

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

TeamKid and Youth, 6:00 PM
Prayer Meeting, 6:00 PM
Sanctuary Singers, 7:00 PM

**You may pick up your 2024
Contributions Statement
on the table in the Main
Hallway this Sunday.**

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*



January 16, 2025

FORERUNNER

For years, one of the staples of the Forerunner has been "Through the Bible in a Year." The reading schedule provided each week originated from our "Open Windows" devotional book. In this new year of 2025, a new plan will be offered where you may read biblical events in the order in which they occurred. Reading the Bible chronologically is all about understanding its message in the context of the over-all Bible story. For instance, when reading the Bible in chronological order you will read the Psalms David wrote in the context of what was happening in his life. So [Psalm 51](#) will be paired with [2 Samuel 12](#) which sheds great light on his repentance after sinning with Bathsheba. Likewise, [Amos](#) is placed around [2 Kings 14](#) and [15](#) which helps you understand the time period of what was going on in Israel and Judah when he prophesied. We will see how the prophet [Haggai](#) preached to the Jewish people when [Ezra](#) led them back to Judah to rebuild the Temple following the Babylonian exile. After Paul is beaten and jailed in [Acts 15-16](#), he then travels to Galatia where our next reading is the letter he wrote to the [Galatians](#) saying, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." (*The new reading plan in on Page 2 of this newsletter*)

Due to unforeseen delays in the printing of our first Forerunner this new year, we have a lot of reading to do to catch up with our new reading plan so you may want to read through "Job" next month so you won't feel overwhelmed in January. This should prove to be an interesting adventure as we journey through God's Word. "For the Word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Bob Johnston

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Lottie Moon
 Wayne and Carol Dillman Lottie Moon
 Denise Palmer Benevolence

In Memory of Charles Dunn, Betty Kelly, and Jack and Florence Brazzel

By DeWayne and Grace Kelly Lottie Moon

In Memory of Claude Burch

By Sue Burch Budget

In Memory of Jerry Hayes

By Wayne and Carol Dillman Lottie Moon
 Peggy Caraway Lottie Moon

In Memory of Dave Hanson and Kenneth Odom

By Wayne and Carol Dillman Lottie Moon

In Memory of Floyd Jones and Peyton Lane

By Phail Dean Jones Budget
 Cheryl Jones Lottie Moon

In Memory of Leonard and Laurette Davis, Lewis and Mamie Jones

By Phail Dean Jones Budget

In Memory of Diane Fortenberry

By Ron and Diane Denny Connect 1 Child
 Jimmy and Leesa Sitter Budget

In Memory of John Curtis McCarty

By John and Virginia McCarty Lottie Moon

In Honor of A.T. "Mike" Clingan

By Doug and Debbie Frey Lottie Moon

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

January 1	Genesis 1 - 3
January 2	Genesis 4 - 7
January 3	Genesis 8 - 11
January 4	Job 1 - 5
January 5	Job 6 - 9
January 6	Job 10 - 13
January 7	Job 14 - 16
January 8	Job 17 - 20
January 9	Job 21 - 23
January 10	Job 24 - 28
January 11	Job 29 - 31
January 12	Job 32 - 34
January 13	Job 35 - 37
January 14	Job 38 - 39
January 15	Job 40 - 42
January 16	Genesis 12 - 15
January 17	Genesis 16 - 18
January 18	Genesis 19 - 21
January 19	Genesis 22 - 24
January 20	Genesis 25 - 26
January 21	Genesis 27 - 29
January 22	Genesis 30 - 31



Great News! We have received \$13,647 in our Lottie Moon Missions Offering. Our \$10,000 goal has certainly been surpassed!

Deacon's Meeting this Sunday, January 19th at 4:30pm.

Business Meeting this Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00pm. The 2025 Proposed Church Budget was given out last Sunday, January 12th. We plan to discuss and vote on this budget this Wednesday evening.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Lanette Vasquez in the homegoing of her father, William "Bill" House. Visitation will be this Saturday, January 18th at 11:00AM, Rose Neath Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Funeral services will be at 2:00PM following the visitation. Please keep Lanette, Madison and Seth in your prayers.

My heartfelt thanks to my church family for the many ways you have ministered to our family during Jimmy's illness and homegoing. I have given to our Lottie Moon offering in honor of our caring deacons, to the Children's Ministry in honor of our wonderful EBC church family and finally, to our Church Budget in memory of my beloved husband, Jimmy. May God Bless You All.

With Love, Linda Gentry

A Wonderful Opportunity!

Our new ladies group, "Emmanuel's Hope After Heartache" will meet once a month on Wednesday at 5:30pm before the Church Business Meeting. We will meet in the Friends Sunday School Classroom. Please join us and if you have questions, call Brenda Waldrip (318-780-6849) or Lucy Johnson (318-464-2615).