



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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TOO GOOD, BUT TRUE

You've probably heard that old saying before, "It's too good to be true." And we all know what that means. You get a letter in the mail saying you've just won a million dollars – "It's too good to be true." You read the label on a new beauty product promising you that you will look and feel 10 years younger – "It's too good to be true." You watch a TV commercial for an amazing cleaning product that will remove any stain – "It's too good to be true." You listen to your favorite politician, promising you peace and prosperity – "It's too good to be true."

In this fallen world, we get use to disappointments and let-downs, and we wonder if there is anything that is both good and true at the same time. Yet according to the Word of God, there is!

It's the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15.3-4

declares, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and . . . He was buried, and . . . He rose again the third day."

That, my friends, is the good news, and that is the gospel truth.

Bro. Chad

Minister of Music

Ephesians 5:19

Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

This is one of my very favorite portions of scripture and I like this New International reading as it reads "from the spirit." We are fed spiritually from scripture, as we know that God's word is a Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our path. Psalm 1 says that the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous and we are blessed if we choose not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly. When we gather on Sundays, the congregation sings the great hymns of the faith. The choir always prays and invites the spirit of the Lord into our services and that His freedom will move among you, the parishioner. When Cathy and Ron play these majestic and musical preludes and offertories every week, they are making music from their heart to the Lord just as the above scripture reads. When the choir, accompanists and song leader lead you in choruses that speak of his glory and majesty, it is by spiritual design.

For you see my brethren, if you will but join us every week and prepare your heart ahead of time and seek the Lord with an attitude of surrender and desire, then God the Holy Spirit WILL move in life's difficulties, trials and tribulations that confront you. We all have them and Jesus has provided a way of escape as outlined in 1 Corinthians 10.

Singing, praising and worshiping the One who has saved us and transformed and continues to transform us from carnal to spirit is life more abundant.

If you will shake off the mundane vestiges of this everyday existence and desire to sing songs from the spirit and make music from your heart to the Lord, the Holy Ghost will meet you at your personal point of contact. Then get ready for the ride as Jesus will begin to transform your life and you'll see and feel new things in your personal walk. And after all, don't we want to be more like Him?

Be encouraged in the Lord my friends and speak uplifting words to each other. May Jesus bless and move in your life!

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

WOW! APRIL WAS A BUSY MONTH! – And May looks like it's going to be a busy month, too. I'd like to thank some people who took time out of their busy month to put forth some extra effort to benefit our church and community. **Blood Donors** – thank you for giving the gift of life. Some of our usual donors were out this time, but eight donors gave nine blood product donations. Blood is in constant demand to meet the needs of cancer patients, surgery patients and accident victims. Your gift could make the difference as to whether someone lives or dies. They say the best gift is a part of yourself, and you have certainly given that. **Singing Women Hospitality** – a big thank you goes to Cheryl Wilson for organizing the food needed to host the Singing Women in concert. Assisting her in providing a break time and an evening meal were: Myrna Wood, Marsha Hardbarger, Lashawn & Lillymae Bowe, Deana Berry, and Laverne Smith. Thanks also to Denise Grubbs for running video for the presentation and being present for rehearsal in the afternoon. Many of the ladies told me how much they enjoyed the meal and appreciated the hospitality of our church. And weren't we blessed to have them sing for us! Several of you have told me that you hoped we could host them again. **Prime Time Singers** – thank you for your dedication and hard work as we use music to reach out to our community. I hope I have your stamina when I am your age. Take your vitamins, because May will be even more demanding! **Congregation** – thank you for your patience with my bumbling attempts at preaching. Preaching is not something that comes naturally to me (except for preaching to the choir). I appreciate your continued prayers for me and your kind words of encouragement.

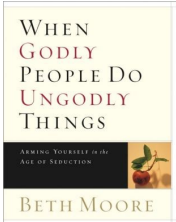
Bro. Paul



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST, MAY 6

– 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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Every Monday, through June 4, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. We are studying the Beth Moore series, *When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*. Grace Kelly will be the leader. You can sign up in the church office.



Van Driver - April 29

Ron Denny
(318) 925-3855



MEN'S CHOIR SUNDAY, APRIL 29

April 29 is a fifth Sunday. That means it's time for Men's Choir. Join us for a great breakfast at 8:30 in the FLC, then rehearsal in the choir loft at 9:00. It's easy! It's fun! You'll sound great!

Opportunities

EBC Family Field Day
Saturday, April 28
10:00 am



Games & Relays for
EVERYONE

Ball fields at back
of church

Color Run/Walk for **EVERYONE**



Bring sack lunches
for your family
Church will provide drinks

Bring lawn chairs



Children's Ministry

EBC FAMILY FIELD DAY – This Saturday, April 28, 10:00 am, we will have our first EBC Family Field Day. Please come out and join the fun. We'll divide teams equally, everyone from a toddler to a senior adult will be on teams. The games and relays are designed (and may be adapted) to accommodate all ages and abilities. The main goal is to have fun and for our church family to fellowship together. Feel free to invite friends. Be sure and bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair (if you plan on sitting!).

VBS -- Can you believe it????? We're only about a month away from VBS!! This year's dates are June 3-7. Our theme is "GAME ON!" Thank you to ALL the dedicated workers who have already signed on to be a part of this year's VBS team!! Let me know if there are others who may be interested in serving. And EVERYONE can join us in prayer – praying for the LORD to guide in all aspects of VBS and speak to the hearts of all the children and workers.

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Saved to Serve,
Denise

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

5th Sunday, April 29

Babies: Debbie Frey
Toddlers: Allison Lane

1st Sunday, May 6

Babies: Carole Pacheco, Cheryl Procell
Toddlers: Alda Sayles

2nd Sunday, May 13

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson
Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, May 20

Babies: Diane Denny
Toddlers: Mike Johnson

4th Sunday, May 27

Babies: Kim Blankenship
Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel

SENIOR ADULT DAY IS MAY 6

Nominate deserving senior adults for OSCAR's through the month of April. Sign up for the luncheon which will be catered by Johnnie's Catfish and Seafood for a cost of \$10.00 per person.



Our program this year will be provided by Julia Chapman and her mom, Rachel. Julia is the Louisiana State Fiddle Champion in her age bracket, and Rachel accompanies her on the piano. Deadline for OSCAR nominations is Sunday, April 29, and Wednesday, May 2, for the luncheon.

DEADLINES - For announcements to be included in the Forerunner, they must be submitted by noon on Monday. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday.



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, 04-29-18

Men's Choir Breakfast, FLC 8:30 a.m.
 Men's Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Jubilation Ringers 5:15 p.m.
 Children's Bible Drill 5:30 p.m.
 Prayer Ministry 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
 (Lord's Supper)

Monday, 04-30-18

Women's Bible Study, FLC, ar 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 05-01-18

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

Wednesday, 05-02-18

Fellowship Supper, FLC, at 5:00 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, 05-03-18

National Day of Prayer
 Prime Time leave 4:30 p.m. to
 Roma's / Back Alley Theater

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Hospital List

WK North
 Alease Williford

Schumpert Highland
 Kenneth Richmond
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Progressive Care
 Anne Rachall

Cornerstone
 Ruby Taylor

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



Thursday, April 26, '18
 1 Samuel 26-27; Luke 10:1-24
Friday, April 27, '18
 1 Samuel 28-29; Luke 10:25-42
Saturday, April 28, '18
 1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 11:1-13
Sunday, April 29, '18
 2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 11:14-28
Monday, April 30, '18
 2 Samuel 3-4; Luke 11:29-54
Tuesday, May 1, '18
 2 Samuel 5-6; Luke 12:1-12
Wednesday, May 2, '18
 2 Samuel 7-8; Luke 12:13-34

MAY COUNTING COMMITTEE
 Mike Martin John McCarty Alan Law

Budget Statistical Report	-	As of April 15
Budget Receipts This Week	\$	9,057.00
Budget Needed Weekly	\$	13,882.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$	186,429.02
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$	208,230.00

April 22	
Adult	129
Youth	18
Children	8
Preschool	11
TOTAL	165

