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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 1

8:45 a.m. **Krewe of Emmanuel** Float Riders meet - Church parking lot...wear your Krewe of Emmanuel T-shirts & bring your own throws.

10 a.m. **Parade Watching Party** for Children's Mardi Gras (watchers may want to arrive earlier for parking & to avoid road closures) - Meet in front of Sanctuary

Sunday, March 2

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

After Worship - 8 p.m.

Youth: Lunch, Fellowship & Games - Family Life Center, Gym
No Youth Choir
No Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, March 4

9 a.m. to Noon

Adults on Mission - Main Street Mission, Pineville...join us to serve.

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

Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday

Noon **Ash Wednesday Service** - Bolton Chapel

5 p.m. Supper - Weems Hall

5:15 p.m. **Childcare for Age 3 & under** - Preschool Wing

5:15 - 7 p.m. Library & Media Center Open

5:45 p.m. **Intergenerational Ash Wednesday Service** (Age 4 & up) - Weems Hall

6:40 p.m. Yoga Class - Large Art Gallery

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For parents in Sanctuary Choir or committee meetings that need childcare, please contact Gail Smith.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, March 9
Daylight Savings begins

Week of Prayer kicks off for North American Missions: Emmanuel's Goal is \$4,000 - "God's Mission Rooted in the Gospel"

Parent VBS Meeting (parents with preschoolers and children), Noon - Family Life Center

Tuesday, March 11

Esther Bible Study, 10 a.m. - Rm. 111



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Serving Others in our Community

Missions Focus...

This is part two in a three-part series of articles focusing on Emmanuel's Adults on Mission.

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. Matthew 25:35. This is the scripture that many members of Emmanuel's Adults on Mission group are seeing fulfilled during the time they spend each month volunteering at Main Street Mission in Pineville.

Lynn White enjoys the camaraderie of the Emmanuel people helping others. "I see it on our faces and theirs," Lynn said.

Her favorite aspect of volunteering at the mission is serving food. "I feel like it's the only way that I've been able to help the homeless and needy where my hands are doing something, rather than just donating money. I wish we could do more."

Nippy Blair believes Emmanuel's involvement at the mission is important "because we should care about other people that are in worse situations than us." He enjoys visiting with people and helping sort clothes.

Nippy likes finding out about their lives. "Sometimes we've

shared similar experiences, like being in the military," Nippy said.

Roxanne Branch realizes that it's a huge commitment of time and finances to provide a meal for 30-40 people 5 days a week. "Maintaining the clothing closets, pantry, hygiene bags, and snack and food bags takes a considerable amount of time," Roxanne said.

The way the mission runs is that all of these tasks are completed through the collaboration of many different churches. Roxanne believes "It is important that Emmanuel's Adults on Missions support other churches in this worthwhile community outreach."

For Nippy "Volunteering at the mission makes me feel good and that I am a part of this world and this city in the fact that I have helped someone, even if I just listened to them."

Join Emmanuel's Adults on Mission during their monthly visit to Main Street Mission next week on Tuesday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to Noon. For more information, contact Karen Weems, Debbie Dollar or Frances Blair.



ALL CHURCH

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!

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**.

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
F Custodian
 Adolphis Wilson
 Custodian

ALL CHURCH

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.**

Ash Wednesday Service

Noon

Wednesday, March 5

Bolton Chapel

Intergenerational Service

(4-year-olds & up)

5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Weems Hall

The Family Life Center will be closed Wednesday night. Childcare for age three & under will be available in the Preschool Wing starting at 5:15 p.m.

Welcome New Member

Madelyn Halle joined Emmanuel's Family of Faith on February 23 by profession of faith. She is the daughter of Courtney Halle and granddaughter of Debbie Sherrill.

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.*

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CHILDREN

Parent VBS Meeting

Noon

Sunday, March 9

Weems Hall

Parents of Emmanuel's preschoolers and children please attend this meeting to discuss Vacation Bible School for this summer. If you have any questions, call Gail Smith in the church office at 442-7773.

Youth: Children's Parade

10 a.m.

Saturday, March 1

Let's meet in front of the church's Sanctuary to serve weather appropriate refreshments (hot chocolate or lemonade) to Mardi Gras Children's Parade watchers!

Youth Fellowship

After Worship - 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

Family Life Center

Even though the Mardi Gras break has been cancelled, we are still going to fellowship on Sunday! Stick around for lunch after church and games in the gym.

GRATITUDE

*To Our Church Family,
 We are grateful for all your acts of kindness. Thank you so much for the meals, letters, cards, flowers and prayers.*

*With Our Love,
 Darrell and Donna Blair*

MISSIONS

Adults on Mission

9 a.m. to Noon

Tuesday, March 4

Main Street Mission, Pineville

Join us in serving the local community at Main Street Mission where we serve lunch to the homeless, sort clothes, put together care packages and more. For more information, contact Karen Weems, Debbie Dollar or Frances Blair.