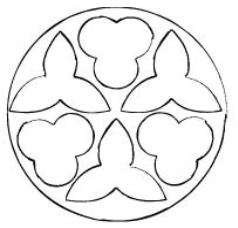


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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 15

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Parents' Night Out (*Birth - 6th grade*) -
Family Life Center...enter through
walkway off Beauregard Street

Saturday, November 16

9 a.m. Pilgrimage: Ongoing
Construction

9 a.m. - Noon Pilgrimage: Pre-tour
Blocking

10 a.m. **G.A. Pajamas & Pancakes
Party** - Sally Newcomer's
House (2825 Marye St., Alexandria)

Sunday, November 17

Return Deacon Ballots

9 a.m. Breakfast - Weems Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:50 a.m. Worship - Baptism

Noon **Church Council Meeting** -
Lunch will not be served

4:30 p.m. Youth Choir

5:15 p.m. YouthLife

6:15 p.m. Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, November 19

7 p.m. **Finance Meeting** - Rm. 105

Wednesday, November 20

5 - 7 p.m. **Costume Room open for
PTB (come pick out your
costume)** - 2nd floor

5 p.m. Supper - Weems Hall

5:30 p.m. **PTB Greeters Meeting**
- Sanctuary

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 & **November
Business Meeting** - Weems
Hall

5:45 p.m. Music & Missions

5:45 p.m. Youth Element (*7th - 12th
grade*) - Gym & Rm. 201

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, November 21

VOA Homeless Outreach, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Parking Lot

"Blessings of Life" service, 6 p.m. - Bolton
Chapel

Saturday, November 23

Pilgrimage: Actor's Rehearsal, 1 p.m. -
Metalsmith & wife, speaking thieves,
shepherds, Abrahams, Mary and Joseph



The Birth of Bethlehem

Pilgrimage to Bethlehem means different things to everyone. There are as many viewpoints as there are participants.

Libby Tarver is one of the co-chairs of this year's Pilgrimage event. "It is with pleasure that I recall the beginnings of Pilgrimage to Bethlehem," she said.

"In 1997, Susan Nowell and I were asked by pastor Larry Taylor to co-chair a committee that would develop a 'walk-through' drama depicting the town of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. As we began to meet, several things became clear to both of us.":

- Prayer must be the basis for all decisions to be made in the planning and execution of this event.
- The entire church family must be involved for this event to be successful.
- This event would serve as both an INreach for church members to grow in fellowship and an OUTreach to those in our community needing or wanting to know more about Jesus or wanting to deepen an already existing relationship with our savior.
- This event would serve as a GIFT to our community; free

for anyone wanting to come. "With our steering committee, it became evident that for our presentation, a story must be told that involved our guests and took them on a journey back into the city of Bethlehem as it was at the time of Jesus' birth. The rest is as they say, 'history'," Tarver said.

"As we enter preparation for the seventh presentation of Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, it is with excitement, thanksgiving and pride that I can say our church family has continued this tradition," she said.

Tarver trusts that God will continue to bless Emmanuel each time the Gift of Pilgrimage to Bethlehem is shared.

Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work and generosity thus far in order to make Pilgrimage to Bethlehem a reality this year.

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 will be
provided.**

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage Rehearsal

9 a.m. to Noon

Saturday, November 16

Pre-tour blocking practice.

Rehearsals are very important. Please make every effort to be there.

Publicity for Pilgrimage

A variety of promotional materials for Pilgrimage to Bethlehem are available in the church office.

We have large posters for business windows, business cards and informational postcards.

Please stop by and pick up some to put at local businesses and to spread the word to family, friends and more.

BABY SHOWER

2 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 16

Tammy Franks' House

(96 Credeur Rd., Pineville)

There's a precious baby on the way,

For a first time mother, a very special day. Help us welcome a new bundle of joy. A very special angel, a baby boy! **Let's Shower Victoria**

Smith with Love!

Given by: Leigh Doty, Tammy Franks, Erica Glass, Tracey Landry, Heather Matlock, Linda McKee and Kate Murphy

Text or call Heather to RSVP at 229-7613.

Registered at Target

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
S Butch Berry
Facility Manager
T Pat McKee
Finance Manager
A 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

ALL CHURCH

Welcome

Madeline Neal joined the Emmanuel family of Faith on November 10, 2013, by profession of faith and baptism. Madeline is the daughter of John and Stephanie Neal. Her grandparents are Mickey and Lynn White.

Because God Gives: 2014 Budget

There's still time to join in your pledge card for Emmanuel's 2014 budget. You can turn them in to the church office, in Sunday School, or even drop it in Sunday's offering plate. We have met 60 % of our goal.

2014 Goal: \$930,908
Pledged to Date: \$558,480

(as of November 13, 2013)

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month

During November, we are collecting **gently-used coats for men, women and children.**

Medical Missions in Action

In January 2014, Dr. Charles Norwood will travel to Borneo for a medical missions trip. Two of the residents at the LSUHC Family Practice Medical Center want to travel with Dr. Norwood. **A Love Offering** has been approved by the Finance Committee during the months of October and November. Travel is approximately \$3,000 per person. The residents will work with Dr. Norwood to provide medical care and human compassion to the individuals with whom they have contact. We look forward to hearing reports from the medical missions team when they return.

If you want to give funds for these residents, please use your regular offering envelope and mark it "**Borneo Missions**" in the Missions line. Your gift will make a difference in many lives.

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CHILDREN/YOUTH

Parents' Night Out

(Birth - 6th grade)

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, November 15

Family Life Center

Cost: \$5 per child

RSVP to the church office at 318-442-7773 by noon this 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.

G.A. PJ & Pancakes Party

10 a.m. to Noon

Saturday, November 16

Sally Newcomer's House

(2825 Marye Street, Alexandria)

Please bring 2-3 unused items for a girl age 5-9 to donate for our Operation Christmas Child shoe-boxes.

We will have lots of fun putting together our boxes, listening to a guest speaker, and creating our own pancakes! Don't forget to wear your favorite PJs and slippers!

Youth Conference

Grades 7 - 12

November 24 & 25

Cost: \$70 (food & registration)
Rapides Parish Coliseum

YEC is a two-day mini-retreat with concerts, an inspirational speaker and fun designed just for youth presented by the LBC. Extra money is needed for T-shirts, CDs, etc.

GRATITUDE

Dear Emmanuel,

Thank you to all of the ladies who helped with meals for the Bonneville and Barnett families.

Virginia Short

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers during my surgery and recovery period. Your calls and cards were a comfort and encouragement to me. I look forward to returning to church very soon

Ramona Lawrence