

# Forerunner

## Emmanuel Baptist Church

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*Connecting people to Jesus and one another.*

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I went roller skating with our youth group this week, and we had a big time. No, I didn't actually roller skate myself. I know better than this. But I did go and watch. Some of our youth were exceptionally talented, and they could spin around in circles and skate backward. One could even jump hurdles, and it was a great show.

My little girls, Amber and Kyra, also came with us, and they wanted to get in on the action. They saw daddy watching the big kids, and they wanted to get his attention too. "Watch me," daddy, they would say. Then, they started doing twirls in the middle of the floor. I clapped and cheered, and they twirled some more. I couldn't take my eyes off them, and if I did, they quickly let me know about it. They even wanted me to take pictures, which I proudly did.

As I watched my little girls skate on the floor that night, I thought about how fast they are growing up. I also thought about how much they loved and needed my attention, and I thought about how God must feel about us. After all, we are His children. We have been born again into His family, and we are adopted by His grace! As His children, we all want and need His attention. Each one of us can be very demanding, for we want to know that we are special in His eyes.

Some of us can skate real good through life, others of us struggle. But we all still need His attention. The good news is, He cares about each one of us, and He makes us all feel special. As we seek His face, He showers His love upon us, and He watches us every day through His eyes of love. God has thousands upon thousands of children, yet each one of us feels special to Him. We know that He cares about us, and we draw close to Him every day. What an amazing Heavenly Father our God is!

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice!  
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.  
When you said, "Seek My face."  
My heart said to You, "Your face I will seek."  
Do not hide Your face from me;  
Do not turn your servant away in anger;  
You have been my help;  
Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
When my father and my mother forsake me,  
Then the Lord will take care of me.

Psalm 27.7-10

# Minister of Music



Greetings to all!

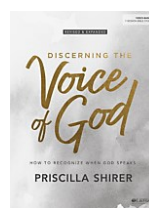
As we leave the month of February, I am thinking of all the wonderful music and soloists that have blessed the church during the New Year to date. My thanks to all who have stepped up in using their talents to serve the church: Josh Tittle, Agnes Forester, Bro. Chad and Marsha Hardbarger, Ron Massey, Amy Weathersby, Cheryl Whitfield, Herman Palmer, the Men's Quartet, the Prime Time Choir, the Sanctuary Singers, the Sunday Morning Ensemble, and the Youth Musical Ensemble.

What a great musical moment we all shared as our young people stepped up and performed along with the Sanctuary Singers this past Sunday! We hope to continue these types of collaborations. The church is so excited to have Sister Claire Pennington back on the platform and playing keyboard.

Again, a big thanks to those who are eagerly serving the Lord in music at Emmanuel Baptist Church. God bless you all!

Bro. Harold

# Opportunities



**A NEW BIBLE STUDY** Mondays, at 9:30 a.m., *Discerning the Voice of God* by Priscilla Shirer. Please call the church office to sign up as soon as possible so that we will know how many books to order and how large a space is needed. The only cost will be for the book.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT COOK NEEDED . . .

If you are interested in applying for the position of Wednesday Night Cook contact the church office or Bro. Harry Forester at 318.687.0352.

**Youth Garage Sale**  
**March 14 in the FLC**  
**from 7:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.**



If you would like to donate to the sale contact Bro. Austin at 334-357-9630. You can start dropping donations off at the FLC starting March 8 or contact Bro. Austin to arrange to have the donations picked up on Monday the 9th. We cannot accept tube-type TV's.



## THE BIG SING . . . Hymn Festival!

**First Baptist Church**

508 Second Street, Natchitoches, LA

Sunday, March 15 / 6:00 p.m.

## MARCH COUNTING COMMITTEE

Ron Denny     Burt Grubbs  
Carl Morgan

### Van Driver - March 1

Gary Palmer  
(318) 286-2075

### Van Driver - March 8

David Whitfield  
(318) 925-8571



## DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE

**March 22, 6:30 PM**

Thank you for participating in the deacon nomination process. We are pleased to announce that four men have accepted the call to serve and will be presented to the church for approval by vote in a special called business meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM. Upon approval, these men will be ordained the following Sunday during our regular evening worship service on March 22 at 6:30 PM. A reception immediately will follow the service to honor these men for their commitment to serve.

## Youth Minister

February has been a good month for the youth. God has been delivering some powerful messages to the youth. We have had several messages dealing with the Gospel and have talked about how to share the Gospel. I can feel God moving in some mighty ways in our students lives.

The youth started the month off with skating and will be wrapping February up with attending Winter Jam in Bossier. Winter Jam is an annual Christian music festival that has a wide range of different styles of Christian music. In March the youth's big event will be the annual youth garage sale. The garage sale set up will start March 9 and the garage sale will take place March 14 from 7 am - 2 pm. If you have donations you would like to make to the garage sale, they can be dropped off in the FLC between March 9 and March 13. If you need your donations picked up, you can contact me at 1-334-357-9630 to schedule a pick up sometime between March 9 and March 13. Thank you for your support and prayers! And if you want to get updates about the youth sent to your phone text @abedwell to 81010.

Austin Bedwell

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### Fund: Budget

**In Memory of: Bob Scott**

By: Jeanette Grainger

**In Memory of: Bob Griffin**

By: Edna L. Robinson

**In Memory of: Bob Griffin,**

**Joyce Jones**

By: Floyd & Phail Dean Jones

**In Memory of: Bob Griffin**

By: Carl & Martha Morgan

Fund: Children's Ministry

**In Memory of: Bob Griffin**

By: Jackie & Alda Sayles

Fund: Brazil

**In Memory of: Willis Dale**

By: Rose Turner

**In Memory of: Willis Dale**

By: Patty Stowell

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### Fund: Prime Time Singers

**In Memory of: Willis Dale**

By: Michael & Judy Gaddis

Fund: Mexico

**In Memory of: Bob Griffin,**

**Joyce Jones**

By: DeWayne & Grace Kelly

Fund: T W B

**In Memory of: Joyce Jones**

By: Denise Palmer

### HONORARIUMS

#### Fund: Annie Armstrong

**In Honor of: Shi Lei (Amy)**

By: W.P. Spillers, M.D.

## Children's Ministry

**Eggciting Emmanuel Easter Eggstravaganza (E4)** – Be on the look-out – in the next few weeks you will begin seeing bags of EMPTY Easter eggs in the hallways – key word being EMPTY! I think by now everyone knows what to do! Please take them home and fill them with individually-wrapped candy and return to the church. And yes, feel free to put chocolate candy in them this year. Easter is earlier this year and we are hopeful the temperature will not melt the candy.

Our E4 (Easter egg hunt) will be held the Saturday before Easter Sunday: Saturday, April 11, 10:30-Noon. This is one of our annual outreach events at Emmanuel. We will have flyers available for you to invite your neighbors, friends, family, etc. Mark your calendars and begin inviting others!

**VBS** – We still have some time left before VBS, but it will be here quickly.

The dates for VBS at Emmanuel this year are Sunday, May 31-Thursdays, June 4. The theme is Concrete and Cranes. I love the Bible verse this year:

*"I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."* Philippians 1:6. Our motto is: Jesus! Our Strong Foundation! We'll be wearing our tool belts and hard hats as we learn about the foundation of faith that God has planned for us. For all you EARLY planners, I already have the VBS literature available.



**"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, March 1

Babies: Carole Pacheco

Toddlers: Cheryl Procell

##### 2nd Sunday, March 8

Toddlers: Glenda Johnson

Twos/Threes: Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

##### 3rd Sunday, March 15

Babies: Diane Denny

Toddlers: Alda Sayles, Deenie Judd

##### 4th Sunday, March 22

Kim Blankenship, Karen VanArsdel

##### 5th Sunday, March 29

Debbie Frey, Allison Lane



### **OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO . . .**

Rosemary Dale in the loss of her husband Willis Dale.

The family of Clyde Harris, who passed in Ft. Worth, TX. He was the last surviving member on the Pulpit Committee that called Bro. Bill Stowell to Emmanuel.

### **SECURITY MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 1 at**

**5:00 p.m.** in the PIGS classroom. All who are on the security team or those who wish to be are encouraged to attend. We will be going over procedures and any concerns or ideas any might want us to consider. Thanks, Dave Linn

## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday, 3-01-20

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
 Security Meeting 5:00 p.m.  
 Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 p.m.  
 AIM, FLC 5:30 p.m.  
 Prayer Ministry 5:30 p.m.  
 Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, 3-02-20

Ladies Bible Study, FLC 9:30 a.m.  
 Moms in Prayer, Fh 5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, 3-03-20

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

### Wednesday, 3-04-20

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, 3-05-20

GEMS, FLC 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
 Moms in Prayer 9:30 a.m.

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**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** - Thursday, Feb. 27,  
 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!

**FLAGPOLE CONTRIBUTION TO DATE:**  
 \$775.00

#### Hospital List

#### WK Pierremont

Mary Harper

#### WK South

Ronald Causey

#### Highland

Bob Fuller

#### Lifeshare

#### *Prayer Concerns*

#### Out-of-Town Prayer List

Charles Goodwin  
 Edie Goodwin

#### Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander  
 Ruth & Lloyd Rainer  
 Nell Seeger

#### Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap  
 Cheryl Jones  
 Michelle Oney  
 Clair Pittman

#### Budget Statistical Report - As of Feb. 16

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 8,961.95
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 11,876.59
Budget Received to Date	\$ 77,529.84
Budget Needed Year to Date	\$ 83,136.13

#### February 23

Adult	108
Youth	15
Children	7
Preschool	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>



#### **Thursday, February 27, '20**

Numbers 17-18; Mark 3:13-35

#### **Friday, February 28, '20**

Numbers 19-20; Mark 4:1-20

#### **Saturday, February 29, '20**

Numbers 21; Mark 4:21-41

#### **Sunday, March 1, '20**

Numbers 22-24; Mark 5:1-20

#### **Monday, March 2 '20**

Numbers 25-26; Mark 5:21-43

#### **Tuesday, March 3, '20**

Numbers 27-29; Mark 6:1-13

#### **Wednesday, March 4, '20**

Numbers 30-31; Mark 6:14-32

#### **PRIME TIME LUNCHEON, MARCH 3 AT NOON.**

If you need transportation to Prime Time, let Bro. Gary Palmer (318-286-2075) know by Monday, March 2nd. Bring a friend, a dish to share and a dollar to cover expenses. Come and stay for game time following our program.