



EMMANUEL LIFE



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

From the Pastor

Dear Emmanuel Family,

After meeting for worship online-only for the past 12 weeks, we will gather for in-person worship this Sunday, June 7. It feels good to write those words, and I look forward to our return as a church family. Here's what you need to know about our gathering.

First of all, I know that many of you will not be returning immediately. Please know that your church family respects and honors your decision to do what you feel is best for you, your family, and our community. I personally still believe that there are some rather significant risks associated with indoor church gatherings, but I also fully support the Church Council's decision for us to begin the process of meeting again in our sanctuary for worship. We will follow strict guidelines from the state – and in some cases we are implementing even greater precautionary measures – in order to limit the risks of exposing one another to illness.

Our service will be shorter than normal, we will have fewer congregational songs, and we will continue our recent practice of having only four choir members to help lead us. There will also be no childcare provided, nor will there be a time of coffee and fellowship in Weems Hall like we've often had in the summer months. We are making these efforts in order to limit our exposure to any illness we might carry, especially as we try to determine risk factors associated with COVID-19. As I mentioned to you previously, our Audio/Visual team will continue to livestream our worship service on our YouTube channel.

As per state requirements for businesses and religious organizations, our staff and ushers will be required to wear masks. We're also encouraging all who attend to wear masks or face coverings. We ask that anyone who is sick, showing signs of illness, or in an at-risk population for COVID-19 to please stay home and worship with us online.

In regard to our preparations being made, we will thoroughly clean and disinfect the sanctuary and bathrooms. The Rose Garden entrance will be made available for those with mobility issues; otherwise we ask all worshippers to enter and exit through the Jackson Street doors. We have also removed some of the pew cushions as a visual sign of where to sit in the sanctuary. Worshippers are asked to sit only where there is a pew cushion and a printed worship guide. Since hymnals and pew Bibles are "high touch" objects, we have removed them from the pew racks. We encourage all who attend to bring their Bibles from home.

I look forward to a good Sunday of worship. I know that it's not going to be the same as our last gathering in the sanctuary. And it won't be the same for some time. But I'm so grateful for you as a church family, and I'm so grateful to our church leadership for their prayerful discernment.

Grace and Peace,

Chris

ALL CHURCH

Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Emmanuel

- We encourage all who are sick, showing signs of illness, or in a high-risk group for COVID-19 to please stay home and worship with us online through our YouTube live stream worship service.
- The Sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 a.m.; worship will begin at 10:50 a.m. Please use the Jackson Street entrance unless you have mobility issues that require the Rose Garden entrance.
- All worshippers are encouraged to wear a mask and make use of the hand sanitizing stations when entering and exiting the sanctuary.
- Follow the recommended social distancing measures by maintaining 6-foot distance from those outside our own households.
- Please sit in one of the designated pews marked off to maintain distancing. These will be the pews with a pew cushion and a worship guide.
- We will collect an offering at the Jackson Street exit as we dismiss our service.
- Please don't linger in the sanctuary following the service. You may have brief conversations outside after exiting.
- While we will not have childcare available, our nursery will be open to serve as a changing room or calming room for families who might need it. We will have a nursery worker present to immediately clean and disinfect after each time the space is used.

Week of June 3 - 9

Wednesday, June 3

10:30 - 2:30 Church Office Open
5:30 Wednesday Bible Study
 LIVE Live Stream

Thursday, June 4

10:30 - 2:30 Church Office Open

Friday, June 5

10:30 - 2:30 Church Office Open

Sunday, June 7

10:50 Worship
Sanctuary opens at 10:30
 Live Stream

Tuesday, June 9

10:30 - 2:30 Church Office Open

CHILDREN

Summer 2020

Wherever You Go Activity Bag

Each bag is full of fun activities for children ages Birth - 6th Grade

Bags are available for pick up in the church office. If you can't make it to the church, contact Sally Newcomer at 451-2375 to have your bag delivered.

Concerns and Celebrations

Pray for:

All affected by COVID-19

Jerry Cauley

Max Campbell

Rhoda Barbee

Jack and Judy Ready

Tom and Patty Crout

Milton Brown

Bob Howell

Ruth O'Quinn

Jim and Jackie Heath

Frank Chandler, Jr.

Clarence Golemon

Mike Glass

Shirley Wells

Maurice Norwitz

Anna McKee (Howard McKee's mother) - Regency House

Bob Douglas - Lexington House

Jim DeLee - Lexington House

Paquita Miller - Brookdale

Jean Lyons - Marigold

Beth Slawson - Marigold

Martha Catha - Regency House

Grace and Carlos Perez (Catherine DeLee's sister and brother-in-law)

Dot Hathorn (former Emmanuel member) - No calls to family please

Sammye Crawford (Jim Crawford's mother)

David Perry (Jim Hickman's uncle)

Rachel Smithey (D'Laine & Stacy Sonneland's grand daughter)

Randy Holton (Della Barbee's brother-in-law)

Mac McNeill (Daphne Robinson's nephew)

Kameron Courtney (Charleen Courtney's great grandchild)

Eric Pratt (Donna and Thomas Howell's friend)

Will Tweedy (Paul Tweedy's brother)

Randy Roach (Brenda Howell's brother)

Mandi and Hooper Hall (Patsy Byle's niece and Hooper's nephew)

June Clanton (Della Barbee's aunt and Rhoda Barbee's great-aunt)

Ben Salley (Lynn White's son)

Brandon Johnson (Faye Nolan's nephew)

Brad Perry (Linda Fusilier's nephew)

Laura Ellen West (Jim and Carol Reiszner's niece)

Lily Butterfield (Jim & Jackie Heath's great-granddaughter)

Donald Mauldin (Lillian Purdy's father)

Haven Hawthorne (Daphne and Tom Robinson's friend)

Amie Biggs Lewis (Linda McKee's niece)

Bev Scott (Jim & Carol Reiszner's friend)

Tebow Wells (Shirley Wells' son)

Wayne Moorehead (Stu Riggars' friend)

Remy Williamson (Pat Hoyt's grandson)

Donald Welch (Bryan Phillips' brother-in-law)

Jennifer Whittington (Sandy Whittington's daughter-in-law)

Cass Bordelon (Patsy Byles' brother)

Dottie Roach (Brenda Howell's mother)

Glendon and Ginny Bethard

Missions:

Marc Boswell & Lake Providence CBF Missions

James & Helen Davis (Korea)

Emmanuel Gospel Choir