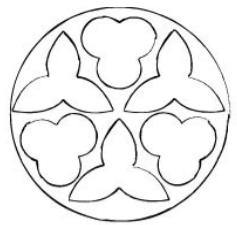


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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 15

10 a.m. - Noon

Karamales Couples Wedding Shower - Weems Hall

1 -2 p.m.

Visitation for Darrell Blair's Mother - *Hixson Brothers, Alexandria*

2 p.m.

Funeral Service for Darrell Blair's Mother - *Hixson Brothers, Alexandria*

Sunday, February 16

9 a.m. Breakfast - *Weems Hall*

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

After Worship **2014 Sweetheart Luncheon & Dessert Auction** to benefit Emmanuel's Youth - *Weems Hall*

3:30 p.m. **Preschool Committee Meeting** - *Rm. 106*

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir

5:15 p.m. Youth Snack Supper/Youth Life - *Weems Hall & attend concert in Bolton Chapel*

6 p.m. **Providence Quartet Concert** - *Bolton Chapel*

7 p.m. Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, February 18

1 - 4 p.m. **AARP Free Tax Assistance** (Age 55+) - *Rm. 105...first-come, first served*

Wednesday, February 19

5 p.m. Supper - *Weems Hall*

5:15 - 7 p.m. Library & Media Center Open

5:30 - 5:45 p.m. Game Room Open for 1st-6th grade (**FLC staff escort them**)

5:30 p.m. Early Room (Age 3 - Kind.) - *Rm. 120 (Parent/Adult escort children)*

5:45 p.m. Prayer & **February Business Meeting** - *Weems Hall*

5:45 p.m. Music & Missions

5:45 p.m. Youth Element (7th - 12th grade) - *Gym & Rm. 201*

6:40 p.m. Yoga Class - *Large Art Gallery*

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

FLC open ONLY for children whose parents are in Sanctuary Choir or committee meetings.

Looking Ahead:



Friday, February 21

Round Table Luncheon (Age 55+), Noon - *Weems Hall...come enjoy a good meal and musical entertainment by Butch Mackey.*

Parents' Night Out (Birth - 6th grade), 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. - *Family Life Center. The cost is \$5 per child. RSVP to the church office at 442-7773 by noon Friday to avoid extra fees.*

LOVE is the Greatest of These...

From My View..

How big is your heart? I've heard of hearts breaking, feeling empty and even of people who seem heartless.

In the last several years, God has shown me the fulfillment of His promise of scripture that "Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love" 1 Corinthians 13:13.

The most recent fulfillment of this promise was the birth of my first grandchild last week.

There is nothing like welcoming a new child into your world to grow your heart. I first experienced this when I married my husband in 2000 and inherited three young children. Then it happened again in 2006, when my youngest daughter was born.

I always thought nothing could top the love I have for my children, but I was wrong. Becoming a grandparent has changed my heart in ways I never imagined. God is showing me in new ways how love is the greatest of his promises.

By: Karen Hamilton

It truly is GRAND to have this new experience, not just the part about becoming a grandparent, but the new ways in which God is showing me His love and helping me share that love with others.

As I've watched my children grow over the years, God has given me a greater understanding of His love for us as His children.

In this new role that I've taken on He is showing me that my heart can continue to be filled with His promises not only through His word in the Bible, but also through the gift of human beings.

Hearts can be full of so many things - bitterness, anger, pain and joy, but I believe we have a choice as to what we keep in our hearts.

Every day is Valentine's Day with God. Our job is to share that love through a kind word or deed, even just a hug can do miracles.

Don't let a single moment go by without sharing His love with someone else.



ALL CHURCH

Holy Rowers of Emmanuel

The 2014 Holy Rowers of Emmanuel Baptist Church are looking for sponsors for this year's Dragon Boat races. The cost will be about \$2,400: \$2,100 entrance fee plus the cost of team shirts, about \$300, about \$115 per person. The church will cover the cost of team shirts. We also have an additional \$500 in sponsored money, leaving us with \$1,600 still needed.

If you or your business would like to sponsor or make a contribution of any amount of money, whether for the team as a whole or on an individual basis we are greatly appreciative. If you would like to contribute, or have any questions, please contact Scottie Brooks as soon as possible at scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org or 442-1302, or 715-0738. Come to the races and cheer us on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Thanks - **Captain Brooks**.

Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers for this past Sunday, February 9, were given by Sandy Whittington in honor of her children and grandchildren. Sending you my love as Valentine's Day approaches and always, Sandy.

Student of the Year

Way to go **Mary-Catherine Hickman** for being chosen as "Elementary Student of the Year" in all of Rapides Parish. Good luck as you continue to the next level.

C Dr. Chris Thacker, *Pastor*
 Dr. Larry Taylor
Pastor Emeritus
H Dr. Lee Weems
Associate Pastor - Education
U Rev. Jerry Cauley
Minister of Music
 Rev. Susan Cauley, *Associate Minister of Music & Organist*
R Gail Smith
Children's Ministry Director
C Rev. Greg Carroll
Youth Minister
 Scott Brooks
Activities Director
H Gayle Carroll
Day School Director
 Charleen Courtney
Pianist
 Karen Weems
Homebound Director
S Butch Berry
Facility Manager
T Pat McKee
Finance Manager
 Donna Blair
Administrative Assistant
A Karen Hamilton
Publicity Secretary
F Carolyn Robinson Wilson
Director of Food Services
 Ricky Keller
F Custodian
 Adolphis Wilson
 Custodian

ALL CHURCH

Providence Quartet Concert

6 p.m.

Sunday, February 16

Bolton Chapel

Come and enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel quartet music! Quartet members are Butch Mackey, Joey Beck, Kenny Nugent and Greg Reynaud.

Couples Wedding Shower

10 a.m. to Noon

Saturday, February 15

Weems Hall

Come celebrate the bride & groom and fill their home room by room!

Couple Shower

honoring

Chris Karamales & Brianna Sims

Registered at: Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond - gift cards from Lowe's and Home Depot are also appreciated.

Taste of Louisiana

6 p.m.

Thursday, February 27

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Join us for a tasting buffet, silent auction, entertainment and more to benefit the Day School! Tickets are \$10 (age 13 - Adult), \$7 children (age 3-12), age 2 and under are free, and there is a \$35 family maximum. Tickets are \$2 extra the day of the event. Get your tickets in Emmanuel's Day School (442-7775) or the church office (442-7773).

Claim Your Tools

Are you still missing tools used during Pilgrimage to Bethlehem? It's likely that we have them stored in the lattice cage.

Please help us free up some of our storage space by claiming your items.

Beads, Throws & Candy

The Children's Committee welcomes any donations of Mardi Gras beads, throws or candy. Please put items in the church office.

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CHILDREN

Parents' Night Out

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, February 21

Family Life Center

RSVP all children's names to the church office at 442-7773 by noon the day of the event to avoid extra fees. The cost is \$5 per child.

Mardi Gras*Parade Watching Party*

Church members of all ages are invited to a Children's Mardi Gras Parade Watching Party. We'll meet in front of the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 1, to watch the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Watchers may want to arrive earlier for parking and to avoid road closures. After the parade, stick around for pizza and king cake in Weems Hall. Parade watching is free, but lunch is \$2 for children 11 & under, \$4 for ages 12 to adult, or \$12 family max. **RSVP to the church office by Thursday, February 27th.**

Ride the Float

Riders and chaperones must **RSVP by Friday, February 21**. Due to limited float space, children who participate in Wednesday/Sunday activities will have first priority. Meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 1st. **Bring your own throws and wear your Krewe of Emmanuel T-shirt.** Adults needed to chaperone as float riders or walkers. Medical Release form must be on file for ALL children!

AARP TAX HELP**AARP Tax Assistance**

1 - 4 p.m.

Tuesdays

February 11 - April 15

Free tax filing service for age 55 and older: first-come, first-served.

Round Table Luncheon

Noon

Friday, February 21

Weems Hall

Join us for music by Butch Mackey.