

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

***"The LORD is near to all
who call upon Him; to all
who call upon Him in
truth."*** Psalm 145:18



FORERUNNER

June 27, 2024

A God So Near

Last night, Bro. Scott spoke of Deuteronomy 4:7, "For what other great nation has a god so near to it as Yahweh, our God is when we call to Him?"

A recent article by Matt Tullos, a writer for *Mature Living* recently spoke of the nearness of our Savior in "The Bread of Life, Savor the Fragrance of Christ."

"Certain fragrances transport us through the corridors of time to moments and memories of yesteryear. I'll never forget walking into my grandmother's house on Sundays after church. She'd often slip out early before the invitation to retrieve the hot, golden bread from the oven as we arrived. Before we saw the bread, we were aware of its presence.

In the Jewish culture, bread symbolizes peace. If a relationship needed mending, one would say, "Let's break bread together." There'd be more to the feast, but breaking bread meant something deeper, substantial, and transcending. Bread implied reconciliation and that ancient, beautiful word, *Shalom*. But that word is even more than peace. *Shalom* is active. It's making things right. It's making things whole. It's the idea of things coming together.

And Jesus makes this declaration: "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). He was broken to bring us shalom. He satisfies our hunger for meaning and redemption. When He steps into the mix of our lives, He brings us into wholeness. Like my grandmother's bread on those Sunday afternoons, Jesus' presence is with us even while we don't see Him with our eyes. The aroma of Christ, amid reconciled believers, is elemental and undeniable."

Matt Tullos, a freelance writer from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, loves coming together around the table with friends, especially if there's the scent of fresh bread in the air.

Blessings, Ms. Claire

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Patsy Hemmings

By Glen and Linda Hall Connect 1 Child

In Memory of Glenn and Melba Pennington

By Claire Pennington Connect 1 Child

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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

Monday, July 1

Ezra 1 - 2, Acts 1

Tuesday, July 2

Ezra 3 - 4, Acts 2

Wednesday, July 3

Ezra 5 - 6, Acts 3

Thursday, July 4

Ezra 7 - 8, Acts 4:1-22

Friday, July 5

Ezra 9 - 10, Acts 4:23-37

Saturday, July 6

Nehemiah 1 - 3, Acts 5

Sunday, July 7

Nehemiah 4 - 6, Acts 6

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



Did you ever notice there are no recipes for leftover chocolate?



Ephesians contains only six chapters; a mere 155 verses. In fact, it would only take you about 20 minutes to read it straight through. Yet the rich wisdom packed in this book will take you a lifetime to apply and live out. Ephesians is most beneficial when it is read slowly and often. Join us this Sunday night at 6:00PM in the FLC as Bro. Scott begins our new series, **“EPHESIANS, YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST,”** by Tony Merida and Ben Reed.

Exciting news for Emmanuel!

Because of your rapid response to our new mission endeavor, **Connect 1 Child**, our church raised \$865 in one Sunday! The fruits of those donations were visible in Prayer Meeting last night as we all saw the actual twin bed frame and bag of blankets and sheets we will be providing for each Foster Child placement. Our own ladies shopped for the linens and our men assembled the first bed!

The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home vision is to connect all Louisiana foster children with Christian families. **Connect 1 Child** 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 will be! All Glory to God!

