

Emmanuel Baptist Church

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

Harold Ashcraft
Music Minister

Denise Griffin
Children/Youth Director

Claire Pennington
Church Administrator

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



FORERUNNER

June 20, 2024

The Voice of God

In 1 Samuel 3, we read about Samuel as a young boy. His mother had dedicated him to God, and he served in the temple of the Lord. Samuel had the blessed privilege of even sleeping in the temple near the Ark of the Covenant. *"The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the Ark of God was."* (1 Sam. 3:3) This is the setting when God called Samuel one night. On this evening, Samuel must have heard an actual, audible voice, because he went to Eli the priest, three times, asking Eli if he had called him.

Many descriptions of the Voice of God can be found throughout the Bible. Charles Swindoll describes several in his book, *"Great Days with the Great Lives."* He describes that Saul/Paul on the Damascus Road must have heard an audible voice because others in the group also heard something. (Acts 9:7) In Exodus 3:4, the Scriptures state that Moses heard a voice calling from the burning bush. Swindoll points out that Noah received detailed instructions for the building of the ark; but the Scriptures do not specify if the instructions were given audibly or "mind to mind." In Revelation 1:15, John states that God's Voice sounded "like the sound of rushing water." Elijah encountered God's Voice as a "gentle whisper." (1 Kings 19:12)

So what does God's Voice sound like? Should we expect to hear an audible voice? Should we receive instructions from God's mind to our mind? Should we "hear" God's voice through nature? Should we "hear" God's voice through the reading of God's Word? God's Word confirms that all of the above are some of the ways God may choose to speak.

God is so mighty and so wise, that He can speak in ANY WAY He wants to speak. We need to be LISTENING for His Voice and be ready to OBEY when God speaks, whatever His method may be.

"...the sheep listen to His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out...His sheep follow Him because they know His voice." John 10:3-4

Saved to serve, Ms. Denise

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Jimmy and Linda Gentry
By Lucy Johnson Budget

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, June 21

2 Chronicles 17 - 19, John 14

Saturday, June 22

2 Chronicles 20 - 21, John 15

Sunday, June 23

2 Chronicles 22 - 23, John 16

Monday, June 24

2 Chronicles 24 - 25, John 17

Tuesday, June 25

2 Chronicles 26 - 27, John 18

Wednesday, June 26

2 Chronicles 28 - 29, John 19:1-16

Thursday, June 27

2 Chronicles 30 - 31, John 19:17-42

Friday, June 28

2 Chronicles 32, John 20:1-18

Saturday, June 29

2 Chronicles 33 - 34, John 20:19-31

Sunday, June 30

2 Chronicles 35 - 36, John 21



Sunday, June 23rd - All Ballots must be turned in for the Youth Director Search Committee Nominees.

The Lord's Supper will be observed in our morning worship service this Sunday, June 23rd.

This Sunday Night in the FLC, Bro. Scott will be leading a study from Matthew 28:18-20 – The Great Commission. You will want to be there at 6:00PM.

*Our church has voted to empanel our new **Part-Time Youth Director Search Committee**. Each EBC member may nominate up to three candidates. Once nominations are received, the top candidates who are able to serve will be presented to the church for confirmation at our regular July Business Meeting. Please prayerfully consider your nominations and place your completed ballot in one of the sanctuary offering boxes no later than this Sunday, June 23rd. Ballots are available in the foyer and beside the organ in the sanctuary.*

We will have a Church-Wide hamburger cook-out Sunday, July 7th. Please bring your favorite sides and desserts!



Exciting news for Emmanuel!

The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home vision is to connect all Louisiana foster children with Christian families. **Connect1Child** mobilizes churches and believers to answer God's call in James 1:27, "to look after orphans. . . in their distress." Everyone is not called to foster or adopt, but we all have a role to play in caring for vulnerable children. In our June Business Meeting, we voted to establish a "Connect 1 Child" designated fund to purchase Twin Beds and/or cribs for families who are housing foster children at a moment's notice. Each bed, mattress and covering will cost approximately \$215. We will store several (boxed) beds here at EBC and our folks will assemble and deliver them in the city when we are contacted by the LBCH. What a blessing this ministry can be!



THIS SUNDAY,
PLEASE MAKE
WELCOME ANGELA
RISER AS SHE FILLS
IN FOR RON

MASSEY THIS SUMMER. HE WILL BE HAVING
HAND SURGERY THIS FRIDAY AND BE OUT
TWELVE WEEKS. THANK YOU, ANGELA!
WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US.