



EMMANUEL LIFE



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

Week of December 20 -26

Wednesday, December 20

- 4:30 Family Life Center Opens
- 5:15 Nursery (ages Birth - 2 years) - Preschool Wing
- 5:30 Early Room (3 years - K) - Room 124 in Preschool Wing; parents must escort child.
- 5:45 **Business & Prayer Meeting** Sanctuary
- 5:45 Mission Friends and Preschool Choir - Rooms 120 & 124 in Preschool Wing
- 5:45 **Children's Ugly Sweater Christmas Party** (Grades 1-6) FLC Game Room; 5:45 - 7:00
- 5:45 Youth Recreation - FLC
- 6:30 **Finance Committee Meeting** - Room 125
- 6:30 **Mission Friends in Preschool Wing** - 6:30 - 7:00
- 6:30 Youth Element - FLC Large Gallery
- 7:00 **Nursery and Mission Friends escorted to Family Life Center**
- No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**
- 7:30 FLC Closed (except to children whose parents are in meetings)

Thursday, December 21

- 9:30 **H2O Homeless Outreach** EBC Parking Lot

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- No Sunday School**
- 10:50 Worship
- 5:00 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed - Christmas Holidays

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed - Christmas Holidays

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, December 27

Church Office Closed - Christmas Holidays

No Activities, Meetings or Rehearsals

No Emmanuel Life

Thursday, December 28

Church Office Open - 8:30 - 4:30

Friday, December 29

Church Office Closed - New Years Holidays

Sunday, December 31

No Sunday School
Worship - 10:50



These packages for six students at Huddle Elementary represent more than just items. The items within truly are a gift -- a gift from the heart, your heart. The clothes, the shoes, the knitted caps, the bicycles, the stockings and the toys show love, demonstrate hope, restore peace and bring joy to working families who struggle financially. When the secretary called one family to let them know of the surprise, the mother expressed the news as a blessing. All they had in the home as a child's gift, the mother told the secretary, was a meager stocking and a tiny Christmas tree. Another mother and her husband drove to the school, crying with every mile. Another mother waited for her manager to give pick up the toys as she has no car.

Thank you, the people of Emmanuel, for all that you did to bless children and families near and far this Christmas. Your gifts to these three families along with the Shoebox Ministry through Samaritan's Purse are one way that we can tangibly show Christ's love to people near and far.

Concerns and Celebrations

Sympathy to Patti Hargis in the death of her aunt, Ella Colin Rawson

Pray for:

- Molly Cox
- Dana Nolan
- Jerry Byles
- Charles Clover
- Marilyn Murphy
- Debbie Dollar
- Tracey Landry
- Rex Grider
- Beth Slawson
- Johnnie Jenkins
- Mary Manzano
- Bob Howell
- Randy Knoll
- Frank Chandler, Jr.
- Bob Carroll
- Vade Gordon
- Billy Allgood
- Gene Chandler
- Clarence Golemon
- Paquita Miller
- Alice Mitchell
- Jackie Heath
- Patty Crout
- Mark Pearce
- Denver Rawson (Patti Hargis' uncle)
- Thelma Weems (Lee Weems' mother)
- Julie Couvillon Berrier
- Ethan Brasher (Susan Tudor's great-nephew)
- Lillian Peevy (Mike Peevy's mother)
- Lisa Holton (Ruth Barbee's aunt)

- Sharon Deloach (Fran Anderson's niece)
- Charles Gray (Jason Gray's father)
- Don Maudlin (Lillian Purdy's father)
- Frank Monroe (friend of Dick Sandlin)
- Billy Miller (friend of Dick Sandlin)
- Adam Keul (Kendall Ryland's son-in-law)
- Tonya Normand and her family (principal of Huddle Elementary)
- Sylvia Kessler (Jackie Barton's mother)
- Bob Kelch (friend of the Reiszners)
- Anne Marie Brunner (Linda Fusilier's niece)
- Keith McLain (Monica Cox's father)
- Jennifer Whittington (Sandy Whittington's daughter-in-law)
- Sandy Lance (Leigh Doty's cousin)
- Amie Biggs Lewis (Linda McKee's niece)
- Anna McKee (Howard McKee's mother)
- Judy Walker (Donna Howell's sister)
- Cass Bordelon (Patsy Byles' brother)
- Monica Anderson (Fran Anderson's daughter-in-law)
- Dottie Roach (Brenda Howell's mother)
- Estelle Johnson (Jeff Johnson's mother)
- Missions:**
- Marc Boswell & Lake Providence CBF Missions
- Laura & Andy Pettigrew (South Africa) (daughter and son-in-law of Jackie and Brenda Barton)
- James & Helen Davis (Korea)
- Emmanuel Gospel Choir, Rueil-Malmaison (France)



ALL CHURCH



Poinsettias

If you gave a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, you may choose your poinsettia(s) from those on the platform in the sanctuary following the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

2018 Budget Pledge Cards

Emmanuel is still accepting 2018 Budget Pledge Cards. Pledge cards can be dropped off at the church office or put into the offering plate during Sunday's morning worship.

Year-End Contributions Policy

In order to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service, any contributions which donors wish to be credited as a 2017 contribution for IRS purposes must be received by the following dates -

In the offering plate: by the end of worship service on Sunday, December 31

In person: in the church office by 4:00 on Thursday, December 28

By U.S. Mail: postmarked (not meter dated) no later than Saturday, December 30

Contributions received after this date, regardless of the date on the check, must be reported as a 2018 contribution. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this policy.

CONNECTIONS GRAND OPENING

JANUARY 21, 2018

Please join us immediately following worship to behold, bless and reconnect with this newly-redesigned church home.

CHILDREN

Children's Christmas Ugly Sweater Party for Grades 1 - 6

Wednesday, December 20
5:45 - 7:00

Family Life Center

Bring a sweater, sweatshirt or t-shirt to decorate and a gift (under \$5) to donate to a child in need.

MISSIONS

H2O Homeless Outreach

Third Thursday December

Next H2O: December 21

10:00 - Noon

EBC Parking Lot

Emmanuel's H2O team is collecting:

blankets

sweat shirts (sizes M, L, XL)

GRATITUDE

Dear Emmanuel Family,
Johnnie has completed her treatments and the doctors are very pleased with the subsequent exams. She has had no ill effects from the treatment and has continued to have a normal existence (if you call chasing a 2 year old granddaughter 'normal!').
We want to sincerely thank our Emmanuel family for the prayers, expressions of concerns, phone calls and cards. I wish we could express how much these expressions have meant to us. We feel so very blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. We are very grateful for your presence in our lives.

Merry Christmas,
Johnnie and Jeff Jenkins

MUSIC & MISSIONS

Music & Missions

Wednesday, December 20

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party (for Grades 1 - 6)

Mission Friends & Preschool Choir

December 27 & January 3

No Music & Missions

Wednesday, January 10

Music & Missions Resume

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 24

No Sunday School
Morning Worship 10:50
Christmas Eve Service 5:00

December 25 - 27

(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

No Activities, Meetings or Rehearsals
No Emmanuel Life (print or electronic)

Thursday, December 28

Church Office Open 8:30 - 4:30

Friday, December 29

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 31

No Sunday School
Worship 10:50
No Youth Choir or Life

Mon., Jan. 1 & Tues., Jan. 2

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3

Church Office Open
No Activities, Meetings or Rehearsals
No Emmanuel Life (print or electronic)

Friday, January 5

Youth Lock-in

Sunday, January 7

Sunday School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:50
Youth Choir & Life 4:30

Tuesday, January 9

Esther Bible Study 10:00

Wednesday, January 10

Full Activities Resume
Music & Missions
Youth
Sanctuary Choir

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