

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, FLC

Tuesday

Prime Time Singers, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

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

"And He that sitteth on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He saith, 'Write this down; for these words are faithful and true.'" Revelation 21:5

*Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister*

*Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director*

*Claire Pennington
Church Administrator*



FORERUNNER

January 25, 2024

Scottish born Alistair Begg, Pastor of Parkside Church in Cleveland, Ohio penned the following devotion for his "Bible Through the Year" series.

What does it mean to be a *gospel church*? Over time, a congregation can grow comfortable and content with empty seats in their services and slowly drift into self-satisfaction. A church will only remain devoted to its mission when its members constantly maintain an **outward gaze**.

Jesus encouraged this mindset after He healed the demon possessed man in Mark 5. When the man asked Jesus if he could stay with Him, Jesus told him no – which seems contrary to His earlier admonition to "Follow Me" in Mark 1:17. But Jesus was telling this man that following involved going; going home to his friends and family and telling them "how much the Lord has done for you." Jesus did not want him to rest content with the knowledge of Christ that he had received. He wanted him to make the good news about Christ known to those around him. If we have truly **come to Him**, then we will truly **go out for Him**.

There are plenty of important elements of church life that should never be ignored, but when we neglect evangelism, pursuing these other things becomes like rearranging furniture in a house that's on fire.

Have you received the mercy that is found in Christ alone? Do you know others who have yet to believe the gospel? Then Christ calls you to go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you. He calls your church to be a place that welcomes anyone and everyone who wants to meet the One who has made such a difference in your life and the life of others in your church. Will you accept His calling? This week, with whom are you going to share the One who has done so much for you?

Mark 5:18-19



MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Karen Johnston By Learohn and Marilyn Caldwell	Budget
In Memory of Bob Griffin By Learohn and Marilyn Caldwell	Children's Ministry
In Memory of W. J. English By John English	Budget
In Memory of John H. Stalnaker By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Denise Palmer Gene Taylor	Budget Together We Build Together We Build
In Memory of Billy Morgan By George and Laverne Smith	Budget
In Memory of Kenny Hall By George and Laverne Smith	Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, January 26

Exodus 12 - 13, Matthew 15:1-20

Saturday, January 27

Exodus 14 - 15, Matthew 15:21-39

Sunday, January 28

Exodus 16 - 18, Matthew 16:1-12

Monday, January 29

Exodus 19 - 21, Matthew 16:13-28

Tuesday, January 30

Exodus 22 - 23, Matthew 17:1-13

Wednesday, January 31

Exodus 24 - 26, Matthew 17:14-27

Thursday, February 1

Exodus 27 - 28, Matthew 18:1-20

Friday, February 2

Exodus 29 - 30, Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday, February 3

Exodus 31 - 32, Matthew 19:1-15

Sunday, February 4

Exodus 33 - 34, Matthew 19:16-30

Please Note: The Ladies Bible Study will be meeting this Monday, January 22nd at 10:00AM in the FLC.



Be sure and pick up your 2023 Church Contribution Statement this Sunday Morning in the Lottie Moon Post Office Slots in the Main Hallway. There are also new envelope boxes available as well.

Bro. Scott will be preaching from Matthew 4:1-11 in our Sunday Morning Worship Service.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted for forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Sunday Night, Bro. Scott will be continuing the series *Ordinary People – Extraordinary God*. We will have the chance to learn more about Esther, the young woman God worked through to rescue the Jewish people from annihilation. This will be a wonderful time of study in the Family Life Center at 6:00PM.

Ladies, mark your calendars for a 2024 Association-Wide WMU Meeting!

WMU

February 3, 2024 - 10:00AM - Noon

Team Leader: Pam Huber

Lakeview Baptist Church, 4520 Tacoma Blvd. Shreveport, LA

Mission Project: Cleaning Supplies (Pine Sol, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, 30 gallon trash bags) for the Meadowview Mission Center and Masada Living Center