

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, 4:30 PM
Prayer Time, 5:00 PM
Evening Worship, 6:00 PM, FLC

Tuesday

Prime Time Singers, 10:00 AM
Garden Park, 10:30AM

Wednesday

Prayer/Business Meeting, 6:00 PM
TeamKid, 6:00PM
Student IMPACT, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator

"Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations; a city designed and built by God." Hebrews 11:10



FORERUNNER

February 22, 2024

Somewhere Between Misery and Manna

For 21 verses, the Israelites are singing and praising God as they march away from Egyptian slavery and the Red Sea. *"When Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and charioteers rushed into the sea, the Lord brought the water crashing down on them. But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground!"* But something happens between Egyptian Misery and Manna from Heaven.



"Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. . . So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. . . Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water." Exodus 15:22-27

Only three days into their victorious journey of obedience, and suddenly they are hit with a tremendous trial of thirst. And lo, the oasis of Marah appears and the problem is solved! Not so fast, my friend. The solution is bitter and won't work. Rejoicing turns to overwhelming discouragement. We've all been there; trying so hard to live out the Christian life in obedience to God's Word, when we're abruptly hit by adversity (illness, financial woes, family disputes, etc.). We reach for a logical solution but it doesn't calm the chaos. Things are spiraling out of control and panic sets in. We **must** follow the example of Moses and "cry out to God" in our most honest and earnest prayer, giving up our power and control in total submission to Him.

What a beautiful phrase, *"the LORD showed him a tree."* There is no greater relief than Divine revelation with healing properties. Moses threw it into the water and the water became sweet. We may feel dull, surrounded by average things, but God's power transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Can we even imagine the thrill of that cool, calming, life-giving water? Little did they know, Manna from Heaven was waiting for them in the very next chapter! Don't give up, for God has Manna waiting for you too! cp

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Randy Waldrip

By J.C. and Myrtis Kennedy Budget

In Memory of Jo Johnson

By George and Laverne Smith Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, February 23

Numbers 8 - 10, Mark 1:16-45

Saturday, February 24

Numbers 11 - 12, Mark 2:1-13

Sunday, February 25

Numbers 13 - 14, Mark 2:14-28

Monday, February 26

Numbers 15 - 16, Mark 3:1-12

Tuesday, February 27

Numbers 17 - 18, Mark 3:13-35

Wednesday, February 28

Numbers 19 - 20, Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, February 29

Numbers 21, Mark 4:21-41

Friday, March 1

Numbers 22 - 24, Mark 5:1-20

Saturday, March 2

Numbers 25 - 26, Mark 5:21-43

Sunday, March 3

Numbers 27 - 29, Mark 6:1-13



Sunday School literature for the Spring Quarter is in the classrooms.

We will be observing the Lord's Supper, Sunday Morning, February 25th.

Prime Time Singers – Tuesday, February 27th, 10:00AM. Travel to Garden Park on Linwood Ave to sing at 10:30AM.

A Big Thank You to Mike Asher and Bill Thomas for their dedication and assistance as we convert our church's financial and enrollment software. We have met multiple times to upload the data, meet with the software developers and attend training sessions. Anytime you change the method of doing things, there is always a learning curve accented with excitement and frustration. These two men have been very encouraging and faithful to the task and your Church Administrator is most grateful! Please be in prayer as we continue this extensive transition and training.

Emmanuel Sunday Nights in the FLC!

Understanding the environment in which Jesus lived sheds fresh light on His teaching, miracles and identity. John wrote the Fourth Gospel so that we could know and believe in Christ. The Book of John provides clear answers to the question, "Who is Jesus?"

Come join us on Sunday Nights at 6:00PM in the Family Life Center as Bro. Scott presents this new series, "Knowing Jesus - Living by His Name" by Robert Gallaty. Part Two, "The Power of Faith" will be presented February 25th. It will be a wonderful learning experience and the loving fellowship will be a blessing!

*Mr. and Mrs. Terry Young request the honor
of your presence at the wedding of their daughter*

Ashley Elizabeth

to

William Matthew Stowell

son of Rev. and Mrs. Pascal Stowell

Saturday, March 16, 2024

5:00 PM

First Baptist Church, Shreveport

Reception at Airline Baptist Church

in Bossier City