

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Evening Worship, 6:30 PM

Tuesday

Primetime Choir, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Fellowship Meal, 5:00 PM (FLC)
Ladies Ensemble, 5:30 PM
Prayer Service, 6:00 PM (FLC)
Youth IMPACT & TeamKID, 6PM
Sanctuary Singers 7:00 PM

Budget Statistical Report

Budget Receipts	\$9,904.81
Needed Weekly	\$11,754.85
Received to Date	\$468,042.41
Needed to Date	\$493,703.70
Georgia Barnette	\$4,630.00

Wednesday Night Menu

Taco Soup
Chicken Enchilada Casserole
Green Salad
Dessert

Family \$12 / Single \$4



Forerunner

October 21, 2021

In our weekly staff meetings, we are discussing the book, *Great Days with the Great Lives*, by Charles Swindoll. We are currently focusing on the life of Joseph (Gen. 37-50). Joseph has gone from being the favored son of Jacob, to being the despised "dreamer" in his family, to being sold to a group of traveling traders, to being Potiphar's favored servant, to being unjustly imprisoned, and finally reaching his destiny -- receiving favor from Pharaoh and being placed in charge of the whole land of Egypt (Gen. 41:41). Joseph has had quite a roller coaster ride...lots of ups and downs. Yet the one main consistent thread through his life is the Hand of the Lord, guiding and directing and "working all things together for good." (Romans 8:28)

This week we looked at Joseph as a type of redeemer for his time, and compared it to Jesus, the ultimate, consummate Redeemer and Savior of the world. In Genesis 42, Jacob's 10 older sons visit Egypt in search of food due to the severe famine throughout the land. They found food, but unbeknown to them, Joseph was in charge. They had to go through Joseph in order to survive; he was their source of food. In the New Testament, we are reminded that Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6:35). At the end of Genesis 42 and the beginning of chapter 43, Jacob and his sons are back in Canaan and their food supplies are dwindling. They are limping along trying to live under their own efforts, possibly praying for the drought to lift -- but ultimately, they are delaying God's blessings. They HAVE to return to the SOURCE if they are to survive. How true for us today -- we must always go to the Source, the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, if we are to survive.

Jacob tells his sons to prepare a really nice gift basket, hoping their gifts will bring favor from the man in charge. Do we sometimes fall into the trap of hoping our efforts and hard work will bring us favor with Jesus? We know that only the blood of the Perfect Lamb of God can cover our sins and make us acceptable to our Holy Father, but sometimes our "busy-ness" and our "worker bee" mentality scream louder in this world. In the New Testament, when Martha asked Jesus to tell her sister Mary (who was just sitting at Jesus' feet) to help with the work, Jesus responded: "But only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42, NASB)

At the end of Genesis 43, we find the 11 brothers at a bountiful feast prepared by "the man in charge of the food," whom they still didn't know was their brother, Joseph. Charles Swindoll points out, "the brothers were recipients of favor they hadn't earned and kindness they didn't deserve." John was told to write about another feast in Revelation 19:6-9, the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. This feast is being prepared by our Lord for His Bride, the Church. It will be the most lavish feast, at which we are invited to attend. It will be the ultimate display of "favor we cannot earn and kindness we do not deserve!"

Let's go to the Source -- let's "choose the good part" -- and let's bow in awe before our Father, Who desires to bestow upon us such great favor and kindness!

Saved to Serve,
Denise

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Alan Law

By Carole Pacheco Fund: Benevolence
By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Fund: Budget
By Cheryl Jones Fund: Georgia Barnette

In Memory of Peyton Lane

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Fund: Budget

In Memory of Robbie Clingan

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones Fund: Georgia Barnette
By Cheryl Jones Fund: Georgia Barnette
By Roy and Margaret Cordray Fund: Georgia Barnette

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends our deepest sympathies to the families of Clair Pittman and Michelle Minor in their homegoings this week. We will continue to lift up Paul and Renee, and Cheryl Procell and her grandsons in prayer. May the Lord keep them always in His care.

Services for Clair Pittman will be at Emmanuel Monday, October 25th. Visitation 10:00 AM, Funeral Service 11:00 AM.

APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love and support through my recent illness and hospital stay. We felt your prayers, and appreciated your phone calls, Facebook posts, texts and cards. We are very grateful to have such a loving family of God to be there for us in our need.

Love and blessings, Harold and Lori Ashcraft

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGIA BARNETTE STATE MISSIONS OFFERING – You surpassed our goal of \$4,500! So far, you have contributed **\$4,630** to spread the Gospel throughout Louisiana!

THE ALLEN FAMILY will be in our **Worship Service this Sunday Morning at 10:45am**. This is a wonderful outreach tool as you invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us as we praise God. A love offering will be taken at the exit doors to cover their expenses and support their on-going ministry. Please make any checks out to our church, but mark the envelope, "The Allen Family." (*We will present them with one check.*) May the Lord bless you in your giving.

ONE STITCH AT A TIME – **Thursday, October 28th, 9:30 AM** in the FLC. Bring your own brown bag lunch and a smile. Call Mrs. Delores Woods at 318-588-2682 for more information.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP GAME NIGHT – **Saturday, October 23rd, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, FLC.** Please see Bridget Moseley for more details.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON – **November 2nd, Noon, FLC.** Our guest speaker will be Donna Valentine from Centuries Memorial Funeral Home speaking about pre-planning and final arrangements. Centuries will provide our meal and we will provide desserts.

Family Fall Festival **Trunk-n-Treat**

Saturday, October 30, 2021

2:00-4:00 pm Back Parking Lot

FREE ADMISSION -- EVERYONE WELCOME!



*Our Fall Fair will be held outside (weather permitting) and it will be a Trunk-n-Treat. We will need at least 10-15 members to decorate their vehicles and have a bowl of candy available for the children. The church will provide the candy. **Please bring individually wrapped treats for the candy bins in the hallway.** Come and join us to see the old-time cars and enjoy the Bounce House and Fair Food including Corndogs, Nachos and Treats!*



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 a shoebox, or you can go to: samaritanpurse.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 21st. We will take them to our local collection center after that date.

CHURCH WORK-DAYS! – **Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th, 10AM – 2 PM.** Bring your willing spirit and come join the fun!

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST – **"It's a New Day" Saturday, November 13th, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, FLC.** Our guest speaker will be Claire Pennington and we will have a glorious time of food, fellowship and lots of door prizes! Feel free to invite your mothers, daughters, sisters and neighbors. Tickets are \$3.00 – Please see Amy Weathersby or Sheralyn Gordon for more information.

BRANSON AT BETHANY – **Tuesday, November 30, 2021.** Our church is offering tickets for \$10 each, which includes the 9:30 AM program and a catfish luncheon. The sign-up sheet, program information and a limited number of tickets are available in the church office on a first-come, first-serve basis.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, October 22

Jeremiah 39-41, 2 Thessalonians 3

Saturday, October 23

Jeremiah 42-43, 1 Timothy 1

Sunday, October 24

Jeremiah 44-45, 1 Timothy 2

Monday, October 25

Jeremiah 46-47, 1 Timothy 3

Tuesday, October 26

Jeremiah 48, 1 Timothy 4

Wednesday, October 27

Jeremiah 49, 1 Timothy 5

Thursday, October 28

Jeremiah 50, 1 Timothy 6