



# EMMANUEL LIFE



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From the Pastor,

As your church staff, and in collaborative efforts with the Church Council, we wanted to provide the latest information to you regarding our current plans for ministry and daily operations in light of the global pandemic we are dealing with.

First, let me say how proud I am to serve as your pastor. So many of you have reached out to one another, especially our most vulnerable members. Others of you have made extremely difficult decisions with your work or business in order to best serve our community in these uncertain days. We are all grieving the fact that we can't meet together in person for this time. But our fellowship is bonded through something sacred and eternal. We will remember that.

*Please see page 2 of Emmanuel Life for detailed information regarding Emmanuel's Coronavirus response.*

## Emmanuel's Official Facebook Page Emmanuel Baptist Church Alexandria

To stay informed with the latest updates, live videos and more, be sure to like the official Emmanuel Facebook page. There are other pages with our name and church image.

The official page looks like the image to the right with our Lent 2020 image and theme as the cover photo and profile photo.



**We are still filling and collecting the colorful bags.**

**If your bags are filled you may drop off your bags at the church office during business hours or hold your bags until Worship services resume.**

### Pray for:

Angela Byles  
Mary-Catherine Hickman  
Rhoda Barbee  
Lucinda Penton  
Tom and Patty Crout  
Milton Brown  
Carol and Max Campbell  
Bob Howell  
Ruth O'Quinn  
Jim and Jackie Heath  
Frank Chandler, Jr.  
Clarence Golemon  
Mike Glass  
Shirley Wells  
Vernon Beall  
Maurice Norwitz  
Bob Douglas - *Lexington House*  
Jim DeLee - *Lexington House*  
Paquita Miller - *Brookdale*  
Jean Lyons - *Marigold*  
Beth Slawson - *Marigold*  
Martha Catha - *Regency House*  
Anna McKee (*Howard McKee's mother*) - *Regency House*

David Perry (*Jim Hickman's uncle*)  
Rachel Smithy (*D'Laine & Stacy Sonneland's grand daughter*)  
Randy Holton (*Della Barbee's brother-in-law*)  
Mac McNeill (*Daphne Robinson's nephew*)  
Kameron Courtney (*Charleen Courtney's great grandchild*)  
Eric Pratt (*Donna and Thomas Howell's friend*)  
Linda Grider (*Emily Grider's daughter*)  
Mandi Hall and baby (*Patsy Byle's niece and her unborn baby*)  
Linda Mazie (*Charleen Courtney's sister*)  
June Clanton (*Della Barbee's aunt and Rhoda Barbee's great-aunt*)  
Will Tweedy (*Paul Tweedy's brother*)  
Brian Pearl (*Mickey and Lynn White's son-in-law*)  
Ben Salley (*Lynn White's son*)  
Randy Roach (*Brenda Howell's brother*)  
Brandon Johnson (*Faye Nolan's nephew*)  
Brad Perry (*Linda Fusilier's nephew*)

Laura Ellen West (*Jim and Carol Reiszner's niece*)  
Lily Butterfield (*Jim & Jackie Heath's great-granddaughter*)  
Donald Mauldin (*Lillian Purdy's father*)  
Vicki Villamarette (*Mary Manzano's daughter*)  
Haven Hawthorne (*Daphne and Tom Robinson's friend*)  
Amie Biggs Lewis (*Linda McKee's niece*)  
Bev Scott (*Jim & Carol Reiszner's friend*)  
Tebow Wells (*Shirley Wells' son*)  
Wayne Moorehead (*Stu Riggars' friend*)  
Remy Williamson (*Pat Hoyt's grandson*)  
Donald Welch (*Bryan Phillips' brother-in-law*)  
Jennifer Whittington (*Sandy Whittington's daughter-in-law*)  
Cass Bordelon (*Patsy Byles' brother*)  
Dottie Roach (*Brenda Howell's mother*)  
**Missions:**  
Marc Boswell & Lake Providence CBF Missions  
James & Helen Davis (*Korea*)  
Emmanuel Gospel Choir, Rueil-Malmaison (*France*)

### Gatherings

- The Emmanuel family will not gather for our typical Sunday morning ministries such as breakfast, Sunday School, and morning worship.
- We will not meet for Wednesday evening activities, including dinner, children and youth music and missions, choir rehearsal, and our prayer meeting and Bible study in Weems Hall.
- If a committee or a group must meet in person, we ask that all persons adhere to the social distancing guidelines offered by the CDC (six-foot distance, washing hands before and after, no in-person participation from anyone showing signs of illness or recent illness.)

### Online Worship and Bible Study

- We will provide a video of Sunday morning worship and a Wednesday evening Bible study through the Emmanuel Facebook page (Emmanuel Baptist Church Alexandria).
- We will also post videos for Wednesday evening Bible study during this time of suspended in-person meetings. These videos will be available at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.
- All videos will be linked through the Emmanuel Facebook page: Emmanuel Baptist Church Alexandria

### Connection with One Another

- Our deacons are making a phone call to every household in the congregation this week. Their job is to check on each of us in the Emmanuel family, and they will ensure that we all have a way getting information from the church through Facebook or emailed announcements.

- **To sign up for the email prayer chain**, send an email to Linda McKee at teachermaclm@gmail.com.
- **To sign up for Emmanuel publicity updates** (general church announcements and information) send an email to Elaina Ayres at publicity@emmanuelalexandria.org.
- **Follow Emmanuel on Facebook:** Emmanuel Baptist Church Alexandria
- Beyond this, if you need help with anything, please call the church office at (318)-442-7773. The church office is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 4:30.

### Emmanuel Home Member Ministry

One of the most crucial ministries we have in these days is our care and consideration for our Home Members. We are currently working on plans to serve the needs of our Home Members. If you want to help with this ministry, please call the church office and let us know.

### Daily Operations

The church office is still open for the time being. Operating hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 4:30. We are taking special precautions to limit face to face contact as much as possible. We are also requiring that any employee showing signs of illness remain home.

### Giving

Our not meeting in person for several weeks will certainly have an impact on our church budget. Contributions will go down when we don't meet for worship. At the same time, there is a wonderful spirit of generosity among the people of Emmanuel. Your options for financial contributions during this time are:

- Mail: Emmanuel Baptist Church  
430 Jackson Street  
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301
- Bank Drafts: Please contact the church office to set up a bank draft for your gifts.
- Online Giving: Go to [www.EmmanuelAlexandria.org](http://www.EmmanuelAlexandria.org).  
Click on the "Online Contributions" link under the "Stewardship" tab.  
The direct link for that page is <http://emmanuelalexandria.org/contributions>

### Prayers

During these days, let us join together in praying for our community and our world. We pray for God's help and healing in the face of this pandemic. We pray that effective medical treatment may be developed quickly and that our efforts to slow down the spread of this virus are effective. Our prayers remain with our leaders and with the medical professionals and first-responders who courageously serve in this time of crisis. As mentioned earlier, we pray for the most vulnerable among us – in our congregation and around the world. And let us also keep in prayer all the folks for whom this crisis means closing the doors of a business or losing necessary income to provide for their families.