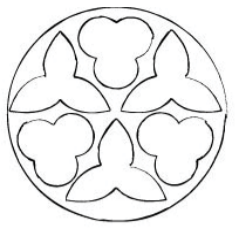




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THANKSGIVING WEEK 2013

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA

A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 27
8 a.m. **Pilgrimage Work Day**
No Activities or Supper
OFFICE Closed

Thursday, November 28
OFFICE Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29
OFFICE Closed

Saturday, November 30
9 a.m. **Pilgrimage Construction**

Sunday, December 1 Advent I
Week of Prayer for World Missions
9 - 9:30 a.m. **Costume Room open for PTB (come pick out your costume) - 2nd floor**
9 a.m. **Breakfast - Weems Hall**
9:30 a.m. **Bible Study**
10:50 a.m. **Worship - Baby Dedication**
6 p.m. **Hanging of the Green - Sanctuary (ALL choirs will sing)**

Tuesday, December 3
9 a.m - Noon **Adults on Mission - Main Street Mission, Pineville**

Wednesday, December 4
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Costume Room open for PTB (come pick out your costume) - 2nd floor**
5 p.m. **Supper - Weems Hall**
5:15 p.m. **Properties Committee Meeting - Rm. 106**
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...Mission Emphasis**
5:45 p.m. **Children go Caroling**
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**

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.



Pilgrimage Preparation

Opening night is less than three short weeks away and your help is needed. A **special Work Day for construction** will begin at 8 a.m. this Wednesday, November 27 and continue at 9 a.m. Saturday, November 30.

Some of you still need to visit the costume room. In addition to being open Wednesday, December 4 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. the room will also be open from 9-9:30 a.m. Sunday, December 1.

Booths will need to be set up the first week of December.

ALL CHURCH

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.**

Sunday School Parties

Please get the information for your Sunday School class holiday party to Donna Blair in the church office ASAP. Call her at 442-7773 or send an e-mail to her at donnablair@emmanuelalexandria.org.

MISSIONS

World Missions 2013 December 1-7

Sunday we will kick off our World Missions offering with a week of prayer. "TOTALLY HIS: Heart, Hands, Voice" is our theme and Emmanuel's goal is \$5,000.

Borneo Medical Missions

A Love Offering has been approved by the Finance Committee to be collected through November. Please use a regular offering envelope and mark it "Borneo Missions" in the Missions line. The goal is \$6,000 to cover travel for two residents. **As of November 17, 2013 \$1,274.30 has been collected.**

The dress rehearsal Saturday, December 7 is mandatory. The media have been invited and we need to have a great rehearsal.

Some nights may be long and we may become tired. One of the things Dr. Larry Taylor told us the night before the first Bethlehem in 1998 was that the last group of the night deserves as good a performance as the first group.

Please continue to be in prayer for Pilgrimage to Bethlehem as we prepare our hearts and our gift to the community. Remember, **Nothing is Impossible with God!**

PILGRIMAGE

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.*

CHILDREN

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 that Friday to avoid extra fees.