

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*



July 25, 2024

FORERUNNER

Saul vs. Saul

It's amazing how the good and the "not so good" are revealed about the people in God's Word. The Bible presents the full truth; it doesn't gloss over the bad and dwell just on the good. We see an example of this as we study Old Testament Saul and the events surrounding his life recorded in 1 Samuel.

Everything started out so well. In 1 Samuel 9 and 10, we see an elaborate sequence of events (a donkey hunt!) that led to Saul meeting Samuel. The Providential Hand of God used *donkeys* to get Saul to Samuel so he could anoint him as the new king. God transformed Saul "into a different person" and He surrounded him with "valiant men whose hearts God had touched." (1 Samuel 10:6, 26) God gave Saul a military victory and confirmed Saul's kingship. (1 Samuel 11)

But by the time we reach chapter 13, things head downhill. Charles Swindoll ("*Great Days with the Great Lives*") states that "Saul became a victim of himself: full of pride, impatience, rebellion, jealousy, attempted murder."

We find a powerful contrast to the OT Saul when we compare him to the New Testament (NT) Saul/Paul. NT Saul/Paul began as a Christian-persecuting, self-righteous, legalistic, zealot. His life was opposite of the OT Saul. OT Saul started out "good" and deteriorated into "not so good." NT Saul/Paul started out "not so good" and was transformed into "good."

In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Paul reveals his heart:

"When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

May a "demonstration of the Spirit's power" consume our lives, transforming us into "good" every day.

Saved to serve, Ms. Denise

MEMORIALS and HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Rev. Bill Stowell

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

In Memory of Jimmy Gentry

By Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

In Memory of Leroy Palmer

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Mexico

In Memory of Gail Gilcrease

By J. C. and Myrtis Kennedy Connect 1 Child

In Memory of Jeff Whitfield

By George and Laverne Smith Connect 1 Child

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Friday, July 26

Job 40 - 42, Acts 19:1-20

Saturday, July 27

Psalms 1 - 6, Acts 19:21-41

Sunday, July 28

Psalms 7 - 12, Acts 20:1-16

Monday, July 29

Psalms 13 - 18, Acts 20:17-38

Tuesday, July 30

Psalms 19 - 24, Acts 21:1-16

Wednesday, July 31

Psalms 25 - 30, Acts 21:17-40

Thursday, August 01

Psalms 31 - 36, Acts 22

Friday, August 02

Psalms 37 - 41, Acts 23

Saturday, August 03

Psalms 42 - 47, Acts 24

Sunday, August 04

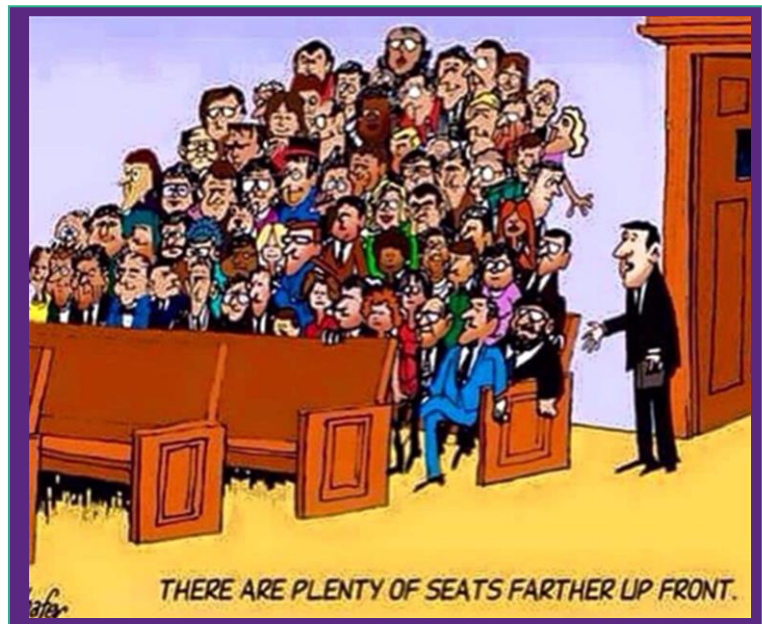
Psalms 48 - 53, Acts 25

Monthly Church Luncheon - Retired Colonel Warren Ward, Chief of Staff and Director of Operations for LA Tech Research Institute will be our guest speaker Tuesday, August 6th at Noon in the FLC. Col. Ward will be sharing his experiences during Desert Storm. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship!



Please join us for the next lesson in Ephesians, Sunday Night, August 4th, 6:00PM in the FLC. We're really enjoying this time of Bible Study and hymn singing.

The Hooten Trio will be at Emmanuel this Sunday, July 28 at 6:00PM. Invite your friends and neighbors! (Love Offering will be taken)



Praise the Lord!

God has led us to raise \$2,085 for beds and linens for Connect 1 Child. During your daily quiet time, please pray for the children who will sleep in these beds, that they will feel wrapped up in the love of Jesus.

