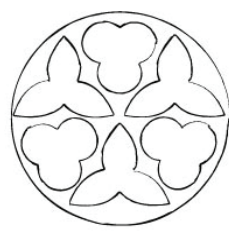


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Upcoming Events

Friday, December 5

- 5:30 - 10:00 **Parent's Night Out - FLC**
- 6:00 - 9:30 **Adult 6 (Cornerstone) Christmas Party - Embers Restaurant, Desoto St., Alexandria**
- 6:00 - 9:30 **Adult 5 Christmas Party S. S. Room (#200)**

Sunday, December 7 Advent II

- 9:00 **Youth Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary**
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Bible Study
- 10:50 **Worship - Youth Choir Sing**
- Noon **Youth Gumbo Lunch Fundraiser - Weems Hall**
- after lunch **Youth Ugly Sweater Christmas Party - Youth Room**

Wednesday, December 10

- 4:30 - 7:15 **Blood Drive - Room 105**
- 5:15 Library & Media Center Open
- 5:30 **Investment Committee - Room 111**
- 5:15 Kiddie Corral open (*Birth - 2 years*)
- 5:30 Early Room (*3, 4 & 5 yr olds*) - Preschool Wing Room 124
- 5:45 Prayer Meeting
- 5:45 Mission Friends & Preschool Choir - Preschool Wing
- 5:30 - 7:15 **Music & Missions Caroling - Grades 1 - 6**
- 5:30 **Properties Committee - Room 106A**
- 5:45 Youth Rec and Activities - FLC
- 6:30 **Finance Committee - Room 106A**
- 6:30 **Activities Committees - Room 111**
- 6:30 Youth Element - Youth Room
- 6:45 **Sanctuary Choir**
- 7:15 Children & Youth dismiss (*FLC Open for grades 1 - 6*)
- 7:30 FLC Closed (*except to children whose parents are in choir or committee meetings*)



Let's #ImagineAdvent together. Throughout this season, we will have a daily word associated with an Advent theme. Keep your eyes and heart open for an image that fits the theme for that day. Post the pic on your Facebook timeline, along with #imagineadvent. Also tag Emmanuel Baptist Church Alexandria so we can share the experience.

You can also participate through your Instagram feed. Just be sure to tag @emmanuelalexandria in your comments.

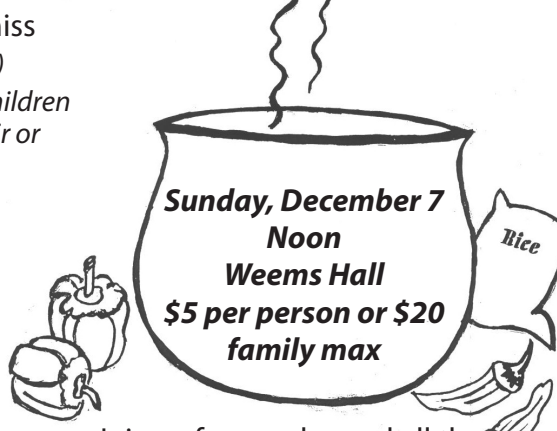
Themes for Each Day

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| Dec. 5 - share | Dec. 15 - wait |
| Dec. 6 - peace | Dec. 16 - clear |
| Dec. 7 - time | Dec. 17 - dream |
| Dec. 8 - silent | Dec. 18 - renew |
| Dec. 9 - light | Dec. 19 - announce |
| Dec. 10 - evergreen | Dec. 20 - love |
| Dec. 11 - ponder | Dec. 21 - promise |
| Dec. 12 - seek | Dec. 22 - mystery |
| Dec. 13 - joy | Dec. 23 - believe |
| Dec. 14 - welcome | Dec. 24 - still |

MISSING

The EBC Library laptop is missing. If you have any info on the whereabouts of the Toshiba laptop please contact the church office.

Youth Gumbo Lunch Fundraiser



**Sunday, December 7
Noon
Weems Hall
\$5 per person or \$20 family max**

Join us for gumbo and all the fixings this Sunday. Proceeds benefit Emmanuel Youth Accounts for activities, summer camp and LABASYC

Youth Fruit Basket Sale Fundraiser



Cost: \$20 per basket
(10% discount if purchasing 5 or more baskets)

**Place orders by Sunday, Dec. 14
Delivery by Dec. 23 (local only)**

Baskets will include grapefruit, red and green apples, oranges, satsumas, bananas, and festive candy & nuts. Order yours today from a member of the Youth Group.

ALL CHURCH



Help for Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee needs volunteers to make and/or bring food for the reception following the Sanctuary Choir Concert, *A Festival of Lessons and Carols*, on Sunday, December 14.

Items such as fruit trays, vegetable trays, cheese balls, sandwiches, cookies, dips, etc. would all be welcomed. For more information or to sign up to bring a dish please contact Fran Anderson at 318-487-1654.

Year-End Contributions Policy

In order to be in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service, any contributions which donors wish to be credited as a 2014 contribution for IRS purposes must be received in the offering plate on Sunday, December 28. If the contribution is mailed, it must be postmarked (not meter-dated) no later than December 31, 2014.

Contributions received after this date, regardless of the date on the check, must be reported as a 2015 contribution. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this policy.

IRS guidelines require that members who wish to itemize contribution deductions must have a copy of the church's contribution report when filing an income tax return. Reports will be mailed in January.

MISSIONS

Our Sacred Gift



**Week of Prayer
for International Missions
and
International Missions Offering
November 30 - December 6
Emmanuel's Goal: \$4,000**

Operation Christmas Child

Emmanuel collected **125 shoeboxes** for this year's Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your generosity.

Benevolence Offering

Emmanuel received \$1,100 in the recent offering, the most ever for the Benevolence Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

H2O Homeless Outreach

**Thursday, December 18
10:00 - Noon
EBC Parking Lot**

GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Hanging of the Green and the reception following a success.

Sincerely,
Fran Anderson and
the Hospitality Committee



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ACTIVITIES

**Parent's Night Out
Friday, December 5
5:30 - 10:00
Family Life Center**

**Parent's Afternoon Out
Saturday, December 13
Noon - 5:00
Family Life Center**

CHRISTMAS PARTIES



**Cornerstone S.S. Class
Friday, December 5
6:00- 9:30**

Embers Restaurant
Desoto St., Alexandria

**Adult 5 S.S. Class
Friday, December 5
6:00- 9:30**

Sunday School Room
**Youth Ugly Sweater
Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 7
following Gumbo Lunch Fundraiser

**Preschool Pajama Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13
10:00 - Noon in the FLC**

**Adult 4 Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13
6:00 at the**

home of Karen and Robert Rush

**Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 14
Noon - 2:00 in the FLC**

**Sanctuary Choir Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 17
6:45 at the**

home of Ileen and Paul Turregano

**Adult 3 Christmas Party
Friday, December 19
7:00 at the**

home of Daphne and Tom Robinson

CHURCH STAFF

- Dr. Chris Thacker, *Pastor*
- Dr. Larry Taylor, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Dr. Lee Weems
Associate Pastor - Education
- Rev. Jerry Cauley
Minister of Music
- Rev. Susan Cauley Associate
Minister of Music & Organist
- Gail Smith
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- Rev. Greg Carroll, *Youth Minister*
- Scott Brooks, *Activities Director*
- Gayle Carroll, *Day School Director*
- Charleen Courtney *Pianist*
- Karen Weems
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- Butch Berry, *Facility Manager*
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