



# Forerunner

## Emmanuel Baptist Church

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*Connecting people to Jesus and one another.*

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Summer is here, and our Vacation Bible School begins this Sunday at 6:00 PM. Our theme this year is "GAME ON," and there will be plenty of activities, refreshments, and crafts for all our children to enjoy!

As I write this article, our children's minister, Mrs. Denise Griffin, is busy working with our teachers and volunteers to decorate our church and get everything ready for this special time of the year. We thank them for their hard work, and we pray that the Lord will bless us this week as we share His love with others.

Above all, Jesus Christ will be exalted, and the Word of God will be taught. Make your plans now to be with us each night. Also, please be sure to invite all your family and friends to come out and join us during the week. You don't want to miss out on this exciting opportunity for evangelism and fellowship!

As your pastor, it will be my privilege to lead the Adult VBS sessions, and our study for this year will be on "The History of the Bible." During our time together, we are going to explore some foundational questions related to the Word of God. Here is a list of some of the questions we will address:

- How did we get the Bible?
- How do we know which books belong in the Bible?
- How did God preserve His Word?
- Is the text of the Bible reliable?
- Why are there so many different English Bible translations?
- How can I best interpret and apply God's Word in my daily life?

I look forward to answering these and other questions from a pastoral perspective, and I pray that God will speak to our hearts as we rejoice in the treasure and truth of His Holy Word.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to encourage all our members and friends to remain faithful to God and His Word through the Summer months. There will be plenty of opportunities in our church for fellowship to enjoy, and you can keep up with what is going on in the life of our church by reading your Forerunner and church bulletins.

I know that many of you will be very busy, and some of you will have the opportunity to go away on vacation and enjoy some time with your family and friends. Take advantage of these opportunities through the Summer months, but don't allow yourself to get out of the habit of coming to church. Hebrews 10.25 commands us to be faithful unto the Lord, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much more, as you see the day approaching."

Looking forward to worshipping the Lord with you this Sunday!

In Christ,  
Bro. Chad

# Minister of Music



"You gotta stop and smell the roses. You gotta count your many blessings along the way. You're gonna find your way to Heaven as a rough and rocky road. You better stop and smell the roses along the way."

Many of you will remember that Mac Davis song and lyrics from the decade of the 70's. This song popped into my head a couple of weeks ago when walking my canine in early morning. There is a beautiful honey-suckle bush that Annie and I pass every morning. We always stop there, and the canine will spend overtime just sniffing and smelling to her delight! I also indulge a bit, and it takes me back to the days of my youth. As a young kid, I stayed outside and romped and ran all day. And I thought about the many times my friends and I stopped at honey-suckle bushes and pulled those stems out of the flowers that were laden with sweet honey. How sad today that many youngsters don't have any clue about those sweet, simple, and innocent moments that most of us experienced.

As I pull myself back into the present, Jesus wants us to stop and meditate on His goodness in our lives. We have so very much to be thankful for. In this hectic pace of life, we must fight in faith at times to be aware of His blessing and to think on things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praise-worthy (Phil. 4:8).

The sold-out Christian life is not an easy existence. Light and life have no fellowship with darkness in this world. Yes, we are in this world, and the Holy Spirit can move us to be a light but to not embrace what the world offers. John 15:19 is explicit in that we are not of this world if we desire to be true followers of Jesus Christ.

So, as the visiting preacher, Dr. Harrison Everett Breen, exhorted all the Mayberry Sunday faithful on the Andy Griffith show, I will borrow his words of wisdom and say to all of you; "Relax! Enjoy the simple pleasures of life! Oh, and also, stop and smell the roses along the way."

Bro. Harold



We would like to give a "Pounding" to our new Youth Minister Austin Bedwell on Sunday June 10, 3:00 - 5:00 pm in FLC, dining room.

A "pounding" is the gift of groceries and necessary everyday items for a household. Gift cards, paper goods and cleaning items can be included.



## Van Driver - June 3

Gary Palmer  
(318) 286-2075

# Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

The following article was part of some promotional materials for Lifeway's *Explore the Bible* series.

## **A Tale of Two Trees**

*The Ténéré wastelands of northeastern Niger were once populated by a forest of trees. By the 20th century, there was one. It sat alone in a sea of sand. How had it survived? This tree's roots stretched deep down into the earth for nearly 120 feet – the result of a continual search for the only water available. A redwood tree can grow to be more than 350 feet tall. How deep are its roots? Only five or six feet. However, they spread horizontally for as much as 100 feet, intertwining with the other redwood roots. For the wind to knock over one tree, it would have to topple them all. Both of these trees can teach us something about the nature of abiding in Christ. We must be progressively moving deeper in our relationship with Him. And we must spend time in fellowship, interlocking our lives with other Christians for encouragement, guidance, and strength.*

How are your spiritual roots? Are you growing deeper? Like the seeds in Matthew 13, surface Christianity will not hold up against the trials of life. Are you growing wider? The Bible knows nothing of lone wolf Christianity. In the beginning God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." We need each other to stand against the storms life throws at us, and even if you feel that you don't need others, someone may need you. Higher, wider, deeper – we need to be growing in Christ in three dimensions – higher in praise, wider in fellowship, and deeper in relationship. Let's all take a moment to stop and evaluate our root system.

Bro. Paul

Dear Emmanuel,

Linda and I want to thank all of you who prayed for me while I was in the hospital recently. We especially want to thank those of you who visited, called and sent texts checking on my progress. It's comforting to feel the love our church pours out to its members during their time of need.

Charlie & Linda Marable

## MEMORIAL

### Fund: Budget

**In Memory of: Billy Oliver**  
By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

### Fund: Benevolent

**In Memory of: Billy Oliver**  
By: George & Laverne Smith

**In Memory of: Billy Oliver**  
By: Darren Ford Insurance

### Fund: T W B

**In Memory of: Billy Oliver**  
By: Mrs. Betty P. Gentry

### Fund: Youth

**In Memory of: Billy Oliver,**  
**Hugh & Fran Burnham,**  
**Sam Burns**  
By: Carl & Martha Morgan

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### Fund: Bereavement

**In Memory of: Billy Oliver**  
By: Jackie & Alda Sayles

### Fund: Fashioned for Home

**Foster Care**  
**In Memory of: Billy Oliver**  
By: Rose Turner

### Fund: Brazil

**In Memory of Billy Oliver**

## HONORARIUMS

### Fund: Youth

**In Honor of: Dave Linn**  
By: Carl & Martha Morgan

**In Honor of: Ray Pruitt**  
By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

## Youth Minister

Over the last month the youth have been studying the life of Job to explore how we should handle the struggles of life. We will be wrapping up our series in Job near the end of this month. The youth are going to be staying busy this summer. Not only do we have youth camp coming up, but we also have events planned for most Wednesday nights after the youth finish their lesson time. The Wednesday night events are: swimming on June 13, going for shakes at Sonic on June 20, movie night July 11, slip-n-slide kickball on July 18, and waterslide on July 25.

Every Wednesday after class the youth are given challenges for that week. Some of those challenges have been reading different Scriptures, memorizing the disciples, and praying with people. Each challenge is designed to help the students apply what they are learning. I want to leave everybody with a challenge this month. That challenge is every time you say something negative to someone who is irritating you, say something positive and encouraging instead, or if you say something negative apologize and say something encouraging. I say this because Romans 12:17 has been on my mind a lot lately. Often when somebody comes along we do not get along with we either talk negatively towards them or we say something negative about them to others. I think we need to be more observant of our speech, and work harder to make our speech honorable speech.

Bro. Austin



### SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST, June 3 –

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.

*It's almost time  
for....*



## **Vacation Bible School**

*Invite your friends, neighbors, and  
family*

June 3-7, 2018

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Adult VBS led by Bro. Chad

## Children's Ministry

**VBS** -- IT'S HERE! This Sunday, June 3, at 6:00 pm, our church will become a sports arena and we will be "*Geared Up, Ready to Go, and GAME ON!*" Our children will be learning they are a part of God's team and that He has given us everything we need. The Bible will be our official playbook as we learn to serve God, work together, and encourage each other. Thank you, to all our leaders/coaches for the week:

2-3 yr. old: Carol Chatwin

K4 & K5: Brenda Waldrip, Patsy Shaw

1st-3rd grade: Marsha Hardbarger, Cheryl Whitfield

4th-6th grade: Barbara Babb, Agnes & Harry Forester

Crafts: Jeanette & Lonnie Gilley, Jeri Price

Missions: Allison Lane, Lanette Vasquez

Music: Bro. Harold, Kim Pao

Teen Music Assistants: Madison Adams, Maryssa Bailes, Bailey Hardbarger, Reese Oliver

Preschool Music: Sophronia Bailes, LaShawn Bowe, Gage Babbs

Preschool Crafts: Cheryl Procell, Denise Grubbs

Preschool Bible Study: Ronald & Darlene Causey

Snacks: Glenda Johnson, Denise Palmer, Gene Taylor, Karen VanArsdel, David Whitfield

Snack Supper: Marsha Hardbarger, Lilly Bowe, LaShawn Bowe

Registration: Peggy Dickard, Judy Gaddis

Audio / Video Technicians: Bro. Paul DeRousse, Denise Grubbs

Photographer: Bob Griffin

Pie in the Face Creator: Kathy Shaw

Records: Judy & Rex Loyer

### **SUMMER CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE:**

June 3-7 -- VBS, 6:00-8:30 pm

Sun., July 1 -- EBC Family Patriotic Night, 6:00 pm

Wed., July 18 -- Wipe Out Wednesday (W.O.W.), 6:00-7:00 pm

Wed., July 25 -- W.O.W.

Wed., Aug. 1 -- W. O. W.

Wed., Aug. 8 -- W. O. W.

Wed., Aug. 15 -- TeamKID resumes

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Saved to Serve,  
Denise

### **Childcare Worship Volunteers:**

#### **1st Sunday, June 3**

Babies: Carole Pacheco, Cheryl Procell

Toddlers: Alda Sayles

#### **2nd Sunday, June 10**

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

#### **3rd Sunday, June 17**

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Mike Johnson

#### **4th Sunday, June 24**

Babies: Kim Blankenship



## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday, 06-03-18

SS Breakfast, FLC, dr 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
 Vacation Bible School 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

### Monday, 06-04-18

Women's Bible Study, FLC 9:30 a.m.  
 Snack Supper 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, 06-05-18

Prime Time Singers 10:30 a.m.  
 Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon  
 Snack Supper 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, 06-06-18

Snack Supper 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, 06-07-18

Snack Supper 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m.

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### Hospital List

#### WK Pierremont /

#### Life Care

John Snell

#### LSU

Sue Fant

#### Progressive Care

Anne Rachall (HM)

#### Pierremont Health

#### Care

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  
 Clair Pittman



#### **Thursday, May 31, '18**

2 Kings 21-23; John 2

#### **Friday, June 1, '18**

2 Kings 24-25; John 3:1-21

#### **Saturday, June 2, '18**

1 Chronicles 1-2; John 3:22-36

#### **Sunday, June 3, '18**

1 Chronicles 3-4; John 4:1-42

#### **Monday, June 4, '18**

1 Chronicles 5-6; John 4:43-54

#### **Tuesday, June 5, '18**

1 Chronicles 7-8; John 5:1-17

#### **Wednesday, June 6, '18**

1 Chronicles 9-10; John 5:18-47

### **JUNE COUNTING COMMITTEE**

Doug Frey   Charles Shirley   Jim Howard

#### Budget Statistical Report - As of May 20

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 8,718.80
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 13,882.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$ 242,965.07
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$ 277,640.00

#### May 27

Adult	132
Youth	15
Children	6
Preschool	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>

**Sunday, June 24**  
**6:30 p.m.**



**In Concert**

**The Hootens**

**and**

**Open Range Quartet**