

Forerunner

Emmanuël Baptist Church

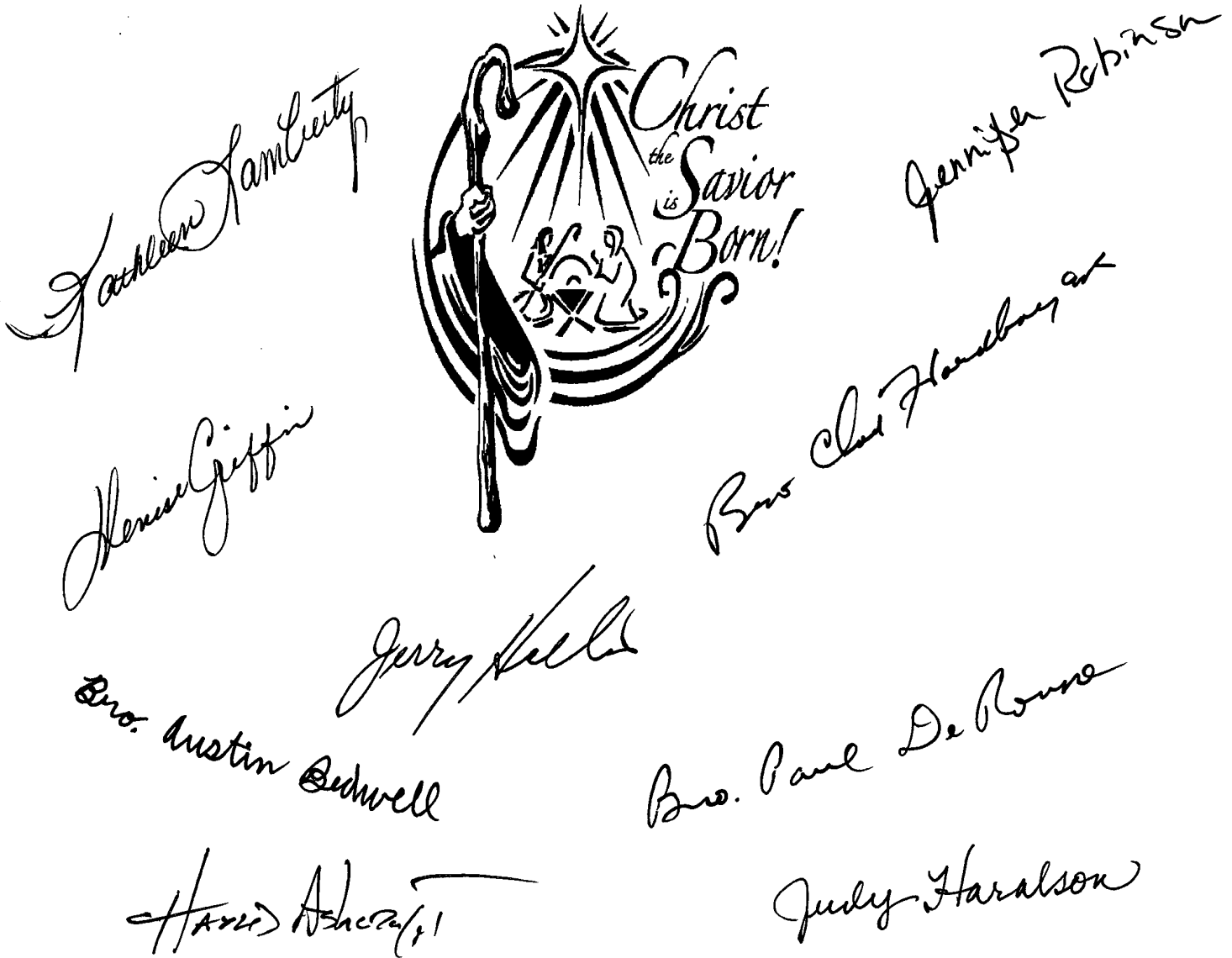
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Denise Griffin . **Children's Director**

Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

There will be no Forerunner next week!

Minister of Music



The other day, I was in conversation with a sister in the Lord and she shared anointed words with me from one of her favorite devotional books. The comments are powerful and are as follows: " There is a divine spark in you that can only be satisfied by the presence of God. You will never be satisfied until you surrender to Christ. He can touch the area of your life that needs it most and bring you utter peace of mind. He is your source!"

I got so excited in the Lord and my mind went right to one of my favorite Bible verses and the promise that comes with it. The book of Acts tells us in the third chapter and the nineteenth verse that THE TIMES OF REFRESHING SHALL COME FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

His presence and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that flows out of desire for and surrender to Him will change and transform any life! If you are tired with the form and ritual of organized religion that is void of power then seek the Holy Ghost. Ask the Father to give you that spark in the spirit that can lead to a fire in your spiritual belly and change the course and direction of your spiritual walk.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Romans 1:16.

Write that verse on the tablet of your heart for 2019 and ask Him to touch you and to fill you with His spirit. And then fervently seek His presence both in personal and church fellowship. I promise you that Jesus will be faithful to do just that for His word will not return void, but it shall accomplish that which he pleases, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it! Isaiah 55:11

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

Pffft!! Just like that, 2018 is gone. Where did it go? It seems for me like life just flies by these days. Just for a look back, this is a remembrance of what happened in Prime Time in 2018. Prime Time guests or programs in the past year included: Katie Ashcraft & Bro. Harold; Double Delight (Edie Foy & Al Fischeti); Deputy McGraw from the Caddo Sheriffs's Department; John Anderson from the NLBA for Compassion Ministries; Richard Beeman; Barry LeBlanc; Warren Ward; Joe Bob Alexander; LaToya Foster from New Horizons; Blake Rainey with SAFE; Lane Moore; and the Singing Ministers Quartet. Our Prime Time trips included: the Aquarium; the Touchstone Museum; the Washington, AR, Jonquil Festival; a three-day trip to Waco, TX; the Back Alley Theatre (twice); The Ogilvie House; St. George Greek Orthodox Church; "Hello, Dolly" at FUMC; Silver Screenings at The Robinson; Chennault Air Museum and the Biedenharn in Monroe; East Texas Hymn Sing at ETBU; a three-day trip to Glen Rose, TX; and Carthage, TX. Prime Time Singers shared the love of Jesus at: The VOA Adult Day Care; Garden Park; Pierremont Health Care; Highland Place; Cedar Hill; The Gables; May-Him at Camp Bethany; Magnolia Manor; The Oaks (twice); Heritage Manor South (twice); The NWLA War Veterans' Home; Bloom at Bossier; and Heritage Manor Stratmore. All of this and Senior Adult Day, too! Now I think I know what happened to this past year. I was too busy moving forward to look back. If you did not take advantage of any of these opportunities in the past year, I can guarantee your 2019 will be better if you'll jump on the bus and go with us.

Bro. Paul



Holiday Schedule

- 12/23 No Sunday evening service or activities
- 12/24 Office Closed
Christmas Eve Service at 6:00
- 12/25 Christmas Day – office closed
- 12/26 No Wednesday evening activities
- 12/30 Sunday morning and evening services
- 01/01 New Year's Day – office closed
- 01/02 No Wednesday evening activities
- 01/06 Resume normal Sunday schedule
- 01/09 Resume normal Wednesday schedule



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open so REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAIL! How it works: bring your cards, put them in the box, and donate the money that you would spend on postage (\$.49 each) to Lottie Moon. And don't forget to check the box for your mail. Please only use this service for those who are attending church regularly as we do not deliver. Thanks for supporting Lottie Moon!

DECEMBER COUNTING COMMITTEE

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2018 CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2018 must be turned in NO later than Sunday, December 30, 2018, to receive credit in 2018.

Youth Minister

The youth have been having a good December. We have continued studying through Romans this month. Sunday nights the youth have been having discussions on various passages of scripture. One of those passages is John 3. It has been encouraging sitting and listening to the students as they discuss the passages. I encourage all to pray that the students will continue to grow in their knowledge of Scripture and that they establish a daily devotional time in their day to day lives. The adults will continue to meet in January to spend time praying for our youth. We will meet on January 14th and 28th at 6:30 P.M. for the prayer meetings.

The Progressive Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in it. It would not have turned out as well if it were not for everybody who volunteered their time to help. The progressive dinner was like a scavenger hunt full of riddles to help the students find their way to the location where they would eat. One of the riddles was "I once was walking along the vineyard wall, accompanied by three, when a heavenly being appeared before me. I caused someone near to me pain, only to save their life. My eyes were open to heavenly things before any others I knew. Who am I?" If you think you know the answer find me or one of the youth and we will tell you if you have the right answer. Along with the progressive dinner we did a little caroling to a few people along the way.

To get regular updates on the youth program text @abedwell to 81010. And one last thing...Merry Christmas to all!

Bro. Austin

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: T W B

In Memory of: Eva Martin
Windom W. Wilson

By: Billie Martin

Fund: Budget

In Memory of: Phillip Loyer

By: Brenda B. Parsons

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Lottie Moon

In Honor of: Alan Law

By: Adult IV Men's SS Class

In Honor of: Marjorie Ward

By: Harry & Margaret Fletcher

Fund: Brazil

In Honor of: Amy Stowell

By: Cheryl Procell

Fund: Budget

In Honor of: Lorea Cloyd,

Madeline Sherrod,

Alice Spillers

By: W.P. Spillers

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By: Bo & Judy Worley

In Memory of: Fred Rodgers,
Freddy Rodgers

By: Carolyn Rodgers

In Memory of: Wilma Asher,
Leonard & Laurett Davis,
Peyton Lane,
Phillip Loyer

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

In Memory of:

John Curtis McCarty

By: John & Virginia McCarty

In Memory of:

Tom & Marie Vincent

By: Sharon Wheless

In Memory of:

Bro. Bill Stowell,

Bro. Bill McGee

By: Bro. Bill's Class

Fund: Youth

In Memory of:

Bryan Demoulin,

JoAnn Sykes

By: Leesa & Jimmy Sitter

Children's Ministry

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS -- Thank you dear Emmanuel family for all the sweet cards and wishes you have blessed me and Bob with this Christmas and throughout the year. We dearly love being a part of this fellowship and pray that our "**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,**" will pour out His Presence upon you and your loved ones through the holiday season and entire year. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving among you.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Wed., Dec. 19 -- TeamKID meets

Wed., Dec. 26 -- NO TeamKID

Wed., Jan. 2 -- NO TeamKID

Wed., Jan. 9 -- TeamKID resumes

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Saved to Serve,

Denise

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

1st Sunday, Jan. 6

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell

2nd Sunday, Jan. 13

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, Jan. 20

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, Jan. 27

Babies: Kim Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST, January 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.



Van Driver - December 23

Burt Grubbs
(318) 996-3333



Van Driver - December 30

Janice Graham
(318) 687-4682

Our Sincere Sympathy . . .

To Brenda Collins and family in the loss of her husband, Wendell Collins.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 12-23-18

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
No Evening Activities

Monday, 12-24-18

Christmas Eve

Office Closed

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 12-25-18

Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

Wednesday, 12-26-18

NO Wednesday Activities

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Thursday, Dec. 20, '18
Micah 5-7; Revelation 11
Friday, Dec. 21, '18
Nahum 1-3; Revelation 12
Saturday, Dec. 22, '18
Habakkuk 1-3; Rev. 13
Sunday, Dec. 23, '18
Zephaniah 1-3; Rev. 14
Monday, Dec. 24, '18
Haggai 1-2; Rev. 15
Tuesday, Dec. 25, '18
Zechariah 1-3; Rev. 16
Wednesday, Dec. 26, '18
Zechariah 4-5; Rev. 17

Thursday, Dec. 27 '18
Zechariah 6-8; Rev. 18
Friday, Dec. 28, '18
Zechariah 9-11; Rev. 19
Saturday, Dec. 29, '18
Zechariah 12-14; Rev. 20
Sunday, Dec. 30, '18
Malachi 1-2; Rev. 21
Monday, Dec. 31, '18
Malachi 3-4; Rev. 22
Tuesday, Jan. 1, '19
Genesis 1-3; Matt. 1
Wednesday, Jan. 2, '19
Genesis 4-6; Matt. 2:1-12

Hospital List

WK North

Ruby Taylor
Carolyn Whitfield

WK Lifecare

Charlie Marable

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

Budget Statistical Report - As of Dec. 9

Budget Receipts This Week	\$	15,035.59
Budget Needed Weekly	\$	13,260.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$	614,253.22
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$	680,218.00

December 16

Adult	160
Youth	15
Children	7
Preschool	15
TOTAL	197

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



OUR GOAL IS: \$18,000

RECEIVED TO DATE: \$10,833.19