

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

No Prime Time Choir

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	\$12,598.49
Needed Weekly	\$12,323.06
Received to Date	\$97,833.29
Needed to Date	\$123,230.60
Needed for Year	\$640,798.76

Wednesday Night Menu

Chicken pot pie
Honey-buttered biscuits
Green salad
Fruit, Dessert
Family \$12 / Single \$4



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March 10, 2022

One of the most beloved passages from the Bible is the 23rd Psalm. God spoke these words into David's heart thousands of years ago. Before David was "King David," he was "Shepherd David"-- a man who knew sheep! Who could be better qualified to compare the sheep/shepherd relationship to the believer/Good Shepherd relationship than a shepherd? Psalm 23 is written from the perspective of the sheep.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Martin Luther stated that the pronoun "my," is the key word in this psalm. It is PERSONAL. In 1953, Charles Allen wrote a short interpretation of Psalm 23; he pointed out that the psalm does not begin with a request. It begins with a calm fact; we don't have to beg God for things. *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.* Sheep must lie down in order to digest food. The shepherd David, was taking care of the physical needs of his flock, not just giving them a break. Sheep cannot drink from a river, or from moving water. Their wool gets saturated and pulls them downstream. Our Good Shepherd knows our needs and will meet them. Our Good Shepherd knows our limitations and will protect us.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Sheep have no sense of direction. A dog or cat can leave their yard or house and can probably find their way back home; a sheep cannot. He must look to his shepherd to guide him out of the fold and lead him back to the fold. Our Good Shepherd restores us and leads us along HIS paths of righteousness – for HIS glory, for HIS Name's Sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. This verse speaks of the valley of the **shadow** of death. A shadow cannot be cast without the presence of light. Jesus (our Good Shepherd) said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) When sheep walk through dark valleys, the shepherd protects them with his rod to beat off predators and with his staff to lift them from dangerous places. Our Good Shepherd is our defender and rescuer.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. David fought bears and lions (the enemy) to keep his flock safe and he would make sure his flock was fed. Our Good Shepherd is the victor over the enemy and He has prepared a banquet for us. *Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.* When the shepherd brings his flock back into the fold at the end of the day, he examines each of the sheep, to see whether they have any cuts or injuries. He anoints these wounds with healing oil. Our Good Shepherd is our Healer, our Great Physician, our Comforter.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Charles Allen said that David concluded his song with a great crescendo of praise, declaring the never-ending love and mercy of a trusted shepherd. Our Good Shepherd's mercy and love go before us and He has a prepared a place for us. *I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.* John 10:11

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Stan Forester

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Fund: Mexico

In Memory of Helen Breen

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Fund: Mexico
By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Fund: TWB
By Rose Turner Fund: Youth Ministry
By George and Laverne Smith Fund: Benevolence



We wish Donnie and Janet McCaa a loving farewell as they move to be near their family. They have been with us 37 years and we are sad to see them go, but pray for God's blessings upon their next chapter! Their new address is 8611 Casita Drive, McKinney, TX 75071.

Bro. Harold will be unable to meet with our Prime Time Singers this Tuesday, March 15th. However everyone needs to plan to be back on the 22nd ready to sing!

ONE STITCH AT A TIME
Thursday, March 24th at 9:30AM in the FLC. Bring your snacks and come enjoy the beautiful materials and fellowship. For more information, call Delores Woods - 588-2682.



FAMILY GAME NIGHT! MARCH 31ST



Thursday Night, 6:00PM. All are welcome - the church will provide fried chicken and tea. Everyone may bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. There will be board games

as well as activities in the gym. **TOTAL FUN!**

LADIES

BIBLE

STUDY

beginning Monday, March 14th, 9:30am, FLC. Vicky Wallace will be our

facilitator. There is a sign up sheet in the main hallway and the books may be purchased for \$10.00 at the first class meeting on the 14th.



Psalm 23 "The Shepherd With Me"

Many women know Psalm 23 by heart but haven't experienced its power in their lives. This beloved psalm can breathe new life into women who are weary and unsure of their next steps. It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life.

Several staff members will be in and out taking time off next week. Please call the church before you come to be sure someone is here to assist you. We appreciate your understanding and we will try to have most office hours covered. However, Friday the church will be closed as Claire and Jennifer will both be out of the office. 318-686-7548

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, March 11

Deuteronomy 10 - 11, Mark 9:1-13

Saturday, March 12

Deuteronomy 12 - 14, Mark 9:14-29

Sunday, March 13

Deuteronomy 15 - 17, Mark 9:30-50

Monday, March 14

Deuteronomy 18 - 20, Mark 10:1-16

Tuesday, March 15

Deuteronomy 21 - 23, Mark 10:17-31

Wednesday, March 16

Deuteronomy 24 - 26, Mark 10:32-52

Thursday, March 17

Deuteronomy 27 - 28, Mark 11:1-11

Friday, March 18

Deuteronomy 29 - 30, Mark 11:12-33

Saturday, March 19

Deuteronomy 31 - 32, Mark 12:1-12