



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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You've been there before, and you will be there again. You might even be there now. A tough spot. A broken heart. A valley full of troubles and sorrows. When we find ourselves in such a place, the Devil tempts us to give up. But Jesus encourages us to pray and not faint.

In Luke 18.1-8, Jesus taught His disciples to always pray and never lose heart. He told them the story of a certain judge in a city who did not fear God or respect any man, and in that same city there was a widow in need of justice. One day this widow came to this judge, and she begged him to hear her case. She needed him to deliver her from her adversary. But the judge did not take the time to hear her out. Instead, he kept putting her off.

Time and time again she came before him, imploring him to listen. But the judge refused her request many times. Yet this widow never gave up. She just kept pleading her cause. This continued for many days, and at last the judge accepted her case and avenged her of her adversary.

The unjust judge said, "Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me."

Jesus, then, asked His disciples a question, saying, "And shall not God avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bear long with them?"

God is not an unjust judge!

He loves and cares for us.

We are His people.

When we come to His "throne of grace" in prayer, He hears our case.

His answer is always just.

We do not always know the will of God. Sometimes His answer is "no." Sometimes His answer is "yes." Still, other times His answer is "wait." All the same, we can be sure of His love and justice.

So, if you find yourself in a tough spot today, don't give up. Pray the matter through, and trust the Judge of all the earth to do what is right. He always has, and He always will.

Bro. Chad

Minister of Music



Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. (Ps. 95:1-2)

When we gather on Sundays, nothing excites me more than to sing, shout and honor our heavenly Father with music and song. In addition, my spirit is always moved when I back up and hear you all, the congregation, making vocal offerings to the Lord. 2 Cor. 2:15 says, "For we are like sweet-smelling incense offered by Christ to God, which spreads among those who are being saved."

May I ask you? Why would anyone not want to give Jesus their best offering in Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs? Why would anyone want to miss out on the opportunity to make melody in their hearts and offer it up before our heavenly Father?

I'm reminded of the old chorus that continues to minister to me, "Reach out and touch the Lord, as He's passing by. You'll find He's not too busy to hear your heart's cry. He is passing by this moment, your needs He'll supply. Reach out and touch the Lord, as he goes by." I invite each of you to step out to meet the Lord as the church sings, shouts and extols His glorious name! I promise you that He will never be too busy to meet with you and hear your heart's cry!

Praise the name of Jesus forevermore!

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

People keep asking me if I am looking forward to retirement. I keep answering, "I don't know. I've never retired before." I plan to spend four to six weeks working on projects around the house and in the yard. And I expect that sooner or later something will come looking for me. I hope to spend some time serving as a music supply or interim on a limited term. If something more permanent does come along, I would like to "ease" my way into it. One thing I am looking forward to in retirement is that whatever comes along, it needs to be enjoyable. And if at sometime it ceases to be enjoyable, I look forward to knowing that I can "ease" my way out of it. I know that my in-laws were never more busy than when they "retired." I am looking forward to singing with the Singing Men of East Texas. I hope to become more involved in the community of Marshall. Lane Moore has been telling music ministers for years that he can put us to work the Sunday after we retire, that there is such a demand for music leadership in the area. Who knows? I may even end up serving another church in Shreveport. This is not my last column. I will offer up a proper "goodbye" for the September issue. We have four more weeks together. Let's make the best of them.

Bro. Paul

Our Sincere Sympathy . . .

David Welch, Jr., LaDonna and children in the loss of his dad, David Welch, Sr.

Ronny & Diane Denny in the loss of his brother, Alvin Denny.

AARP DRIVER'S ED COURSE – Ashley and David Worthington will lead another AARP Driver's Ed Course on Thursday, October 24, from 9:00-1:00. The cost for AARP members is \$15.00; \$20.00 for non-members. The class will not be listed publicly until September to allow EBC members first chance to sign up. You will be able to begin signing up at Prime Time and in the office afterwards. Martha Morgan will serve as the coordinator.

REFRESHER DISCOVERY CRUISE – Ladies, how would you like to go to Macau, El Salvador, the Middle East and Central Asia in two days, without leaving Shreveport? If you are interested, the ship boards at Summer Grove Baptist Church on Friday evening, September 13, at 6:00 and the cruise continues Saturday morning at 9:00. The cost is only \$20.00 if you register by September 3, \$25.00 by September 9, or \$30.00 dockside. Enjoy fellowship with other women from our association and learn about mission activities in the countries listed above. To register for the cruise, contact Rhonda Berry by phone or text message at 415-9623 or email her at splashberry@yahoo.com.

YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR

July 31 – Scavenger Hunt

August 3 – Back to School Youth Color Collage



Van Driver - August 4

Gary Palmer
(318) 286-2075



Maryssa Bailes
Sunday, August 4
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

It's a Boy!

Registered at: Burlington and WalMart

Youth Minister

The youth are in the process of wrapping up a very busy summer. We have had a lot of different events, but church camp was definitely the highlight of the summer. The youth went to camp at Clara Springs where Broken Vessels led them in worship and Luke Hockenjos brought the word all week. Each message focused on a verse from the Roman Road. The messages were very challenging to the students and the adults. Every worship service we left challenged and convicted. After several conversations following camp, I believe a lot of positive change came from these services. Not only did we get challenged but we also had a blast growing closer together as a youth group through various camp activities. Those activities included swimming, archery, rock wall climbing, kayaking, and various other activities.

The youth are beginning this month the last part of their study in Romans. This part of the study will focus on how the Christian life looks. Overall this study of Romans has helped the students come to a better understanding of who God is, the reality of sin, and who we are to be in Christ.

If you would like to stay up to date on youth events text @abedwell to 81010

Bro. Austin

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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In Memory of: Ron Culver

By: Denise Palmer

Fund: Library

In Memory of: Ron Culver

By: Pineville Post Office

Employees

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of: Ron Culver

By: Doug & Debbie Frey

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Fund: Brazil

In Memory of: Alvin Denny

By: Patty Stowell

In Memory of: Alvin Denny

By: Rose Turner

Fund: T W B

In Memory of: Alvin Denny

By: Leesa Sitter

Fund: Mexico

In Memory of: Alvin Denny

By: Mark & Glenda Johnson

Children's Ministry

What a summer!! -- Summer has gone by so quickly! I know that August is considered a summer month in the South and we're still having hot, summertime temperatures. But public schools now start the second week of August, which ends the summer break for students. We've had a terrific summer at EBC. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful VBS and we had a fun week at Camp Bethany for Kidz Kamp. The children have especially enjoyed our Wednesday night program this summer -- *Super Heroes of the Bible*. Each week our children have learned about a "pretend" super hero, like the Forgivenessator, Kid Confidence, Guts Girl, and others. But most importantly, our children learned that the real super heroes are found in the pages of God's Holy Word. The Forgivenessator got his forgiveness from the story of Esau forgiving Jacob. Kid Confidence learned about confidence from Daniel in the lions' den. Guts Girl portrayed true courage as found in Esther in the Bible.

W.O.W. -- We will end the summer with our *Wipe Out Wednesdays* (W.O.W.) on July 24, 31, and August 7. We will meet at 6:00 in the Children's Worship room and continue our Bible series on the *Super Heroes of the Bible*. Then we'll head outside for fun on the waterslide. Please let your child wear their swimsuits with a cover-up and bring a towel.

"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, Aug. 4

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell



2nd Sunday, Aug. 11

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, Aug. 18

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, Aug. 25

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.

AUGUST COUNTING COMMITTEE

Danny Adcock

Mark Johnson

Donnie McCaa

John McCarty

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 8-04-19

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Maryssa Bailes Baby Shower, Dr 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Youth Base Camp 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.
 (Piano / Organ Concert)

Monday, 8-05-19

Moms in Prayer, FLC 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 8-06-19

Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon

Wednesday, 08-07-19

Fellowship Supper, FLC 5:00 p.m.
 Children's Wipe Out Wednesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Color Collage 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Mid Week Prayer Service, FLC 6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

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Hospital List

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 Richard Hadwin
 Kenneth Richmond
 Betty Stone

Highland

Alan Law (hm)

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin

The Glen

Sue Fant

The Guest House

Harold & Fran
 Bledsoe

Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander
 Ruth & Lloyd Rainer
 Nell Seeger

Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap
 Cheryl Jones
 Michelle Oney
 Claire Pittman
 Shirley Walsworth

Thursday, August 1, '19

Psalms 31-36; Acts 22

Friday, August 2, '19

Psalms 37-41; Acts 23

Saturday, August 3, '19

Psalms 42-47; Acts 24

Sunday, August 4, '19

Psalms 48-53; Acts 25

Monday, August 5, '19

Psalms 54-58; Acts 26

Tuesday, August 6, '19

Psalms 59-64; Acts 27

Wednesday, August 7, '19

Psalms 65-68; Acts 28:1-15

Budget Statistical Report - As of July 21

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 13,673.20
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 12,654.61
Budget Received Year to Date	\$ 351,709.75
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 367,013.69

July 28

Adult	157
Youth	18
Children	17
Preschool	18
TOTAL	210



RON & CATHY IN CONCERT –

Please join us Sunday evening, August 4, at 6:30 p.m. for a service of piano and organ duets played by Ron Massey and Cathy DeRousse. They will play a variety of arrangements of familiar hymns and worship songs, from *Amazing Grace* and *To God Be the Glory*, to *Majesty* and *God and God Alone*. Be sure to invite any music lovers you may know.