

**Family Bible Study Plan (cont’d)**

**June 7-13, 2020**

**Question:** How is the strength of the Lord made available to His people?  
**Answer:** The Lord is glorified by showing Himself strong in defending and sustaining His own covenant people who have faith in Him, Israel in the Old Testament and the Church according to the New Covenant in Christ.  
**GOD’S RESOURCES: HIS STRENGTH—Memory Verse:** *“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.”*  
Isaiah 41:10

**Family Bible Readings:**  
**Monday:** Exodus 13:1-16      **Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
**Wednesday:** 1 Samuel 17:31-50      **Thursday:** 2 Chronicles 16:1-10  
**Friday:** Isaiah 41:1-14



**June 14-20, 2020**

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**GOD’S RESOURCES: HIS STRENGTH—Memory Verse:** *“I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.”* Philippians 4:13

**Family Bible Readings:**  
**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 1:4-9      **Tuesday:** Ephesians 1:15-23  
**Wednesday:** 1 Peter 5:6-11      **Thursday:** Psalm 24  
**Friday:** Psalm 34



**June 21-27, 2020**

**Question:** How is God’s faithfulness revealed to and enjoyed by His people?  
**Answer:** The Lord is glorified by proving Himself trustworthy in all His covenant relationships. It is enjoyed as we walk by faith in the promises He has made to His people in His Word.  
**GOD’S RESOURCES: HIS FAITHFULNESS—Memory Verse:** *“Because of the LORD’s faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!”* Lamentations 3:22-23

**Family Bible Readings:**  
**Monday:** Genesis 32:6-12; 33:1-7      **Tuesday:** Exodus 15:1-13  
**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 7:7-16      **Thursday:** Psalm 25  
**Friday:** Psalm 89:1-14



**June 28-July 4, 2020**

**Question:** How is God’s faithfulness revealed through our Lord Jesus Christ?  
**Answer:** The Lord’s faithfulness is revealed through Christ’s willingness to suffer unto death and in His faithfulness to save and keep those justified through faith in Lord Jesus Christ.  
**GOD’S RESOURCES: HIS FAITHFULNESS—Memory Verse:** *“God is a not a man, that He might lie, or a son of man, that He might change His mind. Does He speak and not act, or promise and not fulfill?”* Numbers 23:19

**Family Bible Readings:**  
**Monday:** John 6:32-40      **Tuesday:** John 10:22-30  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24      **Thursday:** 2 Timothy 2:3-13  
**Friday:** John 14:1-7



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**June, 2020**

**Worshipping in Every Home**

The events of the past several months have been difficult for all of us and have exposed quite a few areas of vulnerability in the American (or at least North Louisiana) church. The local church cannot be destroyed through external forces because it owes its existence to the finished work of Christ and the power of the regenerating Holy Spirit. The church has, and will always seek to be faithful in all contexts, yet sometimes adaptations come slowly and unpreparedness is exposed in moments of crisis. I have been convicted over the weakness of our church’s emphasis and training in the area of family worship. Family worship or family devotions should be practiced in every home, no matter the number of people living in the home. These daily times of worship keep Christ at the center of family life and are wonderful times of encouragement and communication. They can be as simple as a scripture reading and prayer, or can include singing hymns and praises. Focus and consistency are the goals, not complexity. During the time we have been separated from our corporate gatherings, our family gathering has become deeper and richer. If we are not worshipping with our families now, how will we have the determination or be prepared to institute home worship if persecutions should ever arise?

We have begun to publish a family Bible reading plan to aide you in family worship. This reading schedule supports the memory verses many of us have committed to memorize throughout the year. We are making many video resources available through our Facebook page to give examples and assist you in beginning and continuing family worship in your homes.

**Family Bible Study Plan**

**May 24-30, 2020**

**Question:** What are the resources God has provided for His children in Christ?  
**Answer:** He freely gives them His Spirit, His strength, His faithfulness, His peace, His provision, and His help in temptation.  
**GOD’S RESOURCES: HIS SPIRIT—Memory Verse:** *“Don’t you yourselves know that you are God’s temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you?”* 1 Corinthians 3:16

**Family Bible Readings:**  
**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-17      **Tuesday:** John 14:15-18      **Wednesday:** John 14:19-26  
**Thursday:** John 16:5-11      **Friday:** John 16:12-15

**May 31—June 6, 2020**

**Question:** What are the resources God has provided for His children in Christ?  
**Answer:** He freely gives them His Spirit, His strength, His faithfulness, His peace, His provision, and His help in temptation.  
**GOD’S RESOURCES: HIS SPIRIT—Memory Verse:** *“Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we may understand what has been freely given to us by God.”* 1 Corinthians 2:12

**Family Bible Readings:**  
**Monday:** Acts 2:1-8; 12-18      **Tuesday:** Acts 2:32-41      **Wednesday:** Acts 4:1-13  
**Thursday:** Romans 8:6-17      **Friday:** 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

**Join us for  
worship...**

**Sundays**

9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
**A-L (last name)**

10:30a.m.  
Morning Worship  
**M-Z (last name)**

**Wednesdays**

6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study &  
Prayer Service



**Stephen Nutt**

It is so good to be able to gather in the same building again, even with the building capacity limits! We are constantly being reminded that the church is not the building but the people. To see ministry continuing to take place even during these interesting times is so encouraging. Keep up the good work! During the time that we have not been able to meet, some of you have been asking how the church has been doing financially. You have been so faithful! In April we received \$47,416.10 in tithes and offerings and expenses for the church were \$42,220.50. We are continuing to receive the Annie Armstrong Easter offering and to date the total received is \$4,610.00. (The new van fund has a balance of \$24,427.49.) As a reminder, there are several ways you can give:

- place it in one of the giving boxes in the church foyer
- mail it to 1200 Farmerville Hwy, Ruston, LA 71270
- online at [www.ebcruston.org](http://www.ebcruston.org) - click on the online giving tab
- use the bill pay feature through your bank or credit union (if they offer that service)

Again, thank you for being so faithful in giving as we continue the various ministries at EBC.

Speaking of ministries, **Vacation Bible School** will still take place this month, **June 15-19**. It will be a little different in the fact that we will only be able to have a limited number of children. Our focus will be on the children in the summer day camp through the EBC Preschool and the children that attend EBC. This is necessitated due to the Covid 19 pandemic, but we still wanted to be able to minister and serve these children. We still have more room for volunteers to help, so if you are available just contact the church office. A big **"THANK YOU"** goes to Christina Watts for directing VBS this year. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of both the children and the leaders.

Let me also encourage you to continue to stay in contact with those in your Sunday School class. At this time, we do not know when we will be able to have Sunday School on Sunday mornings. I do look forward to that day and I pray it is soon. The Summer quarter Bible study material is available at church so feel free to stop by and pick it up.



**Randy Trail**

Greetings Emmanuel Family! As you can imagine, this has been a challenging quarter in our college ministry. And yet, God has richly blessed us! I am proud of the way our church family has been "together" in spite of the lockdown. We thank God for the amazing technology that our church staff has used to help us to come together!

This **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will celebrate the graduation of our high school and university students in an **Emmanuel Commencement Service**. Please join us at **2:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary for this special event. We will be practicing "social distancing." Afterwards we will have a reception for the graduates, their families and our church members who are able to attend.

I write this final newsletter as your college minister with mixed emotions. It has been our joy to work with the college students that the Lord has brought into the Emmanuel family. We will greatly miss this type of ministry we have been involved in for over 35 years. From the depths of our hearts, Kittie and I thank you for all that you have done to enable us to serve alongside you during these past two and a half years. The ministry to college students and young professionals will go right on, because the Lord has raised up new leadership among His people. Thanks so much to our student leaders and our College Ministry Team, and may the Lord richly bless His people as the ministry continues.



**Preschool News**

**Kathy Mitchell**

It was so good to be back in our sanctuary Sunday! I missed worshipping with my church family.

Monday we were able to reopen the preschool; it was a very busy week. Thank you so much to all of you who helped make that happen. I had so many of you call me and offer help with masks, the drive through and directing traffic. Thank you so much for your prayers and the things you did big and small to make our reopening happen.

Our children were so happy to be back to school; I often envy their resilience. We are going to pick up where we left off with our ABeka Curriculum and finish our school year. I am confident that in August each of our students will be ready to promote.

May was teacher appreciation month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of our wonderful Emmanuel teachers. When you are a classroom teacher under regular circumstances you are tested often. When you teach during a pandemic you are tested hour by hour, sometimes minute by minute. I appreciate their patience and flexibility; I know at times I do not make that easy. So I thank them for loving the Lord, loving our children and loving Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Isaiah 41:10 says, *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* He is our God, He is in control and I have no doubt that everything is going to work according to His plan.

I am thanking you in advance for your prayers and support you always provide this ministry.



**Robert Grafton**

I watched a video with Keith Getty (*In Christ Alone*) entitled, **"Be Careful What You Sing"**. No, it had nothing to do with music styles but with song lyrics. As Christians, we sing praises to God. But there are times when our singing is actually a prayer or a statement to God. Over the past few weeks, we have sung songs about our hope and need for the Lord. Earnestly mean what you sing with lyrics like "I need Thee every hour" and "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness". Many of these thoughts are summed up in the chorus we've been singing recently - "My only hope is You, Jesus" and "All that I need is You, Jesus".

As you participate in the family Bible readings that Bro. Paul is leading us in, I encourage you to also sing together a favorite hymn/song that might go along with the teaching from that Bible reading. You can find most lyrics online or even sing along with a YouTube video of the song.



**Adron Hart**

Praise the Lord for allowing things to start returning back to our normal! It has felt so great to see many of you in our morning service and especially to be able to teach the youth in person once again.

Many things were canceled and youth summer camps were among them as a result. So as an alternative we will be hosting our own camp for 7-12th grade at Emmanuel. It will be a two day camp on **June 26 & 27**. One of the conference camps we sometimes attend is offering their camp online for free. This includes their guest speakers and worship teams leading music. So we will follow their worship schedule and in between those times I will provide fun things like games and some small group Bible study times. I could use some leaders to help me put this together to make it memorable for these students. I will have my first planning meeting on **Wednesday night, June 3 at 7pm**. I can really use ideas and tons of help. This is the last summer camp for some of my graduating seniors and I'd love to make it great. I want them to experience Jesus right here at home! My number is 265-3333 for any questions. Please continue to pray for your youth ministry!