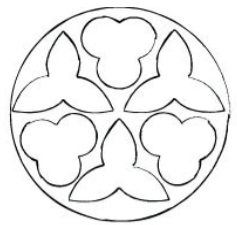




# EMMANUEL LIFE



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A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, February 1

2 p.m. **Now & Later International Baby Shower** - Weems Hall  
2 - 9:30 p.m. **Youth Flag Football & Bonfire** - Jewel Wilson's House (9168 Hwy. 165, Pollock)

**CANCELLED**

### Sunday, February 2

**Deadline to RSVP for "Natchitoches Trip"** on February 8 - Sign up with Scottie Brooks at [scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org](mailto:scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org) or call 318-442-1302/318-715-0738

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
No Youth Choir  
5:30 p.m. **Youth Superbowl Party** - Jerry & Susan Cauley's House (236 White Oak Dr., Pineville)  
No Emmanuel Ringers

### Tuesday, February 4

9 a.m. to Noon  
**Adults on Mission** - Main Street Mission, Pineville

### Wednesday, February 5

5 p.m. Supper - Weems Hall  
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. **Children's Committee Meeting** - Rm. 106  
5:45 p.m. Prayer 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:



### Saturday, February 8

**Natchitoches Trip**, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Bring money for museum admission (costs: \$5 adults, \$4 students/senior adult, 12 and under free), lunch and shopping.

### Sunday, February 9

**4th-6th Grade Girls' Sunday School Party**, After worship - Debbie Dollar's House (368 Windermere Blvd., Alexandria)

### Tuesday, February 11

**Esther Bible Study**, 10 a.m. - Rm. 111  
**AARP Tax Assistance**, 1 - 4 p.m. - Rm. 105  
**Finance Committee Meeting**, 7 p.m. - Rm. 105

# Animal



# Farm Fun

## From My View...

Chickens, rabbits, turkeys, geese, goats, sheep, and a horse named Ol' Yeller were many of the highlights enjoyed by first through sixth graders on Emmanuel's Animal Farm trip last week.

A total of 27 children and 10 adults enjoyed a day on Martha Petrus' 600-acre farm full of open pastures, animals and fruit trees.

Beautiful weather added to an enjoyable day. When we arrived, everyone loaded up on a trailer and Ms. Martha pulled us out to the open field by her house for the kids to run, play games and ride her horse, Ol' Yeller.

Some of the adults helped ready bamboo sticks for hot dog and marshmallow roasting later, while Martha started the pit fire.

One group of children and adults enjoyed the fresh air and open fields while Martha took another group on a tour of the farm.

Petting dogs and holding dwarf rabbits was first on the tour stop. Geese roamed the grounds throughout our time on the farm, but immediately knew

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when snack time was about to begin. Each of the children was given a small container of corn to feed the geese and ducks near the pond.

After animal snack time was over Martha took everyone to see her "flipping" pigeon. She threw him into the air and he immediately hit the ground rolling over several times. Both children and adults were in awe.

The next stop was collecting eggs at the chicken coop. On average, Martha's chickens lay up to 35 dozen eggs a week. After returning the eggs to their nests, the children walked around the pond to see newborn sheep. One lamb had been born just that morning, while two others had been born the day before.

We ended the tour at Martha's fruit trees where children picked fresh oranges and satsumas.

After roasting hot dogs and marshmallows in the fire everyone packed up for one last stop in town at Little Cakes (with Big Attitude).

Everyone enjoyed winding down the day with ice cream or specialty cupcakes before returning to Emmanuel.



**TAKE NOTE**

**Krewe of Emmanuel Shirts**

Get into the Carnival spirit with your own "Krewe of Emmanuel" T-shirt. You can order T-shirts for \$10 each in sizes Youth XS to Adult 3XL. **Call the church office by Wednesday, February 12th to order.**

**MISSIONS**

**Help Mexico Missions**

**1-3 p.m.**

**Friday, January 31  
Weems Hall**

We need to get a shipment to Texas Tech so we can get it back by February 26. Between illness, weather and traveling wrapping supplies has been put off. Your help will really make a difference. Hope you can come for about 2 hours. Pizza & cokes will be available for snacking.

**Mission of the Month**

Emmanuel is hosting a **NOW & LATER Baby Shower** for Brandon & Amy Howell (money Now & gift cards for Later) **Saturday, February 1 2 p.m. Weems Hall**

**Adults on Mission**

**9 a.m. to Noon**

**Tuesday, February**

**Main Street Mission, Pineville**

Join Emmanuel's Adults on Mission in serving lunch to the homeless and with other needs.

- 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  
*Custodian*
- F** Adolphis Wilson  
*Custodian*

**ALL CHURCH**

**The Sound of Music**

Several of Emmanuel's youth and children are in the cast of the Pineville High School's "The Sound of Music." Featured in the cast are Jenevieve Bolen, Olivia Johnson, Jacob Landry, Josh Landry, William Carroll, Lorali Hebert, Abby Thomas, Marilyn Sharp and Seth Thomas. Richard Rudd is Director. **The performances will be Thursday - Saturday, January 30 - February 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m.** Tickets may be purchased at [pinevillehigh.tix.com](http://pinevillehigh.tix.com) or at the door.

**Natchitoches Trip**

**9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m  
Saturday, February 8**

The trip will include visiting the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, lunch and shopping. **Itinerary:** 9:30 a.m. leave church; 10:30 a.m. tour museum, then lunch and shopping downtown on your own; 2:30 p.m. head back to church. **Costs:** Museum (\$5 adults, \$4 students/senior adult, 12 and under free), lunch and shopping. The Activities ministry will pay for transportation costs. *Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, or other responsible adult supervisor.* Sign up by February 2 with Scottie Brooks at [scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org](mailto:scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org) or call 442-1302/715-0738.

**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  
Gift cards from Lowes and Home Depot are also appreciated.*

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**CHILDREN**

**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!

**YOUTH**

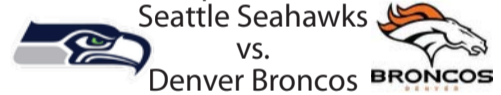
**Superbowl Party**

**5:30 - 8 p.m. or half-time**  
*(whichever comes first)*

**Sunday, February 2**

**Jerry & Susan Cauley's House**  
**(236 White Oak, Pineville)**

NFL Super Bowl XLVIII



**AARP TAX HELP**

**Tax Assistance**

**1 - 4 p.m.**

**Tuesdays**

**February 11 - April 15**

AARP will once again be offering free tax filing services to those age 55 and older.

*Date change!*