

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Evening Service, 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	\$6,313.00
Needed Weekly	\$12,323.06
Received to Date	\$11,094.00
Needed to Date	\$640,798.76
Lottie Moon	\$17,013.00

Wednesday Night Menu

*Chef's Special
Dessert, Tea*

Family \$12 / Single \$4



Forerunner

January 13, 2022

In our weekly staff meetings, we are continuing our look at Charles Swindoll's book, "Great Days with the Great Lives." In Exodus 2:15, we see Moses sitting by a well, a fugitive on the run from Pharaoh. Forty years are covered in a few verses, Exodus 2:15-23. While that seems like a very long stretch of years to **not** be seeing God's hand at work, or hearing anything from God, GOD WAS STILL WORKING! So what was God doing for 40 years?

God was getting HIS servant ready for HIS task. The number 40 is no accident and is spoken of frequently in the Bible, often representing a time of testing, trial, and growth. If we look at the "Egyptian Prince Moses," and compare him to the "running for his life Moses," and the "shepherding his father-in-law's sheep Moses," we see a much different person. God was busy getting Moses ready for HIS service.

What else was God doing? God was getting HIS land ready for HIS children. One of our other staff members pointed out that God was getting the Promised Land ready for His nation. The land had experienced a famine and God was busy replenishing it -- He had to get those bees buzzing and those cows mooing so it would be a "land flowing with milk and honey!"

And God was listening. God's children in Egypt were groaning, crying out (Exodus 2:23-25). You can almost hear the choir singing, "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying!" The word groaned, is the same word Stephen used when he referred to the "groaning" of the Israelites (Acts 7:34). And hold on to your hat for this -- this is the same word used in Romans 8:26, that describes how the Holy Spirit intercedes and groans for us: "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

God heard...God remembered...God looked upon His children...God was concerned (Ex. 2:24-25). God hears YOU...God remembers His promises to YOU...God looks upon YOU...God is concerned about YOU! Then, to get everything rolling, God used a "bush that would not burn up" to get Moses' attention. And Moses had to "turn aside and see this great sight..." (Ex. 3:3). When God called his name, Moses said "Here I am." This Hebrew word literally means "I'm here." Sometimes God just needs us to show up and listen, to show up and be ready to be used by Him. God is the one to provide the wooden staff that performs miracles, the words to declare plagues, the ability to lead a nation, the power to split open the Red Sea, and the faith to endure up and downs -- it's ALL GOD!

*Saved to Serve,
Denise*

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Brenda Payne

By Bo and Judy Worley Fund: Lottie Moon
By Ron and Diane Denny Fund: Budget
By Lonnie and Jeanette Gilley Fund: Budget

SYMPATHY

Please keep Bro. Harry and Agnes Forester in your prayers at the homegoing of his brother in North Carolina, Stan Forester. His wife is at home recovering from Covid.

We are also praying for the family of Brenda Payne in her recent death. Her husband, Jim Payne has been so kind in helping our church with our air system needs through Payne Mechanical. Their son, Keith is married to Denise Griffin's daughter, Kristy.

Please remember our following members in the hospital this week

Cheryl Jones WK Pierremont
Phail Dean Jones WK Pierremont
Pam Rachall Ochsner LSU Health Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the church website and Facebook for activity updates during this surge in the COVID virus and in the case of weather advisories regarding snow, sleet and ice.



We WILL be having regular morning and evening services this Sunday, but due to the rapid spread of the COVID virus, all plans are subject to change. If other cancellations occur, there will be postings on the church website and Facebook. We are thankful to have our staff members back in good health and serving during the week.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - Our goal was \$12,000 and you gave \$17,013! Praise the Lord! What wonderful support you have shown for our international missionaries throughout the world. May God bless each dollar to bring lost souls to Christ.

Don't forget to pick up your cards at the Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office this Sunday. We will be using that post office box for contribution statements soon.

Prime Time Choir will not meet this Tuesday, January 18th.

DEACON'S MEETING – Sunday, January 23rd, 4:30pm.

BUSINESS MEETING – Wednesday, January 26th, 6:00pm.
Copies of the 2022 Church Budget will be near the doors of the Sanctuary this Sunday.

ONE STITCH AT A TIME
Thursday, January 20th, 9:30am, FLC
Bring a brown bag lunch and a smile.
All are welcome! Call Delores Woods
for more information, 318-588-2682



please note

If you are planning an event at the church or for an organization in the church, please complete the Activity (green) Sheet so we can note your event on our church

calendar. This will help us not plan parties and meetings at the same time involving the same people, or the same location. This green sheet also helps our custodial staff know how to plan and set up for each event.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, January 14

Genesis 34-36, Matthew 8:18-34

Saturday, January 15

Genesis 37-38, Matthew 9:1-26

Sunday, January 16

Genesis 39-40, Matthew 9:27-38

Monday, January 17

Genesis 41-42, Matthew 10

Tuesday, January 18

Genesis 43-45, Matthew 11:1-19

Wednesday, January 19

Genesis 46-47, Matthew 11:20-30

Thursday, January 20

Genesis 48-50, Matthew 12:1-21

Friday, January 21

Exodus 1-2, Matthew 12:22-50

Saturday, January 22

Exodus 3-4, Matthew 13:1-23

Our church is so privileged to have talented poets who write beautiful words of praise to our Lord. This week Mrs. Kathy Shaw has graciously shared her writings with us in the poem printed on the following page.



A Sinner Like Me

While having my quiet time the other day, I bowed my head and began to pray,

Lord, how can you let such sin abound? It's awful just to look around!

I've seen the news lately, it's scary to see; the world's in such chaos oh how can it be,

That Satan is winning, it's worse every day, those sinners just follow, will they ever pay?

There's murder and cheating and crime without end, it's son against father and friend against friend!

That MAN loves a man and that woman she lied, could it really be true that for "THEM" Jesus died??

Like the thief on the cross and the woman at the well, it surely can't be they're in heaven, not hell?

The love of The Savior, the heart that's in Him, oh how could He die for sinners like "THEM"?

I'm glad that I'm different, I'm sinless and good, and not like those "sinners" who don't live like they should!

"But wait!....Here's a mirror, look closely" He says patiently, (I'm not sure I want to see inside of me!)

"Remember that time that you spoke in such hate, you wanted revenge and you could not wait?

And don't forget so many times in the past, you neglected to do the good things that I asked.

You held pride and impatience and selfish ill-will, and now you must swallow that sad bitter pill.

You walked in the church halls with hugs, smiles and more, to all but the one whom you chose to ignore.

Did you frown disapproval or look down your nose, because they weren't wearing appropriate clothes?

And tell me this child, have you passed one in need? Or brought someone sorrow in word or in deed?

Did you walk into places your feet should not tread, or sow seeds of discord in the family of God?

Have you told a "white lie" so you'd need not explain, or find some small joy in another's great pain?

And when someone hurt you, did your kind heart bend, or withhold your forgiveness for years without end?

It's so hard to see but sometimes it's so true, aren't you glad that's not what The Lord did to you?

You may not have broken "the worst of the ten", but child in my eyes it is all labeled sin!

There's no "THEM" or "THEIR" sins, we've all felt the curse, no matter who did it, should YOU choose who's worse?"

Oh Lord how I've failed You, why didn't I see? Oh, how could You die for a sinner like ME!!

For ALL of us sin and fall short of Your mark, 'til Jesus's light brings us out of the dark.

No matter the sin or how short we may fall, He died on the cross, and His blood covers all!

I thank You now Lord as I reached out to pray, you showed me so gently the error of my way.

Please help me be loving and much more like you, let others see Jesus in all I think, say and do! AMEN!