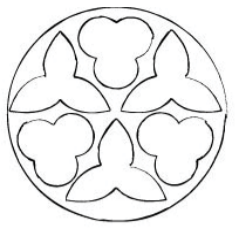


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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 21

Noon **Round Table Luncheon**
(Age 55+) - Weems Hall...if you plan to attend, call the church office at 442-7773. Featuring music by Butch Mackey.

5:30 - 9:30 p.m. **Parents' Night Out** (Birth - 6th grade) - Family Life Center...the cost is \$5 per child.

6 - 9 p.m. **Game Night** (Adult S.S. Library Group) - Weems Hall

Sunday, February 23

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir

5:15 p.m. Youth Snack Supper/Youth Life - Weems Hall

6:15 p.m. Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

"Taste of Louisiana" - LAST day to buy advance tickets

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. Prayer Meeting - Weems Hall

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, February 27



"H2O" homeless outreach with Volunteers of America, 9 a.m. to Noon - Outer parking lot

"Taste of Louisiana" event to benefit Emmanuel

Day School, 6 p.m. - Weems Hall & covered parking garage. It will cost \$2 extra per person for tickets at the door.



Missions Focus...

By: Karen Hamilton

This is part one in a series of articles on Emmanuel's Adults on Mission.

Every man, woman and child needs a place to go where they can feel safe, comfortable and enjoy a nutritious meal – this is Gloria Wall's perspective about the work being done at Main Street Mission in Pineville.

Gloria is one of many people who are part of the "Adults on Mission" group at Emmanuel. On the first Tuesday of every month the group works at Main Street Mission from 9 a.m. to Noon. They provide and serve lunch in addition to helping with other activities to serve the homeless in our area.

Clothes, shoes, hygiene items, emergency food packs and weekend snack bags are some of the other services provided at Main Street Mission.

Debbie Dollar is proud our church is a part of the ministry because it's a hands-on local ministry. "The fact that we're not just feeding them, but helping them find resources to meet their needs," Debbie said is what makes her "proud to be a part of that puzzle and ministry team to make it happen."

Debbie is also excited about this project because it's something her husband can do as well since he's retired. It's

important to Debbie's husband, Johnny, because he feels that he's being a part of Emmanuel and its mission by being involved in such church activities. "Actually seeing the people that we are helping is a blessing," Johnny said.

"All of the people who come into the Main Street Baptist Mission from 9-12 daily know that they will be treated with love and respect," Gloria said. She feels those who come into the mission need a place where they can go for their families and friends and give thanks to God for their many blessings.

From serving lunch or coffee at the mission, to organizing clothes and hygiene or food kits, Emmanuel's Adults on Mission seem to be getting back just as much as they are giving to others.

Gloria said, "Whether they are homeless, poor, unemployed, suffering from alcohol or drug addiction, they are all God's children and worthy of HIS love! They experience a feeling of Hope" coming here, Gloria said. For her and many others "it is a wonderful feeling to know that I can make a difference in these fragile lives!"



ALL CHURCH

Holy Rowers of Emmanuel

The 2014 Holy Rowers of Emmanuel Baptist Church are looking for sponsors for this year's Dragon Boat races. The cost will be about \$2,400: \$2,100 entrance fee plus the cost of team shirts, about \$300, about \$115 per person. The church will cover the cost of team shirts. We also have an additional \$500 in sponsorships, leaving us with \$1,600 still needed.

If you or your business would like to be a sponsor or make a contribution of any amount, whether for the team as a whole or an individual we are greatly appreciative. If you want to contribute, or have any questions, please contact Scottie Brooks as soon as possible at scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org or 442-1302, or 715-0738. Come to the races and cheer us on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Thanks - **Captain Brooks**.

Pizza & Pysanky Eggs*(Grade 3 - Adults)***Noon to 2:30 p.m.****Sunday, March 16****Bolton Art Gallery, FLC**

Parental assistance is optional. \$15 covers pizza and supplies. **Enrollment is limited** - you must **register by Thursday, March 13**. Please call the church office at 442-7773. Bring clothing suitable for art activities!



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Pianist
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T Pat McKee
Finance Manager
A Donna Blair
Administrative Assistant
A Karen Hamilton
Publicity Secretary
F Carolyn Robinson Wilson
Director of Food Services
F Ricky Keller
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ALL CHURCH

Taste of Louisiana**6 p.m.****Thursday, February 27
Emmanuel Baptist Church**

Join us for a tasting buffet, silent auction, entertainment and more to benefit the Day School!

Tickets: \$10 (age 13 - Adult), \$7 children (age 3-12), age 2 and under are free, and there is a \$35 family maximum. Tickets are \$2 extra the day of the event. Get your tickets from Emmanuel Day School staff or the church office (442-7773) through Wednesday, February 26.

Benevolence

Requests for assistance have recently increased. Currently our benevolence fund is very low. If you would like to help us to help others, please designate your donation to our Benevolence Fund. This fund is used for gas, bus vouchers, utilities and rent. We require everyone to complete an application and discuss individual circumstances before a decision is made. Thank you for helping us extend the grace of God to those in need.

Congratulations

to parents Brandon and Amy Howell and grandparents Bob and Brenda Howell on the arrival of **Seth Howell** on February 16.

Avery Island Trip**9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.****Saturday, March 15****Deadline to RSVP: Sunday, March 9**

We will tour the Tabasco factory and visit the Jungle Gardens/Bird Sanctuary. **Costs:** Entry into the Jungle Gardens/Bird Sanctuary (\$6 for 13 and up, and \$3 for 12 and under) money for lunch. *Those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, or other responsible adult supervisor.*

For questions or to sign up, contact Scottie Brooks at scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org or 318-442-1302 or 318-715-0738. Payment required at sign up.

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CHILDREN

Parents' Night Out**5:30 - 9:30 p.m.****Friday, February 21
Family Life Center**

RSVP all children's names to the church office at 442-7773 by noon the day of the event to avoid extra fees. The cost is \$5 per child.

Mardi Gras*Parade Watching Party*

Church members of all ages are invited to a Children's Mardi Gras Parade Watching Party. We'll meet in front of the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 1, to watch the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Watchers may want to arrive earlier for parking and to avoid road closures. After the parade, stick around for pizza and king cake in Weems Hall. **Parade watching is free, but lunch is \$2 for children 11 & under, \$4 for ages 12 to adult, or \$12 family max. RSVP to the church office by Thursday, February 27th.**

Ride the Float

Riders and chaperones must **RSVP by Friday, February 21**. Due to limited float space, children who participate in Wednesday/Sunday activities will have first priority. Meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 1st. **Bring your own throws and wear your Krewe of Emmanuel T-shirt.** Adults needed to chaperone as float riders or walkers. Medical Release form must be on file for ALL children!

ACTIVITIES

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Weems Hall**

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Game Night*(Adult S.S. Library Group)***6 - 9 p.m. in Weems Hall
Friday, February 21****RSVP to Lauren Saucier (318-715-7475) so we have enough pizza!**