



# EMMANUEL LIFE



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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

## Week of December 21 - 27

### Wednesday, December 21

- 4:30 **Family Life Center Opens**
- 5:15 Nursery (ages Birth - 2 years) - FLC Kiddie Corral
- 5:30 Early Room (3 years - K) - Room 124 in Preschool Wing; parents must escort child.
- 5:30 Early Room (Grades 1 - 6) - FLC Gym
- 5:45 **Business & Prayer Meeting** Sanctuary
- 5:45 Mission Friends and Preschool Choir - Rooms 120 & 124 in Preschool Wing
- 5:45 Music Makers & Young Musicians
- 5:45 Youth Recreation
- 6:30 **Building Committee Meeting** - Room 125
- 6:30 Mission Friends escorted to FLC by nursery workers
- 6:30 GAs & RAs - 2nd Floor
- 6:30 Youth Element - FLC Large Gallery
- No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**
- 7:30 FLC Closed (except to children whose parents are in committee meetings)

### Friday, December 23

**Church Office Closed** - Christmas Holiday

### Saturday, December 24

#### Christmas Eve

5:00 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 25

#### Christmas Day

No Sunday School  
10:50 Worship  
No Youth Choir or Life

### Mon., Dec. 26 & Tue., Dec. 27

**Church Office Closed** - Christmas Holiday

### Wednesday, December 28

**Church Office Open** - 8:30 - 4:30

**No Activities or Meetings**

**No Emmanuel Life** (electronic or print versions)

### Thu., Dec. 29 & Fri., Dec. 30

**Church Office Closed** - New Year's Holiday

### Sunday, January 1

No Sunday School  
10:50 Worship  
No Youth Choir or Life

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm.



Christmas Day  
Morning Worship  
10:50 am.

## Concerns and Celebrations

**Hospital:** **Ruston:** Lonnie Taylor (Charleen Courtney's sister)  
**Monroe:** Donald Allen (Connie Hixson's brother)  
**Atlanta:** Amie Lewis (Linda McKee's niece)

### Pray for:

Vade Gordon  
Clarence Goleman  
Paquita Miller  
Alice Mitchell  
Neva Guinn  
Jackie Heath  
Dian Wise  
Berlan Hargis  
Mary Manzano  
Patty Crout  
Vince Manzano  
Brenda and Jackie Barton  
Frank Chandler, Jr.  
Willie Vick (Susan Tudor's mother)  
Angela Ingram (Nick Simpson's mother)  
Ron Tullos (friend of Johnny Dollar and former member)  
Mary Virginia Young (friend of Jimmy Hickman)  
Nelson Lee (Adrienne McKay's brother)  
Dorothy Phillips (Bryan Phillips' mother)  
Peggy Bridges (Hilda Brown's sister)  
Mildred Cauley (Jerry Cauley's mother)  
Anna McKee (Howard McKee's mother)  
Judy Walker (Donna Howell's sister)  
Bill Hathorn (Brian Couvillon's friend)

Ron Woodruff (Nedra Phillips' brother)  
Elma Lee Hood (Rexie Tweedy's mother)  
Marvin Gibson (Howard McKee's great uncle)  
Cass Bordelon (Patsy Byles' brother)  
Monica Anderson (Fran Anderson's daughter-in-law)  
Laura Ellen West (Jim & Carol Reiszner's niece)  
Dottie Roach (Brenda Howell's mother)  
Estelle Johnson (Jeff Johnson's mother)  
**Military:**  
Paul Gordon - Marine Basic Training (South Carolina)  
Sarah Ayres - Army Advanced Training (Arizona)  
**Missions:**  
Marc Boswell & Lake Providence CBF Missions  
Laura & Andy Pettigrew (South Africa) (daughter and son-in-law of Jackie and Brenda Barton)  
James & Helen Davis (Korea)  
Emmanuel Gospel Choir,  
Rueil-Malmaison (France)

## ALL CHURCH

### 2017 Budget

One of the many ways we can help support the ministries of Emmanuel is through our annual pledges to our General Budget. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the 2017 budget.

You may place your pledge card in the offering plate on Sundays, deliver it to the church office or mail it to the church office.

### Year-End Contributions Policy

In order to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service, any contributions which donors wish to be credited as a 2016 contribution for IRS purposes must be received in the offering plate by Sunday, December 25. If the contribution is mailed, it must be postmarked (not meter-dated) no later than December 31, 2016. The church office is open Wednesday, December 28, if you would like to deliver your contribution in person.

Contributions received after this date, regardless of the date on the check, must be reported as a 2017 contribution. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this policy.

IRS guidelines require that members who wish to itemize contribution deductions must have a copy of the church's contribution report when filing an income tax return. Reports will be mailed in January.



### Poinsettias

If you gave a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, you may choose your poinsettia(s) from those on the platform in the sanctuary following the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.



The regularly scheduled blood drives at Emmanuel are on hold until renovations are complete but there is still a great need, especially during the holidays.

Visit [www.lifeshare.org](http://www.lifeshare.org) for the hours of the Alexandria Donation Center or to find a mobile blood drive in your area.

## NEW MEMBER



**Owen Rhymes** joined Emmanuel on December 18. Owen is the son of Carrie and Marcus Rhymes and grandson of Barbara and Charles Clover.

## GRATITUDE

Dear Emmanuel,

I have no words to convey my heartfelt thanks for your support in the last couple of years and at Mom's memorial service. May you ALL be blessed as you have blessed us.

Please share with the entire congregation how much Emmanuel meant to Mom. Each week she would ask about mail from church right up until the last. I always read the Sunday school postcards and newsletter to her.

Carol Parker  
daughter of Thelma Parker

## MISSIONS

**H2O Homeless Outreach**  
Fourth Thursday each month

Next H2O: January 26  
10:00 - Noon  
EBC Parking Lot

### H2O Needs

Coats \* Socks (new)  
Blankets \* Sleeping Bags  
Tarps \* Travel size toiletries  
Monetary donations

### Main Street Mission

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY \*\***  
First Friday of each month

No Main Street Mission in January  
Next Main Street Mission  
Feb. 3, 2017  
9:30 - Noon  
312 Main St., Pineville

## MUSIC & MISSIONS

### Music & Missions

Wednesday, December 21  
All Choirs & Missions meet

December 28 & January 4  
No Music & Missions

Wednesday, January 11  
Music & Missions Resume

## YOUTH

**Act Love Walk**  
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D - Now  
January 13 - 15

**\$25 deposit due before Christmas**  
(paid to the church office or from your Youth account)



**"Soup"er Bowl Party**  
Sunday, February 5  
5:00

home of Hannah Walker  
9168 Hwy 165, Pollock

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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Christmas Eve Service 5:00

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**Monday, January 2**  
Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, January 4**  
Church Office Open  
No Activities or Meetings