



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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During Halloween many people dress up as Satan, who they think is nothing more than a mythological little red guy with horns on his head, a long tail, and a pitch fork. Still others believe that he is an imaginary being, who serves as the personification of evil in this world. The Bible, however, teaches otherwise.

The Scriptures teach us that Satan is a real spiritual being, who walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). He is completely opposed to God's purposes, and he ultimately will be thrown into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:10). Christ has triumphed over him through His death and resurrection, and we can be sure that He has already defeated him.

According to the Bible, Satan was originally a holy angel created by God. In Isaiah 14, he is called Lucifer, which means "shining one," or "Daystar." The prophet describes Satan as having been created a cherub, apparently the highest created angel (Ezekiel 28:12-14). He became arrogant in his beauty and status and decided he wanted to sit on a throne above that of God (Isaiah 14:13-14; Ezekiel 28:15; 1 Timothy 3:6). Satan's pride led to his fall. Notice the many "I will" statements in Isaiah 14:12-15. Because of his sin, God permanently removed Satan from his exalted position and role.

Satan became the ruler of this world and the prince of the power of the air (John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2). He is the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10), the tempter (Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5), and the deceiver (Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:3). His very name means "adversary" or "one who opposes." Another of his titles, the devil, means "slanderer."

Even though he was cast out of heaven, he still seeks to elevate his throne above God. He counterfeits all that God does, hoping to gain the worship of the world and encourage opposition to God's kingdom. Satan is the ultimate source behind every false cult and world religion. Satan will do anything and everything in his power to oppose God and those who follow Him. However, Satan's destiny is sealed - an eternity in the Lake of Fire.

This Halloween, I encourage all of us to be mindful of the wiles of the Devil, and to be sober and vigilant in our service for the Lord. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the Devil in this present age (Ephesians 6). To be sure, his days are numbered, but he is angry with the righteous because he knows his time is short.

In Christ,
Bro. Chad

FALL FEST

Fall Fest this year will be on
Sunday, October 28, from
4:00-6:00 PM in the
Family Life Center.

Please plan to come and invite your family and friends to join you. We appreciate Mrs. Denise and all the volunteers who work with her to make this event possible. We also thank you for bringing in the candy and treats for this event.

We are looking forward to another great time of fellowship and fun with our church family!

Minister of Music



Please make plans to be present this coming Sunday evening, that being the 5th Sunday of this month. Brother Wayne Cooper has organized a wonderful service, full of EBC musical performers and you'll be blessed for attending and supporting those singers and instrumentalists.

The Holiday season is right around the corner and Bro. Paul will have the Primetime Choir in concert on the first Sunday evening in December. The following Sunday evening, December 9th, the Sanctuary Singers will present a collection of Christmas selections along with Ron Massey piano seasonal solos. Also Bro. Wayne will be organizing the Christmas Family Night singing roster for the evening of December 16th.

I know these dates are just a ways off but it is always a good thing to mark your calendars.

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

THINK BIG! – The theme of the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering this year is "Think Big." Life has a way of causing us to think small. Out of fear, distraction, or caution, we try to do just enough. It's the Goldilocks effect. **We give, serve, and live – not too small, not too big but just enough.** This is not the way of the Master. God calls us to **think big**. The Great Commission begins right here in Louisiana. **Louisiana is a BIG challenge.** Think big? Yes, we'd better because the task is enormous. Our church goal is \$6,000.00. Let's **THINK BIG** and see if we can go beyond this goal for the glory of God.

ANNUAL MEETING – The North Louisiana Baptist Association's annual meeting is coming up October 8 at Calvary Baptist Church. If you would be interested in serving as a messenger, please let Bro. Chad know ASAP, as we need to vote on these at our business meeting this Wednesday, September 26.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE – This is the service where we remember Emmanuel members who have passed away in the previous year. It will be held on October 28 in our morning service. If your loved one passed away since October of last year, please bring us a good photo that we can scan and return to you. We need these photos no later than October 24.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – It won't be long before it's time to prepare Christmas Shoeboxes for distribution by Samaritan's Purse. We won't really begin to promote this event until mid-October, but we already have some boxes on hand, so if you'd like to get a head start, please see me.

CELL PHONE & INK JET RECYCLING -- Since it has been some time since we've had a youth choir, and since donations to both of these projects have been dwindling, we have decided to get out of the recycling business. There are other places to recycle both of these items, including Best Buy and Office Depot.

Bro. Paul

WE HAVE A WEBSITE? –

Yes, it is ebcshreveport.org. On the website you can read *The Forerunner* or *Prime Time News* or listen to Sunday morning sermons (for free) from as far back as January of 2016. You can see a church calendar for the next six months. You can refer friends to our site as a way of learning more about us.

To my dear friends at Emmanuel . . .

Thank you for every expression of kindness you did for the Mullins family during the loss of James. Thank you for your prayers, food, coming to the visitation and funeral. It's going to be hard to start my day without my James. I know the Lord will give me the strength. I thank the Lord for Christian friends.

Much Love, Dorothy, Diane & Larry

BRANSON AT BETHANY – November 13 & 14.

If you would like to reserve tickets, go to the office and get one of the ticket envelopes on the counter. Complete the information and enclose \$10.00 for each ticket. This price is good for EBC members and unchurched friends. Shows are at 9:15 am on Tuesday and Wednesday and 1:45 pm on Tuesday only. Transportation will be provided for the Wednesday morning show only. If you have ordered tickets, they are being held for you until October 28.



MEN'S CHOIR SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

September 30 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!

Our Sincere Sympathy to . . .

- Diane Fortenberry and family in the loss of her husband, Rogell.



Van Driver - September 30

Janice Graham
(318) 678-4682

Youth Minister

This month the youth finished their study of the book of Ruth. Upon finishing Ruth we started studying the book of Romans. This will be our first study in a New Testament book. Sunday night class is also going really well. The students have been participating a lot in the class. One subject we discussed was Science and the Bible. Most of this subject was spent talking about young earth creationism. Now we have begun talking about other religions and how to witness to them. The first religion we have been talking about is Islam

We had a movie night watching *Do You Believe?* The movie left the students with several different spiritual truths to think about. One of the major themes in the movie is that God is working in our lives and those of others and brings our lives together in crucial moments to make everything work out beautifully to his glory.

I want to challenge you all to ask yourself the questions asked in the movie *Do You Believe?* Those two questions are "Do you believe in the cross? If so what are you going to do about it?" Take time to reflect on the passages of Scripture that talk of the crucifixion. Reflect on how your beliefs motivate the way you live. Let our belief in the work of Christ motivate us to share the Gospel and not to remain silent about it.

If you have not already, text @abedwell to 81010 to get updates when the youth are doing things.

Bro. Austin

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of:

James Mullins

By: Helen Mullins Coggins,

Deborah Coggins,

Gary W. Coggins,

Gabriel Coggins Tobon

By: Melody & Steve Jones

By: Trudy McLeod

In Memory of:

Rogell Fortenberry

By: Floyd & Phail D. Jones

Fund: Georgia Barnette

In Memory of: Shelby Price

By: Jeri Price

In Memory of:

Rogell Fortenberry

By: Rose Turner

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of: Jimmie Linn

By: George & Laverne Smith

Fund: Brazil

In Memory of:

Rogell Fortenberry

By: Ron & Diane Denny

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Youth

In Honor of:

Ronald & Darlene Causey

By: Deana Berry

Fund: T W B

In Honor of: Patty Stowell

By: Leesa & Jimmy Sitter

Fund: Georgia Barnette

In Honor of: Patty Stowell

By: Cheryl Procell

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

1st Sunday, Oct. 7

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell

2nd Sunday, Oct. 14

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, Oct. 21

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, Oct. 28

Babies: Kim Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel



Children's Ministry

FALL FAIR - Our Children's Ministry Committee recently met to make plans for our Fall Fair. This year, our annual Fall Fair will be on **Sunday, Oct. 28, 4-6 pm**. All church activities for that Sunday evening will be cancelled so we can put all our efforts toward the Fall Fair and make it an outreach to our community. We'll have game booths, trunk-n-treat, bounce houses, hayride, and lots of food and fun!

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THE FALL FAIR???

The Fall Fair is one of the EASIEST events to be a part of, without taking lots of time. Here are some ways:

1. PRAY -- I put prayer at the top of the list because all our efforts accomplish NOTHING if God isn't leading and controlling everything. *"LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us."* Isaiah 26:12

2. Trunk-n-Treat -- All you have to do is to be present at the Fall Fair, stand or sit beside your vehicle (car, truck, tractor, wagon, etc.), and pass out candy. The church provides the candy. Many of our trunk-n-treat sponsors decorate their vehicles; it's not mandatory, but the kids really enjoy the decorations.

3. Game Booths/Bounce House -- The church provides the set-up for the game booths and bounce houses. We just need individuals to oversee the booths and greet our guests. Many of our Sunday School classes sponsor booths and provide workers.

4. Be a greeter -- Can you smile? Can you shake hands? Can you say "Welcome to Emmanuel?" If you passed this test, you qualify to be an Official Greeter! First impressions are so important. Many people form an opinion about a church within the first 5 minutes of being on the grounds. This means even in our parking lot, we want to have friendly faces greeting guests and letting them know they are welcome.

5. Bring candy -- The attendance at our Fall Fair last year was around 250-300. It takes a LOT of candy to pass out to the kids (and of course, for our workers to have a few pieces of candy to munch on!). The candy bins are in the hallways. Please make sure to bring individually wrapped candy.

6. Invite your friends and neighbors -- We have flyers available for our members to pass out, inviting people to attend. There is even a coupon on each flyer for one free food item!

We hope you'll plan to attend and find a way to serve. But most importantly, please join us in prayer that God will use this as we reach out to our community.

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Saved to Serve,

Denise

OCTOBER COUNTING COMMITTEE

Doug Frey Charles Shirley Jim Howard

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 09-30-18

Men's Choir Breakfast, FLC, dr 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.
 Prayer Ministry 5:30 p.m.
 Youth Base Camp 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 10-02-18

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

Wednesday, 10-03-18

Fellowship Supper, FLC, at 5:00 p.m.
 TeamKID 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.

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Hospital List

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Barbara Babb (hm)
 Wendell Collins

The Promise

Bob Fuller

The Promise -

Bossier

Sue Fant

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer

List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin

Dr. Margaret Pokol

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, September 27, '18

Isaiah 54-57; Galatians 3

Friday, September 28, '18

Isaiah 58-60; Galatians 4

Saturday, September 29, '18

Isaiah 61-63; Galatians 5

Sunday, September 30, '18

Isaiah 64-66; Galatians 6

Monday, October 1, '18

Jeremiah 1; Ephesians 1

Tuesday, October 2, '18

Jeremiah 2; Ephesians 2

Wednesday, October 3, '18

Jeremiah 3-4; Ephesians 3

GEORGIA BARNETTE OFFERING

Our goal is \$6000.00

Received to Date: \$1,442.13

Budget Statistical Report	-	As of Sept. 16
Budget Receipts This Week	\$	10,281.22
Budget Needed Weekly	\$	13,882.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$	457,803.68
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$	513,634.00

September 23

Adult	144
Youth	13
Children	8
Preschool	8
TOTAL	173



SUNDAY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST, October 7 –

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.