



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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Leonardo DaVinci was one of the greatest Italian painters of all time, and he is widely celebrated in history for his many talents and accomplishments. His most famous painting, "The Last Supper," went through several revisions before it was finalized.

When he was almost finished with this painting, he asked a fellow artist to come by and critique his work. The man studied the picture for a while and finally said, "The cups are magnificent. The detail you put on them is some of the best I've ever seen!"

With that, Da Vinci went over to the canvas and painted over the cups. It wasn't the cups he wanted the world to see. It was Christ!

This is the passion of every true follower of Jesus Christ! We don't want the eyes of this world to be drawn to the "cups" on the canvas of our lives, but we want all the attention to be focused on Him. We want our lives to be "vessels" for His honor and glory. All that we say and do must lift up His holy name, for He alone is worthy!

Don't let the "cups" on the canvas of your lives steal away the attention from Christ. Glorify His name in your service and proclaim the wonders of His love and grace.

Christ alone is worthy!

Galatians 6.14

"But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

In His service,
Bro. Chad

Passover Seder Service

with Bro. Maxim Ammosov
"Jews for Jesus"

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 PM



Menu

Baked Balsamic Chicken
Potato Kugel Gratin
Roasted Passover Vegetables
Passover Salad
Icebox Matzo Cake

Cost

\$5 adults / \$4 children
\$15 Family

Make your reservation today!
Call 318.686.7548

Minister of Music

The Fifth Sunday singing will ensue on March 31, at 6:30 p.m. Bro. Wayne Cooper has done a great job as usual in assembling a smorgasbord of musical talent for an enjoyable evening. I hope those of you who are generally absent on Sunday evenings will make it a point to come out and get some joy in your hearts!

Matthew 5:16 encourages all of us as believers in Christ Jesus to "Let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven." As we walk out our salvation daily as mentioned in Philippians 2:12, may we challenge ourselves to walk in the light as He is in the light. Be a blessing and look for opportunities to bless and encourage those who come in your path daily.

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

If you travel out of the United States very often, you are going to come up with a collection of change from other countries. It would make life easier if the whole world used the same currency and if the values were the same no matter where you traveled. However, that's not yet the case, and watch out when that happens! If you go to Mexico, you're going to come back with Pesos. If you travel in Europe, you'll come back with Euros, unless you go to England where they use the Pound, or Czechoslovakia, where you'll have a pocket full of Koruna, or Lei in Romania. There is a certain amount of pride in having your own currency. Every country sets the value on its own currency, but the world market also affects the exchange rate. In some countries you may need a wheelbarrow full of money just to buy a loaf of bread. The exchange rate in some countries can make you feel rich, while it will make you will feel poor in others. But even the highest valued currency means nothing in God's economy. It's often said that God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, but don't forget, He owns the hills, too! The things that God places a value upon are not the same things that the world deems valuable. Love, humility, faithfulness, gentleness, service to the poor and hopeless – these are given lip service to by the fat cats here on earth, but they are the currency of heaven. Jesus told His followers (that includes us), "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-20) Tax time is coming! Isn't it good to know that you can store up treasures beyond the reach of the IRS? Follow Jesus' example and your heavenly balance will out perform the stock market.

Bro. Paul



UPCOMING PRIME TIME TRIPS – March 28 to Norton Art Gallery – We hope to see azaleas in bloom then peruse the art gallery. Leave EBC at 9:30. Only cost will be for lunch.

April 4 – Tyler Azalea Trail – Observe the foliage in bloom from vehicle and by foot. Leave EBC at 8:00. Only cost will be for lunch. Get on the list by calling the church office, 686-7548.

DNOW WEEKEND

This Friday night March 29 - through Sunday morning worship March 31.

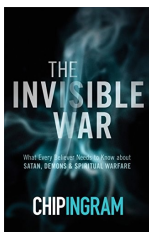
Friday-Registration 5:00 - 6:00 pm

LA COLLEGE students - Micah Stowell and Hanna Hantz will be our student leaders. Micah will lead music and be Bible Study leader for the boys and Hanna will be leading the girls.

Host homes - For girls - Bro. Chad and Marsha Hardbarger
For boys - Steve & Sheralyn Gordon and Rose Turner

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Invisible War by Chip Ingram began last Monday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the FLC, meeting room. This study will continue through May 13. Grace Kelly is the Facilitator. The books will be available at the study. Participants are urged to sign up in or call the church office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST, April 7

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30. All Sunday School attenders are invited. The cost will be \$3.00 per person, or \$10.00 per family, as per the Wednesday night meal. This is also intended to be an outreach event. Get a ticket and Invite a friend. Contact Dave Linn, Sunday School Director, if you have any questions.

Dear Emmanuel,

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits when I had neck surgery. I want to thank Bro. Chad, Bro. Paul and Mike Asher for their visits and prayers. Also Darlene & Ronald Causey were so faithful to come visit and pray. I miss not being able to worship at Emmanuel each week. I am still recovering at home and hope to be able to return to church very soon.

Love, Billy Thomas

MARCH 31, EBC FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT SING!

If you want to perform, call Bro. Wayne Cooper, 617-7966 or Bro. Harold, 517-4881

Our Sincere Sympathy to . . .

Marshall Kelly, DeWayne & Grace Kelly and families in the loss of Richard Bartel.

Youth Minister

Over the last month the youth have been discussing some tough subjects which we face on a weekly basis in our society, and we have discussed how to address those issues Biblically. Those subjects have been abortion, homosexuality, divorce, and racism. These are issues we have often not given a lot of time to think about how to give a strong Biblical response on. Over our last month of discussions I feel like our youth have a good foundation on how to address these issues now if they are faced with them.

March wraps up with the youth having their Discipleship Now. The theme for it is Reality Check. The D-now really continues our theme of discussing tough subjects. The focus of the sessions is discussing different issues related to scripture that we sometimes have trouble relating to a righteous God. Those themes are hell, suffering, and those who never hear the Gospel. Over the weekend we see how these things don't taint the righteousness of God but show He is a righteous judge.

A big announcement we made this month is the youth will be going to New Orleans July 15-19 to do mission work through New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's program Mission Lab. See me as soon as possible to sign up if you are planning on going. I will also be having a parents meeting sometime in April to talk about the trip and answer any questions parents may have. I'll announce several ways, but the best way to make sure you get the announcement is to sign up for the text message updates.

Hope everybody has a good April and a Happy Easter celebrating our risen Savior.

If you would like to stay up to date with text updates on the youth text @abedwell to 81010.

Bro. Austin

Children's Ministry

EXCITING EMMANUEL EASTER EVENT (E4) – It's almost here!! Thank you to everyone who has already filled some eggs. We still have a few bags of empty eggs left. If you haven't already filled some, please grab a bag and return it filled with goodies. Since Easter is so late this year, we cannot put chocolate candy in the eggs (hot sun will melt chocolate quickly inside plastic eggs!). Please fill with non-chocolate candy: Starbursts, Lifesavers, Skittles, gummies, etc.

And please be sure and join us for the fun on Saturday, April 20, 10:30 to noon. It's not just for the kids!! We want our Easter egg hunt to be an outreach, so invite your friends, family and neighbors. There will be invitations available for our members to distribute.

BABY DEDICATION – Thank you to everyone who participated in our Baby Dedication this past Sunday. Thank you to Bob and Zibby Tiller for the personalized puzzles they create for each child. Thank you, Lonnie Gilley, for taking pictures. And thank you to all the families who dedicated their child. Acting as an extended church family, let's keep these children in our prayers: Sophie Hardbarger, Penelope Lane, Sadie McCoy, Jackson Welch.

VBS – It's getting closer! VBS at Emmanuel will be held June 2-6, 6-9 pm (Sun.-Thurs.). There will be an associational VBS workshop on Monday, April 1. If any of our workers are interested in attending, please give me a call for more information. I have our curriculum and t-shirts. Please stop by my office and pick up your information. You can also go online and get lots of ideas for decorating and teaching (lifeway.com/VBS).



HOW CAN EVERYONE ELSE HELP WITH VBS? – EVERYONE can PRAY, PRAY, PRAY! "LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us." Isaiah 26:12

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Saved to Serve,
Denise

Childcare Worship Volunteers:
1st Sunday, April 7

Babies: Carole Pacheco
Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell

2nd Sunday, April 14

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson
Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, April 21

Babies: Diane Denny
Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, April 28

Babies: Kim Blankenship
Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of: Richard Bartel

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

Fund: Brazil

In Memory of: Richard Bartel

By: Patty Stowell

In Memory of: Richard Bartel

By: Ron & Diane Denny

Fund: Youth

In Memory of: Richard Bartel

By: Leesa & Jimmy Sitter

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Memory of: Richard Bartel

By: Pat & Danny Adcock

In Memory of: Richard Bartel

By: Cheryl Procell

In Memory of:

Melba Pennington

By: Clair Pennington

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Sign up today in the church office or in your Sunday School Class, or call Mrs. Judy in the office at 318.686.7548.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT - Thursday, March 28, 6:00 p.m., Family Life Center. The church will provide fried chicken and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Come join the fun!

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 3-31-19

Men's Choir Breakfast, Dr 8:30 a.m.
 Men's Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Jubilation Ringers 5:15 p.m.
 Prayer Ministry 5:30 p.m.
 Grace Bible Study, C-124 5:30 p.m.
 Youth Base Camp 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 04-01-19

Ladies Bible Study, FLC, ar 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 04-02-19

Prime Time Singers 10:30 a.m.
 Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon

Wednesday, 04-03-19

Fellowship Supper, FLC, 5:00 p.m.
 TeamKID 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Impact 6:00 p.m.
 Mid Week Prayer Service, FLC, dr 6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 04-04-19

Tyler Azalea Trail 8:00 a.m.

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Thursday, March 28, '19

Joshua 16-18; Mark 15:1-15

Friday, March 29, '19

Joshua 19-20; Mark 15:16-39

Saturday, March 30 '19

Joshua 21-22; Mark 15:40-47

Sunday, March 31, '19

Joshua 23-24; Mark 16

Monday, April 1, '19

Judges 1-3; Luke 1:1-25

Tuesday, April 2, '19

Judges 4-5; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, April 3, '19

Judges 6; Luke 1:39-56



MEN'S CHOIR SUNDAY, MARCH 31

March 31 is a fifth Sunday. That means it's time for Men's Choir. Join us for a great breakfast at 8:30 in the FLC, then rehearsal in the choir loft at 9:00. It's easy! It's fun!

Hospital List

WK Pierremont - Lifecare

Ron Wiseman

Christus Highland

Ann Dumas

Oschners LSU

Pam Rachall

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin
 Dr. Margaret Pokol

Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander
 Ruth & Lloyd Rainer
 Nell Seeger
 Ron & June Wiseman

Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap
 Cheryl Jones
 Michelle Oney
 Clair Pittman

APRIL COUNTING COMMITTEE

Danny Adcock Mark Johnson
 John McCarty

Budget Statistical Report - As of March 17

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 7,852.35
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 12,654.61
Budget Received Year to Date	\$ 141,537.54
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$ 139,200.71

March 24

Adult	156
Youth	19
Children	6
Preschool	12
TOTAL	193

Van Driver - March 31

Janice Graham
 (318) 687-4682

