

# 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 Singers, 10:30 AM  
Sing at Riverview, Bossier City

### Wednesday

Prayer 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 26, 2023



The two days I dreaded most in school were "Field Day" (not a competitive bone in my body) and the day they handed out the boxes of "World's Finest Chocolate" bars to sell for the school's annual fund raiser. Honestly, I could not sell a dollar bill for a quarter. It always felt I was imposing upon people to give me money. At nine years of age, I did not understand the phenomenon of chocolate addiction, otherwise, I might have been more enthusiastic in my task. The elderly man across the street always felt sorry for me because I seemed so depressed as I slowly trudged door to door with my milk chocolate treasures. After I had suffered sufficiently, Mr. Pipes would come out on his porch and signal for me. Every year we would have the same conversation, "Honey, you really don't like selling stuff do you?" "No, sir." "How much are they this year?" "Fifty cents." "How many have you sold?" "One. My momma bought it." "Well here's \$9.50 for the rest of them. Why don't you go play your piano, and leave your front door open so I can hear you play "Amazing Grace." "Oh, Mr. Pipes, you're the most wonderful man I have ever known!" I would throw my arms around his neck and hug him tight because I KNEW if there was one thing I could sell, it was "Amazing Grace" on the piano.

Fifty-five years later, I find myself in a church staff position where I am constantly reminding people to give to missions through Georgia Barnette, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, Operation Christmas Child, Fall Food Round-up, Candy for Fall Fest and our Easter Egg Hunt. But now, there is no reason to hang my head and be discouraged because **Missions Matter!** What an honor for God to allow us to be His assistants in spreading His love throughout the world. In Baptist circles we often speak of certain people being "called" to missions. Jesus made it plain in Matthew 28:18-20 and again in Acts 1:8 that as Christians, we are **ALL** called to missions. It is an **urgent** calling because those who don't know Christ are on the pathway to eternal suffering. It truly is a matter of life and death. Missions are an act of worship and we really are presently the World's Finest Savior! God has placed you in the place and time in which you live for a reason. Let God work through you to make a Gospel impact! Count it Joy! *Blessings, Ms. Claire*

## MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

**In Honor of Bro. Scott Shirley**  
By Monday Ladies Bible Study    Benevolence

**In Memory of Karen Johnston**  
By Linda Marable                      Budget  
Monday Ladies Bible Study    Benevolence  
R. L. and Jo Ann Bamburg    Bereavement

**In Memory of Killian Bamburg**  
By R. L. and Jo Ann Bamburg    Homebound

**In Memory of Virginia Williams**  
By DeWayne and Grace Kelly    Budget

## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

**Friday, October 27**

*Jeremiah 49, 1 Timothy 5*

**Saturday, October 28**

*Jeremiah 50, 1 Timothy 6*

**Sunday, October 29**

*Jeremiah 51, 2 Timothy 1*

**Monday, October 30**

*Jeremiah 52, 2 Timothy 2*

**Tuesday, October 31**

*Lamentations 1, 2 Timothy 3*

**Wednesday, November 1**

*Lamentations 2, 2 Timothy 4*

**Thursday, November 2**

*Lamentations 3, Titus 1*

**Friday, November 3**

*Lamentations 4, Titus 2*

**Saturday, November 4**

*Lamentations 5, Titus 3*

**Sunday, November 5**

*Ezekiel 1 – 2, Philemon*



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS 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>**.

# SEE YOU SUNDAY

We will be observing The Lord's Supper in our Worship Service this Sunday Morning.

Please notify Bro. Harold if you wish to participate in our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singing this Sunday.

There is a Sign-up Sheet in the office for the Candlelight Tour of Homes, Jefferson, Texas, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 7:00PM. Tickets are \$20.00 if you sign up by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. For more details, please see Darlene Thomas or Robbie Ramsey.



## **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**

**We need members to open  
their trunks for our Fall Fair!  
We will provide the candy.**

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

