

# Emmanuel Baptist Church

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM  
Children's Church  
Deacon's Meeting, 4:30 PM  
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM  
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

### Tuesday

Prime Time Singers, 10:30 AM

### Wednesday

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

*"By this all will know  
that you are My  
disciples, if you have  
love for one another."*

*John 13:35*

*Harold Ashcraft  
Music Minister*

*Denise Griffin  
Children/Youth Director*

*Claire Pennington  
Church Administrator*



**FORERUNNER**

October 12, 2023



**O**CTOBER has been designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. As chair of our recently concluded Pastor Search Committee, I wanted to ensure our members are aware of this special time of opportunity.

Some might ask, what can we do for our new pastor? I thought about things to buy or do for Bro Scott, Bethany and their children, all of whom I believe we have come to love and appreciate in a very short period of time. Physical gifts are well and good, and I would not presume to tell you what or whether to give if you feel led of the Lord. There are things we can and should do, that won't cost us a thing other than time.

I came across an article written by the former CEO of Lifeway, Mr. Thom Rainer that summarized it well. In that article he stressed two "greatest gifts" that all of us can do for Bro Scott and his family. Those gifts are:

**"Gift #1:** Pray for Your Pastor. There is power in prayer. Pastors need prayer. God answers prayers.... You [can] take it a step further [by] creating a system where you are reminded to pray for your pastor [and staff] daily..., [then] please let [him] know. A simple email or handwritten note will suffice. You cannot imagine how encouraged your pastor will be to know that church members are praying for [him] daily.

**Gift #2:** Enlist Others to Pray. ...In the last church where I, Thom Rainer served as a pastor, over 100 church members [were recruited] to pray for me daily. I was blown away...it was a demonstration of [their] love and respect for [their] pastor." Finally, I believe we should have all our small groups pray regularly throughout the year for Bro Scott, our staff and their families. *In Christ, Bill Thomas Colossians 3:15*



# Good News! Great Joy!

Pack a box. Impact a life.



Emmanuel Family,  
This month at our church, we begin our emphasis for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. This is a powerful ministry -- reaching

and changing the lives of millions of children and their families around the world. Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and personal care items, and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 209 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, in 2023, OCC hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministry! *(See instructions on next page)*

Emmanuel has been a part of this ministry for many years. The empty shoe boxes (and information on how to pack a box) are located in the hallway by the library. If you are unable to pack a shoebox, there are still other ways to join in this donation to: Samaritan's Purse, P.O.Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. And most importantly, we can PRAY for the children to come to know the love of our Savior through these shoeboxes.

## Branson at Bethany Christmas Show

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

We have TWO tickets still available for this event.

The sign-up sheet is in the church office.

Deacon's Meeting – Sunday, October 15 4:30 PM

Business Meeting – Wednesday, Oct 18 6:00 PM

## Emmanuel Baptist Church Family Fall Festival Trunk-n-Treat



Saturday, October 28, 2023

2:00 – 4:00pm

Back Parking Lot

Free Admission

Everyone Welcome!



Old Time Cars - Bounce House  
Hot dogs - Nachos - Treats

The candy bins are in the hallways. Please bring individually wrapped candy to be given out at the Fall Festival. Thank you for your help in making this year's Trunk-n-Treat such a success. We couldn't do it without LOTS of candy!!

We need members to open their trunks for our Fall Fair!

Please let Denise know if you will be able to help!





## MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

### **In Memory of Karen Johnston**

By Mike Asher	Budget
A.T. "Mike" Clingan	Budget
Ron and Diane Denny	Budget
Karen Fuller	Bereavement
Mike and Judy Gaddis	Georgia Barnette
Jimmy and Linda Gentry	Together We Build
Glen and Linda Hall	Budget
Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
DeWayne and Grace Kelly	Budget
Denise Palmer	Bereavement
Jimmy and Leesa Sitter	Together We Build
George and Laverne Smith	Budget
Gene Taylor	Together We Build

### **In Memory of Claude Burch**

By Sue Burch	Budget
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### **In Memory of John Curtis McCarty**

By John and Virginia McCarty	Georgia Barnette
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### **In Memory of Dr. C. Garth Cline**

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
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### **In Memory of W. J. and Zena English**

By John English	Budget
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### **In Honor of Ron Massey and Denise Griffin**

By John English	Budget
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*Our church family extends sympathy to R. L. and JoAnn Bamburg in the passing of their great-grandchild in South Dakota.*

3424 Judy Lane Shreveport 71119-5410

*Our church family extends sympathy to Peggy Caraway in the passing of her great-grandson, Gavin Ryder Kinsey.*

7319 Red Fox Trail Shreveport 71129-3536

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

### **Thursday, October 12**

Jeremiah 22 – 23, Colossians 2

### **Friday, October 13**

Jeremiah 24 – 25, Colossians 3

### **Saturday, October 14**

Jeremiah 26, Colossians 4

### **Sunday, October 15**

Jeremiah 27 - 28, 1 Thessalonians 1

### **Monday, October 16**

Jeremiah 29 - 30, 1 Thessalonians 2

### **Tuesday, October 17**

Jeremiah 31, 1 Thessalonians 3

### **Wednesday, October 18**

Jeremiah 32, 1 Thessalonians 4

### **Thursday, October 19**

Jeremiah 33 – 34, 1 Thessalonians 5

### **Friday, October 20**

Jeremiah 35 – 36, 2 Thessalonians 1

### **Saturday, October 22**

Jeremiah 37 – 38, 2 Thessalonians 2

### **Sunday, October 23**

Jeremiah 39 - 41, 2 Thessalonians 3



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

### **Make a difference in the life of a child!**

Pick up a shoe box in the hallway across from the church library. There are instructions on the box on how to pack a shoebox, or you can go to: [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

Be sure to include a \$10 donation inside your packed box to cover shipping, or you can make your \$10 donation at: follow your box.

The deadline for our church collection is **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**.

We will take them to our local collection center after that date.