

FMMANUET LIFE Dr. Chris Thacker, Pastor



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A Place to Be, A Place to Become

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Savings Ends - Fall Back **High Attendance Sunday**

Breakfast 9:00

9:30 Bible Study

Deacon Ballots Distributed

Worship 10:50

after worship **Budget Distributed**

Youth Choir 4:30

5:15 Youth Life

Budget Discussion - Weems 6:00 Hall

7:00 **Emmanuel Ringers**

Tuesday, November 4

Day School and Public Schools closed for **Election Day**

9:00 - Noon Main Street Mission - Pineville

Wednesday, November 5

Supper - Weems Hall
Committee on Committee
Room 106A
Library & Media Center Ope
Kiddie Corral open (Birth - 2 years)
Early Room (3, 4 & 5 yr olds) - Preschool Wing Room 124
Prayer Meeting
Mission Friends & Preschoo
Choir - Preschool Wing
Music Makers - 3rd Floor
Young Musicians - 2nd Floor
Youth Rec and Activities - F.
G.A.s & R.A.s - 2nd Floor
Youth Element - Youth Room
Sanctuary Choir
Children & Youth dismiss
(FLC Open for grades 1-6)
FLC Closed (except to childrer whose parents are in choir or committee meetings)

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, November 9

Budget Adoption - after morning worship

Tuesday, November 11

Dayschool and Public Schools closed for Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 12

Finance Committee - 6:30, Room 106A Activities Committee - 6:30, Room 111

Friday, November 14

Parent's Night Out - 5:30 - 9:30, FLC

Saturday, November 15

"Secret Mission" G.A. Party - 5:30 - 7:30,

home of Sally & Scott Newcomer



en From My View...

As most of you are aware, on the fourth Thursday of each month (third Thursday in November and December) from 10:00 - noon, Emmanuel partners with Volunteers of America (VOA) and the Homeless Coalition in their "Helping to Overcome Homelessness: H2O" outreach to members of the local homeless community. H2O is held the third Thursday of November and December to accomodate the holidays. Emmanuel's parking lot provides a central downtown location for various community agencies and churches to deliver an array of services and ministries such as medical screenings, information for veterans, housing assistance and even haircuts and massages. Almost ten churches minister to the participants by providing lunch, clothing, hygiene items, blankets, mats and other needed items.

The Emmanuel H2O Committee determined that our mission is to distribute any items that church members donate from the suggested monthly/seasonal VOA list plus other items we have

By: Hilda Brown

learned that are needed and enjoyed. The VOA list is available each month in the Emmanuel Life, Table Talk and in the mission corner of Weems Hall.

For November these the VOA suggested items includes hand warmers, gloves, knit caps and fruit snacks. Additionally the Committee asks for donations of soft fruit (bananas, oranges, grapes, peaches, etc.) and travel size hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion and hand sanitizer.) Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase fruit and other items for the homeless.

Thank you for helping to make this mission a success. If you have any questions please contact any member of the committee: Hilda Brown, Carol Reiszner, Patsy Byles, Patty Crout, Mary Manziano and Carol Pugh.

H2O Homeless Outreach Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 10:00 - Noon EBC Parking Lot



Fall Back Daylight Savings Time Ends

this Saturday night.

Deadline for boxes: Wednesday, November 19

It's that time of year again for the

Instructions for packing a box and a limited number of boxes are

Poinsettia Order The sanctuary will be filled with

poinsettias this Advent season. You may purchase poinsettias "in memory" or "in honor" of someone at a cost of \$6 each. Call the church office at 442-7773 with your order. First-come, first-served. G. A.'s

Secret Mission Party

5:30 - 7:30 home of Sally & Scott Newcomer

Please save the date for this fun G.A. party. All G.A.'s grades 1 - 6

are invited to participate. More info will follow next week about each G.A.'s "mission". Dr. Chris Thacker, Pastor

Associate Pastor - Education Rev. Jerry Cauley Minister of Music

Gail Smith

Children's Ministry Director Rev. Greg Carroll, Youth Minister

Charleen Courtney Pianist

Butch Berry, Facility Manager Pat McKee, Finance Manager

Donna Blair

Adolphis Wilson, Custodian

Elaina Ayres, Publicity Secretary

Carolyn Robinson Wilson

Emmanuel Life



Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before going to bed

Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child**

shoebox Christmas ministry.

available in Weems Hall in our mission corner.

Saturday, November 15

Dr. Larry Taylor, Pastor Emeritus Dr. Lee Weems

Rev. Susan Cauley Associate

Minister of Music & Organist

Scott Brooks, Activities Director Gayle Carroll, Day School Director

Karen Weems Homebound Director

Administrative Assistant

Director of Food Services Ricky Keller, Custodian

GRATITUDE

Together for Hope

Dear Emmanuel Baptist Church, Thank you for your generous

support of this year's Bags of Hope school supply drive. Because of your support over **900** students received a backpack full of supplies and books to take home! Also, we will be able to do a second distribution of supplies in January for teachers. Thank you again for making a

positive difference in the lives of students in East Carroll and Tensas Parishes. Jenny Hodge

Pastor Appreciation Month Although is almost over, October

is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let's all take a moment let Chris know how much we appreciate all that he does for Emmanuel.

Louisiana Renaissance **Festival in Hammond**

Youth

Tuesday, November 11 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. RSVP by Friday, November 7

to the church office or Greg Carroll Cost is \$40 and includes food and entry to the Festival. There are lots of vendors so bring as much extra money as you'd like. **YEC: Youth Evangelism**

Conference in Lafayette November 23 & 24 RSVP by Thursday, October 30 to the church office or Greg Carroll

Cost is \$105 and includes

Conference, hotel and food. We'll eat lunch and have Youth Choir after worship on Sunday, November 23 then head south to Lafayette for YEC. We'll return very late Monday, November 24 after the last session ends at 10:30 p.m. **Emmanuel Baptist Church**

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Finance Report

FINANCES

"Because God Gives" Year-To-Date January - September 2014

Received to date: \$ 565,264 Pro-rated investment draw: 56,250

Total Receipts

\$ 690,813 Expended to date: \$ (69,299) **Budget Shortage:**

\$ 621,514

Our church family so generously responds to the call of God's grace. We see this all the time – through those who teach Sunday School, volunteer with mission groups, serve on committees and ministry teams, foster a spirit of reverence in worship, and share God's love in the community. I encourage you to continue embodying this generosity through the pledges we have made to our 2014 budget. At this point in the year, we are currently facing a budget shortage

of \$69,299. And while we are typically behind budget coming out of the summer, this is farther behind than we have been in recent years. The church staff is taking measures to control spending for the remainder of the year, but in addition to this, we need a fruitful response in our revenue so that we can finish the year faithfully. Our financial records are in no way the sum of who we are as a congregation. But we also know

that the faithful and sacrificial offering of our financial resources is a tangible way we enable our calling. In these remaining months of the year, we will share in some vital and life-giving ministries that represent our unique identity in the community. Let us continue to offer our very best in response to God's love.