

# Emmanuel Baptist Church

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM  
Children's Church

### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM  
Youth Study, Team Kid, 6:00 PM  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Harold Ashcraft  
Music Minister

Denise Griffin  
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington  
Church Administrator

*"The nearness of  
God is my good."  
Psalm 73:28*



January 8, 2026

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## Reading the Bible Through

January 1 – Genesis 1-3; Matthew 1

January 2 – Genesis 4-6; Matthew 2:1-12

January 3 – Genesis 7-8; Matthew 2:13-23

January 4 – Genesis 9-11; Matthew 3

January 5 – Genesis 12-14; Matthew 4:1-11

January 6 – Genesis 15-17; Matthew 4:12-25

January 7 – Genesis 18-19; Matthew 5:1-16

January 8 – Genesis 20-22; Matthew 5:17-48

January 9 – Genesis 23-24; Matthew 6:1-18

January 10 – Genesis 25-27; Matthew 6:19-34

January 11 – Genesis 28-29; Matthew 7:1-14

January 12 – Genesis 30-31; Matthew 7:15-29

January 13 – Genesis 32-33; Matthew 8:1-17

January 14 – Genesis 34-36; Matthew 8:18-34

January 15 – Genesis 37-38; Matthew 9:1-26

January 16 – Genesis 39-40; Matthew 9:27-38





## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

### In Honor of Dorothy Mullins

Phail Dean Jones Budget

### In Memory of Jack and Florence Brazzel and Betty Kelly

DeWayne and Grace Kelly Lottie Moon

### In Memory of Linda Broadway

Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Benevolence

### In Memory of John Curtis McCarty

John and Virginia McCarty Lottie Moon

### In Memory of Gary Blanton

Ron and Diane Denny EBC Foster Ministry

### In Honor of Mike Asher

Celebrate Sunday School Class Lottie Moon

*To the Homebound Committee,  
Thank you so much for the lovely Baskets! We  
enjoyed all the treats and goodies. We love you  
and miss you. Have a blessed New Year!*

*Mike and Billie Martin*



**Our 2026 EBC Proposed Budget will be distributed for congregational review, this Sunday morning, January 11, 2026.**

**Prime Time Singers will sing at the Brookdale in Shreveport at 10:30AM, Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Van will leave the church at 10:00AM.**

**Our 2026 EBC Proposed Budget will be voted on in the Business Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00PM.**

**Ladies Bible Study will meet Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in the FLC.**

## PRAISE THE LORD!

**Our goal for the Lottie Moon International Missions Fund was \$10,000. Our people gave \$15,053!**

Why is our Missions Offering such a big deal? What are the people following in Lottie Moon's footsteps, facing around the world today? The information below was published today by Paul Tilsley of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Kidnapping for ransom is a strategic aim of the Fulani militants/Jihadi herdsmen to fund their terrorism and also to bankrupt the Christian community. In Nigeria, you may have 100 Christians marched into the forest and kept there for months. Their families are forced to raise ransoms they do not have, so they sell everything, including their farmland, and later must vacate the area.

In Nigeria alone, 4,407 Christians have been abducted in the north-central regions between 2020 and 2025. This includes raids on churches and schools. Priests and pastors are singled out because they represent high-value targets. Families and friends will sell land, livestock and all possessions to meet the kidnappers' demands. This can bankrupt families and communities for generations to come.

In April, the Evangelical Church had to pay over \$200,000 to rescue 50 of their members. This depleted the churches resources to minister.

The ransom payments allow the attacks to continue, yet refusal to pay can result in the death of loved ones. These ransom tactics are to fund terrorism and weaken the Christian communities, forcing them out of the region. There are instances where loved ones are killed despite meeting the jihadi financial demands.

So when we emphasize mission offerings in our church, please know our missionaries face incredible odds and very real danger. Our offerings and our prayers keep these believers on the mission field, spreading the Good News, that Jesus Saves and He is LORD OF ALL! Thank you, God for our missionaries! cp

