

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, Sanctuary

Tuesday

Prime Time Singers, 10:00 AM
Sing at Spring Lake, 10:30AM

Wednesday

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

Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator

"Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations; a city designed and built by God." Hebrews 11:10



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BROKEN AND SPILLED OUT

As we near Easter, our thoughts turn toward Jesus' days prior to His crucifixion and resurrection. The week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion is often called Passion Week; the word passion in the Greek language means suffering. While this week was filled with pain and suffering, there were a few times where Jesus was shown kindness and love. Matthew and Mark record one of these events, happening two days before the Passover.

Jesus and His disciples were reclining at a table, and a woman entered the room with an alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. The Scriptures state the perfume "could have been sold for more than a year's wages." She pours this very expensive perfume on Jesus' head; she anoints Jesus.

Very likely, this lady was not aware that she was actually anointing Jesus' body for burial; she was probably just expressing her gratitude and love to Jesus, her Savior. But Jesus knew what was ahead. The scent of this beautiful perfume would remain with Jesus. When Jesus was spat upon, He would be able to still smell the beautiful aroma. Each time Jesus was struck in the face, the scent from His hair would be near. During Jesus' flogging, Jesus' hair would fall in His face, reminding Him of this sweet anointing. As Jesus struggled to carry His cross, the scent would still be present. As Jesus hung on the cross, unable to lift His head, his hair would surround His face and the sweet aroma would remind Him of the anointing.



Gloria Gaither wrote a song about Jesus' anointing, "Broken and Spilled Out." The song ends with this chorus:

*"Broken and spilled out, just for love of me, Jesus.
God's most precious treasure, lavished on me.
You were broken and spilled out,
and poured at my feet.
In sweet abandon Lord,
You were spilled and used up for me.*

In sweet abandon, let me be spilled out, and used up for Thee."

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