



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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Since Prince Harry married Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex, there's been a lot of drama in the royal family making headlines in the news. It seems the Duchess' father, Thomas Markle, isn't happy about his daughter's new privileged status, and he's been sounding off lately in a bunch of tweets.

Apparently, Thomas is very upset because of the way the royal family has treated him, and he doesn't think he will ever be able to get to know his future grandchildren. After all, he doesn't have contact with his daughter anymore since he started being critical about the royal family. Now he says, "They have Meghan treating her father in a way that Harry's mother, Princess Diana, would have loathed. That's not what Diana stood for." On and on the drama goes.

Matthew 12.36

"For every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Now I don't care too much about this story, nor am I overly concerned about the royal family. But I did read the headline and the article, so I can't say that I'm totally disinterested.

What strikes me about this story is the willingness of Thomas Markle to badmouth his daughter and her family before the entire listening world! Is there no shame or decency anymore? Why would a father publicly put down his own daughter?

As Christians, we are part of God's heavenly family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. Words have consequences. The things we say, or don't say, can break hearts and rip apart the lives of others. Let us be careful about how we talk about the church and each other, and let us guard our mouths lest we speak a disparaging or unkind word. Rather, let our conversation be seasoned with salt, so that the world can hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

The world is listening to what you say!

What does your speech say about God's love?

In Christ,
Bro. Chad

Minister of Music



I want to say Thank You to the Men's Choir for making beautiful sounds this past Sunday. There is always good fellowship centered around the singing and the breakfast delights that Denise Palmer and Cheryl Procell prepare for the men on those 5th Sunday mornings. I am most appreciative to these ladies and I encourage you men who have yet to join us to please consider being a part on the next calendar date.

The Sanctuary Singers will perform a beautiful anthem for the upcoming Sunday service entitled "He's Been Faithful." Sister Agnes Forester will be our esteemed soloist on this song.

During the evening service, we will be blessed to hear Reece Oliver perform a piano solo. We appreciate the entire Oliver family and the sweet spiritual component that they all bring to EBC.

Dr. Bo Worley is retiring from operating the video (lyrics) computer on Sunday morning and evening, effective August 26th. If you are interested in helping with this ministry contact me or Bro. Paul.

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

The latest *Facts and Trends* (published by Lifeway) shares some disturbing statistics. One of those is that half of churchgoers have never heard of the Great Commission. "Not only do half (51 percent) say they've never heard the phrase, 25 percent say they've heard of it but can't remember the exact meaning. Fewer than 1 in 5 (17 percent) say they've heard of the Great Commission and know what it means." Another disturbing statistic is that, "According to Pew Research's 2014 Religious Landscape Study, 66 percent of American Christians say many religions can lead to eternal life." Even 52 percent of Evangelical Protestants agree that many different religions can lead to eternal life. I guess we need to do one of two things. Either we need to quit reading disturbing statistics or we need to start teaching our children and young people what the Bible says. I heard a sermon a few weeks ago in which the pastor said, "Messed up theology leads to messed up thinking; messed up thinking leads to messed up actions; messed up actions lead to messed up lives; and messed up lives lead to messed up destinies." If we don't know one of the most important commandments of the Leader we claim to follow, if we don't know what the Bible says about our eternal destinies, then many people are heading straight for an eternity in hell. Yes, we need to baptize people, but we also need to "teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Let's get busy, people, and teach everyone we can about what the Bible says.

Bro. Paul



WEAR THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

This Sunday is the first Sunday of August. Wear your patriotic apparel to show your love for our country and your support for our military personnel.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- August 1 / 6:30 - 9:00 pm - Youth to Sonic
- 11 / 4:15 - 9:30 pm - Back to School Flash, FBC, Bossier
- 18 / 3:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth Serve at SB Rescue Mission
- 26 / 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Youth Base Camp

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Sign up in or call the church office. Space is limited. Reserve your spot now.



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 - August 5

Gary Palmer
(318) 286-2075

A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you would like to write a note of encouragement to Maryssa Bailes during her basic training experience, please use the address below exactly as printed. Please use only white envelopes with no stickers or anything else that would draw attention to it.

PVT2 Bailes, Maryssa
1-31 FA BN, ECHO Battery 1st PLT
5955 Rothwell Street
Fort Sill, OK 73503

Youth Minister

The youth had a busy and fun July. We had fun doing various activities such as slip n slide kickball and swimming. On top of all the fun we had we also had a productive time studying the Word of God. We started the month off with spending a night studying Romans 12, and now we have started a series through the book of Ruth. Our study of Ruth will last for several weeks. One of the goals of this study is to show how all types of relationships in our lives should be gospel centered.

We are looking forward to August, which is full of all kind of stuff. We will have some fun stuff such as going to Sonic and the Back to School Flash in Bossier City. Also, though, we will have some new opportunities for the students to put their faith into action. We will be going to the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission on August 18 to serve meals. Then on August 26 the youth will be starting a Sunday night class called Base Camp. The purpose of this class is to help students learn how to be a stronger witness in today's world. The class will start with learning how to study the Bible. After learning how to study the Bible we will start discussing how to witness in general. Then from there we will start learning how to address particular issues, such as cultural issues and people of different faiths.

I want to leave everyone with a challenge this month. We all probably have a regular routine of places where we go to get gas, groceries, or a soda on the way home from work. Every month we encounter cashiers that we briefly encounter, and we start to come familiar with these people and many times will carry on brief conversations with them. But when is the last time you talked about Jesus with them? I want you to choose one cashier you encounter on a pretty regular basis. Spend the next two weeks praying for them everyday, then come week three continue praying and make a bold step and talk with them about Jesus.

Bro. Austin

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: George & Laverne Smith
In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: Carl & Martha Morgan
In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: Lonnie & Jeanette Gilley
Fund: Benevolent
In Memory of: Kay Asher
By: George & Laverne Smith
In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: Doug & Debbie Frey
In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: Bob & Karen Fuller
In Memory of: Floyd Divine
By: Pat Divine

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: T W B

In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: Bob & Karen Johnston
In Memory of: Ray Pruitt
By: Leesa & Jimmy Sitter
Fund: Brazil
In Memory of: Joyce Palmer,
Ray Pruitt
By: Ron & Diane Denny
Fund: Youth
In Memory of: Steve Divine
By: Pat Divine

Children's Ministry

SUMMER WRAP-UP -- Summer is quickly coming to a close. We've had a fun summer, even with the hot temperatures. And we are ending with our **Wipe Out Wednesdays (WOW)**! We have two more weeks to go. Our kids have been learning about God parting the Red Sea and providing food and water for the Israelite nation while they journeyed in the desert. They have learned that our GOD SAVES and our GOD PROVIDES. And, of course, they have "learned" the fun of a waterslide!

TeamKID -- Our Fall program of TeamKID begins on Wed., August 15. This year our children will be "*Setting the Pace*," a program designed to help children grow in their Christian faith. We will explore topics about the theology of God, Jesus, people, the church, the Bible, and the Christian life. "*Setting the Pace*" will give children a better understanding of the nature of God and Jesus. It will help children understand that their relationship with God is the MOST important relationship of all!

CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE:

Wed., Aug. 1 - Wipe Out Wednesday (W.O.W.),
6:00-7:00 pm
Wed., Aug. 8 -- W.O.W.
Wed., Aug. 15 -- TeamKID resumes

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Saved to Serve,
Denise

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

1st Sunday, August 5

Babies: Carole Pacheco
Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell



2nd Sunday, August 12

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

3rd Sunday, August 19

Babies: Diane Denny
Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, August 26

Babies: Kimm Blankenship
Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel

W.O.W. -- Wipe Out Wednesday begins at 6:00 in the Children's Worship room for a Bible lesson about water.

Then we head outside for fun on the water slide! You can wear your swimsuit under your clothing, or wear a cover-up. Bring a towel.

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 08-05-18

Sunday School Breakfast, FLC, dr 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Prayer Ministry 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 08-07-18

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

Wednesday, 08-08-18

Fellowship Supper, FLC, at 5:00 p.m.
 Children's Wipe Out 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.

Saturday, 08-11-18

Youth Back to School Flash at FBC, Bossier 4:15 p.m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST,

August 5 – 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.



Hospital List

Pathways

Rogell Fortenberry
 (No visitors)

Highland

Sue Fant (hm)

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin
 Elizabeth Haralson
 Dr. Margaret Pokol

Lifecare (Kings Hwy)

Ruby Taylor

Prayer List Home

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

Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap
 Cheryl Jones
 Michelle Oney
 Clair Pittman

Thursday, August 2, '18

Psalm 37-41; Acts 23

Friday, August 3, '18

Psalm 42-47; Acts 24

Saturday, August 4, '18

Psalm 48-53; Acts 25

Sunday, August 5 '18

Psalm 54-58; Acts 26

Monday, August 6, '18

Psalm 59-64; Acts 27

Tuesday, August 7, '18

Psalm 65-68; Acts 28:1-15

Wednesday, August 8, '18

Psalm 69-72; Acts 28:16-31

AUGUST COUNTING COMMITTEE

Carl Morgan Ken Richmond Danny Adcock

| Budget Statistical Report | - | As of July 22 |
|----------------------------------|----|----------------------|
| Budget Receipts This Week | \$ | 10,219.00 |
| Budget Needed Weekly | \$ | 13,882.00 |
| Budget Received Year to Date | \$ | 360,387.57 |
| Budget Needed Year to Date | \$ | 402,578.00 |

| July 29 | |
|------------------|------------|
| Adult | 151 |
| Youth | 14 |
| Children | 13 |
| Preschool | 13 |
| TOTAL | 191 |

New Wednesday Night Bible Study

"Journey with John the Baptist"

6:00 PM, in the FLC

Led by Claire Pennington

Everyone welcome! / Resumes August 1