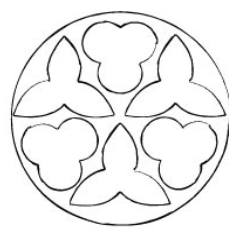


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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 12

- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:50 Worship
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:15 Youth Life
- 6:15 Emmanuel Ringers

Tuesday, April 14

- 10:00 **Esther Bible Study** - Rm 111

Wednesday, April 15

Children's Camp Deposit Due

- 5:00 Supper - *Weems Hall*
- 5:00 **Hospitality Committee Meeting** - Room 111
- 5:15 Kiddie Corral open (*Birth - 2 years*) - FLC
- 5:30 Early Room (*3, 4 & 5 yr olds*) - Preschool Wing Rm 124
- 5:45 **Business & Prayer Meeting**
- 5:45 **Preschool Committee Meeting** - Room 106B
- 5:45 Mission Friends & Preschool Choir - Preschool Wing
- 5:45 Music Makers - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 Young Musicians - 2nd Floor
- 5:45 Youth Rec and Activities - FLC
- 6:30 **Finance Committee Meeting** - Room 106A
- 6:30 G.A.s & R.A.s - 2nd Floor
- 6:30 Youth Element - Youth Room
- 7:00 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*)

Looking Ahead

Sunday, April 19

Youth Choir sings during Morning Worship
Homebound Lord's Supper

Monday, April 20

Community Holocaust Commemoration
Dedication of Stones - 6:30, Holocaust Memorial Plaza
Commemoration Service - 7:00, Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 22

GA Bake Sale - 5:00 - 7:00, Room 106A

Thursday, April 23

H2O Homeless Outreach - 10:00 - Noon, EBC Parking Lot

Friday, April 24

Round Table Field Trip and Picnic - 10:45 - 2:00, Southern Forest Heritage Museum
Parent's Night Out - 5:30 - 9:30, FLC

Sabbatical: Renewal and Wonder

From My View...

One year ago, the Emmanuel family voted to approve a recommendation for me to apply for a sabbatical grant through the Lilly Foundation. Having received full funding for this program through the grant, I wanted to let the church family know a little more about what the sabbatical involves for all of us this summer.

First of all, I want to say again how grateful I am that you have so enthusiastically supported this opportunity. It truly shows your commitment to your pastor's professional growth and spiritual renewal. While many of our fellow CBF congregations have a sabbatical policy, I realize that this opportunity is not common in every church. Thank you for making this a priority.

The purpose of a sabbatical is to be a season of renewal for both the pastor and the congregation. In keeping with the strict guidelines of the grant, I was required to develop the program around a central theme. I chose the theme of wonder. I realize that the craft and cultivation of preaching, teaching, and leading worship require a continuous stream of creativity and imagination. This creativity needs

to be stoked occasionally to prevent it from growing stale. The various elements of the approved program all have a common purpose of renewing this sense of wonder for me.

Similarly, our church family is body of vibrant creativity. This is part of our witness in the community. With this in mind, the staff is developing some Wednesday night programs in July for the congregation to explore and cultivate the sense of wonder so important to our ministry together.

My last Sunday prior to taking leave will be May 17, the morning we recognize our high school seniors in worship. My first Sunday back in the pulpit will be August 23. During that time we will be led by our faithful ministerial staff and lay leaders. We will also host some very gifted preachers who will challenge and inspire us from the pulpit.

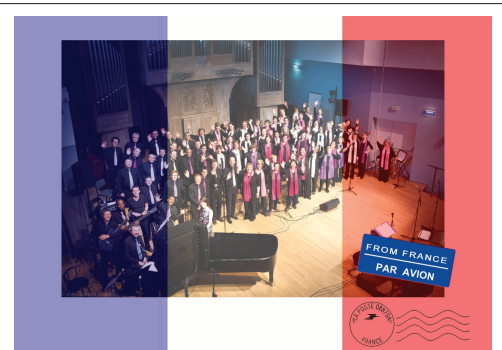
In the upcoming weeks, I will write another Emmanuel Life article answering some of the questions I've been asked about the sabbatical program. Thank you again for all your support in this venture.

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MUSIC



Emmanuel Gospel Choir

www.emmogospel.fr

Sunday, April 26
6:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
430 Jackson Street, Alexandria
www.EmmanuelAlexandria.org

Emmanuel Gospel Choir
Paris, France
Sunday, April 26 at 6:00
Emmanuel Sanctuary

Hosts/Hostesses Needed

Emmanuel Gospel Choir, Paris, will be on concert tour in the USA the last week in April, and will present a concert of Gospel Music in our sanctuary Sunday, April 26.

As hosts of this choir, the people of Emmanuel will need to provide housing for a total of fifty-five singers and team members on Saturday night, April 25, and Sunday night, April 26. If you are interested in hosting two or more persons in your home, please see Jerry and Susan for details.

If you would like to donate toward the expense of providing two meals for the choir please contact the church office, Terry Lowry or Lynn White.

SAVE THE DATES

Children's Camp

(Grades 2 - 6 completed)

Thu., July 30 - Sat., August 1

Tall Timbers

Total cost for the camp is \$135. A non-refundable \$35 deposit is due by **Wednesday, April 15.**



Youth Fundraiser
Mystery Dinner Theater
Saturday, May 9
Weems Hall

REMEMBRANCE

Holocaust Service

Monday, April 20

6:30 Monument Dedication

7:00 Commemoration Service

This year's Community Holocaust Commemoration Service begins at the Holocaust Memorial Plaza at 6:30 and proceeds to Emmanuel's Sanctuary Service at 7:00.

MISSIONS



GA Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 22

5:00

Room 106A

Enjoy a sweet treat and help the GA's raise money for their mission projects.

H2O Homeless Outreach

Thursday, April 23

10:00 - Noon

EBC Parking Lot

Spring is here and the needs of the our local homeless change to warm weather items such as:

- Shorts and T-shirts
- Underwear (new only)
- Tennis shoes
- Caps
- Sunscreen

Items needed year-round are:

- Personal hygiene items
- Washcloths
- First aid items
- Insect repellent spray
- Baby wipes
- Lotion
- Backpacks
- Tents and tarps
- Rain coats and umbrellas
- Blankets

Our Emmanuel volunteers also welcome monetary donations that help provide fresh fruit and other food items.

HELP NEEDED

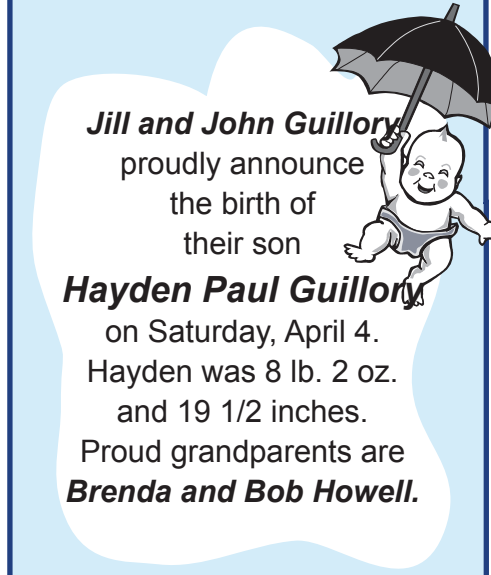
Weekend Bible Camp

June 25 - 27

(Thursday & Friday evening and Saturday morning)

Contact Heather Matlock at heather@matlocksupply.com or 229-7613 if you would like to help.

CONGRATULATIONS



Jill and John Guillory proudly announce the birth of their son

Hayden Paul Guillory

on Saturday, April 4.

Hayden was 8 lb. 2 oz.

and 19 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are

Brenda and Bob Howell.

ACTIVITIES

Round Table

A Spring Field Trip and Picnic

Friday, April 24

11:00 - 2:00

meet at church at 10:45

The April meeting of the Round Table will be a field trip and picnic at the Southern Forest Heritage Museum near Forest Hill. Please gather at the church by 10:45 a.m. so we can depart at 11:00 for the museum. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, April 22.



Dragon Boat Races

Holy Rowers of Emmanuel

Saturday, May 2

Sponsorships Available

The 2015 Holy Rowers of Emmanuel Baptist Church are looking for sponsors for this year's Dragon Boat races. Also, the Holy Rowers are in need of responsible adults to volunteer their childcare services to keep an eye on the Holy Rowers' children while the team rows.

To make a contribution, or if you have any questions, contact Scottie Brooks as soon as possible by e-mailing him at scottiebrooks@emmanuelalexandria.org or calling Scottie at 442-1302 or 715-0738.