:30 p.m.  
 Prayer Ministry 5:30 p.m.  
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, 03-06-18

Prime Time Singers 10:30 a.m.  
 Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon

### Wednesday, 03-07-18

Fellowship Supper, FLC, at 5:00 p.m.  
 DisciplesPath 5:45 p.m.  
 TeamKID Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Impact 6:00 p.m.  
 Mid Week Prayer Service, FLC, dr 6:00 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, 03-08-18

Youth Council, P.I.G.S. Classroom 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, 03-09-18

Faith S.S. Class at The Glen 11:30 a.m.

### Saturday, 03-10-18

Youth to Winter Jam 4:30 - 11:00 p.m.

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### Hospital List

#### WK Pierremont

Dorsey Cleveland  
 Ruby Stoker

### *Prayer Concerns*

#### Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin  
 Edie Goodwin  
 Elizabeth Haralson  
 Dr. Margaret Pokol

### Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander  
 Ruth & Lloyd Rainer  
 Nell Seeger  
 Ron & June Wiseman

#### Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap  
 Cheryl Jones

### **MARCH COUNTING COMMITTEE**

Carl Morgan Mark Johnson  
 Ron Causey



### **Thursday, March 1, '18**

Numbers 22-24; Mark 5:1-20

### **Friday, March 2, '18**

Numbers 25-26; Mark 5:21-43

### **Saturday, March 3, '18**

Numbers 27-29; Mark 6:1-13

### **Sunday, March 4, '18**

Numbers 30-31; Mark 6:14-32

### **Monday, March 5, '18**

Numbers 32-33; Mark 6:33-56

### **Tuesday, March 6, '18**

Numbers 34-36; Mark 7:1-23

### **Wednesday, March 7, '18**

Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 7:24-37

#### Budget Statistical Report - As of Feb. 18

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 8,745.37
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 13,882.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$ 91,549.76
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$ 97,174.00

#### February 25

Adult	154
Youth	9
Children	10
Preschool	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>

**PLEASE PRAY** for our Youth Search Committee – Lonnie Gilley, Tucker Connell, Rose Turner, Allison Lane and Ronald Causey.