

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:00 AM
Sing at Brookdale, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
TeamKid, 6:00PM
Student IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

*"Rejoice in hope; be
patient in affliction; be
persistent in prayer."
Romans 12:12*

*Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister*

*Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director*

*Claire Pennington
Church Administrator*



September 7, 2023

FORERUNNER

As a teenager, I remember standing in line at the Joy Theater on Valley View Drive to see the latest disaster film in *Sensurround*. My brothers and I were thrilled to experience the calamities of Earthquake, Towering Inferno, Poseidon Adventure and Airport 1, 2, 3 and 4. Looking back, I realize my parents did not see the need to pay to experience terror and chaos because they had lived through The Great Depression, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a World War, the outbreak of polio, and the assassination of a U.S. President.

Just recounting the last 22 years, our generation has now seen a lot of upheaval and we have learned it is anything but thrilling to see destruction and loss of life. Next Monday will mark 22 years since 09/11/2001. We all remember where we were and what we were doing as that second plane flew into the towers and we realized it was not an accident.

Four years later, we watched as Hurricane Katrina devastated south Louisiana, taking 1,836 lives and costing up to \$145 billion dollars in damages. Much closer to home, I remember February of 2021, sitting by my living room window, praying for the freezing temperatures to rise above 32 degrees as Shreveport experienced Snowmageddon.

In June of this year, a storm with 80 mph winds left nearly a quarter of a million people in SWEPCO's service area without power. Downed trees and power lines blocked neighborhood streets, wiped out traffic lights and had gas stations overrun as people dealt with a heat index of 105 – 110 degrees. Here we are three months later, having experienced over 26 days with 100+ temperatures and the Tiger Island Fire rages on in Beauregard Parish. This is the largest wildfire in Louisiana's history, covering over 33,000 acres.

With all the groceries collected in our EBC hallway for the LA Baptist Children's Home, I realize there is a glaring difference between those disaster movies and our real lives. Those people didn't have Jesus, but we do. There is no calamity in our lives that will ever catch God off guard. Look at all He has brought us through and still provides ways for us to shop for Masada House and the Children's Home. He allows us to give to Georgia Barnette State Missions to fund Disaster Relief and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul, no stranger to hardships, reminds us in Romans 12:12 to "rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction and be persistent in prayer." *Claire*

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, September 8

Song of Solomon 1 - 4, 1 Corinthians 13

Saturday, September 9

Song of Solomon 5 - 8, 1 Corinthians 14

Sunday, September 10

Isaiah 1 - 4, 1 Corinthians 15

Monday, September 11

Isaiah 5 - 7, 1 Corinthians 16

Tuesday, September 12

Isaiah 8 - 9, 2 Corinthians 1

Wednesday, September 13

Isaiah 10 - 12, 2 Corinthians 2

Thursday, September 14

Isaiah 13 - 14, 2 Corinthians 3

Friday, September 15

Isaiah 15 - 18, 2 Corinthians 4

Saturday, September 16

Isaiah 19 - 22, 2 Corinthians 5

Sunday, September 17

Isaiah 23 - 25, 2 Corinthians 6

Men's Fish Fry at Camp Bethany, 09/11/2023 at 5:30.

The cost is \$10. Guest Speaker and Patriotic Music.

To Register, call Camp Bethany @ 318-938-1221.

Branson at Bethany Christmas Show

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 9:30AM Cost \$10

EBC has purchased 30 tickets from the NWLBA office. The sign-up sheet is in the church office and the tickets will be available to purchase next Monday at the church. Cash or checks made payable to EBC. Guests will include Blake & Jenna Bolerjack, Charles Marshall and the Bossier Brass Quartet. (If you buy tickets through the NWLBA office, the cost is \$17.00 each)

It's almost time! Can you believe all of the groceries in our hallway for the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home? It will be exciting to see the LBCH truck pull up here on September 20th to load up all of these much needed supplies. May the Lord bless each item as it touches the lives of His children.

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Claude Burch

By Sue Burch

Budget

In Memory of Dr. C. Garth Cline

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly

Budget

Envelopes for the Georgia Barnette State Missions

Offering are in the hallway, or you may mark a regular offering envelope "GBO". Our week of

Prayer for this offering begins this Sunday, September 10th - 17th with our goal this year of \$5,000 and a state goal of \$1,750,000.

All Mature Adults are invited to Refresh and Recharge Monday through Wednesday, September 11-13 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary of Broadmoor Baptist Church. Monday the guest speaker will be Dr. John Sullivan; Tuesday will be Dr. Jeff Schreve of FBC Texarkana; Wednesday will be Dr. Pat Day of First United Methodist Church. Rocky Maddox will lead the music for all sessions. A fellowship supper will follow the sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Please contact Broadmoor to make your supper reservation if you choose to dine. 318-868-6552

Our Prime Time Choir will be on the road this week as they travel to Brookdale @ Shreveport, 7110 University Drive, 524-2100, Tuesday, September 12th. Choir members may meet at the church at 10:00AM and sing at Brookdale at 10:30. What a ministry!

