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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA, LA A PLACE TO BE, A PLACE TO BECOME

Week of January 20 - 26

Wednesday, January 20

- 5:00 Education Building and Weems Hall open
- 5:30 Nursery (Birth - 2 years)
5:30 - 7:00; FLC Kiddie Corral
- 5:45 Prayer Meeting - Weems Hall
- 5:45 Music & Missions (ages 3 years to Grade 6)
5:45 - 6:45; Second Floor
- 5:45 Youth (Grades 7-12)
5:45 - 6:45; Third Floor
- 5:45 Prayer Meeting - Weems Hall
- 6:00 **H2O Care Package Assembly** - Weems Hall; There is no Bible Study this Wednesday.
- 7:00 **Finance Committee Meeting** - Zoom

Sunday, January 24

- 10:50 Worship - - Sanctuary and YouTube Live Stream

Concerns and Celebrations

Our Lady of Lourdes, Lafayette: Beckett Hearn (Courtney Halle's son) - NICU

Pray for:

- All affected by COVID-19
- All students, teachers, and school administrators
- Connie Armand
- Barbara Clover
- Dolly Carroll - Encompass Rehab
- Sue Bolton - Encompass Rehab
- Stan Lott
- Faye Nolan
- Virginia Short Brown
- Emitte Belgard
- Shelley Johnson
- Cassidy Crawford
- Janet St. Romain
- Daphne Robinson
- Nancy Hamilton
- Murel Trimble
- Judy Ready
- Frank Chandler, Jr.
- Milda Arnold
- Max Campbell
- Rhoda Barbee
- Patty Crout
- Milton Brown
- Bob Howell
- Jim and Jackie Heath
- Mike Glass
- Shirley Wells
- Deb Barnes

Emmanuel's Home Members

- Martha Catha (Regency House)
- Jim DeLee (at home)
- Bob Douglas (Lexington House)
- Clarence Golemon (at home)
- Jean Lyons (Marigold House)
- Tommy McCrory (Naomi Heights)
- Anna McKee (Regency House)
- Paquita Miller (Brookdale)
- Maurice Norwitz (at home)
- Ruth O'Quinn (at home)
- Louise Self (at home)

- Beth Slawson (Marigold House)
- Ellouise Sneed (at home)
- Richard and Sandra Brooks (Scottie Brooks' parents)
- Darlene Tubbs (Brandon Tubbs' mother)
- Herb Belgard (Faye Nolan's brother)
- Mary Thames (Lori Thames' mother)
- Betty Bryan (Kelsey Kelly's grandmother)
- Nancy Garland (Brian Couvillon's sister)
- Taylor Feres (Robert and Monica Anderson's niece)
- Cathy Crout (Tom Crout's sister)
- Don Parino (Debbie Sherrill's brother)
- Tim Futrell (Gay Futrell's son)
- Lora Peacock (John Golden's sister)
- Sammye Crawford (Jim Crawford's mother)
- Will Tweedy (Paul Tweedy's brother)
- Randy Roach (Brenda Howell's brother)
- Ben Salley (Lynn White's son)
- Laura Ellen West (Jim and Carol Reiszner's niece)
- Lily Butterfield (Jim & Jackie Heath's great-granddaughter)
- Donald Mauldin (Lillian Purdy's father)
- Amie Biggs Lewis (Linda McKee's niece)
- Remy Williamson (Pat Hoyt's grandson)
- Donald Welch (Bryan Phillips' brother-in-law)
- Cass Bordelon (Patsy Byles' brother)
- Dottie Roach (Brenda Howell's mother)
- Glendon and Ginny Bethard
- Military:** Mark Ayres, Aaron Deville and the soldiers of the 256 Infantry Brigade, Louisiana National Guard
- Missions:** Lake Providence CBF Missions
- James & Helen Davis (Korea)
- Emmanuel Gospel Choir

Prayers of the People
January 17-23, 2021
Matt and Michelle Norman
www.cbf.net/Norman



Sanctuary Flowers Available January 31

The sanctuary flowers for January 31 are available to give in honor or memory of someone. Please contact the church office at 442-7773 or email Elaina Ayres at publicity@emmanuelalexandria.org if you would like to give the flowers for that Sunday.

2020 Contribution Statements mailed out on January 14

The 2020 contribution statements mailed out on Thursday, January 14. If you have any questions about your statement you may call Elaina in the church office at 442-7773 or email her at finance@emmanuelalexandria.org.



If you're interested in providing an item for the dessert sale, please contact Heather Mackey, Jessica Guidry or the church office

YOUTH

Youth Dessert Sale
Sunday, February 14
following Morning Worship

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Our traditional Sweetheart Luncheon and Dessert Auction will be taking a different approach this year in order to navigate ongoing community health concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Specifically, we must cancel this year's lunch and eliminate this year's auction.

However, some really yummy, homemade desserts will still be available for purchase immediately following worship on February 14. You will be invited by small groups into Weems Hall to select one of up to 30 desserts to purchase while our Emmanuel Youth will provide entertainment for anyone waiting their turn in the sanctuary.

Cakes will be sold for \$100, pies for \$50, and cookies, brownies and other desserts for \$25. Donations beyond these amounts will be accepted and cash or check payments are preferred. Photos of the available desserts will be displayed around the room. Desserts will be on hand.

Purchases are to be made on site and in person so if you're unable to attend the event, you are welcome to send someone to purchase the dessert for you.

Proceeds from this sale will support the youth and their summer retreat to the Colorado Rockies.

STREAMING

Wednesday Bible Study
following Prayer Meeting
6:00

Live Stream

Please join us each Wednesday on Facebook Live for our virtual Bible study. Led by Pastor Chris, this is a time of study and reflection.

Sunday Worship
10:50

Live Stream

We gather and rejoice in our risen Lord each Sunday at 10:50 a.m.

MISSIONS

H2O Homeless Outreach
Fourth Thursdays
Next: January 28
9:00 - 11:00
EBC Parking Lot

Instead of our usual Bible Study, on Wednesday, January 20, after Prayer Time we will gather to assemble H2O care packages to be distributed on January 28. Please join us.

Main Street Mission
Second Friday of each month
Next: February 12
9:30 - Noon
312 Main St., Pineville

WORK DAY



Outdoor Work Day
at home of Jim and Jackie Heath
Saturday, January 23
in the afternoon
Weather permitting

Tasks: Removing two large trees that fell during the Fall storms (raking leaves, burning wood piles, splitting and hauling wood, , cutting remaining limbs. Questions or to sign up: call the church office at 442-7773 or email brandontubbs@emmanuelalexandria.org

GRATITUDE

Rapides Parish School Board Homeless Student Program Grocery Cards

Dear Emmanuel,

Thank you for the food cards to Super 1. I have been having a hard time for the last two years. I don't always know where I will be staying at night because I have to stay with friends. The last couple of months I have been able to stay with my best friend and her family. I gave the food cards to them to help with Christmas dinner. I am finishing high school this year and I'm hoping to go to college to be a social worker so that I can give back to people or kids like me. Again, thank you so much for your kind gift.

From a high school senior in Rapides Parish

Dear Emmanuel Baptist Church,

I was blessed to receive the food gift cards from your church before the Christmas holidays. I am a single mother with five children and struggle with giving my children healthy meals all of the time. My hours at work have been cut due to Covid, and while I do have help from the Food Bank, sometimes it is not enough. While Christmas is a joyous time of year, it is also very stressful for me because I worry about giving my kids the holiday they deserve. We do not always have a lot of presents under the tree, but I am thankful that we are all together and healthy. In a way we are lucky, because my children have learned the true meaning of Christmas.

I am so thankful for people like you that help me teach them the message that helping people in need and having a giving spirit is what we should try to do all year. I hope you know how much you are appreciated. Thank you so much again. I hope each one of you is blessed this year.

From a single mother employed at a restaurant

Dear Mr. Tubbs and the Emmanuel Baptist Church congregation,

I had to start this by thanking you all for your history of support for this program. My mother, Lynda Ellington, was the Homeless Liaison several years ago and I can remember your Sunday school classes collecting hygiene supplies for the families in need. It is heartwarming to know that your church really goes above and beyond to extend your charity to those who are less fortunate.

As for the donations of the food gift cards, there are no words to really express my appreciation. We were able to give many out before the Christmas holidays to families or individuals who we felt would benefit from them the most. They have gone to large families who are struggling due to Covid, to teenagers who, for the most part, are on their own, and everyone in between. It has been such a difficult year for everyone and we have really seen a rise in families who are having difficult time make ends meet. It is a comfort to know that when I am trying to meet the needs of these families, food is not something that they need to worry about.

We have held some cards in reserve to give out as families come forward needing help, and also to give out around Easter. Again, on behalf of the school board and federal programs, I thank you all so much for everything you have done to support us and these families.

Yours,
Melissa Johnson, Rapides Parish Homeless Liaison