



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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In John 8.36, Jesus preached the Gospel of His Kingdom to the Jews, saying, "If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8.36). Yet, many of them did not believe His message. They were the earthly descendants of Abraham, and they insisted that they were not in bondage. As the proud children of Abraham, they thought themselves to be free.

Jesus, however, declared that they were in bondage. Even now they were under Roman rule, and they were oppressed in many ways. To make matters worse, they were in spiritual bondage too, for they were enslaved by their sins. They desperately needed deliverance, and Jesus proclaimed Himself to be their Deliverer. Albeit, most of them rejected His love and remained in bondage to their sins.

As Christians, we celebrate the freedom that Christ has given us. We know that through His shed blood, we are free from the penalty of sin, for we do not live in fear of dying and going to Hell. One day we also will be free from the presence of sin, when we stand before Jesus in glory. Moreover, even now we have the freedom from sin's power, for we are new creations in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5.17), and sin no longer has dominion over us (Romans 6). As the true spiritual descendants of Abraham, we are free to serve the King of kings!

This coming Independence Day, as we celebrate the freedom of our nation, I pray that we will also be mindful of the spiritual freedom that we have in Christ. As Jesus declared, we are "free indeed" through His grace! Let us always be mindful of this freedom, and the price that Jesus paid for our deliverance, and let us freely serve Him through His grace.

Bro. Chad

FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHT

Independence Day Weekend Celebration

THIS EVENING, June 30, 6:30 PM

Dave Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Crawfish

Patriotic Song Service and Gospel Message

Bingo, Fireworks, and

Bounce House for the kids

Join us for this special evening of

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Everyone is welcome!

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Minister of Music



Matthew 5:16

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

This verse of scripture is written upon my heart as daily, I attempt to allow His spirit to manifest in light, kindness and love. I share this verse with my daughter every morning when she is dropped off for work. In the everyday struggle that is spirit versus flesh, we all could confess that some days are better than others.

As a staff member here at Emmanuel, I want to convey to all of you my apologies if I have been offensive in any manner. Walking in right fellowship and in harmony with staff and fellow members is paramount. I want all of you to know that Lori and I have committed ourselves anew, with the Father's strength and power in operation, to better ourselves in the forementioned areas. I do thank all of you for reaching out and being those conduits of light and we pledge to work alongside you.

On the morning of June 30th, we will observe the upcoming patriotic holiday with uplifting special music from the Sanctuary Singers, along with a solo offering of “God Bless the USA.” In the evening we will gather in the FLC for food, fellowship, a word from Bro. Chad and special music from several of our choir members.

May the Lord be good to all of you and we'll see you on Sunday!

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

December 31, 1999. New Year's Eve for the new millennium. Do you remember the Y2K fears? There were concerns that computers wouldn't be able to make the change from the 1990's to the 2000's. Planes would fall from the sky. Utilities would stop working. Computers would go berserk. We would be sent back to the Stone Age overnight. But nothing happened. Everything worked the next day just like it had the day before. Sure, there may have been some minor inconveniences here and there, but nothing of apocalyptic proportions happened. I know there are some concerns about what will happen after I leave Emmanuel, but believe me, life will go on. Some things may not happen as well; some things may happen better. Some things may not happen at all. Some new things may take place. Some things may be done differently. Change happens. The truth is that no one can do things the way I do except me. But that doesn't mean that those are the only way or the best way to do things. It does mean that more people may have to be involved in making things happen if you want them to continue. I'll still be available to give instructions and to answer how-to questions. I will hope for and pray for the best for Emmanuel Baptist and the many dear friends I have made here. I hope that you will pray for me, also. I have never retired before. Some of you have done it more than once, so you may have some advice for me. Cathy will continue her work at ETBU, so we will not have the time to travel and if she quits, we won't have the money! Just to clear up any confusion, I will continue at EBC through the end of August. So let's enjoy the good time we have left together.

Bro. Paul



SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST,

JULY 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.

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July 12 – Movie Night at the Gordon's

July 15-19 – Clara Springs Youth Camp

July 24 – Wipe Out Wednesday

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August 3 – Back to School Youth Color Collage

EMMANUEL CHURCH FAMILY - Our sincere thank you to all who gave door prizes, set up, decorated, provided food, or helped in any way to make our ladies tea such a success. There are too many names to list and we would not want to miss anyone, so thank you again to ALL who contributed in any way.

Ladies Tea Committee

Youth Minister

Our fun summer calendar is only half way over. I've listed below the second half of summer fun. Nothing should change, but it is a possibility, so make sure you get signed up for text updates so you'll know right away if we have a change with the summer calendar. I am glad everybody so far has had a good and safe summer. I pray that we all continue to have a blessed and safe summer.

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Bro. Austin

YOUTH CAMP - There will be a youth and parent meeting on July 7 for Clara Springs Youth Camp. The meeting will be in the meeting room in the FLC at 5:30 P.M. At the meeting we will go over the details of the camp and we will have camp permission forms to be filled out. If you have any questions contact Bro. Austin at 334-357-9630.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of: Terry Bromell

By: Carl & Martha Morgan

**In Memory of: Bruce Flores,
Peyton Lane**

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of: Bruce Flores

By: Carl & Martha Morgan

In Memory of: Bruce Flores

By: Karen Johnston

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Children's

In Honor of:

Charles & Vivan Shirley

By: Linda & Jimmy Gentry

Children's Ministry

VBS --The Lord blessed us with a wonderful VBS week! Thank you to EVERYONE who had a part. Thank you to all our members who were praying for every aspect of this week. Thank you to everyone who donated paper towel rolls and other supplies. Listed below are our **OUTSTANDING, DEDICATED** workers who served through the week. Austin and our youth also really jumped in and helped in a big way!

Nursery: Hannah Greer

2-5 yr. old: Carol Chatwin, Darlene Thomas, Brenda Waldrip

1st/2nd/3rd grade: Marsha Hardbarger, Cheryl Whitfield, Jordan Hardbarger, Gavyn Hardbarger

4th/5th/6th grade: Deana Berry, Agnes & Harry Forester, Bryce Hardbarger, Justus Mangum

Crafts: Jeanette & Lonnie Gilley, Jeri Price, Sheralyn Gordon, Marissa Welch, Andrew Gordon

Missions: Allison Lane, Lanette Vasquez, David Welch

Music: Kim Pao, Madison Adams, Maryssa Bailes, Bailey Hardbarger, Amberlyn Walsworth

Preschool Crafts: Denise Grubbs, Diane Denny, Cheryl Procell, Tristan Black, Tristan Fisher

Preschool Bible Study: Ronald & Darlene Causey, Nick Doyal

Preschool Music: Amy Weathersby, LaShawn Bowe, Thomas Gordon

Snacks: Denise Palmer, Linda Palmer, Lilly Bowe, Gene Taylor, Karen VanArsdel, David Whitfield

VBS Supper: Marsha Hardbarger, Bro. Chad, Lilly Bowe, LaShawn Bowe

Sanctuary Decorations: Lonnie Gilley

Photographer: Bob Griffin

Video / Audio Technicians: Paul DeRousse, Denise Grubbs

Security: Bo Shackelford

Registration: Judy Gaddis, Peggy Dickard Washington

Pie in the Face Creator: Kathy Shaw

Records: Judy & Rex Loyer

"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, July 7

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell

2nd Sunday, July 14

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, July 21

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, July 28

Babies: Kim Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel



ReGROUP – What is ReGroup? It's what used to be called Ridgecrest on the Red. It's a day of training for Sunday School and other church leaders. A wide variety of sessions for all ages will be offered. It will be at First Baptist, Haughton, on Saturday, August 17, from 9:00 to 3:00 (early bird registration begins at 7:30; regular registration begins at 8:00). To register, let Dave Linn know by August 11. For more information, including a complete list of breakout sessions, go to louisianabaptists.org/regroup.

JULY COUNTING COMMITTEE

Ron Causey Carl Morgan Herman Palmer

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 6-30-19

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Youth Base Camp 5:30 p.m.
 FRIENDS & FAMILY NIGHT - FLC 6:30 p.m.
 Youth at Wendy's 7:45 p.m.

Monday, 7-01-19

Prayer Time for Youth 6:30 p. m.

Tuesday, 7-02-19

Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon

Wednesday, 07-03-19

Fellowship Supper, FLC, 5:00 p.m.
 Ezra Bible Study, FLC 6:00 p.m.
(We're Workin' On a Building
 led by Claire Pennington)
 Youth Nerf War 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 07-04-19



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Hospital List

WK Pierremont

Charlie Marable
 (6/27)

Progressive Care

Beverly Bass

Highland Place

(on Irving Place)
 Pam Rachall

Cornerstone

(Bossier)

Kaye Kiihnl
 Alan Law
 Juanita Blackwell (hm)

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin

Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander
 Ruth & Lloyd Rainer
 Nell Seeger
 June Wiseman

Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap
 Cheryl Jones
 Michelle Oney
 Clair Pittman



Thursday, June 27, '19

2 Chron.30-31; John 19:17-42

Friday, June 28, '19

2 Chron.32; John 20:1-18

Saturday, June 29, '19

2 Chron.33-34; John 20:19-31

Sunday, June 30, '19

2 Chronicles 35-36; John 21

Monday, July 1, '19

Ezra 1-2; Acts 1

Tuesday, July 2, '19

Ezra 3-4; Acts 2

Wednesday, July 3, '19

Ezra 5-6; Acts 3

Thursday, July 4, '19

Ezra 7-8; Acts 4:1-22

Friday, July 5, '19

Ezra 9-10; Acts 4:23-37

Saturday, July 6, '19

Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 5

Sunday, July 7, '19

Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 6

Monday, July 8, '19

Nehemiah 7-9; Acts 7

Tuesday, July 9, '19

Nehemiah 10-11; Acts 8:1-25

Wednesday, July 10, '19

Nehemiah 12-13; Acts 8:26-40

Budget Statistical Report - As of June 16

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 7,773.67
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 12,654.61
Budget Received to Date	\$ 293,978.73
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$ 303,740.64

June 23

Adult	150
Youth	17
Children	9
Preschool	16
TOTAL	192



Van Driver - June 30

Janice Graham
 (318) 687-4682



Van Driver - July 7

Gary Palmer
 (318) 286-2075