

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:30 PM

Tuesday

Prime Time Singers, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

No Activities this Wednesday

*"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

November 16, 2023

GIVING THANKS

Paul must have wondered...how can I give thanks to God for putting me in this place? If anyone had a reason to ask that question, it could have been the apostle Paul. In Acts 18, we join the apostle as he leaves Athens and travels to Corinth...that's like saying he left a bad place for an even worse place! Corinth was known for rampant immorality. The Greeks even invented the word, "corinthianize," to describe gross immorality and drunken debauchery. Corinth was also a center of commerce and trade, filled with greed and dishonesty. Paul must have wondered...

BUT GOD... God had abounding blessings waiting for Paul in Corinth.

Blessing #1: Paul met new friends, Aquila and Priscilla, who "just happened" to be fellow tent-makers with Paul. *"Thank You, Lord, for sending new friends our way."*

Blessing #2: Paul was reunited with his dear friends, Silas and Timothy, who he left in Berea. Paul possibly didn't even know if they were still alive! Can you imagine the tears and joy when they walked in the door! *"Thank You, Lord, for reuniting us with old friends who comfort our hearts."*

Blessing #3: Paul was "pressed in the Spirit," to fully devote himself to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ (verse 5, KJV). One Bible commentator describes this as a burning inside of Paul that compelled him to preach the Word. *"Oh Lord, BURN Your Words into our hearts!"*

Blessing #4: God re-affirmed to Paul his mission to take the message of Jesus to the Gentiles (verse 6). *"Thank You, Lord, when You send sweet affirmations of Your Will at work in us."*

Blessing #5: God placed before Paul, Titius Justus and Crispus; Paul was able to share with them the gospel of Jesus Christ. *"Father, keep our hearts open to ways we can share our Savior with others."*

Blessing #6: Paul received a special vision/message from the Lord. The Lord spoke to Paul with six direct statements that we all need to hear each day: *"Do not be afraid // Keep on speaking // Do not be silent // I am with you // No one will harm you // I have many people here."*

May our Heavenly Father open our eyes to see ALL the blessings He has for His children. *"In all things, give thanks."* 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Ms. Denise

Folks have asked how they can help Bridget, whose car burned up on our parking lot last week. We have established a **“Bridget Deal Love Offering”** through our Benevolence Fund. You may mark an envelope “Bridget Deal” with cash or a check made payable to *Emmanuel Baptist Church*. So far, you have given over \$1,200!

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of James Mullins

By Mike Asher Budget

In Honor of Dorothy Mullins

By Mike Asher Budget

In Memory of Claude Burch

By Sue Burch Budget

In Memory of Karen Johnston and George McLain

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, November 17

Ezekiel 27 - 28, Hebrews 12

Saturday, November 18

Ezekiel 29 - 30, Hebrews 13

Sunday, November 19

Ezekiel 31 - 32, James 1

Monday, November 20

Ezekiel 33 - 34, James 2

Tuesday, November 21

Ezekiel 35 - 37, James 3

Wednesday, November 22

Ezekiel 38 - 39, James 4

Thursday, November 23

Ezekiel 40 - 41, James 5

Friday, November 24

Ezekiel 42 - 43, 1 Peter 1

Saturday, November 25

Ezekiel 44 - 46, 1 Peter 2

Sunday, November 26

Ezekiel 47 - 48, 1 Peter 3



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. 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 this Sunday, November 19th.**

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 19th, 5:30PM, FLC – Church Wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

Sunday, November 19th – Deadline to sign up for Jefferson Tour of Homes and drop off Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Prime Time Singers – Tuesday, Nov. 21st, 10:30AM

Deacon’s Meeting, Sunday, November 26th, 4:30PM

Branson at Bethany, Tuesday, Nov 28th, 9:30AM

Business Meeting, Wednesday, Nov 29th, 6:00PM

Jefferson Tour of Homes, Thursday, Nov 30th, 3:00PM

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities, November 22nd. The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday and no Forerunner will be published November 23rd.

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



“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His Name.” Psalm 100:4

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Church Wide Thanksgiving Dinner



Sunday, November 19th, 5:30PM, FLC
The church will provide the Turkey, so bring your favorite side dishes and desserts.
Good Times are in store!