



# Forerunner

## Emmanuel Baptist Church

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*Connecting people to Jesus and one another.*

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After Jesus died on the cross for our sins, the Scripture tells us that Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy Pharisee, made arrangements to bury the body of Jesus in his own tomb (Mt. 27:57-60; Mk. 15:42-46; Lk. 23:50-53; and Jn. 19:38-42). The Gospel of John also records that Nicodemus, another prominent Pharisee, was with him, and this was the same Nicodemus who previously came to Jesus "by night" (Jn. 3).

Although Joseph and Nicodemus probably didn't realize it at the time, their actions were actually fulfilling the words of the ancient prophet Isaiah, who foretold that Jesus would be "buried with the rich" after His death (Is. 53:9).

Now why did God ordain for His Son to be buried in someone else's tomb? Why did He not provide His Son with His own tomb?

Perhaps God wanted to highlight the fact that His Son lived a simple life while He was on the earth. He had no great wealth, not even a burial plot to call His own. For our sakes, He became poor that we might be made rich (2 Cor. 8:9).

Maybe also God was telling us that the tomb would not be the final resting place of His Son. It was only a temporary place for His body, and He wasn't going to need it very long. God would raise Him up from the dead, and Joseph could have his tomb back.

Besides this, I believe God also wanted us to understand that if we believe in His Son, then our graves are only temporary resting places too! For one day, the graves will hear His voice, and we will be called to our eternal home with Christ! (Jn. 5:28-29)

This Easter, we rejoice in truth of our Risen Lord, and we thank Him for His love!

In His service,  
Bro. Chad

### Weekly Opportunities

#### Sunday, 03-28-21

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

#### Monday, 03-29-21

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

#### Wednesday, 03-31-21

Mid Week Prayer Service, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.  
(Business Meeting / Vote on 2021 Budget)  
Youth IMPACT and TeamKID 6:00 p.m.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Wednesday, March 31, immediately following the  
Prayer Service  
(Will vote on the 2021 Budget)



### **GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**April 2, 6:30 PM**

Make your plans now to join for this special time of worship and remembrance as we reflect on our Savior's love at the cross.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**  
**North American Missions**  
Goal: \$7,000.00  
Received to Date: \$ 3,120.00

**Budget Statistical Report - As of March 14**

Budget Receipts This Week	\$ 9,928.00
Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 11,754.85
Budget Received to Date	\$ 116,917.00
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 129,303.35

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

### Childcare Worship Volunteers:

#### 4th Sunday, March 28

Kimm Blankenship, Karen VanArsdel

#### 1st Sunday, April 7

Darlene Causey, Carole Pacheco



#### **Thursday, March 25, '21**

Joshua 9-10; Mark 14:12-31

#### **Friday, March 26, '21**

Joshua 11-12; Mark 14:32-52

#### **Saturday, March 27, '21**

Joshua 13-15; Mark 14:53-72

#### **Sunday, March 28, '21**

Joshua 16-18; Mark 15:1-15

#### **Monday, March 29, '21**

Joshua 19-20; Mark 15:16-39

#### **Tuesday, March 30, '21**

Joshua 21-22; Mark 15:40-47

#### **Wednesday, March 31, '21**

Joshua 23-24; Mark 16

## PARKING LOT SECURITY

### 4th Sunday, March 28

Morning - Dave Linn

Evening - David Whitfield, Hugh Stephenson

### 1st Sunday, April 7

Morning - Gary Bailes, Dave Linn

Evening - Donnie McCaa

## MEMORIALS

### Fund: Annie Armstrong

In Memory of:

**Norma Goulston,  
Melba Pennington,  
Ruby Stoker,  
Ruby Taylor**

By: Claire Pennington

In Memory of:

**Shad Dickard**

By: Peggy Dickard

### Fund: Brazil

In Memory of:

**Ruby Stoker**

By: Patty Stowell

In Memory of:

**Arthur Hall,  
Alvin Sinclair**

By: Rose Turner

## MEMORIALS

### Fund: Budget

In Memory of:

**Irene Boyett,  
Iris Green,  
Pam Ross,  
Ruby Stoker**

By: Wayne & Carol Dillman

In Memory of:

**Ruby Stoker**

By: Mary Elias

In Memory of:

**Arthur Hall**

By: Celebrate S.S. Class

## HONORARIUMS

### Fund: Budget

In Honor of:

**Patty Stowell**

By: Bo & Judy Worley

## Hospital List

### WK North

Larry Savell

### 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.

## **SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON RETURNS**

Tuesday, April 6th / 12:00 noon



All parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 28, immediately following the Morning Worship Service. We will have lots of candy!! (Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets.)