

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Morning Worship, 10:45 AM
Children's Church
Deacon's Meeting, 4:30PM
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Prime Time Choir, 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Pastor Search Committee, 5:00PM
Business Meeting, 6:00 PM
Youth IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator



FORERUNNER

March 16, 2023

Father, Grant Me a Blessing

(Judges 1:12-15 and John 7:37-39)

While reading about the Israelites' entry into the Promised Land, the Lord spoke to me through a passage in Judges, Chapter 1. *Caleb said, "The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will give him my daughter Achsah for a wife." Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, captured it; so Caleb gave him his daughter Achsah for a wife. Then it came about when she came to him, she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. Then she alighted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Father, grant me a blessing, since you have given me the land of the Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.*

Achsah was a child of the wilderness wanderings. She was born into the tribe of Judah, and entered the Promised Land to at last, have a settled home; no more wandering. Her father, Caleb graciously bequeathed her a generous portion of land, which was unusual for a woman to be granted. Her desire was for this treasured land to thrive and flourish, but she knew it needed water to live. She approached her loving father with intensity and acknowledged his generous gift of land, then she boldly asked for another blessing; she asked for springs of water. Her father gave her not only the upper springs, but also the lower springs, as well. Caleb knew she was asking out of need, not greed.

We, as believers have been given prime acreage in the Promised Land of Heaven, by our Father! No more wandering. That land will serve us well throughout eternity, but while we're on this earth, we need so much more to thrive and flourish in our Christian walk. We need the Holy Spirit. Jesus addressed that need in John 7 when He stood and cried out, saying, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."* But this He spoke of, was the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Job knew the ultimate key to effective prayer when he asked in Job 23:5, *"I would learn the words which He would answer, and understand what He would say to me."* Achsah boldly approached her earthly father and we may boldly approach our Heavenly Father out of need, not greed. How fitting the name Achsah means, *courageous, veil buster*. Let us go beyond the veil, for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Ask for the blessing! **Claire**

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Mac and Nelwyn Weaver

By Ron and Diane Denny	Budget
Mike and Judy Gaddis	Annie Armstrong
James and Linda Gentry	Children's Ministry
Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
Marjorie Riley	Budget
Thomas and Betty Shaw	Budget
George and Laverne Smith	Budget
Jimmy and Leesa Sitter	Benevolence

In Memory of Joan Bush (Rhonda Lewis' Mother)

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
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In Memory of Marshall Jones

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
Thomas and Betty Shaw	Budget

In Memory of Delbert Sowders

By David and Cheryl Whitfield	Annie Armstrong
Travis and Dianne Sturdivant	Budget

In Memory of Ruby Bamburg and Ronnie Tibbit

By Thomas and Betty Shaw	Budget
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In Memory of Peyton Lane

By Allison Lane	Annie Armstrong
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In Memory of Rev. Bill Stowell

By Dr. William P. Spillers	Budget
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In Honor of Mrs. Patty Stowell

By Dr. William P. Spillers	Budget
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In Honor of Dorothy Mullins and Yvonne Douglas

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
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In Honor of Roy and Margaret Cordray

By Floyd and Phail Dean Jones	Budget
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To our Emmanuel Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, messages and loving support you showed after Del passed away.

Having such a thoughtful church family brought comfort and was very much appreciated. May God Bless You!

Hazel Sowders

Business Meeting – March 22nd, 6:00 PM

Ladies! You're all invited to the Women's Bible Study Monday at 10:00AM, here at the church. Vicky Wallace is leading our group as we study "The Real Heaven" by Chip Ingram.

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, March 17

Deuteronomy 27 - 28, Mark 11:1-11

Saturday, March 18

Deuteronomy 29 - 30, Mark 11:12-33

Sunday, March 19

Deuteronomy 31 - 32, Mark 12:1-12

Monday, March 20

Deuteronomy 33 - 34, Mark 12:13-27

Tuesday, March 21

Joshua 1 - 2, Mark 12:28-44

Wednesday, March 22

Joshua 3 - 4, Mark 13:1-13

Thursday, March 23

Joshua 5 - 6, Mark 13:14-37

Friday, March 24

Joshua 7 - 8, Mark 14:1-11

Saturday, March 25

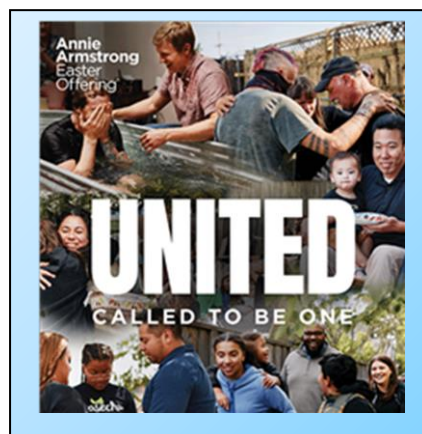
Joshua 9 - 10, Mark 14:12-31

Sunday, March 26

Joshua 11 - 12, Mark 14:32-52



THIS SUNDAY
BRO. LANE WILL BEGIN A
SERMON SERIES
"HOW WE VIEW THE
CROSS - PART 1"
DEACON'S MEETING, 4:30



**Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering
for North
American
Missions
Our Goal:**

\$7,000.00



**Palm Sunday
April 2nd**



Easter Egg Hunt

Toddlers - 5th Grade Immediately
following Morning Worship Service.
Bring your Easter Basket!

