

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello from the Student Ministries!

I would like to start out by saying "thank you" to everyone who has been supportive to our Homeless Ministry (**Outdoor Friends**). We will be going to Shreveport once a month to go pass out needed items to those in need. Our dates to go are: Feb. 24, March 17, and April 14. Each date is on a Saturday morning. We will meet at Emmanuel at 7:45 a.m. and leave at 8:00 a.m. **SHARP**, no exceptions. We are assisting a church in Shreveport named Common Ground Ministries. This church does an incredible job of serving their community and we are excited to be a part of this. Our youth also went shopping for groceries a couple of weeks ago and we delivered them to a local needy family. If any of you are aware of any struggling families that are local, please let us know how we can help. I can not guarantee that we will always have the ability or time to help each of these but please help us to make contact.

Our youth will be going back to Branson, Missouri on March 24-26 for our **DNow** this year. DNow (Discipleship Now) is a retreat weekend where our students get to dig into the word of God a lot deeper and to fellowship in a unique way with other students. This is a tremendous opportunity for me to really get to minister to our students in a meaningful way. We ask that each of you begin to pray for our student leadership and our students for this trip.

I would like to thank you for the kind words that my wife and I have received from many of you each and every week, because this helps to keep me going even when attendance seems to drop off or things don't seem to be connecting the way I think they should. I continue to try and be faithful to what God's plans are for our student ministry.

Dates to remember: **Feb. 25th** is the deadline to sign up and pay the deposit for DNow; **March 10th** is Winter Jam in Bossier; **March 11th** is the deadline to sign up and pay the deposit for Centrifuge summer camp; and **March 14th** will be a parent meeting at 7 p.m. in the youth room.

Thanks! Adron

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COME TO THE TABLE

Women's Conference

Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 JOY Council 11:00 a.m. Adult 5 Dept.	2 <div>College Retreat Feb. 28-March 2</div>	3
4	5 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am	6 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	7 Sew & Sews Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. 7 PM—DEACONS MEETING	8	9	10 Youth to Winter Jam in Bossier
Week of Prayer for N. American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 4 –11						
11 (Daylight Savings Time begins) Ruston Nursing & Rehab.—2:30 p.m. S.N.A.C.—6 p.m.	12 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am	13 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. Life Choices' Banquet 6:30 p.m.	14 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. Church Qtrly. Business Mtg. 6 p.m.	15 JOY Luncheon 11:00 a.m.	16	17 Ladies Day "Come to the Table" - 9:00 am @ FLC
18 Joint Worship Service @ Temple BC 6 p.m.	19 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am	20 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. Adult 6 Ladies' Fellowship @ FLC (CTR) 4:30 p.m.	21 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. Wednesday Night Recharge 6 p.m.	22	23	24 DNow trip to Branson 24-26
25	26 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am	27 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	28 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. Wednesday Night Recharge 6 p.m.	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY Church Office Closed	31

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As I sit to write this article I realize it could be my last. That thought has prompted a sadness, a sense of loss. As well, it caused me to think of all the people I don't see in worship anymore; some because they have moved, some because of health reasons, but some because they just don't attend anymore! If you are one of those, I want you to know we miss you. What if you could no longer come, wouldn't that be sad! I hope before it's too late, I will see you joining us in worshipping our Lord together. *(Don't forget Hebrews 10:25!)*

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Committee as they seek diligently for the one God has ordained to be our new leader. They have been working faithfully and prayerfully to find the right person. Let's undergird them with our prayers!

musicnotes

Thank you church family for the certificate and recognition you gave me for my 15 years of service as your Minister of Music. I truly love leading worship at Emmanuel. It's a joy to work with our worship teams and to be a part of such a loving church. I thank everyone for their kind comments, cards, and gifts on the money tree. I appreciate each one of you!

Serving together, **Robert**