



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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Thanksgiving time is coming! Soon we will be eating turkey and cornbread stuffing, and then we'll start our Christmas shopping. But before all the busyness of this holiday season begins, let me challenge you to keep a thankful heart, and a thankful heart begins with a humble heart.

In Daniel 4, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream. In this dream he saw a beautiful strong tree reaching into the heavens, and it was full of an abundance of fruit. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the air made their nests in its branches. Moreover, everything that had life was fed by its fruit. But then an angel came down from heaven and ordered the tree to be cut down. Only its stump and roots were to be left, and it was to be held together with a band of iron.

King Nebuchadnezzar was puzzled by this dream, and he called Daniel to his palace to interpret his dream. In short, Daniel told the king that he was the tree, and that God was about to take away his kingdom until he acknowledged that the Lord had blessed him.

One year later, King Nebuchadnezzar was looking over his kingdom from the roof of his palace, and in his pride, he cried out, "Is this not great Babylon, that I have built by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty!"

In that very moment, a voice was heard from heaven, saying, "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom is departed from you." Immediately the king lost his sanity, and they drove him from his palace until he acknowledged that the Lord had blessed him. He grazed with the beasts of the field, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven. If it were not for God's grace, represented by the band of iron, he would have lost his kingdom.

Seven years later, God got ahold of his heart, and he praised the name of the Lord, acknowledging that his kingdom was from Him. Immediately, he returned to his senses, and his kingdom and his honor were restored. "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar," he said, "praise and extol and honor the king of heaven."

The moral of the story is this: God has a way of putting us out to pasture if we refuse to give him thanks for all that He has done for us. This thanksgiving, have a thankful heart. Don't let your pride blind you from seeing the blessings of God in your life.

In His Service,
Bro. Chad



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our church Thanksgiving Dinner will be Sunday, November 24, at 5:00 p.m. The church will provide the meat. Every family is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Come join us for this time of fellowship and bring your family and friends!

Minister of Music



Hello everyone, as we move into the month of November and the soon to be holiday season, the musical plate will be plentiful.

An ETBU Vocalist/Worship Leader, Cayla Greer, will be with us for the morning worship service on the 17th of November. Cayla is anointed with the Word and song of the Lord and we will be in for a spiritual treat! On Sunday evenings I enjoy having friends join me on stage for congregational singing. Our services are very informal so if you ever want to be a participant, then Come on Down!

Plans are being made for our Christmas musical offerings with both the Prime Time Choir and the Sanctuary Singers in early December. Also, don't forget about our Christmas church fellowship singing. Start planning now and honing your vocal chops if you want to be included on the vocal roster of singers!

Bro. Harold

Associate Pastor / Sr Adults

DEACON NOMINATIONS

During the month of October our members are asked to nominate some new men to serve as deacons in our church. If you are a member of this church, we need your prayerful participation in this process. Nomination ballots are available in the church foyer. On the front of the ballot, you will find a list of the "Scriptural Qualifications for Deacons," and on the back of the ballot, a space is provided for you to write in the names of those men who you feel are qualified to serve as a deacons in our church according to 1 Timothy 3.8-13. All ballots must be in the ballot boxes, which are located on the information tables in the foyer and hallway across from the library in the education building, by **Wednesday, Oct. 31**, and each member should turn in only one ballot. Thank you for your participation in this process, and may the Lord lead us to the right men to serve with our present deacons.



TIME CHANGES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 2
Move your clocks back one hour when you go to bed!

Our Sincere Sympathy to . . .

Fran Bledsoe and family in the loss of her husband, Harold.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS **CHILD**

Make a difference in the life of a child!

Pick up a shoe box in the hallway across from the church library. There is also a brochure on how to pack shoebox, or you can go to: samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Be sure to include a \$9 donation inside your packed box to cover shipping, or you can make your \$9 donation at: follow your box.

The deadline for our church collection is Sunday, November 10. We will take them to our local collection center after that date.



Van Driver - November 3

Gary Palmer
(318) 286-2075

SPECIAL UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

Cayla Greer, ETBC Soloist/Worship Leader

Special Musical Guest, Sunday, Nov. 17
10:45 a.m.

Prime Time Choir
presents Bethlehem's Child
Sunday, Dec. 8 / 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Singers
Presents Collection of Christmas Songs
with Ron Massey
Sunday, Dec. 15 / 6:30 p.m.

Family Night at Christmas
December 22 / 6:30 p.m.

PRIME TIME TRIP THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Back Alley Theatre, Grand Cane, LA.
"Christmas Belles"

Cost: \$15.00 + Dinner

Leave the church at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner at Roma's, 8905 Mansfield Road

There will be a sign up sheet in the church office.

Youth Minister

October has been a good month for the youth. We finished our series up on the book of Romans and now we are beginning a study of the book of Revelation.

This month we started meeting at the skating ring once a month to skate. While we were there one of the youth, Nick Doyal, took time to lead us in a Bible study. I pray his boldness will encourage others to step up and lead. The youth also wrapped the month up with helping serve at the Fall Festival and then afterwards we all hung out by going to the corn maze.

The youth are going to be involved in several service roles this November. We will have a youth work day on a Saturday. If you know of anybody in the church that is in need of some yard work contact me at 334-357-9630 and the youth will be glad to come and serve. Also the youth will be selling poinsettias again this November, the youth will be sure to track you down when we begin selling them. Thank you to everybody who supports the youth spiritually and financially. We greatly appreciate it.

Also remember if you would like to stay up to date with the youth program text @abedwell to 81010 to get regular updates.

Bro. Austin

Youth Fall Calendar*

11/8 - Hayride at Gordon's
11/9 - Youth Workday
11/18 - Skating at Hot Wheels
12/2 - Skating at Hot Wheels
12/14 - Progressive Dinner
12/21- Christmas lights at Natchitoches



*To get times and updates on events text @abedwell to 81010

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Fund: Budget
In Memory of:
Richard Benson
By: Carl & Martha Morgan

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Georgia Barnette
In Honor of: Amelia Yuan,
Muhan Chai I Shu's,
John & Jill Doe
By: W.P. Spillers, M.D.
Fund: Budget
In Honor of: L. J. Baronette
By: Bo & Judy Worley

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON - NOVEMBER 5

This month's Prime Time will be Tuesday, November 5 at 12:00 noon. Our special guest for our program will be The Baker Trio. You will not want to miss this opportunity. If you need transportation to Prime Time, let Gary Palmer (286-2075) know by Sunday, Nov. 3rd. Bring a friend, a dish to share and a dollar to cover expenses. Come and stay for game time following the program.

Children's Ministry

FALL FAIR WRAP-UP -- THANK YOU, Emmanuel Family, for another TERRIFIC Fall Fair! ALL glory and praise for EVERY GOOD GIFT goes to our Heavenly Father! The Lord blessed the day with cool fall temperatures and great attendance. Thank you to the MANY members who worked hard all day, setting up and breaking down. I want to thank the following for their help (please forgive me if I have absent-mindedly left anyone out!):

Game Booth Sponsors: Friend's class, Collins Class, Celebrate class, Rose Turner's Class, Youth boys & Bro. Austin

Bounce House Bouncers: Larry Savell, Brenda Waldrip, Carol Chatwin

Prayer Booth: Rose Turner & Prayer Committee

Face Painting: Youth Girls

Food booth: Adult 2

Old Time Cars: Gene Taylor & Friends

Welcome/Registration: Peggy Washington, Judi Gaddis, Robbie Ramsey, Virginia McCarty, Johnnie Bishop

Security / Parking: Bo Worley, Bo Shackelford, Dave Linn

Ground Preparation: Larry Savell, Tim Brown

Craft Booths: Jeri Price, Linda Millican, Sophronia & Maryssa Bailes

Sweet Shop: Cheryl Jones, Phail Dean Jones, Sheralyn Gordon, Amy Weathersby

Selfie Photo Booth: PIGS Class

Hayride: Jones Family (Dave Linn got hay)

Set-Up: Gregg Danzy, Larry Savell, Donnie McCaa

Clean-Up: Adult 2 kitchen crew, Harold Ashcraft, Kim & Matt Pao, Doug & Debbie Frey, Bro. Austin & Youth

Trunk-n-Treat: Harry & Agnes Forester, Mike Asher, Rose Turner, Gary & Linda Palmer, Lanette Vasquez

Thank you to EVERYONE who brought candy!! Thank you to EVERYONE who brought baked goods for the Sweet Shop (all proceeds go to Georgia Barnette offering). **And MOST OF ALL, thank you to EVERYONE who supported our Fall Fair with PRAYER! We accomplish nothing without God!!**

"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, Nov. 3

Babies: Carole Pacheco
Toddlers: Cheryl Procell

2nd Sunday, Nov. 10

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

3rd Sunday, Nov. 17

Babies: Diane Denny
Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

4th Sunday, Nov. 24

Babies: Kim Blankenship
Toddlers: Karen VanArsdel

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 11-03-19

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
 Bridal Shower (Causey), FLC, dr 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 p.m.
 Youth Base Camp 5:30 p.m.
 AIM, FLC 5:30 p.m.
 Prayer Ministry, 5:30
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 11-04-19

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

Tuesday, 11-05-19

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

Wednesday, 11-06-19

Credo 1:00 p.m. - 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, 11-07-19

Moms in Prayer, PIGS Classroom 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 11-09-19

Youth Community Service Day 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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Hospital List

WK North

Cindy Davis

WK Pierremont / Lifecare

Carolyn Rodgers

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

NOVEMBER COUNTING COMMITTEE

Ronald Causey Carl Morgan
 Herman Palmer George Smith

GEORGIA BARNETTE OFFERING

The state missions offering goal is \$1,700,000.

OUR CHURCH GOAL IS \$6,000.

Received to Date: \$4,635.97
 Receipts for this offering has ended!

Budget Statistical Report - As of Oct. 20

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 9,883.05
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 12,654.61
Budget Received Year to Date	\$ 497,820.41
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 531,493.62

October 27

Adult	139
Youth	18
Children	11
Preschool	7
TOTAL	175



Thursday, October 31, '19
 Jeremiah 44-45; 1 Timothy 2

Friday, November 1, '19
 Jeremiah 46-47; 1 Timothy 3

Saturday, November 2, '19
 Jeremiah 48; 1 Timothy 4

Sunday, November 3, '19
 Jeremiah 49; 1 Timothy 5

Monday, November 4, '19
 Jeremiah 50; 1 Timothy 6

Tuesday, November 5, '19
 Jeremiah 51; 2 Timothy 1

Wednesday, November 6, '19
 Jeremiah 52; 2 Timothy 2



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