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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 15

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Avery Island Trip - Meet in church parking garage

Sunday, March 16

Lent II

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Pizza & Pysanky Eggs - Bolton Art Gallery

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir

5:15 p.m. Youth Snack Supper & YouthLIFE - Weems Hall

6:15 p.m. Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, March 18

1 - 4 p.m. **AARP Free Tax Assistance** (Age 55+) - Rm. 105...first-come, first served

Wednesday, March 19

5 p.m. Supper - Weems Hall

5:15 - 7 p.m. Library & Media Center Open

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. **Preschool Committee Meeting** - Rm. 106

5:45 p.m. Prayer & **March Business 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:



Friday, March 21

Round Table Luncheon (Age 55+) - Weems Hall. RSVP by calling the church office at 442-7773.

Sunday, March 23

Lent III

Lee Weems celebrates 28 years of ministry at Emmanuel

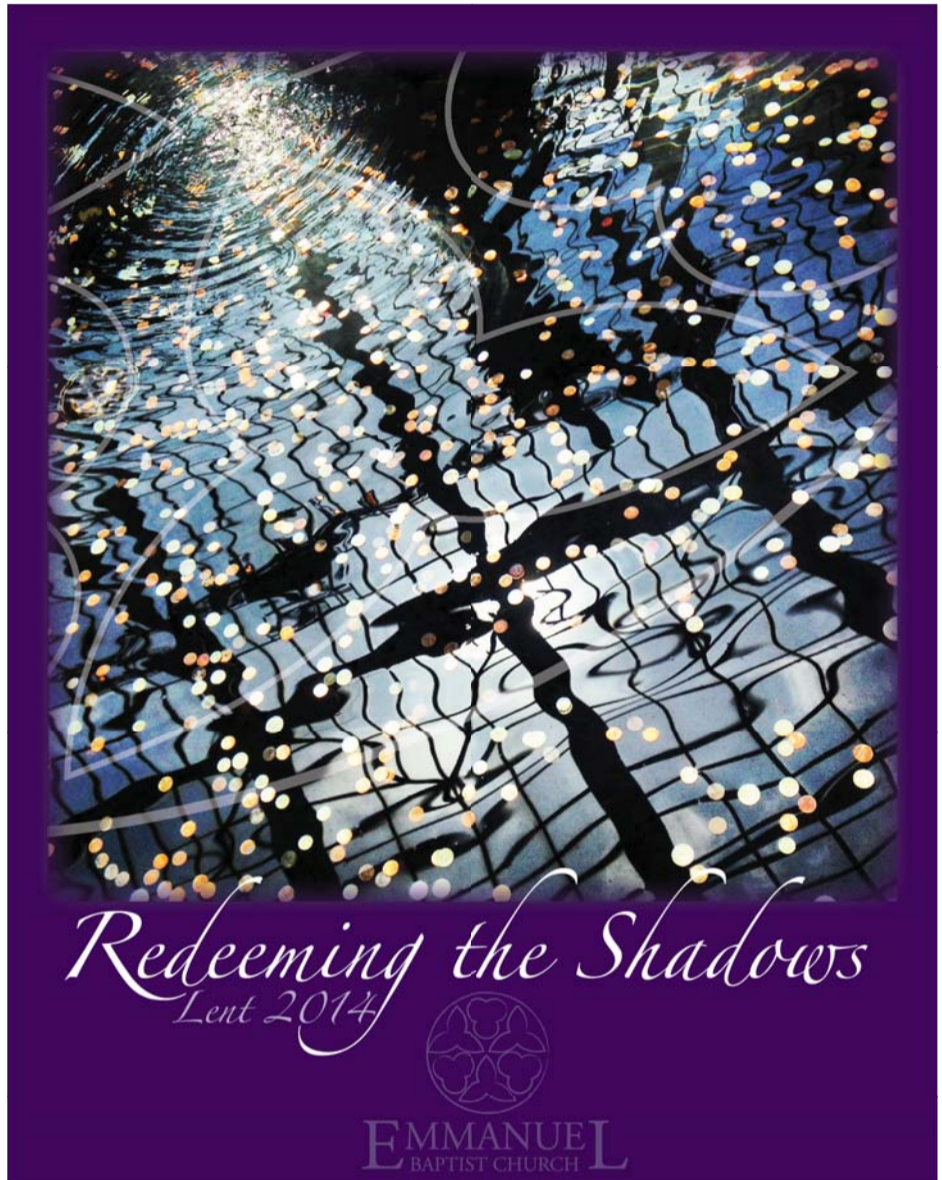
God's Mission Rooted in the Gospel

North American Missions Offering
March 9 - April 20

(as of 3/10/2014)

Annie Armstrong (SBC) \$475.00
CBF Global 592.50
Total: \$1,067.50

Emmanuel's Goal: \$4,000



Redeeming the Shadows
Lent 2014



From My View...

Every now and then someone will ask me why a Baptist church uses the language of Lent. It's a good question, and one that you're probably familiar with if you've been involved with Emmanuel or another similar Baptist congregation.

We observe the season of Lent for the same reason we observe Advent, and to some extent, for the same reasons we celebrate Christmas and Easter. These seasons help establish a rhythm for our lives - a rhythm of patterning our days after the life of Christ.

I didn't really know a thing about Lent until I was involved with a Baptist congregation in seminary. During those four years, I realized that my Easter celebration had been missing something.

I had come from a congregation that had no time of leading up to

By: Chris Thacker

and really preparing for Easter. Everyone just showed up to church on Sunday in our new spring clothes, and the next thing we knew, Jesus was crucified and resurrected on the spot.

My experience with the season of Lent has helped reclaim Easter's joy in my life. It has also made me more honest about faith. Life is not one long line of happy celebrations. Real life has plenty of dark shadows.

During this season we are considering some of those shadows - temptation, loneliness, sin, death. And my hope is that, through our honest reflection, we encounter again the grace of Christ in redeeming even the darkest corners.

And when we finally arrive at Easter, the day will mean so much more to us because we will know it as much more than a moment in history. We will know it as the reality of each day.

ALL CHURCH

Last Call to Pick Up Tools!

Are you still missing tools used during Pilgrimage to Bethlehem? It's likely that we have them stored in the lattice cage. Contact Butch Berry in the church office at 442-7773.



Please help us free up some of our storage space by claiming your items.

Holy Rowers of Emmanuel

The 2014 Holy Rowers of Emmanuel Baptist Church are looking for sponsors for this year's Dragon Boat races. The total cost will be about \$2,400 and about \$1,600 is still needed.

If you or your business would like to be a sponsor or make a contribution of any amount, whether for the team as a whole or an individual we are greatly appreciative.

To make a contribution, or if you have any questions, please contact Scottie Brooks as soon as possible at

scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org or call **442-1302, or 715-0738.**

Come to the races and cheer us on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Thanks - **Captain Brooks.**



- C** Dr. Chris Thacker, *Pastor*
- Dr. Larry Taylor
Pastor Emeritus
- H** Dr. Lee Weems
Associate Pastor - Education
- Rev. Jerry Cauley
Minister of Music
- U** Rev. Susan Cauley, *Associate Minister of Music & Organist*
- R** Gail Smith
Children's Ministry Director
- C** Rev. Greg Carroll
Youth Minister
- H** Scott Brooks
Activities Director
- 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

MISSIONS & MORE CORNER

CASA Donation

Emmanuel Baptist Church donated homemade tote bags, sock monkeys and other toys for children at the Rapides Children's Advocacy Center.

Pictured to the right are Linda McKee and Hope Sherman delivering items to CASA.



ADULTS

Round Table Luncheon



(Age 55 plus)

Noon

Friday, March 21

Weems Hall

Rabbi Judy Ginsburgh will be here to share music and her story. Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship.

Bowling Social

(Adult Bible Study Library Group)

6 - 9 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Tiger Lanes at England AirPark

We have a deal set for 3 hours of bowling in two lanes (which can accommodate 16 people) for \$169.90, which includes pizza and drinks. We can add more lanes if needed, but right now the cost is roughly \$12 each.

There is a Parents' Night Out that evening, but kids are welcome to come.

A firm count is needed by Friday morning, March 21, to secure our spot. Contact Heather Matlock via call/text at 318-229-7613 or e-mail her at *heather@matlocksupply.com*.

Tax Assistance

1 - 4 p.m.

Tuesdays

Through April 15

AARP offers free tax filing services to those age 55 and older at Emmanuel. There are no appointment times; this service is provided first-come, first-served.

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Notes of Encouragement

Let's remind Kenny and Karen Sherin that they are important to us. Kenny and Karen serve as Together We Hope coordinators in South Dakota. Their e-mail is *ksherin2@gmail.com*. Their home address is 40781 270th Street, Dimock, SD 57331. We pray as they rear their two sons and minister in four of the poorest counties in the United States.

CHILDREN

Parents' Night Out

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Family Life Center

RSVP all children's names to the church office at 442-7773. The cost is \$5 per child.

DATES TO NOTE

Avery Island Trip

9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Meet in church parking garage

Those who have signed up and have questions should contact Scottie Brooks at 442-1302.

Pizza & Pysanky Eggs

Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Bring a change of clothes suitable for art activities if you're on the list!

"H20" Homeless Outreach with Volunteers of America

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 27

Providing support, care and healing to homeless in Central Louisiana: basic essentials, food and water, HIV testing; referrals to resources; and on-site services. How can you help?

- Donate needed items.
- Sponsor this monthly event.
- Volunteer to help organize, hand out and sort donations.
- Become a partner to provide on-site services.
- Light Up the Life of someone in need by making a donation.