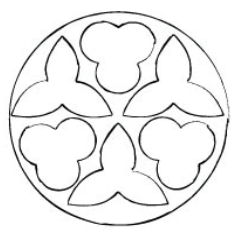


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Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 2

Dragon Boat Races - Alexandria Riverfront
Race Times Note: Last year the races began earlier than scheduled so we recommend arriving at the Riverfront at least 45 minutes before scheduled race times.
9:52 racing High Rollers (Jena Choctaw Casino)
1:30 racing Rocking Rehab Rowers (HealthSouth)

Sunday, May 3

9:00 **Youth Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary**
9:00 Breakfast
9:30 Sunday School
10:50 Worship - Youth Choir sings
2:00 - 7:00 **Church Picnic - EBC Parking Lot**

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 - Noon **Main Street Mission - Main St., Pineville**

Wednesday, May 6

5:00 Supper - Weems Hall
5:00 **Library Committee Meeting - Room 111**
5:15 Kiddie Corral open (Birth - 2 years) - FLC
5:30 Early Room (3, 4 & 5 yr olds) - Preschool Wing Rm 124
5:45 **Called Business Meeting - Weems Hall**
5:45 Mission Friends & Preschool Choir - Preschool Wing
5:45 Music Makers - 3rd Floor
5:45 Young Musicians - 2nd Floor
5:45 Youth Rec and Activities - FLC
6:30 G.A.s & R.A.s - 2nd Floor
6:30 Youth Element - Youth Room
7:00 Sanctuary Choir
7:15 Children & Youth dismiss (FLC Open for grades 1-6)
7:30 FLC Closed (except to children whose parents are in choir or committee meetings)

Nepal Earthquake How Can You Help?

A note from Michael Smith, son of Gail and John Smith. Michael's fiancée, Pema, is from Nepal and she has many family members living near the earthquake area.

Many have been contacting Pema and me about how to help out. If you are feeling to help, there are many good organizations already equipped and deployed to assist. These include Doctors Without Borders (www.doctorswithoutborders.org), which has surgical teams working in Gorkha, one of the hardest hit rural areas, and the United Nations World Food Program (www.wfp.org) which is already based in Nepal and

has set up a coordinating office at the airport for incoming international food aid.

Those who wish to support a smaller or Dharma related organization can donate to Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche's Rangjung Yeshe Shenpen which provides free meals for the community at the monastery in Boudha or Kyabgön Phakchok Rinpoche's Chokgyur Lingpa Foundation which is organizing a medical team from Singapore to work with Kathmandu Medical College.

Biggest priority seems to be medical first response for now and food will be an ongoing issue. Praying for minimal aftershocks.

Doctors Without Borders

www.doctorswithoutborders.org

United Nations World Food Program

www.wfp.org

Other organizations coordinating disaster relief operations:

Samaritan's Purse www.samaritanspurse.org
Baptist Global Response www.gobgr.org
Save the Children www.savethechildren.org

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Looking Ahead

Friday, May 8

Youth Dress Rehearsal - Weems Hall

Saturday, May 9

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Youth Fundraiser - 6:00, Weems Hall

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

YOUTH FUNDRAISER



Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

1940's European Mystery Dinner Theatre
Saturday, May 9
6:00
Weems Hall
Tickets are \$15 each with a \$45 family maximum

COMMITTEE

Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 6
5:45 in Weems Hall

There will be a Called Business Meeting on May 6 to discuss a motion from the Emmanuel Living Legacy Committee to amend the guidelines of the Emmanuel Living Legacy Fund.

SAVE THE DATES

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 10

M & M Recognition
Wednesday, May 13

Dayschool PreK Graduation
Friday, May 15

TAG Team Kick-off
Sunday, May 17

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month: May Book Drive for Lake Providence

During April and May we are collecting gently used books to distribute to school children along with book bags. **Please remember that the mission gives backpacks to students from Pre-K to 12th grade so books for all ages are appropriate and needed.**

You can drop off books at the Mission Corner of Weems Hall or in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

Main Street Mission
Tuesday, May 5
9:00 - Noon
Main St., Pineville

Global Mission Offering
CBF Global \$ 1,632
Annie Armstrong \$ 1,738
Total Offering \$ 3,370

GRADUATION



Call for Graduates

May is the month for graduations and we would like to recognize the members of Emmanuel who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school.

Please submit your graduate's name, school name and degree **no later than Monday, May 11** by calling the church office or emailing the information to Elaina Ayres at publicity@emmanuelalexandria.org

ACTIVITIES



Saturday, May 2
Alexandria Riverfront

Join other Emmanuel members on the Alexandria Riverfront to cheer on our own Holy Rowers rowing team. Race times and results will be posted on Emmanuel's Facebook page (Emmanuel Baptist Church Alexandria).

GRATITUDE

Emmanuel Gospel Choir Reflections

We give great thanks to all who offered hospitality to our visiting French choir . . .

Terry Lowry, Lynn White, Fran Anderson, Connie Hixson and the Hospitality Committee meticulously planned menus and decorations for a fish fry and a fiesta. A team of our own expert fish fryers jumped into action. Several Emmanuel members contributed to the cost of the meals, Carolyn Wilson worked tirelessly to make them delicious, and numerous volunteers assisted in their presentation.

Twenty families offered the rare and generous gift of opening their homes to guests. So many of the visiting singers spoke glowingly of their home-hosts. This is a lovely act of grace for which we are truly thankful.

Kenneth Ervin ran the sound and others assisted him with setup for the concert. Several Emmanuel singers got to join the EGC for three numbers, and many of you were part of the full-house audience who attended and were thrilled by their attending concert.

To these and all others who had a part, we offer heartfelt thanks. The whole weekend will live long in our memories as a glowing example of unity in music and in Christ.

Gratefully,
Jerry and Susan Cauley

Dear Emmanuel,

Thank you to everyone who expressed love and concern via of prayer, calls, text messages, and cards. Wayne and I really appreciate your outpour of love.

With Thanks,
Carla Jowers



Church Picnic

Sunday, May 3rd

2:00 - 7:00

EBC Parking Lot

4:00 R.A.s Derby Car Races
5:15 Dinner (\$5 adult/youth, \$3 child, or \$20 family max)
6:00 Youth Choir Concert

Skating, basketball, disc dunk, ladder ball toss, jumpers, face painting, boxing, snocones and more. This is an outside event so you are welcome to bring your canopies to set up in the dining area. Rain location is the covered parking area.