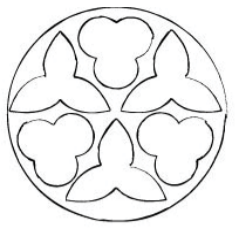


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A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 13

4:30 - 7 p.m. Supper for PTB - Weems Hall
6 - 9 p.m. Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 14

4:30 - 7 p.m. Supper for PTB - Weems Hall
3 - 9 p.m. Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

Sunday, December 15 **Advent III**

No Breakfast

No Sunday School

10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

After Worship **Lunch for Pilgrimage to Bethlehem** - Weems Hall

2 - 6 p.m. **Pilgrimage to Bethlehem**

After deconstruction

Supper for PTB - Weems Hall

Monday, December 16

Deconstruction of Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

Tuesday, December 17

Deconstruction of Pilgrimage to Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 18

5 p.m. Supper - Weems Hall

5:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Game Room Open for 1st-6th grade
(FLC staff escort them)

5:45 p.m. Pilgrimage to Bethlehem
Debriefing (1st grade - youth attend also) - Weems Hall

5:45 p.m. Music & Missions

5:45 p.m. Childcare for Debriefing
(birth - Kindergarten only) -
Family Life Center

6:30 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party** - Room 120

FLC closed after PTB meeting

Looking Ahead:



Thursday, December 19

Volunteers of America: Homeless Outreach, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Friday, December 20

Day School Christmas Program, 10:30 a.m.
- Bolton Chapel

Saturday, December 21

Parents' Night Out, 5 - 9:30 p.m. - FLC
Christmas Dinner Party (Adult 5 & 6 "B"),
6 - 9 p.m. - El Parian (2624 Old Marksville Hwy,
Pineville)

Sunday, December 22 - **ADVENT IV**

Caroling & Chili, 5 p.m. - Weems Hall

Hospitality Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Pilgrimage to Bethlehem Hospitality Committee. Please check the donor board in Weems Hall for a list of names and donations.

World Missions

Mt. Fuji



Ron & Cindy Reynolds
Osaka, Japan

At the beginning of 2012 Cindy and I began our journeys between the Tohoku Region of Northeast Japan, which was affected by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and our residence in Osaka. The trip one way is around 750 miles.

Since then we have served in the disaster area 6 times.

We normally stay between 1 to 2 months each time.

Each time we visited we worked with survivors to bring some physical, emotional, and spiritual relief. In the area there are many physical hurdles to overcome such as the lack of funds for people who lost homes to rebuild, devastated neighborhoods that remain desolate, and local and national government decisions that prohibit many from moving back to their old neighborhoods. This has caused despair among many people in temporary housing.

Because of those who continue to give generously to the International Mission Board and the Lottie Moon Offering we have been able to meet some physical needs. But more importantly, through meeting the physical needs of people in this affected area IMB

missionaries have provided emotional and spiritual help as well. We have been able to visit some victims more than once.

As we return to revisit, some of these folks say, "You are back! You did not forget us!" It is important that victims understand we have not forgotten them, but the message that we try to convey is

"God has not forgotten you, and He never will!"

Our desire is that the Good News of God's love for mankind in the form of His Son, Jesus

Christ, will be experienced through our love for and assistance to each individual.

Cindy and I want those we have come into contact with to be able to rejoice when they understand God knows them so well He even knows the numbers of hairs on their heads.

During this Christmas please pray with us that Japan will come to understand that there is cause for rejoicing, even in the midst of tragedy and disaster.

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9

"I want those we have come into contact with to be able to rejoice when they understand God knows them so well..."

POINSETTIAS 2013

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor Of:

Jerry & Susan Cauley by Debbie Sherrill
 Stella Couvillon by Glen & Ginny Bethard
 Beth Slawson by Glen & Ginny Bethard
 Bob & Dolly Carroll & my grandchildren by Paquita Miller
 My family by Stella Couvillon
 Linda & Howard McKee, parents of Stephanie McKee-Hickman
 Billy & Gwenda Hickman, parents of Jim Hickman
 Anna McKee, paternal grandmother of Stephanie McKee-Hickman

MISSIONS

Homebound Baskets

Make the holidays special!

Help us fill Homebound Christmas Baskets.

Please bring items to Weems Hall by **Wednesday, December 18:**

Hand Sanitizer
 Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers
 Small pocket Tissues
 Hand Lotion
 Little Debbie "Gingerbread Men"
NO candy please!

THANKS for supporting this Ministry.

Ben Simpson by his grandchildren
 Bobbie McGraw by Tom & Daphne Robinson
 Jena Barnett by Tom & Daphne Robinson
 Richard White, brother of Mickey White, by Tom & Daphne Robinson
 Julius W. Crump, Sr., Charlotte O'Neal's father, by Tom & Daphne Robinson
 Lucy Bonneville by Tom & Daphne Robinson
 Dr. Gary Sneed by Dr. Ellouise Sneed
 Gary's parents, Dr. & Mrs. Fulton, by Dr. Ellouise Sneed
 My parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Bruce, by Dr. Ellouise Sneed
 Lucy Bonneville given by her Sunday School Class
 Mrs. Dorothy Post by Dot Davis
 Dr. Thomas W. Davis by Dot Davis
 Stephen Z. Clark by Dot Davis
 My sister, Alice Adams, by Patsy Byles
 My parents, John & Cora Graham, by Debbie Sherrill
 Louis Sherrill by Michael Sherrill
 Frank Parrino by Michael & Debbie Sherrill
 Benji by Glenn & Ginny Bethard
 Everet Ryland by his family
 Jerry Marsh by Chris & Jessica Thacker
 Lyle Miller, husband, by Paquita Miller
 Rosario Fort, mother, & Consuelo Morales, sister, by Paquita Miller
 Dwayne & Virginia Gilbert, maternal grandparents of Stephanie McKee-Hickman
 Howard McKee, Sr., paternal grandfather of Stephanie McKee-Hickman
 Clarence Perry, maternal grandfather of Jim Hickman
 Frank & Mary Hickman, paternal grandparents of Jim Hickman
 My parents, Leonard & Isola Lyons, by Jean Lyons
 Frances Ross by Patsy Byles
 Jena Barnett & Bobbie McGraw by a friend



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ALL CHURCH

Contribution Envelopes

Books of "Contribution Envelopes" are available in the Sanctuary (on the piano side) and in Weems Hall.

Parents' Night Out

(Birth - 6th grade)

5 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, December 21

Family Life Center

Cost: \$5 per child

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

Mark Your Calendar

No Breakfast or Sunday School will take place on

December 15 & 29

Caroling & Chili

5 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

Weems Hall



Everyone is invited to go caroling to our local home-bound members. We will leave the church and go in groups to nursing homes and residences.

Please call the church office at 442-7773 if you can bring any of the following: a pot of your favorite chili, a dessert to share, and/or a van for transportation.

You can also e-mail Scottie Brooks at scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org.

PILGRIMAGE

PTB Debriefing Childcare

On Wednesday, December 18, during Pilgrimage Wrap-up the FLC will only be open for children from birth through Kindergarten.

There will be no child care, before or during the service for children 1st - 6th grade or youth that night.

The FLC will close that night immediately after the wrap-up meeting.

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
H Activities Director
 Gayle Carroll
 Day School Director
 Charleen Courtney
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 Karen Weems
 Homebound Director
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F Carolyn Robinson Wilson
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