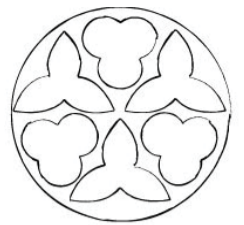




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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 12

6 p.m. **Elizabeth Smith & Lee Alford Wedding** -
Sanctuary (Reception to follow at River Oaks Square Arts Center)

Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday**

9 a.m. Breakfast - *Weems Hall*
9:15 a.m. **1st-6th Grade Choirs Meet**
to rehearse - *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:50 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*
3 p.m. **Easter Egg Hunt** (Preschool & Children) - *Pineville High Football Practice Field...Rainy Day Plan: Family Life Center*
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir
5:15 p.m. Youth Snack Supper & YouthLIFE - *Weems Hall*
6:15 p.m. Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, April 15

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

Last Day!

Wednesday, April 16

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. **Children's Committee Meeting** - *Rm. 106*
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:



Thursday, April 17 **Maundy Thursday**
Passover Meal, 6 p.m. - *Weems Hall, enter through chapel door from covered parking area. (Adults \$5, Children \$3, Family Max. \$15)*
Communion Service, 6:45 p.m. - *Sanctuary*

Friday, April 18 **Good Friday**
Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. - *Sanctuary*



GOOD FRIDAY



From My View...

By: Chris Thacker

We are just a few short weeks away from the official beginning of our capital campaign for the building renovation plan.

The idea of *Connections* will serve as our campaign theme. On a literal level, our renovation plan fosters better connecting points between our buildings.

We currently have a main entry through the covered parking, leading into a confusing maze of hallways.

This was never intended to serve as the "front door" of the church.

With a new entryway and new gathering spaces, we will have clear connections from one area of our building to the next.

But the *Connections* theme resonates on a deeper level. Part of our mission here at Emmanuel is to share God's love with those who may not yet be part of our fellowship. A more inviting space will foster a sense of grace

consistent with the message we embody. In addition, the renovation plans will allow us to deepen our connections with one another and with God through more generous space for fellowship and spiritual formation.

While the campaign doesn't officially begin until April 27, the *Connections* leadership team is already hard at work. I hope that you will join me in praying for co-directors Mark Pearce and Daphne Robinson, along

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with a team of Emmanuel members making every effort to guide us in the most faithful way.

Let's also begin praying how God will lead each of us to prayerfully consider what role each of us might have in boldly creating holy connections for generations to come.

To paraphrase a wonderful line from Dag Hammarskjöld: For all that has been, we give thanks. For all that shall be, we say yes.



ALL CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

6 p.m. - Passover Meal
Adults \$5, Children \$3
& Family maximum \$15

Weems Hall

6:45 p.m. - Communion Service
Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17

Enter through chapel door from covered parking area. We will all enter the candlelit Weems Hall together when the doors open at 6 p.m.

The word "Maundy" is from the Latin word for "mandate" or "command," referring to Christ's command that his disciples serve one another. The Passover Seder ("set order") is a supper in which each food tells part of the Passover story.

After we have eaten together, our walk from Weems Hall to the Sanctuary marks the passage from our Jewish heritage to our Christian observance of the Lord's Supper. We will sing hymns, hear scripture, listen to beautiful music from our Sanctuary Choir, and share the bread and cup together.

Good Friday

7 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Sanctuary

Join us for worship as we mark this special day.



GOOD FRIDAY

- 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

You're Invited

Dr. and Mrs. John M. Smith invite you to join in the celebration of the marriage of their daughter

Elizabeth Rosene

to

Bobby Lee



Son of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Alford

Saturday, the Twelfth of April at Six O'clock in the Evening
Emmanuel Baptist Sanctuary

Reception: River Oaks Square Arts Center

CBF Louisiana Spring Conference

"Grace Upon Grace"

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Emmanuel Baptist, Alexandria

Remember when your grandmother told you, "count your blessings." Strengths, blessings, assets - all God's graces, are the building blocks by which we are building a community and a community of communities.

Register at www.cbfla.org or call 318-780-4127.

G.A. Bake Sale

Thanks to everyone that supported the 2nd Annual G.A. Bake Sale. The group raised \$210 that will go to our North American Missions Offering.

Call for Graduates

May is the month of graduations. We want to recognize the members of Emmanuel who are graduating from high school, college or graduate school.

Please send the graduate's name; degree, and school name by Friday, May 2. Send it to

Karen Hamilton in the church office or e-mail it to her at this address: publicity@emmanuelalexandria.org



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CHILDREN

Easter Egg Hunt

(Preschool - 6th grade)

Sunday, April 13

3 - 4:30 p.m.

Pineville High School
Football Practice Field

Bring your Easter baskets. There will be activities, games and opportunities for pictures. Rainy Day Plan - Family Life Center at Emmanuel.

Children's Summer Camp

July 31 - August 2

Tall Timbers

This is for those who have completed 2nd - 6th grades. A \$30 non-refundable deposit is due April 9 and the balance is due by July 18.

MISSIONS

Medicine Bottle Collection

Amber prescription medicine bottles (any size) are being collected for the May Medical Mission in memory of Bobbie McGraw. Please drop off empty bottles in the church office.

April Mission of the Month

Craft Items for Lake Providence &

Together for Hope

Crochet hooks

Knitting needles

Yarn

Fabric quarters

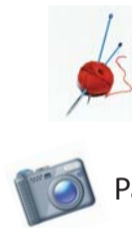
Sewing needles

Paint (acrylics/watercolors)

Paint brushes

Used/working digital cameras

Used/working sewing machines



God's Mission

Rooted in the Gospel

North American Missions Offering

March 9 - April 20

(as of 4/10/2014)

Annie Armstrong (SBC) \$2,192.70

CBF Global 2,435.20

Total: \$4,627.90

Emmanuel's Goal: \$4,000

