



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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After Jesus died on the cross for our sins, the Scripture tells us that it was Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy and prominent Pharisee, who bravely sought permission from Pilate to bury the body of Jesus in his own tomb. (Matthew 27:57–60; Mark 15:42–46; Luke 23:50–53; and John 19:38–42) According to the Gospel of John, Nicodemus, another prominent Pharisee, “who came to Jesus by night,” was also with him. (John 3)

Just prior to the crucifixion, this same Joseph was actually a part of the Jewish Council, or Sanhedrin, that called for Jesus’ crucifixion. However, he had opposed their decision against Him, for he also was a follower of Jesus Christ, and he was “a good and upright man.”

Although Joseph and Nicodemus didn’t realize this at the time, their decision to bury the body of Jesus in Joseph’s tomb was yet another fulfillment of prophecy, confirming that Jesus was the promised Messiah. According to the prophet Isaiah, “He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:9)

We all know the rest of the story! The day after Jesus’ burial, the unbelieving chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate to make a request for the tomb to be sealed and guarded. They cited Jesus’ assertion that He would rise from the dead three days later, and they claimed that the disciples would attempt to steal His body in order to deceive the multitudes, making them think that He had risen. (Matthew 27:63–64) But their actions were in vain, for Jesus rose from the dead three days later, just as He said He would do. (Matthew 28)

But why did God ordain for His Son to be buried in a borrowed tomb? For one reason, the tomb was not His final resting place. It was only a temporary place for His body, and He wasn’t going to need it long. Joseph could have it back.

Besides this, I believe God also wanted us to understand that if we believe in His Son, then our graves are only temporary resting places too! For one day, the graves will hear His voice, and we will be called to our eternal home with Christ! (John 5.28-29)

Have you lost loved ones and friends who knew the Lord? Be of good cheer! God will bring them to life again, and we will worship the Lord together in His glory! “What a day that will be!”

In His service,
Bro. Chad

Minister of Music



Psalms 35: 18, 27 - I will give You thanks in the great congregation: I will praise You among many people.

Let them shout for joy! And be glad, who favor my righteous cause: yes, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.

This particular Psalm finds David lamenting before the Lord and praying for deliverance against those who were speaking ill and plotting against him. David is saying that he will not allow such to stop his praises to God and that his victory is found in Praise. (And our victory can be found there as well.)

The 27th verse is powerful; it is saying that only those who favor His "righteous cause" will "shout for joy, and be glad." On Sunday mornings before the choir leaves for the loft, we often talk about being conduits of light, joy and praise. I remind the singers even if our emotions don't want to line up then just surrender as an act of your will and the Holy Ghost will do the rest.

I would like to encourage and exhort all of you to take on the same mindset in the congregation. If feelings of dryness and boredom have invaded your spiritual senses, then why not ask Jesus to help you in surrendering as well? Scripture reminds us in the 4th Chapter of James if "We will draw near to God then He will draw near to us." The simplicity of the gospel is beautiful in that Christ desires to love and fellowship with us. We have a decisive part to play in the process and it's called surrender. The Holy Spirit WILL move in your heart if you'll allow Him to breathe newness into your life. Be encouraged and Shout for Joy!

P.S. ETBU Music Worship Arts students, Brock Garrison & Katie Ashcraft will be our special musical guests for the upcoming Sunday evening service! Be sure and spread the word. You all know Katie and Brock are as good as they come!

Bro. Harold

Youth Mission Trip Parent Meeting

This Summer, July 14-19, the Youth Group is planning a trip to the Mission Lab of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana. During this time they will have the opportunity to get involved in various hands-on mission projects throughout the city of New Orleans, and they will worship and work together with other students who will be on mission with them. Our Youth Minister, Bro. Austin, will be leading a Parent-Youth meeting to discuss the details of the trip and answer your questions on Sunday, May 5, at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall (across from the office). All parents who are interested in sending their youth on this trip are asked to attend.

"WE'RE WORKIN' ON A BUILDING" - a study on the book of Ezra led by Claire Pennington. This Bible study will begin Wednesday, May 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC.

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

SENIOR ADULT DAY – is coming up on May 5. Our OSCAR nominations are coming in very slowly this year. It may seem to you that all of the easy, obvious, low-hanging fruit have already been harvested and that there are no more deserving senior adults worthy of nomination, but that's not so, dear friends. There are still senior adults in our midst going about quietly serving the Lord in the background and without fanfare. There are still senior adults among us who have led lives worthy of emulation and who serve as an example for us. There are still senior adults who make you feel good to be around, who encourage you when you're down. There are still some senior adults who teach the Word week after week. Some of our seniors are stealth seniors. They are younger than you, so you may not realize that they have crossed that boundary line into seniorhood. Look around this Sunday, jot down some names, then compare them with the names listed on the back of the form. If their names are not present, you have a nominee! Remember, you can nominate up to four different senior adults. Please remember too, that your comments are worth more than any plaque can be and they will be passed on anonymously. Deadline for submission is April 28.

Sign up for the luncheon is coming along more slowly than usual, too. Maybe we have sign-up fatigue. At any rate, if you plan to attend, please sign up by May 1. If you have signed up and your plans change, please let me know, because if I tell Johnny's we're having 120 and we have 100, we will still pay for the 20 people who did not come. The Hilltop Singers from ETBU will present our program, and also sing in our morning service.

BLOOD DRIVE – Please remember our blood drive on April 28th. I don't like needles either, but the benefit to others far outweighs any temporary discomfort we experience. Blood supplies are critically low in our community. Blood is needed for accident victims, cancer patients, and many others. Someone's life may depend on having enough blood on hand. What if it were you or a family member needing blood? I bet you'd give without a second thought in that case. If you are an eligible donor, please give. You can also give at the LifeShare office or another location. Just ask them to credit it to our drive.

Bro. Paul



EBC Family Field Day -- We will have our 2nd annual Family Field Day & Picnic on Saturday, May 4, 10:00 to noon. Everyone is invited to join us -- you don't have to have a family! We will divide up into teams and the fun begins! Our events are something that everyone can do. Last year we had participants as young as 3 and as old as 83! (No injuries occurred! LOL!) Be sure and bring a picnic lunch/drink and a lawn chair.

Youth Minister

Thank you to all the youth who have volunteered their time to serve in various ways over the past month. I am proud of y'all for having a heart willing to serve others. Also, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has given me words and notes of encouragement over the last month.

The youth finished their series on cultural issues this month and have resumed their study of the book of Romans. On May 5 we will have a parent youth meeting to discuss the upcoming mission trip to New Orleans on July 14-19. In the coming weeks I will be putting out a schedule of summer events. Be sure to join us on May 13 at 6:30 as we gather together in the FLC to pray for our students. We will have activities almost every week during June and July.

If you would like to stay up to date with text updates on the youth text @abedwell to 81010.

Bro. Austin

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of:

Dr. Pokol Margit

By: Helen Mezei

Fund: Prime Time

In Memory of: **Richard Bartel**

By: Carolyn Rodgers

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Honor of: **Sharon Sherrod,**

Paul Sherrod

By: W. P. Spillers, M.D.

SENIOR ADULT DAY IS MAY 5 – That means that you will get the chance to nominate deserving senior adults for OSCAR's through the month of April. Deadline for OSCAR nominations is Sunday, April 28. Please consider leaving some comments on your nomination form. These will be passed on anonymously to the person you nominate. A host of people have been nominated and received OSCARS, but there are still senior adults worthy of your consideration. You can also sign up for the luncheon which will be catered by Johnnie's Catfish and Seafood for a cost of \$10.00 per person. Deadline to sign up for the luncheon is Wednesday, May 1. Our program this year will be provided by the Hilltop Singers of ETBU, who will also appear in our service that morning.



APRIL COUNTING COMMITTEE

Danny Adcock Mark Johnson
John McCarty

Children's Ministry

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
James 1:17 (NASB)

We always begin by thanking our loving Heavenly Father, who blessed us with beautiful weather and bountiful eggs and food. We also want to thank ALL the many workers who helped to make our Easter event such a success:

Entire church--filling over 3000 eggs

Friends Sunday School Class--Debbie Frey, Margaret & Harry Fletcher, Bro. Paul & Cathy DeRousse, Myrna & William Woods--for serving the food and keeping the coffee fresh

Carolyn Rodgers -- kids drinks

Michael Gaddis & Grounds Comm. -- killing ants and preparing the grounds, weeks in advance

Bro. Austin, Sheralyn Gordon, Allison Lane & **teenagers-- for hiding the eggs and wearing bunny suit**

Allison & teenagers -- puppet show

Security-- Bo Shackelford, David Linn

Greeters -- Johnnie Bishop, Judy Gaddis, Virginia McCarty, Anne Rachall, Skye Creswell, Cheryl Wilson

Bounce house monitors--Cheryl Procell, Brenda Waldrip

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Saved to Serve,

Denise

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

1st Sunday, May 5

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell



2nd Sunday, May 12

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, May 19

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, May 26

Babies: Kim Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel



BLOOD DRIVE, APRIL 28

Technicians from LifeShare will be with us from 9:00-12:30 to receive donations of blood. Blood supplies are critically low and are needed for accident victims, cancer patients, and many others facing life-threatening situations. If you are eligible, please give the gift of life.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 4-28-19

Blood Drive, FLC, dr 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.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.

Monday, 04-29-19

Ladies Bible Study, FLC, ar 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 04-30-19

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

Wednesday, 05-01-19

Fellowship Supper, FLC, 5:00 p.m.
 TeamKID 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Impact 6:00 p.m.
 Ezra Bible Study, FLC 6:00 p.m.
 (We're Workin' On a Building led by Clair Pennington)
 Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 05-03-19

CFE Field Day 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, 05-04-19

EBC Field Day & Picnic 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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OUR SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS for this coming Sunday evening will be ETBU Music Students, Brock Garrison & Katie Ashcraft.



Thursday, April 25, '19
 1 Samuel 24-25; Luke 9:46-62
Friday, April 26, '19
 1 Samuel 26-27; Luke 10:1-24
Saturday, April 27 '19
 1 Samuel 28-29; Luke 10:25-42
Sunday, April 28, '19
 1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 11:1-13
Monday, April 29, '19
 2 Samuel 1-2; Luke 11:14-28
Tuesday, April 30, '19
 2 Samuel 3-4; Luke 11:29-54
Wednesday, May 1, '19
 2 Samuel 5-6; Luke 12:1-12

Hospital List

WK Pierremont - Lifecare
 Charlie Marable
 (hm)

Christus Highland
 Joel Mangum (hm)

Highland Place
 (on Irving Place)
 Pam Rachall

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

MAY COUNTING COMMITTEE

Jim Howard Donnie McCaa
 Mike Martin Charles Shirley

Budget Statistical Report	-	As of April 14
Budget Receipts This Week	\$	12,300.80
Budget Needed Weekly	\$	12,654.61
Budget Received Year to Date	\$	190,469.58
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$	189,819.15

April 21	
Adult	152
Youth	20
Children	11
Preschool	12
TOTAL	194

Van Driver - APRIL 28

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