



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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LOVE IS A VERB*

Love is an emotion. No doubt about that. That's part of love's power. It can leap over our thoughts and capture our hearts. The exhilaration that comes with being swept up in the rip tide of emotions is wonderfully terrifying!

On the other hand, love runs deeper than mere emotions. Its current cuts deeply into our thoughts and captures our imagination. When love ebbs, eddies, or hides, we deeply yearn for that feeling of being in love.

Love is bigger than emotions, thoughts, attitudes, and experiences. Love is a verb. The guts and grit of love are centered in our actions and deeds. We should not separate our understanding of love from the actions that must accompany it.

Love is seen, demonstrated and expressed by what we do. We routinely get swept up in the demands of the holidays that dictate our formal expressions of love. That's convenient and channels our love into appropriate and recognizable times and seasons. It may even be helpful to kick start our love out of laziness.

However, real love, the genuine and lasting love God calls us to share, knows no boundaries, dates or seasons. Sure, He wants the fire to be there in our love. He also wants the practical, compassionate, encouraging displays of love to be part of our everyday routine and not just saved for Hallmark captured moments or florist instigated holidays.

Love is from God. It is the environment in which He lives and is the blessing He graciously shares. (See 1 John 4!) Incredibly, the Bible rarely if ever simply says that God loves us. Instead, it tells us that God showed us his love by giving, doing, sacrificing, and forgiving.

In God's world, love is no mere state of being. It is not simply a fleeting emotion based upon our performance or response to Him. Instead, it is a consistent set of gracious actions designed to show us His love and leave us touched with His redemptive grace.

So as we get swept up on both the seriousness and silliness of Valentine's Day fever, let's hear the call of God to do more than buy an overpriced card, snag a bouquet of flowers, or box of chocolates. Let's make a commitment to make our love real with some very intentionally planned loving actions. In other words, pick up your calendar and plan some very specific things to do between now and next February 14. Love is a verb, so let's get busy doing and not just talking, thinking, and feeling.

**I came across this anonymous article online, and it blessed my heart. As we prepare for Valentine's Day, I wanted to share it with you, and I pray it will be a blessing to you too.*

In Christ,
Bro. Chad



VALENTINE'S DINNER AND SHOW

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Country Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Green Beans
Homemade Rolls & Salad
"Better than Anything" Cake

**Skits and Music Too!!!
Great fun and fellowship!!
Don't miss out!**

*Sign up in your Sunday
School class or in the church
office today.*

Minister of Music



Didn't we all enjoy the choir special this past Sunday! I think they sang, "I'm saved, and I know that I am" some seventy nine times! There was joy and spiritual energy emanating from their singing hearts. I was reminded again of the wonderful portion of scripture that is found in the fifth chapter of Ephesians. The word exhorts all believers to be filled with the spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord!

The Sanctuary Singers would love to have new singing hearts in the loft just as soon as you're ready! If you have been giving thought to the possibility therein, all you need do is call me and I'll give you my best recruiting job!

There are new, joy filled gospel songs and beautiful traditional choral anthems on the musical horizon for 2019. Come and join us if you feel the leading of the Lord in this area. We are as normal and down to earth as the Mayberry Church Choir. Who knows, we may get the choir to do the Mayberry choral staple, "Welcome Sweet Springtime," and give Ronald Causey a Barney Fife microphone for his solo then hide Ron Massey in the baptistry stairwell to sing over him !!



50th Anniversary
Saturday, February 16, 2019
2 - 4 pm
Please join us for a celebration
Honoring Bo & Debbie Shackelford's
Golden Anniversary
Emmanuel Baptist Church
5850 Buncombe Road
*Please RSVP to
Sandy (318) 347-8106*



FAMILY GAME NIGHT - Thursday, Jan. 31,
6:00 p.m., Family Life Center. The church will
provide fried chicken and everyone is asked to bring
a dish to share. Come join the fun!

Our Sincere Sympathy . . .

Jerry Hollis in the loss of his brother, Johnny Hollis, from West Monroe.



Van Driver - February 3

Gary Palmer
(903) 766-2182

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

A trip to Cordoba, Mexico, to serve at and with the MITC, can be a very humbling experience. As I saw the students in action, I was convicted that I am not much of a Christian, let alone a Christian leader. They are passionate about reaching out to the lost for Jesus and about taking advantage of every opportunity to be a witness for Jesus, even if that means helping to pull a truck that had gone over the side of a mountain back up to the road. At one of our dental clinics, Kevin, one of the young MITC students, had come into possession of a Catholic Bible. Using the Catholic Bible, Kevin worked diligently to convince a Catholic woman that Jesus, not good works, is the only hope of salvation. I wish I could say that she was converted, but at least the seeds were planted and the woman was shown that the concepts we as Evangelicals believe exist even in the Catholic Bible. Attempts to start churches in some areas are strongly opposed by the Catholic priests. Another problem facing the MITC efforts is the growth of churches that look like evangelical churches but really are cults. I was also moved as we sang, in Spanish, many of the contemporary songs we used to sing at Emmanuel. I learned at least the chorus of *How Great Thou Art* in Spanish. "Mi corazón entona la canción, ¡Cuán grande es él! ¡Cuán grande es él!" Even if you know the words to a hymn by memory, it's hard to remember them when others are singing it in a different language! If you have an opportunity to go to MITC some year, I hope you will take it.

Bro. Paul



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST, February 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.

HEART OF HOPE FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Thursday, February 21, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

at the Word of God Ministries Campus Gym

Keynote Speaker – Mike G. Williams,
(comedian and author)

(Heard daily on SiriusXM's Laugh USA)

*Please sign up in the church office
if you would like to come.*

Youth Minister

I hope everybody's year is starting off well. The youth have been continuing through their series in Romans this past month. We will be taking a short break from our study in Romans to take a few weeks to discuss how we as Christians should respond to several different issues in today's society. We got together at Mrs. Rose's house this month to have a bonfire but the weather would not cooperate, so we ended up having a game night instead, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Something new we have introduced this month is a youth mail wall. The purpose of the wall is to help the youth encourage one another. I encourage everyone to write some notes of encouragement to the youth. The mail wall is located on the left wall in the meeting room in the FLC. You can drop a letter off on it or you can give the letter to me and I can make sure the letter gets to the mail wall.

Something to keep in mind this month is the youth garage sale coming up on February 23 from 7-2. Please help us spread the word. Also if you would like to donate to the yard sale contact me at 334-357-9630. You can start dropping donations off at the FLC starting February 17 or contact me and I can arrange a way to have the donations picked up that week.

Thank you, everyone, for your support and prayers. And remember, if you would like to get more regular updates about the youth program text @abedwell to 81010.

Bro. Austin

Children's Ministry

LOVE -- Since February is sometimes called the "Love Month," I think it is a good time to express our love and appreciation for the MANY members of our church family who, week after week, show love to our children. If you want to see love in action, stop by our children's area one Sunday. We have so many workers who diligently prepare to teach children about Jesus and show the love of Jesus through their actions. Their names are listed below, so if you see them in the hallways, give them a hug.

Sunday School workers: Darlene Causey, Carole Pacheco, Denise Grubbs, Cheryl Procell, Debbie Frey, Carol Chatwin, Darlene Thomas, Diane Scott, Carole Dillman, Grace Kelly, Barbara Babb, Cheryl Jones, Dorothy Mullins, Brenda Waldrip

Children's Worship Workers: Debbie Frey, Tristan Black

TeamKID Workers: Cheryl Procell, Brenda Waldrip

Worship Nursery Volunteers: Carole Pacheco, Cheryl Procell, Mike Johnson, Genda Johnson, Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip, Diane Denny, Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd, Kimm Blankenship, Karen VanArsdel, Debbie Frey, Allison Lane

Regular Nursery Workers: Marge Riley, Kim Pao

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."
1 John 4:7

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

Saved to Serve,
Denise

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

1st Sunday, Feb. 3

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell



2nd Sunday, Feb. 10

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, Feb. 17

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, Feb. 24

Babies: Kimm Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of:

Wendell Collins,
Phillip Loyer,
Lena Webb

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

Fund: Brazil

In Memory of:

John "Red" Hay,

By: Patty Stowell

Fund: Bereavement

In Memory of:

Hazel Sturdivant

By: Jackie & Alda Sayles

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of:

Hazel Sturdivant

By: George & Laverne Smith

In Memory of:

Hazel Sturdivant

By: Mark & Glenda Johnson

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Youth

In Honor of: Rose Turner

By: Billie Martin



PRIME TIME TRIP TO LONGVIEW –

Thursday, January 31, leaving at 9:00 a.m. Going to Gregg County Historical Museum and Greggton Antique Mall with lunch at Papacita's. Only cost will be for lunch. Call or go by the office to sign up.



Youth Garage Sale
February 23 in the FLC
from 7:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.

If you would like to donate to the yard sale contact me at 334-357-9630. You can start dropping donations off at the FLC starting February 17 or contact me and I can arrange a way to have the donations picked up that week

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 02-03-19

S,S, Breakfast, FLC, dr 8:30 - 9:30 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, 02-05-19

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

Wednesday, 02-06-19

Fellowship Supper, FLC, 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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SUNDAY SCHOOL

HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY

February 3

Breakfast served from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Come, bring a friend,
and join us for Bible study.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS may be
 picked up today in the Lottie Moon Post Office.



Thursday, January 31, '19

Exodus 24-26; Matthew 17:14-27

Friday, February 1, '19

Exodus 27-28; Matthew 18:1-20

Saturday, February 2, '19

Exodus 29-30; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, February 3, '19

Exodus 31-32; Matthew 19:1-15

Monday, February 4, '19

Exodus 33-34; Matthew 19:16-30

Tuesday, February 5, '19

Exodus 35-36; Matthew 20:1-16

Wednesday, February 6, '19

Exodus 37-38; Matthew 20:17-34

Hospital List

WK Pierremont

Larry Gilley (hm)

WK South

Pam Rachall

WK Lifecare

Ruby Taylor

Highland Rehab

(Margaret Place)

Clair Pittman (hm)

Billy Thomas

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin

Eddie 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 Jan. 27

Budget Receipts This Week	\$	8,864.01
Budget Needed Weekly	\$	13,260.00
Budget Received Year to Date	\$	38,879.42
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$	37,963.83

January 27

Adult	149
Youth	16
Children	9
Preschool	13
TOTAL	187

BAPTISM SERVICE

Sunday Morning, February 10
 If you would like to be baptized
 during this service,
 please see Bro. Chad

FEBRUARY COUNTING COMMITTEE

Burt Grubbs Doug Frey Ken Richmond