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

Week of December 9 - 15

Wednesday, December 9

No Supper or Activities
Time for rest and prayer before
Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

Thursday, December 10

4:30 - 7:00 **Supper** (Red Beans & Rice) - Weems Hall
6:00 - 9:00 **Pilgrimage to Bethlehem**

Friday, December 11

4:30 - 7:00 **Supper** (Gumbo) - Weems Hall
6:00 - 9:00 **Pilgrimage to Bethlehem**

Saturday, December 12

3:00 - 9:00 **Pilgrimage to Bethlehem**
4:00 - 7:00 **Supper** (Chili) - Weems Hall

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

No Breakfast or Sunday School
10:50 Worship
Noon - 2:00 **Lunch** (Bar B Que) - Weems Hall
2:00 - 6:00 **Pilgrimage to Bethlehem**
after Pilgrimage **Supper** (Encore of previous meals) - Weems Hall

Monday, December 14

Deconstruction

Tuesday, December 15

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Looking Ahead

Wednesday, December 16

Supper - 5:00, Weems Hall
Pilgrimage Reflections - 5:45, Weems Hall
No Music & Missions Activities
No Youth Activities
Childcare available in the FLC for children ages birth - 6th grade.
Sanctuary Choir - 7:00

Thursday, December 17

H2O Homeless Outreach - 10:00 - Noon; EBC Parking Lot

Friday, December 18

Parents' Night Out - 5:30 - 10:00; FLC
Adult 3 and Adult 1 Ladies
Christmas Party - 6:30; at the home of Helen & Bobby Paul, 3009 Nelson St., Alexandria

Glow in the Dark

World Missions Offering
Emmanuel's Goal: \$4,000

CBF Global	\$ 1,066
Lottie Moon	\$ 795
Total	\$ 1,861



Christmas for Homebound

Make the holidays special! Help us fill Homebound Christmas Baskets. Please bring the listed items to the Fellowship Hall by **Wednesday, December 16.**

- Hand Sanitizer
- Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers
- Small pocket Kleenex
- Hand Lotion
- Little Debbie Gingerbread Men
- NO candy please!

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy: to Jeff and Joel Sampson and their families on the death of their mother Ida Sampson
to Richard Rudd and his family on the death of his father J. P. Rudd

Cabrini: Herbert Jenkins - No visitors please.

Pray for Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

- Declan Hancock
- Mike Murphy
- Joe Montz (Nedra Phillip's father)
- Tom Robinson
- Monica Anderson (Fran Anderson's daughter-in-law)
- Frank Chandler, Jr.
- Thelma Parker
- Keith McLain (Monica Cox's father)
- Mildred Cauley (Jerry Cauley's mother)
- Ruth Cooper
- Brooke Stewart
- Carol Reiszner
- Jay Bolen
- Selena Elmore
- Alice Mitchell
- Beth Slocum (Terri Deville's mother)
- Aubree Hamilton (Victoria Smith's daughter and Andy & Kathy Smith's granddaughter)
- Laura Ellen West (Jim & Carol Reiszner's niece)
- Hazel Martin (Hilda Brown's mother)
- Ron Schenk
- Virginia Short
- James and Sammie Crawford (Jim Crawford's parents)
- Gabriel Dial (Janet St. Romain's grandson)
- Nancy Rosene (Gail Smith's sister-in-law)
- Richard McGraw (friend of Jim Hickman)
- Kennie Brown (Beth Slawson's friend)
- Brittany Brown (Hilda Brown's granddaughter)
- Dottie Roach (Brenda Howell's mother)

- Phyllis Sherman (Norm Sherman's mother)
- Cooper Marler (Bobby & Pam Marler's grandson)
- Andee Nolan
- Bill Loewer (Brent Loewer's father)
- Judy Walker (Donna Howell's sister)
- Neva Guinn
- Brian Blum (brother-in-law of Marty Blair)
- Kim Daley Taylor (Larry and Lynda Taylor's daughter-in-law)
- Bobby Beall (Vernon Beall's son)
- Ginny Bethard
- Patty Crout
- Vince Manzano
- Estelle Johnson (Jeff Johnson's mother)
- Ken Brister (Susan Cauley's friend)
- Paquita Miller
- Pam Munoz (Nedra Phillips' cousin)
- Henry and Marilyn Staruska (Heather Matlock's grandparents and Dian Wise's parents)
- Tim Cox
- John Grider (Rex & Emily Grider's son)
- Jackie Heath
- Brenda and Jackie Barton
- Military:** Mark McKee (Pat & Preston McKee's son)
- Missions:** Jenny Hodge (Lake Providence CBF Missionary)
- 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)

HOMEBOUND



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MISSIONS

H2O Homeless Outreach

Thursday, December 17
10:00 - Noon
EBC Parking Lot

Our Emmanuel volunteers welcome the following donations to distribute during H2O.
new men's and women's socks
blankets and sleeping bags
gloves and knit caps
thermal wear
coats and sweaters

ACTIVITIES

Parents' Night Out

Friday, December 18
5:30 - 10:00

Family Life Center

Sign up your child(ren) by calling the church office at 442-7773.



CAROLING & CHILI

Sunday, December 20
5 p.m. in Weems Hall

Everyone is invited to go caroling to our local homebound members. We will leave the church and go in groups to nursing homes and residences. Please call the church office at 442-7773 if you can bring any of the following:

- a pot of your favorite chili
- a dessert to share
- a van for transportation

You can also e-mail Scottie Brooks: scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org

PILGRIMAGE TO BETHLEHEM

An Appeal for Bethlehem

The members of Emmanuel have generously responded to every need as we prepare for Pilgrimage to Bethlehem. Even with a total cost of \$10,000 - \$12,000, we continue to keep Pilgrimage a free event to share with our community. Pilgrimage is not a budgeted item, so the costs of such items as uniformed officers for security, construction and Pre-Tour are paid through the generous offerings of church members. Any amount you can contribute will benefit this uniquely effective ministry.

Costumes

Some suggestions:

- * To help keep your belongings together during the performances, you may want to bring a box or shopping bag with your name on it.
- * Please leave your valuables at home, if possible.
- * Lockers are available, but please bring your own lock.
- * **Each night** please either hang up your costume in the Family Life Center or bring it home with you.

Please check your closets. If you have Bethlehem costumes that belong to the church that you are not using, please return them so they may be used by other pilgrims.

ALL CHURCH

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 2015 contribution for IRS purposes must be received in the offering plate on Sunday, December 27. If the contribution is mailed, it must be postmarked (not meter-dated) no later than December 31, 2015.

Contributions received after this date, regardless of the date on the check, must be reported as a 2016 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.



December 10 - 13

Actors

Schedules are posted in Weems Hall and in the empty corner room between the Bird Lady and the Metal Smith's booth.

Some minor changes have been made to some of the schedules you turned in due to people performing dual roles and some who are no longer able to participate.

We hope that everyone who possibly can will be in the city from the first pilgrim group through the last one each day to keep the inn and city street full and busy!

Deconstruction

What goes up must come down!!

Monday, December 14

Tuesday, December 15

Hospitality and Meals

Generous donations from church members and local businesses are covering most of the cost of meals and supplies, but donations will be accepted.

Suggested donation that will cover all four days of meals:

- \$2 per adult
- \$1 per child
- \$6 family max

If you would like to help the Hospitality Committee in any way, please contact the church office or Sally Newcomer.

Thursday 4:30 - 7:00 Red Beans/Rice

Friday 4:30 - 7:00 Gumbo

Saturday 4:00 - 7:00 Chili

Sunday Noon - 2:00 Bar-b-que after last group Encores of previous meals

*Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available at every meal.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Adult 3 & Adult 1 Ladies

Friday, December 18
6:30

at the home of Bobby & Helen Paul
3009 Nelson St., Alexandria

Randall and Patti Hargis proudly announce the birth of their granddaughter **Rawson Ray Tullos** on November 25. Rawson was 7 pounds and 19 3/4 inches long. She is welcomed by her parents Jesse and Penny Hargis Tullos.