

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

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	\$16,247.45
Needed Weekly	\$11,754.85
Received to Date	\$564,420.90
Needed to Date	\$575,987.65
Lottie Moon	\$1,725.00

Wednesday Night Menu

*Spiced Bourbon Ham,
Honeyed New Potatoes,
Roasted Glazed Vegetables,
Bacon Wrapped Asparagus,
Buttered Dinner Roll,
Dessert, Tea*

Family \$12 / Single \$4



Forerunner

December 9, 2021

What Does Jesus Want This Christmas?

People everywhere are frantically shopping for the perfect gift for family, friends and coworkers, hoping their purchase doesn't wind up in the Spring garage sale or as a White Elephant gift next Christmas. But do we ever stop long enough to ask, "What does Jesus want this Christmas?"

We can see the answer in His prayer just before he goes to the cross. What does He ask God for? ***"Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world."*** John 17:24

Why does Jesus want us to be with him? Jesus is not lonely. He and the Father and the Holy Spirit are profoundly satisfied in the fellowship of the Trinity. We, not He, are starving for something. Jesus is concerned for the satisfaction of the longing of our souls. When we seek, through prayer and Bible study, and see His glory, we are able to love Him and love others as He has loved us. This is what the Holy Spirit teaches and brings into our lives.

In seeing Christ in all his fullness, we are able to love with a love far beyond our own half-hearted, human capacities. Oh, may we see Christ with the eyes of God and savor Christ with the heart of God. That is the essence of heaven. That is the gift Christ came to purchase for sinners at the cost of his death in our place. Jesus, whose first coming we celebrate, and whose second coming we anticipate, wants us to possess the HOLY LOVE HE IS. That's what Jesus wants for Christmas.

*Blessings from your
Emmanuel Staff*

*(Partial excerpts of this article are
from the writings of John Piper)*



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of our mothers,

Dianne Snell and Gwyn Benson

By Robert and Laurie Morris Fund: Budget

In Memory of **Randy Grigsby and Carrie Dillman**

By Wayne and Carol Dillman Fund: Lottie Moon

In Memory of **Rev. Bill Stowell and Bro. Bill McGee**

By Sharon Wheless Fund: Lottie Moon

In Memory of **Alan Law**

By The Priscilla Class Fund: Homebound

In Honor of **Carolyn Thorne and Karen Fuller**

By The Priscilla Class Fund: Homebound

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL who sang in our Christmas music last Sunday Night, "Celebration of Adoration!" I appreciate the dedication and spirit of both choirs, Sanctuary and Prime Time. May the Lord bless you as you have blessed others.



Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOTTIE MOON WEEK OF PRAYER –

December 5th – 12th. Please pray for this offering and the international missionaries it supports. May the Lord bless the gifts of His people. Our goal is **\$12,000** this year. The Lottie Moon Missions Offering Ingathering will be **this Sunday**, December 12th during the morning worship service.



The Lottie Moon Post Office is open for business! Bring your Christmas Cards addressed to active church members, and give your postage money to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

DEACON'S MEETING – Sunday, Dec. 12th, 4:30pm.

BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 6:00pm.

ONE STITCH AT A TIME – Thursday, December 16th at 9:30 AM in the FLC. Make the most of your last chance to make Christmas gifts! Call Delores Woods for more information 318-588-2682.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST – Sunday, December 19th, 9:30am, FLC.

Dave Linn is hosting a great time of fellowship for all during our Sunday School hour. All classes are encouraged to attend and

bring your favorite covered dishes for breakfast. You won't want to miss it!

FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS – Sunday, December 19th, 6:30PM, Sanctuary.

Come join the sounds of praise as our church family has an opportunity to sing and play their favorite songs of the season. Bro. Harold has a sign-up sheet for everyone interested in participating. All are welcome!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24th, 5:30pm.



Please bring your extended families and join us for a wonderful time in celebration of Christ's birth.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, December 10

Hosea 13-14, Revelation 1

Saturday, December 11

Joel 1-3, Revelation 2

Sunday, December 12

Amos 1-2, Revelation 3

Monday, December 13

Amos 3-4, Revelation 4

Tuesday, December 14

Amos 5-7, Revelation 5

Wednesday, December 15

Amos 8-9, Revelation 6

Thursday, December 16

Obadiah, Revelation 7