



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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In John 8.36, Jesus preached the Gospel of His Kingdom to the Jews, saying, "If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8.36). Yet, many of them did not believe His message. They were the earthly descendants of Abraham, and they insisted that they were not in bondage. As the proud children of Abraham, they thought themselves to be free.

Jesus, however, declared that they were in bondage. Even now they were under Roman rule, and they were oppressed in many ways. To make matters worse, they were in spiritual bondage, too, for they were enslaved by their sins. They desperately needed deliverance, and Jesus Himself was their Deliverer. Albeit, most of them rejected His love and remained in bondage to their sins.

We are looking forward to our "**Friends, Family, Food, Fun, and Fireworks**" night (otherwise known as "5F") this coming Sunday, July 1, at 6:00 PM. If you haven't done so yet, please call the church office and let us know if you plan to attend. I will be sharing a brief message, and our special guest musician will be musical evangelist Zeb Matthews. Dave Linn will be cooking the BBQ ribs and beans on the grill, and Marsha will be serving her cheesy potato salad and famous chocolate chip cookies! Many thanks to all our volunteers in the kitchen, too, who will be working hard to make this event possible. There will be a bounce house for the kids, and Bingo for the adults. At last, we will light off some fireworks for all to enjoy! You don't want to miss out on this evening of worship, fellowship, and fun – you are sure to have a blast!!!

As Christians, we celebrate the freedom that Christ has given us. We know that through His shed blood, we are free from the penalty of sin, for we do not live in fear of dying and going to Hell. One day we also will be free from the presence of sin, when we stand before Jesus in glory. Moreover, even now we have freedom from sin's power, for we are new creations in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5.17), and sin no longer has dominion over us (Romans 6). As the true spiritual descendants of Abraham, we are free to serve the King of kings!

This coming Independence Day, as we celebrate the freedom of our nation, I pray that we will also be mindful of the spiritual freedom that we have in Christ. As Jesus declared, we are "free indeed" through His grace! Let us always be mindful of this freedom, and the price that Jesus paid for our deliverance, and let us freely serve Him through His grace.

In Christ,
Bro. Chad

Minister of Music



Greetings to all and what a joyous evening of gospel music we all shared this past Sunday with Donnie, Ronnie, Carly and Angela Hooten. Judging from all your favorable comments, I can envision another evening in the near future when the Hooten Quartet will bless the church.

The month of July will offer various musical fare for all of the Emmanuel faithful. On the morning of July 1st, our Sunday morning service will ring true with patriotic music. The Sanctuary Singers will perform 'Let Freedom Ring.' Your Music Minister will sing "God Bless the USA" and Ron and Cathy will stir our collective hearts with a patriotic offertory.

Zeb Matthews will be our special musical guest for the church's Friends, Family, Fun, Food & Fireworks Service on this coming Sunday evening. Zeb is a talented vocalist who previously studied at ETBU. This young man is currently pursuing a full time career in gospel music and he will bless all of us with a patriotic themed program.

Miss Katie Ashcraft will be in concert on the evening of July 8th. This beautiful young lady will be a blessing to us with vocal and piano selections. The concert will be a fundraiser for Katie as she is preparing to begin her senior year at ETBU.

Our very own Ron Massey will perform a concert of sacred piano selections on the evening of July 15th. "Mr. Wonderful" continues to be a wonderful blessing to all of us with his prodigious piano talent along with his trademark whimsical personality.

Scripture exhorts all of us to "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name". We have much to be thankful for so let this mindset be in you as we gather together during the month of July.

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

An article in the June issue of the AARP Bulletin states, "Loneliness is the new smoking – according to one researcher, it is equally as bad for you as inhaling 15 cigarettes a day. Studies show that loneliness can shave eight years off life expectancy, that it has a big negative effect on quality of life, and that it's the single largest predictor of dissatisfaction with health care. The mortality risk for loneliness is greater than that of obesity. Social isolation of older adults is associated with an estimated \$6.7 billion in additional Medicare spending annually." So we're just now discovering the truth of what God said in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good that the man should be alone." (PS It's not good that the woman should be alone, either.) Probably all of us have felt loneliness at one time or another. Sometimes I have been in a group of people I considered friends, but at the same time felt that if I were to walk away, no one would miss me. Perhaps you've felt that way, too. God put us first in families so that we would not be alone. Then He put us in the church so that we would not be alone. Friendship can be a messy thing, even in the church. We are a lot like porcupines. We poke each other if we get too close. (Makes you wonder how they make babies. Very carefully, I bet!) Some of us are really good at looking after each other. The rest of us could learn from you. Sometimes our instinct is to run and hide when we've been hurt or when things are going badly. That really makes it hard for those who want to be your friend, but some of you are very good at keeping up with people, even those who run and hide. We can't all be everybody's friend, but we can all be looking out for those who need a friend. You never know; you just might save their life.

Bro. Paul

BENEFIT FOR EBC YOUTH GROUP

Out of the kindness of his own heart, Bro. Ray Pruitt has donated the remaining contents of his house to be sold as a benefit for our church youth group. We thank him for his generosity and keep him and his family in our prayers during this difficult season of life. The day of the sale is scheduled for this Saturday, June 30, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 5921 Wingfield Lane, Shreveport, LA 71129.

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Sign up in or call the church office.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot now.

July 13 – *Hello, Dolly!* at FUMC

\$20.00 plus cost of supper

July 17 – Silver Screenings at the Robinson Film Center *On the Waterfront*, starring Marlon Brando

Cost is \$10.00, includes lunch

August 16 – Monroe Trip – Chennault Aviation Museum, Biedenharn *Images of Christ & Coca-Cola* Museum

Cost is \$5.00 plus lunch

September 14 – East Texas Hymn Sing at ETBU
Only cost is for lunch at Jucy's

September 27-29 – Glen Rose, Texas; Musical *The Promise*, Fossil Ridge Wildlife Safari, Antiques, & more

Cost of \$300 includes all expenses



Van Driver - July 8

David Whitfield
(318) 925-8571

Youth Minister

First of all I would like to thank everyone for the kindness that was shown to me at the pounding a few weeks ago.

The youth this month have wrapped up their study of Job. This series helped us learn about suffering. Some of the specifics we talked about were why we suffer sometimes. We talked about counseling the hurting. We spent a night of looking at encouragement, and we also talked about things not to do when helping those in tough times. Starting this month, the youth are going to be starting a study of the book of Ruth.

Everyone who went to youth camp this past week had a good time serving the Lord in Nashville. Through July we are going to be doing various activities after Wednesday night Impact. Those activities are: movie night on July 11, Slip-n-Slide kickball on July 18, and Wipe Out Wednesday on July 25. Also, on July 14 the youth will be going swimming at the Thomas' house from 3:30-8:30.

Bro. Austin

Children's Ministry

VBS WRAP-UP -- I listed the many VBS workers in last month's Forerunner column, but I want to thank everyone again who worked to make VBS such a success. We are blessed to have so many dedicated people who serve each year in VBS. Most of our workers don't even have to be asked -- they just come to me in January or February, asking if I have their literature! Our children, workers, and adult class members collected an amazing offering of \$435!!! All of this offering goes to our Brazil missionaries, Pascal and Amy Stowell and their boys. We are happy each year to contribute to the spread of the gospel in Sao Paulo, Brazil. And yes, I got the pie in the face! The boys beat the girls by about \$50. Bro. Austin did the honors by smacking me in the face with the pie -- but there will be revenge!! Revenge is best served cold -- cold, as in a pie next year!!

VBS 2019 -- Next year's VBS theme is "In the Wild." So start collecting your jungle and outdoor adventure items -- I can already hear the call of the wild!



SUMMER CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE:

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, July 1

Babies: Carole Pacheco, Cheryl Procell
Toddlers: Alda Sayles

2nd Sunday, July 8

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

3rd Sunday, July 15

Babies: Diane Denny
Toddlers: Mike Johnson

4th Sunday, July 22

Babies: Kim Blankenship
Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel

5th Sunday, July 29

Babies/Toddlers: Allison Lane, Debbie Frey



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST,

July 1 -- 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.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: T W B

In Memory of:

Vernon G. Gentry

By: Mrs. Betty P. Gentry

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of: Joyce Palmer

By: Bob & Karen Fuller,
Glen & Linda Hall,
Ron & Linda Massey,
Denise Palmer,
George & Laverne Smith

In Memory of: Joyce Palmer Dorsey Cleveland

By: Cheryl Procell

In Memory of: Billy Oliver, Joyce Palmer

By: Sandra Hadwin

Fund: Prime Time

In Memory of:

Joyce Palmer

By: Wayne & Carol Dillman

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of: Joyce Palmer, Dorsey Cleveland

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones,

In Memory of:

Dorsey Cleveland

By: David & Stephanie Kidd,
Ron & Linda Massey,
James & Dorothy Mullins

In Memory of Joyce Palmer

By: Karen & Bob Johnston
James & Dorothy Mullins,
Kathy Shaw,
Jackie & Alda Sayles,

Fund: Brazil

In Memory of: Billy Oliver

Debbie Karsemeyer

By: DeWayne & Grace Kelly

In Memory of: Joyce Palmer

By: Rose Turner

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH EVENTS

The youth over the summer will be doing various events following Impact on Wednesday nights. The events are:

June 27- Swimming at Babb's

July 11- Youth Movie Night

July 14 - Swimming at the Thomas' (3:30 - 8:30))

July 18- Slip-n-Slide Kickball

July 25- Youth Wipe Out Wednesday

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 07-01-18

SS Breakfast, FLC, dr 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Family & Friends Service 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 07-03-18

Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon

Wednesday, 07-04-18



Independence Day
 Office Closed and No Evening Activities

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UPCOMING SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS

Sunday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.

Katie Ashcraft in concert. This will be a fundraiser for her senior year at ETBU.

Sunday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.

Ron Massey will provide a piano concert.



Thursday, June 28, '18

2 Chron. 32; John 20:1-18

Friday, June 29, '18

2 Chron. 33-34; John 20:19-31

Saturday, June 30, '18

2 Chron. 35-36; John 21

Sunday, July 1, '18

Ezra 1-2; Acts 1

Monday, July 2, '18

Ezra 3-4; Acts 2

Tuesday, July 3, '18

Ezra 5-6; Acts 3

Wednesday, July 4, '18

Ezra 7-8; Acts 4:1-22

Thursday, July 5, '18

Ezra 9-10; Acts 4:23-37

Friday, July 6, '18

Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 5

Saturday, July 7, '18

Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 6

Sunday, July 8, '18

Nehemiah 7-9; Acts 7

Monday, July 9, '18

Nehemiah 10-11; Acts 8:1-25

Tuesday, July 10, '18

Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 8:26-40

Wednesday, July 11, '18

Esther 1-2; Acts 9:1-22

Hospital List

WK North

Bill Allen (hm)
 Kaye Kiihnl (hm)

WK Pierremont

Mary Harper (hm)

Garden Court

John Snell

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin
 Elizabeth Haralson
 Dr. Margaret Pokol

Pierremont Health Care

Ruby Taylor

Prayer List Home

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

Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap
 Cheryl Jones
 Clair Pittman

JULY COUNTING COMMITTEE

Herman Palmer Ron Causey Mark Johnson

Budget Statistical Report	-	As of June 17
Budget Receipts This Week	\$	10,324.83
Budget Needed Weekly	\$	13,882.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$	294,444.22
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$	333,168.00

June 24	
Adult	146
Youth	17
Children	18
Preschool	15
TOTAL	196

5F IS COMING JULY 1 – That's the evening for our Friends, Family, Fun, Food & Fireworks Service in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. We need you to sign up to make sure we have enough food, chairs & tables. Please sign up by June 27. You can call the church office (686-7548) to get your name on the list. BBQ Ribs. Beans, Potato Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies.