

Preschool News

Kathy Mitchell

Happy, Happy New Year! 2019 was a phenomenal year for our preschool ministry. It is such a blessing to be part of a ministry that God uses in such a mighty way.

The past few weeks have been crazy busy. We began December by attending the Santa Clause ballet, our children loved it. Quickly got into Christmas program mode. Our Christmas program was a sweet success. The children enjoyed reciting their song and Bible verse from the “big stage”. The program is always a special time for us. Thank you to all that helped make the program possible. The sanctuary was packed with relatives and friends—**opportunity**. Last week, each of our classrooms celebrated Jesus’ birth with a happy birthday Jesus party complete with cake and candles. As we laughed and sung happy birthday we told the Christmas story. Moms and dads generously helped us with these parties—**opportunities**. The ministries we supported this month included a shoe drive for Krewe of Champ and socks, socks, socks for the Baptist Children’s Home. We were able to talk with our children about the blessings in giving—**opportunity**.

As we head into the new year please pray with me that we never miss the **opportunities** God gives us to share His Word with others. May you have a blessed and peace filled New Year!

Robert Grafton



It was so good to see our choir loft overflowing when the FBC Arcadia choir joined with us for a Christmas musical. Even though it’s been a couple of years since we’ve had a musical, our choir was faithful and worked very hard on a very difficult musical. I hope everyone was blessed. I thank the choir and also our audio/video/lighting team for making the musical a big success. Thanks to all who brought food to our church-wide fellowship.

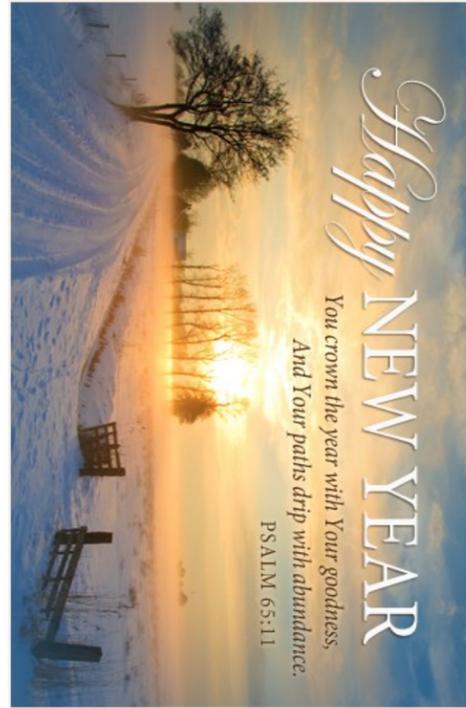
One event that didn’t take any rehearsing was caroling to our shut-ins. I realized that night that it wasn’t about singing at all. It was about sharing the love of Jesus. My heart was overjoyed.

If you were inspired by the choir’s musical, we’d love for you to join us. We will start back on **January 8** with rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome. No previous choir experience or music reading ability necessary. Happy New Year!



Hannah Gunnels

2019 was a great year for our Children's Ministry. From VBS to church camp to most importantly, children accepting Christ as Lord over their life! What a blessing! I believe the Lord has big things in store for the Emmanuel Baptist Children's Ministry in 2020!



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2020 Resolution Challenge

Psalm 119:11 states, “I have treasured Your word in my heart so that I may not sin against You,” (CSB). As I think of how I want to challenge our congregation this year, there is a particular spiritual discipline I would love to see us incorporate into our corporate and individual lives. That discipline is scripture memorization. Think of the sanctifying affect of memorizing 60 verses of scripture over the course of the next year, not only committed to memory, but also memorized in a way that helps you recall them when needed for witnessing or battling against sin.

We will be utilizing the Navigators topical memory system as a template for organizing the scriptures each week. Over the course of several weeks we will memorize verses in a series like “Live the New Life.” This series is broken up into topics, each having two memory verses. Most weeks you will be encouraged to memorize one verse, but as you memorize then you will also reflect on the title of the series and the topic to help catalogue this verse in your mind for future retrieval. The memory verses for January are listed below with reference to their series and topics.

Sunday, January 5, you will be challenged in Sunday school and worship to make a resolution, not out of obligation or for boasting, but for the purpose of accountability. Those who resolve to take part in this undertaking for the sake of growing in knowledge, faith, and holiness, will fill out a card giving permission for others to simply encourage you and ask you how your scripture memorization is going. This will not be done in condemnation, but for encouragement that we might all grow together. I have found personal accountability to be of

great benefit in my walk with the Lord and my own battle with flesh and sin. Hebrews 10:24-26 states, “and let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.” A central purpose for meeting and doing life together is to provoke one another to spiritual growth and steadfastness. I pray many of you will join me in making this resolution.

January Memory Verses

Series: Live the New Life

JANUARY 5: CHRIST THE CENTER “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

JANUARY 12: CHRIST THE CENTER “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

JANUARY 19: OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST “Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.” Romans 12:1

JANUARY 26: OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST “The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I also will love him and will reveal myself to him.” John 14:21

Join us for worship...

Sundays

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesdays

- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 6 p.m. Recharge Service
- Youth Bible Study
- Mission Organizations
- Adult Choir Practice
- 6:45 p.m. College “Explore”

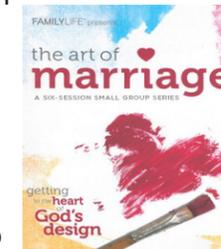
January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> Wednesday Night Kids Schedule: 6:00 p.m. GA's, RA's & Mission Friends <i>(FLC Gym)</i> Youth Bible Study (7-12 gr.) <i>(youth room)</i> </div>			1 New Year's Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>No WNS</i>	2	3	4
5 EWS—6 p.m. College Mission Team	6 <i>Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am</i>	7 <i>Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.</i>	8 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. <i>The Art of Marriage Study—6 p.m.</i> Deacons 7 p.m.	9 JOY Council 11:00 a.m. <i>Adult 7 Dept.</i>	10	11
12 Lord's Supper 10:15 a.m. <i>Ruston Nursing & Rehab.—2:30 p.m.</i> <i>Teacher Mtg.—4:30 p.m.</i> EWS—6 p.m.	13 <i>Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am</i>	14 <i>Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.</i>	15 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WEEC 4 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. <i>The Art of Marriage Study—6 p.m.</i>	16 JOY Luncheon 11:00 a.m.	17	18
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Ministry spotlight

Stephen Nutt

Wow! Where did 2019 go? Have you asked yourself that question as well? I truly believe the saying "time flies when you are having fun." As we begin a new year, we always begin to think of what is ahead. I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2020. Starting on Wednesday night January 8, at 6:00 pm "The Art of Marriage" study will begin. This is a six week, video based, Biblically centered study of God's design for marriage. It weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, and more to reveal both the challenges and beauty of God's design. Let me encourage you to come strengthen your marriage by studying God's Word with other couples or be a part of the study to encourage someone else in their marriage. Sign up today by calling the church office or signing up in your Sunday School class.



Another thing you will be hearing more about soon is how you can impact your neighbors by praying for them. Have you considered how prayer relates to your neighbors? Our focus each year should be to reach out to those around us who do not know Jesus. One way to help each of us accomplish that task to begin to pray for them each day.



Blesseveryhome.com is a tool that can help each of us accomplish the task of praying for our neighbors in a systematic way. More information is coming but if you want to get a head start check out www.blesseveryhome.com to learn how you can pray for your neighbors. Let's make 2020 a very

memorable year as we grow in Christ together.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Adron Hart

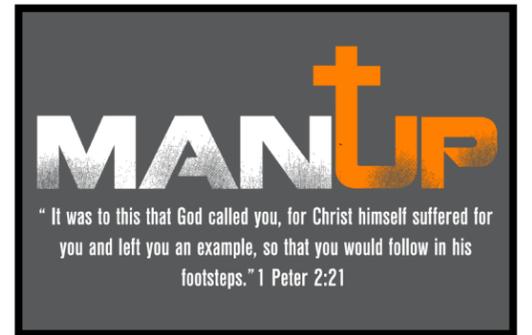
Happy New Year to my church family!!

We have had a wonderful time participating in all the Christmas caroling parties, musical specials, lights and talking about Jesus! Having said all of that, I am excited about what 2020 has in store for the students at Emmanuel and the potential for new students to hear the gospel!

We are going to start the new year off with a **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** from 7 p.m. until midnight on December 31. As always, all students and friends are invited!

We are going to kick off the homeless ministry on **February 1** by preparing chili, cornbread, crackers, desserts and waters for those less fortunate. We will leave the church at 10 a.m. and should be back at the church around 1:30 p.m. I would LOVE to have all ages come and help on this day. As always we enjoy partnering with **The Simple Project** to bring joy to those that face hardships!

Please continue to pray for your student ministry and for their leadership!



ASSOCIATION'S MEN'S CONFERENCE

JANUARY 31, 2020

6:00 P.M.—RUSTON CIVIC CENTER

COST: \$15 (includes fish dinner)

Call the church office if you would like to attend.



Randy Trail

Greetings Emmanuel Family! This year seems to have flown by. God has been good to us, as always. He has sent several new students our way and it has been a joy to welcome them to Emmanuel. Our New York City student mission trip was absolutely amazing! We can't wait to share with you in detail about the ministry we were involved in during our time there. We will be sharing a full report with the entire church on **SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 5th**. Don't miss it! We're looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in 2020. Thank you church family for your prayers, compassion, support and hard work in assisting us in this ministry throughout this year. You have loved and encouraged our students and young professionals in so many ways, and we are all truly grateful to each one of you for your personal involvement. What a blessing each one of you are to us! Blessings to you as we enter into a New Year!

