



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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After a long hot Summer, it's good to see the Fall season is on its way. The weather will soon be cooling down, and the leaves will be changing colors. Football season is here too, and deer hunting season is on its way. All these things bring us joy!

As I think about the changing seasons of the year, I'm reminded of what Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 3. "To everything," he said, "there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

He went on to give us a beautiful poem, comprised of 14 couplets. Herein we find 14 positive statements about life, and 14 negative. The good and the bad are all included, beginning with "a time to be born and a time to die." This is the way of life "under the sun."

Yet at the conclusion of his poem, Solomon declared, God "has made all things beautiful in His time." This is the Romans 8.28 of the OT, which declares that God "makes all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

No matter what season of life you are in today, God is in control.
His plan is unfolding, and the story of your life is the beautiful story of His grace.

Moreover, the Scripture declares that Jesus was born "in the fullness of time" to redeem us, and the time will come when time shall be no more. In that day, we will rest from all our labors, and we will be in God's presence forever. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

So take heart and rejoice in Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior!

Bro. Chad

Thank you, Bro. Paul and Mrs. Cathy, for 20 years of faithful service to the Lord in our church. We pray that the Lord will continue to use you in His service and bless you all your days. We love you and appreciate you both very much!

Minister of Music



1 John 3:1 says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God." This scripture comes to mind as I am currently being serenaded with the beautiful songs of Dottie Rambo. This great lady of Gospel music gave us classics such as "I Will Glory in the Cross," "Behold the Lamb," "If That Isn't Love," "I've Never Been This Homesick," "He Looked Beyond My Fault," and, of course, "We Shall Behold Him." These song titles speak of the glorious person of Jesus Christ, the power of the cross, the rich grace and forgiveness our Father, His great love and mercy, and our longing to be with Him in eternity. We will look forward to the choir performing many of these classics.

As the world around us has increasingly become anti-God, how critical it is to know Jesus intimately and to allow God the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us daily. If you are struggling in your walk at present, please do not be dismayed. As the old hymn says, "God will take care of you." Bro. Chad exhorted all of us this past Sunday to cast all our cares on Jesus, for He cares for us. May the Lord bless you as you walk out your salvation daily.

Bro. Harold

To the Church Family . . .

The family of Arnetta Davis would like to thank you for the prayers, love, encouragement and gift of food that you blessed our family with during this difficult time. Your support was truly a blessing.

To all her friends who attended the service - you will never know how much your presence meant to us. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to attend.

We also want to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Carolyn Rodgers. She has been so faithful to visit mama and pray for her over the years.

Thank You! Children of Arnetta Davis

GEORGIA BARNETTE OFFERING – Research indicates that up to two thirds of teenagers drop out of church and a growing number of young adults classify themselves as "nones" – unaffiliated with any religious group. What can we do to address this exodus? Impart. Truth. Today. Imparting must be intentional. It doesn't happen on its own. This reflects the need for us to recommit ourselves to this effort. But what we impart is even more important – truth. Traditions are good, opinions can be helpful, but truth is life-changing. And the timing of this truth-imparting is crucial – today. We may have missed the opportunity yesterday and we're not guaranteed we'll get to impart truth tomorrow. But, we can impart. Truth. Today. The state missions offering goal is \$1,700,000. Our church goal is \$6,000. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Pray and give generously.



Van Driver - September 1

Gary Palmer
(318) 286-2075

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

We were in the process of moving from Rochester, NY, to Corpus Christi, TX. The boys were at a friend's house. Cathy and I got back from an errand to hear a message on our answering machine. One of David's fourth-grade buddies had left a plaintive message for him. "David, this is _____. I just called to say good-bye. You have my number. Well, I guess this is good-bye, so good-bye." It was a sad-sounding farewell to a good friend. Cathy and I have remembered that ever since. I want to say "thank you" to Cheryl Whitfield and the Special Days Committee. The reception was very well done. We were so happy to have several friends from long ago come back to wish us well. It took me two hours to go through your cards and messages Sunday night. They were so sweet and we enjoyed them very much. Many of you also enclosed gifts of one kind or another. Please be patient with me. It will take me a couple of weeks to be able to get all of the thank-you notes written and mailed. You are such a loving and generous church, and I doubt that we will be able to find another church like Emmanuel. Remember that the things I did I did not do in isolation. There were many willing laborers who put in a lot of effort. I hope that in my absence you will continue to be faithful helpers and bring glory to the Lord through your efforts. Many of you have told us how much you will miss us. Please be sure to know that Cathy and I will miss you very much, too. One advantage, however, is that we are not all that far away. So if you happen to travel to Marshall, give us a heads up and we may join you. Well, you know my number; so I guess this is good-bye. So good-bye.

Bro. Paul

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. There are also a few registration forms in the office.

SEPTEMBER COUNTING COMMITTEE

Mike Asher Jim Howard
Mike Martin Charles Shirley



RINGERS NEEDED

Our handbell choir, Jubilation Ringers, will begin rehearsals September 8. We have one new ringer, but could use two more. Anyone interested please contact Ron Massey at 465-0067.

Youth Minister

Students are now back in school. For some reason they never seem to be very happy about starting back to school. I would like to encourage students to have a good attitude about school this year and to have a God honoring attitude as they start back to school. School right now is the place in life God has you and you should give it your very best. Scripture commands us in 1 Corinthians 10:31 to do all things to the glory of God. Everything includes our schoolwork. So students that means not being dishonest on your schoolwork by copying someone else's answers or disrespecting the teacher when everyone else in the classroom is. Let your conduct make you stand out from your classmates. My prayer this week is that the good conduct of our students will stand out so much this school year that it grabs the attention of their peers and teachers. And in grabbing their attention, pathways to Gospel presentations present themselves. Adults, may our conduct also stand out in the workplace and lead to many Gospel-centered conversations.

The youth have kept August slow after coming off a very busy summer, but we are looking forward to picking things back up now that we have all rested and gotten back in the groove of school. As always if you wish to get regular updates about the youth program text @abedwell to 81010. And also, if you would like to get regular updates on how to pray for our students text @ebcyouthpr to 81010. I hope everyone has a blessed September. Thank you to everyone who continuously keeps our students in their prayers.

Bro. Austin

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of: Florence Gorum

By: Bro. Bill SS Class

In Memory of: Ron Culver,

Alvin Denny,

Florence Gorum

By: Dorothy Mullins

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of:

George Sorrell, Jr.

By: Karen Fuller

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Brazil

In Memory of: Florence Gorum

By: Patty Stowell

In Memory of: Florence Gorum

By: Rose Turner

In Memory of: Arneta Davis,

Alvin Denny,

David Welch, Sr.

By: Cheryl Procell

HONORARIUMS

Fund: T WB

In Honor of:

Paul & Cathy DeRousse

By: Leesa & Jimmy Sitter



SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

APPRECIATION FISH FRY – this Saturday,

August 31, 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life

Center. This event is for all S.S. Leadership

and class members – children, youth and adults. Come

out and show your appreciation to our Leaders. Burt,

Ronny and crew will be cooking the fish. Since this isn't

a budgeted event we will accept donations to cover

costs. Please sign up in your Sunday School Class.

Guests are welcome. This will be a good time of

fellowship. I look forward to seeing you there. Dave

Linn, S.S Director.

Children's Ministry

Wednesday night TeamKID – Our Fall semester of TeamKID is entitled "All In." It focuses on developing in our children an *all in* attitude when it comes to the Lord. We want to love the Lord with ALL our heart, soul, and might– not just half-way (Deuteronomy 6:5). It's going to be a great TeamKID year! Thank you, Cheryl Procell, for helping each week. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join us. We meet each Wednesday evening, 6:00-7:00.

What a blessing! -- It's been such a blessing to work alongside Bro. Paul and Cathy for all these years. Both of them mean so much to me, not just as co-workers, but as friends. I remember the first Sunday their family came to Emmanuel. I believe it was Jonathan and David who had the green and purple hair! We've watched our children, and now grandchildren, grow up! Cathy and I worked together in Children's Choir for years. I was sorta the "fun and games" part, while Cathy made sure we stayed musically accurate in our teachings. And both Paul and Cathy worked together for many years taking care of our VBS music. In past years, Bro. Paul has handled all aspects of the technology/video production for VBS. I have always greatly appreciated Bro. Paul's organizational skills and an eye for details. He has been the one to help me with any details I may have overlooked. And he has always been quick to offer help on any project in the children's area. He is often one of the "behind the scenes" persons moving chairs, tables, boxes...doing whatever it takes to get things set up and torn down. (He is probably doing the proofreading of this article even now, his last week at work!) I will miss them greatly! We will continue to keep them in our prayers as the Lord uses them in new ways and we look forward to the new plans the Lord has for our church.

"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, Sept. 1

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Mike Johnson, Cheryl Procell

2nd Sunday, Sept. 8

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

3rd Sunday, Sept. 15

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, Sept. 22

Babies: Kim Blankenship

Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel

5th Sunday, Sept. 29

Babies: Debbie Frey

Toddlers: Allison Lane



Our Sincere Sympathy to . . .

The family and friends of Arneta Davis.

The family and friends of Kenneth Richmond.

Sunday, 9-01-19
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Youth Base Camp 5:30 p.m.
 Prayer Ministry, 5:30
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 9-02-19
 Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, 9-03-19
 Prime Time Luncheon 12:00 noon
 Cathy DeRousse Piano Recital at ETBU 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 09-04-19
 Credo 1:00 - 4:15 p.m.
 Fellowship Supper, FLC 5:00 p.m.
 TeamKID 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Impact 6:00 p.m.
 Mid Week Prayer Service, FLC 6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary Singers Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 09-05-19
 Workday at EBC 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 **** Prime Time Singers, FH 10:30 a.m.
 (**** For this week only)
 Moms in Prayer, PIGS Classroom 9:30 a.m.

Friday, 09-06-19
 Workday at EBC 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Saturday, 09-07-19
 Workday at EBC 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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Hospital List

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WK Pierremont

Harold Bledsoe
 Kylan Hanson

WK Bossier

Robbie Clingan
 (hm)

Highland

Yvonne Cooper
 Sue Fant
 Alan Law (hm)

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin
 Edie Goodwin

The Glen

Sue Fant

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 29, '19
 Proverbs 13-14; 1 Corinthians 3
Friday, August 30, '19
 Proverbs 15-17; 1 Corinthians 4
Saturday, August 31, '19
 Proverbs 18-20; 1 Corinthians 5
Sunday, September 1, '19
 Proverbs 21-23; 1 Corinthians 6
Monday, September 2, '19
 Proverbs 24-26; 1 Corinthians 7
Tuesday, September 3, '19
 Proverbs 27-29; 1 Corinthians 8
Wednesday, September 4, '19

NLBA MEN'S FISH FRY – Monday, September 9. Serving begins at 5:30. Cost per person is \$10.00. Please register with Camp Bethany by calling 938-1221. The pastor and praise team from Summer Grove will present the program.



CHILDREN'S HOME ROUNDUP 2019

It is now time to start collecting items for the 2019 Fall Food Roundup for our LA Children's Home.

There is a listing of items needed in the office and in your SS classrooms, and there will be boxes placed around the church to collect these items. All items need to be brought to the church by **Wednesday, September 18**. Thanks for your contribution!

Budget Statistical Report - As of Aug. 11

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 8,893.93
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 12,654.61
Budget Received Year to Date	\$ 397,650.16
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 417,602.13

August 18

Adult	155
Youth	15
Children	11
Preschool	13
TOTAL	194