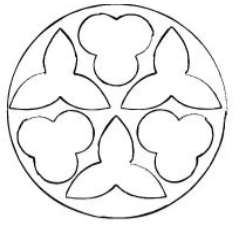


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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 21

6 p.m. "Blessings of Life" service - Bolton Chapel

Saturday, November 23

8 a.m. Pilgrimage: Ongoing Construction

1 p.m. Pilgrimage: Actor's Rehearsal - Metalsmith & wife, Thief chiefs, speaking thieves, shepherds, Abrahams, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, November 24

9 - 9:30 a.m. Costume Room open for PTB (come pick out your costume) - 2nd floor

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

Noon Youth Lunch - Weems Hall

1 p.m. Youth Choir

2 p.m. Youth Evangelism

Conference - Rapides Parish Coliseum

5 p.m. Emmanuel Ringers

Wednesday, November 27

No Activities or Supper
OFFICE Closed

Looking Ahead:

Thursday, November 28

OFFICE Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29

OFFICE Closed

Saturday, November 30

Pilgrimage Construction, 9 a.m.

Sunday, December 1 - ADVENT I

Hanging of the Green, 6 p.m. - Sanctuary



Mandatory Dress Rehearsal for Pilgrimage

December 7, Saturday
9:30 a.m.

Have costumes on & meet
in the Sanctuary.
Practice, practice until the
Director says done.

Lunch & childcare
will be provided.



Legacy of Love and Family

Above is my father and youngest daughter, Grace, last Thanksgiving.

From My View...

This will be my first family holiday without my father, which is immediately followed by his birthday. Though I am very thankful for all of the blessings that God has bestowed upon me...November is bittersweet this year.

As I think about how much more he will be missed in the coming weeks, I can't help but think about all he has taught me, and some of the things I wish I would have taken more time to learn from him.

My favorite "dad"itude was "You're a Martin. You can do anything. If I tell you a turkey can pull a buggy, hook him up!" I can still hear him saying those words as if it were yesterday.

His encouragement and attitude made me a believer - in myself, in family and in the power of a positive attitude. He has four girls, but he never treated us any less for not being the boy he always wanted. He was our champion, our encourager...the one who always told us that we could do ANYTHING!

As the oldest of 13 children raised on a farm in North Louisiana, my father learned to be a self-starter. He had an amazing capacity to grow and build things that I wish I would have learned

By: Karen Hamilton

from him.

I missed out on a lot of time with my dad growing up since my parents divorced when I was five, but that made summers, holidays and Martin family reunions all the more special! It's nothing to have 100 or more people at a family reunion.

He was the first of the siblings to leave us behind. Losing my dad made me truly appreciate my large family. Through his death, I've grown closer to some of my many aunts and uncles, and now cherish even more the memories we have of him with my sisters and other family.

My father always looked for opportunity and was never afraid to try something new. At age 77, Parkinson's Disease had confined him to getting around in a motorized chair. Despite his age and mobility, my father decided to climb up a three-story playground and go down the slide at last year's family reunion. Classic David Martin!

Daddy made me believe that being a Martin was special. It is and it always will be to me. I'm so grateful for a heritage of encouragement, love and family.

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

ALL CHURCH

Hanging of the Green

6 p.m.

Sunday, December 1
Sanctuary*(ALL choirs will sing)*

Join us to begin the Advent season by helping decorate our Sanctuary and taking part in a special service.

No Sunday School

will take place on
December 15 & 29

Sunday School Parties

Please get the information for your Sunday School class holiday party to Donna Blair in the church office ASAP. Call her at 442-7773 or send an e-mail to her at donnablair@emmanuelalexandria.org.

World Missions 2013

December 1-7

Next month we will kick off our World Missions offering with a week of prayer. "TOTALLY HIS: Heart, Hands, Voice is the theme and Emmanuel's goal is \$5,000.

GRATITUDE

Thanks to the Adult 3 Sunday School class, and especially Virginia Short and Fran Anderson for helping the Temple Sisterhood with the Holocaust Memorial Dedication reception. It was lovely.

Tom & Daphne Robinson

C Dr. Chris Thacker, *Pastor*
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Pastor Emeritus

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Associate Pastor - Education

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Minister of Music
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A Karen Hamilton
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Director of Food Services
Ricky Keller
Custodian

F Adolphis Wilson
Custodian

PILGRIMAGE

Meals for Pilgrimage

A great group of volunteers will feed the masses after the Pilgrimage to Bethlehem dress rehearsal and during all four days of PTB performances.

Generous donations from church members and local businesses are covering the cost of meals and supplies, but **we do need desserts for the meal following the December 7 dress rehearsal**. If you would like to donate a dessert or help the Hospitality Committee in any other way, please contact Elaina Ayres at (318) 290-9928 or elaina_ayres@yahoo.com.

Menus and Service Times*

Thursday, Dec. 12 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Red Beans & Rice

Friday, Dec. 13 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Gumbo

Saturday, Dec. 14 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Chili

Sunday, Dec. 15 Noon - 2 p.m.

Christmas Surprise

After last group of pilgrims:

Encores of previous meals

*Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available at every meal.

Beard Contest Winners

Here are the award winners for this year's Pilgrimage Beard Growing Contest.

1. Patchwork Quilt - Randy Deaton
2. Most Distinguished - Charles Norwood
3. Joseph's Beard of Many Colors - Jason Waltman
4. Snappy to Shave - Greg Carroll
5. Santa Claus - Paul Tweedy
6. Makes Us Happy, Happy, Happy - Danny Hebert
7. Beard Trumps Hair - Bryan Phillips
8. Ye Olde Goatee - Robin Rozas
9. Longest Locks - Jeff Johnson
10. Bushiest Bristles - Kenneth Ervin
11. Jekyll & Hyde - Chad Mason
12. It's a Keeper - Chris Thacker

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CHILDREN/YOUTH

Parents' Night Out

(Birth - 6th grade)

5:30 - 10 p.m.

Friday, December 6
Family Life Center**Cost: \$5 per child**

RSVP to the church office at 318-442-7773 by noon that Friday to avoid extra fees.

Youth Conference

Grades 7 - 12

November 24 & 25

Cost: \$70 (food & registration)**Rapides Parish Coliseum**

YEC is a two-day mini-retreat with concerts, an inspirational speaker and fun designed just for youth presented by the LBC. Extra money is needed for T-shirts, CDs, etc.

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month

During November, we are collecting **gently-used coats for men, women and children**.

Medical Missions in Action

In January 2014, Dr. Charles Norwood will travel to Borneo for a medical missions trip. Two of the residents at the LSUHC Family Practice Medical Center want to travel with Dr. Norwood. **A Love Offering** has been approved by the Finance Committee to be collected through November. Travel is approximately \$3,000 per person. The residents will work with Dr. Norwood to provide medical care and human compassion.

Please use your regular offering envelope and mark it "**Borneo Missions**" in the Missions line. Your gift will make a difference in many lives.



The goal is \$6,000 to cover airfare for two residents. **As of November 17, 2013 \$1,274.30**

has been collected.