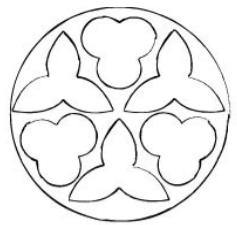


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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 6

5:30 - 10 p.m. **Parents' Night Out** (Birth-6th grade) - Family Life Center...enter via walkway from Beauregard Street.

5:45 p.m. **Adult 5 & 6 Christmas Celebration** - S.S. Room

7 p.m. **Angel of Hope Service** - Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Pineville

Saturday, December 7

9:30 a.m. **Pilgrimage Dress Rehearsal** (come in costume) - Sanctuary, lunch & childcare provided. Practice, practice, practice until director says done!

After Rehearsal

Spreading of the Sand in Bethlehem (bring shovels & rakes) - ALL hands needed!

Sunday, December 8 **Advent II**

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

Noon - 2 p.m. **Cajun Christmas: Children's Party** - Down the Bayou (FLC)

Monday, December 9

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem Final Touches

Wednesday, December 11

No Activities or Supper - PTB Final touches to the City

Looking Ahead:



Thursday, December 12

6th Night of Christmas: Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, 6 - 9 p.m.

Supper for PTB, 4:30 - 7 p.m. - Weems Hall

Friday, December 13

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, 6 - 9 p.m.

Supper for PTB, 4:30 - 7 p.m. - Weems Hall

Saturday, December 14

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, 3 - 9 p.m.

Supper for PTB, 4:30 - 7 p.m. - Weems Hall

Sunday, December 15 - **ADVENT III**

Lunch for PTB, after church - Weems Hall

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, 2 - 6 p.m.

Supper, after deconstruction - Weems Hall

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 provided.

World Missions



TOTALLY HIS Heart, Hands, Voice

Cindy Ruble will never forget that day in 2007 when the morning was interrupted by the earth rumbling and the house shaking.

One earthquake followed another that day in West Sumatra, Indonesia, where she and her husband, Eddy, were ministering as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel.

Just two years later another major earthquake would shake the island, killing many and destroying thousands of homes, schools and lives.

After a 7.6 earthquake in 2009, a young girl named Septiani returned from boarding school and

couldn't find her house or family. She found the tragic remains of an earthquake-induced landslide that buried her entire family.

A news reporter interviewed Septiani about the tragedy, and when Jan Williams, a member of CBF-partner First Baptist Church in Rome, Ga., saw the news story, she asked Eddy to search for Septiani.

With only a name and a picture, Eddy searched the region to find

Septiani's village and locate her. He was successful, and with the help of a scholarship from a non-governmental organization Jan started, Septiani is in a midwifery school. One day, she hopes to open her own clinic.

Septiani's life has been changed, and she's just one person impacted by the ongoing ministry of Cindy, Eddy and their partners.

Dozens of families have a new, safer home because of earthquake-resistant construction methods Eddy helped implement. Hundreds of students have

returned to school because of the classrooms the Rubles helped rebuild in partnership with their home church, Knollwood

Baptist in Winston Salem, N.C. It's all part of being the presence of Christ.

"Whether it's with scholarships, programs, or rebuilding a classroom for a school, this [ministry] is a tangible way the Church can see and be a part of [a] relief effort," Eddy said. "Your support is vital to this life-changing work."

Today, the Rubles are rebuilding hope and changing lives. They need your help.

"Your support is vital to this life-changing work."

ALL CHURCH

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 Friday to avoid extra fees.

Entrance into the Family Life Center will need to be made via the alley between the FLC and the bus cage from Beauregard Street.

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 send an e-mail to Scottie Brooks at scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org.

C Dr. Chris Thacker, *Pastor*
H Dr. Larry Taylor
Pastor Emeritus
H Dr. Lee Weems
Associate Pastor - Education
U Rev. Jerry Cauley
Minister of Music
R Rev. Susan Cauley, *Associate Minister of Music & Organist*
C Gail Smith
Children's Ministry Director
C Rev. Greg Carroll
Youth Minister
H Scott Brooks
Activities Director
S Gayle Carroll
Day School Director
T Charleen Courtney
Pianist
A Karen Weems
Homebound Director
F Butch Berry
Facility Manager
F Pat McKee
Finance Manager
F Donna Blair
Administrative Assistant
F Karen Hamilton
Publicity Secretary
F Carolyn Robinson Wilson
Director of Food Services
F Ricky Keller
Custodian
F Adolphis Wilson
Custodian

PILGRIMAGE

Needed this Saturday

Bring your shovels, rakes, wheel barrows (optional) and work gloves with you to practice so that when it is finished we can have lots of people spreading sand instead of the usual handful of people.

Also, we need everyone to **bring well-marked extension cords** that could be used for completing the lighting.

Booth Setup!

ALL booths for Pilgrimage must be set up by tomorrow, Friday, December 6, in preparation for Saturday morning's dress rehearsal.

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.*

Kitchen closes at 7 p.m. Thursday - Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

CARRY Outs for Pre-tour, Parking and Security only.

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CHILDREN

Cajun Christmas

Children of Emmanuel come pass a good time!

Noon - 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

Down the Bayou (FLC)

Mais sha you gone need one of dem unwrapped toys to donate (one of dem per house). Make sure ya bring one of dem gifts for us to exchange, not too much money on dat gift now, only 3 dollars.

Please git on dat facebook or call da phone at da church at 442-7773. Do dat by Friday, December 6th.

Gumbo will be bubbling, sha.



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.

World Missions 2013

December 1-7

Sunday kicked off our World Missions offering with a week of prayer. This includes CBF Global and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"TOTALLY HIS: Heart, Hands, Voice is this year's theme and Emmanuel's goal is \$5,000.

Collected as of 12-1-2013

Lottie Moon \$423.63

CBF Global 221.62

Total 645.25