

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello from the Youth Ministry!

I will start by saying that our God is Amazing! When we started going to Shreveport to minister to the homeless there were about 20-25 guys that we helped out with. About two months ago we were down to only two guys that hadn't found a place to live yet, and Common Ground Ministries were going to work on it. As a result of this goodness, we have begun helping **The Simple Project Ministries** in Monroe. The first day we were able to serve food to 60 homeless individuals. We also observed many needs that we can be helping with as a church. They are in need of a refrigerator, clothing, personal hygiene items of all kinds, food items, etc. Of course, if you are not sure about what to donate, please feel free to contact me anytime at 265-3333. We would also love for you, **YES YOU!**, to come be involved each time that we go. Our next scheduled date is on March 2nd. We leave around 10 a.m. and return around 2:30 p.m.

Please continue to pray for our youth group as we continue with our call to mission work.

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In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

John 1:1

pastor's *pen*

It has been a blessing over the past two months to walk through our Church Covenant in our morning services. I have been overwhelmed in the response of many as the Lord has worked in their hearts. We have seen several take steps to join the church, and others have affirmed the covenant through renewed commitment to service within our local fellowship. During March we will begin a study in the Gospel of John that will take us through the rest of the year. I cannot wait to see how the Lord is going to speak and shape our hearts through this wonderful book.

I will be part of a seven person mission team that will be heading to India, March 15-25. This team will be traveling to Gwalior, a city in the state of Madhya Pradesh. This is a city of approximately one million that has very limited access to the Gospel. Its population is primarily Hindu. There are no International Mission Board personnel in close proximity. The focus of the trip will be almost totally focused on evangelism. Several people have donated to help defray the cost of the trip and I am deeply grateful, but prayer is even more vital than monetary offerings. If you would like to pray for the team during the trip, please pick up one of the **“Gospel for the Heart of India Prayer Guides”**. They are available in the church office. Thank you for your prayers and support in this endeavor.

ministry *spotlight*

Dear Emmanuel Family,

It's hard to believe we are headed quickly toward Spring! Peach trees are already budding out at Mitcham Farms. The rebirth of flowers and trees is always something we look forward to (except for the pollen, that is!).

In just a few weeks, Bro. Paul will be leaving on his **Mission Trip to India**. It's still not too late if you would like to give to help pay for his trip. To date we have received \$1,200 toward the \$2,500 trip cost. Just mark your gift **“pastor mission trip”**.

I want to remind those Senior Adults who are going to **San Antonio** of our meeting on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC. Then our trip leaves on Sunday, March 24. For our upcoming **JOY Luncheons**, Ruston's mayor, Ronny Walker, will be speaking at our March 21st meeting, and our pastor, Bro. Paul will be speaking at our April 18th meeting. I am looking to plan a mystery trip in early May, so get ready!!

See you Sunday! **Bro. Sam**

music *notes*

Last December, we had a great time with our **“One-Day Choir”** leading us in a medley of Christmas carols. With Easter approaching, once again we would like to organize an **“Easter Choir”**. We will present a 12-minute mini-musical on Palm Sunday and sing another special on Easter Sunday. To have time to learn the music, on March 13 we will begin having a 30-minute choir rehearsal each Wednesday at 6:45 immediately after our Recharge Service. Everyone is invited to join. No previous choir experience necessary!

PraiSING Him, **Robert**



Greetings Emmanuel Family!

The quarters at Louisiana Tech seem to fly by. This quarter two of our young men are graduating and we are so proud of them. Tyler Pasche is graduating with a B.S. degree in Accounting. He has already started his Master's Degree studies at Tech. Trevor Hammons is completing his B.S. degree in Animal Science. He will be beginning his studies in Veterinarian Medicine at Auburn University in the Fall. Congratulations Tyler and Trevor! You made it!!

Also, this month we are having our **College Retreat**. Please pray for us as we go to Hattiesburg, Mississippi. We leave on February 26 and return on the 28th. If you haven't signed up for our **“Adopt-A-Student”** program there is still time! If you're interested, please call Kim at the church office and let her know. What a joy it is working with these college students and young professionals!

We are presently in a 26 week study on Wednesday evenings called **Discipleship Essentials**. Please pray for the 16 students and professionals who are involved in this study. What blessings they are receiving as they study God's Word on a daily basis.

Thank you church family for your prayers and involvement in the lives of these precious young people. We are so glad that they have chosen Emmanuel as their church home while they're in Ruston. You are their family and we are grateful for the warm welcome you have always given them.

Blessings!
Kittie & Randy



Preschool News

Dear Church Family,

February flew by—as it always does! We have had a fabulous month; our students had a great time learning about good nutrition, proper dental health, the post office and Chinese New Year.

Our four year olds were invited on a field trip to Origin Bank. They learned about loans, how vaults work (you don't want to get locked in!), uncut money and saving money in the cute piggy bank they gifted each child. With all that being said I would have to say the highlight of our trip was sending items back and forth through the vacuum tube for the drive through! Before we left we serenaded a few lucky patrons with our rendition of “Jesus Loves Me”. Who doesn't love a field trip to the bank?

March is here and my school year is over; I am on to Summer Camp. Please pray with me that God will help me make wise decisions as I set up the classes, the field trips and the staff assignments. Please pray that we will minister in a way that would please Him to each family He sends through our doors.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for the preschool ministry.

Kathy

“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13