



Forerunner

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Connecting people to Jesus and one another.

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Matthew 16.24

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

Two boys came into the kitchen looking for a snack, and they found two pieces of leftover pie in the refrigerator, but one piece was bigger than the other. Their mother came into the kitchen just as they started fighting over who would get the bigger piece.

She said, "Now boys, if Jesus were here today, He would take the smaller piece and give the bigger one away. Is a piece of pie really worth fighting about? Instead of being so greedy, why don't you boys act like Jesus?"

The older brother thought about it for a second, and his mother smiled. She thought her lecture had gotten through to him. But her hopes were disappointed when he looked at his younger brother and said, "Ok, junior, it's your turn to be Jesus today!"

The hardest lesson we will ever learn in life is to be like Jesus. I know I fail to follow His example in many ways, but I am thankful for His forgiveness. Today, I offer this sample challenge, "Be like Jesus."

I remember the chorus to that old hymn, "O To Be Like Thee," which is my prayer:

O to be like Thee!
O, to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness,
Come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image
Deep on my heart.

In Christ,
Bro. Chad

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday, 03-21-21

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary 10:45 a.m.
Children's Church
Evening Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Monday, 03-22-21

Ladies Bible Study & Fitness Class 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 03-24-21

Mid Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
Youth IMPACT and TeamKID 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 31, immediately following the
Prayer Service

(Will vote on the 2021 Budget)

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
RETURNS**

Tuesday, April 6th / 12:00 noon

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
North American Missions**

Goal: \$7,000.00
Received to Date: \$ 1,560.00

Budget Statistical Report - As of March 7

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 12,601.58
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 11,754.85
Budget Received to Date	\$ 106,989.00
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 117,548.50

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. / TeamKID.

Childcare Worship Volunteers:

3rd Sunday, March 21

Patsy Shaw, Brenda Waldrip

4th Sunday, March 28

Kimm Blankenship, Karen VanArsdel



Thursday, March 18, '21

Deuteronomy 29-30; Mark 11:12-33

Friday, March 19, '21

Deuteronomy 31-32; Mark 12:1-12

Saturday, March 20, '21

Deuteronomy 33-34; Mark 12:13-27

Sunday, March 21, '21

Joshua 1-2; Mark 12:28-44

Monday, March 22, '21

Joshua 3-4; Mark 13:1-13

Tuesday, March 23, '21

Joshua 5-6; Mark 13:14-37

Wednesday, March 24, '21

Joshua 7-8; Mark 14:1-11

PARKING LOT SECURITY

3rd Sunday, March 21

Morning - Ron Carroway

Evening - Jimmy Sitter, John McCarty

4th Sunday, March 28

Morning - Dave Linn

Evening - David Whitfield, Hugh Stephenson

MEMORIALS

Fund: Budget

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Collins SS Class

In Memory of:

L. J. Baronette

Ruby Stoker

By: Thomas Shaw

Fund: T W B

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Denise Palmer

In Memory of:

Claude Burch

By: Sue Burch

Fund: Brazil

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Ron & Diane Denny

Fund: Music Ministry

In Memory of:

Imagene Watkins

By: Brenda Waldrip

Fund: Benevolent

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Rose Turner

In Memory of:

Bob Fuller,

Ruby Stoker

By: Karen Fuller

In Memory of:

L. J. Baronette,

Ruby Stoker

By: F. J. Huber

MEMORIALS

Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Mike & Judy Gaddis

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Bro. Bills SS Class

In Memory of:

Ruby Stoker

By: Harry Forester

In Memory of:

L. J. Baronette,

Juanita Blackwell,

Mary Jo McClusky,

Bonnie Ward,

Norma Williams

By: Roy & Margaret Cordray

In Memory of:

Bro. Bill Stowell,

J. E. Spillers,

Ruth Spillers

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

HONORARIUMS

Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Honor of: **Jay Cloyd**

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

Hospital List

WK North

Larry Savell

WK Pierremont

Bill Allen (hm)

Prayer Concerns

Out-of-Town

Prayer List

Charles Goodwin

Edie Goodwin

Prayer List Home

Margaret Alexander
Ruth & Lloyd Rainer

Special Prayer Needs

Janine Dunlap
Richard Hadwin
Sandra Hadwin
Cheryl Jones
Michelle Oney
Clair Pittman
Bo Shackelford



CHOIR MEETING

As a church, we have the goal to start up our Sanctuary Choir practices on Wednesdays, beginning May 5 and our Prime Time Choir practices on Tuesdays, beginning August 3. If you are interested and able to participate in one or both of these choirs, please plan to meet with us on Sunday, April 11, at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of our Education Building. Hope to see you then!

FAITH & FITNESS CLASS

"Stronger: Finding Hope in Fragile Places"

Ladies Bible Study and Fitness Class,
led by Brandy Cumberland.

Mondays at 6:00 PM
in the Family Life Center
Childcare will be provided.

Contact Brandy with any questions
or to sign up at 601-562-3028.