



Dear Church Family:

School is out and we had a tremendous school year. On May 5th we graduated fourteen phenomenal four year olds; I am always so honored to award them their diplomas. They have learned so much and we have sewn seeds that will surely develop as each student grows in Christian faith.

I can't even begin to tell you everything we are going to do this summer. But if you would like a calendar I'll gladly provide you with one and invite you to join us on one of our excellent adventures. We have added a new exciting activity to our Thursday schedule. We call it **"Chillin' with the Pastor"**. Bro. Paul shares a word with our campers and rewards them with a snow cone afterwards. What a sweet, cool treat on a hot Louisiana summer day. I am sure he would be happy for you to come and visit with our campers; maybe share a story and enjoy an icy delight with us.

VBS is almost here and we are so excited! As you well know I love VBS and consider it one of our most fruitful ministries. Did you know this year alone during VBS there will be over 70,000 salvation decisions made along with over 1,000 responses to God's call into ministry and missions? We are estimated to see more than 2.5 million kids at VBS this summer; for many of these kids this will be their only chance to hear about our Jesus. If you have not already signed up to be part of our VBS team I urge you to call Hannah. I promise she will find a place for you. Please join me as I pray that we will minister to each of the VBS students and the family they represent in a way pleasing to our God.

*May grace and peace abound,*  
**Kathy**

*"It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter."* Psalm 74:17

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# The Lighthouse

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**VBS 2019!** **June 3 - 7**  
**8:30-11:30 a.m.**

**For children completed Kindergarten through 6th grades**

## pastor's *pen*

### Emmanuel Summer Prayer Guide

Summer is always a busy time in the life of the church. Some of our routines are set aside for special emphases and outreach events. We should not presume the blessing of the Lord on these special efforts without covering them in prayer. Many of you will be helping in a physical way with some of these activities, but we can all labor in prayer! Join me in praying over these efforts.

1. **Vacation Bible School, June 3-7:** Pray for the Lord to bring children here who need to hear the Gospel. Pray the Gospel will be shared clearly and effectively, and this witness will be authenticated by our workers' love for these children and one another. Pray families will be impacted through the ministry of EBC during this week.
2. **Youth Summer Camp, June 21-25:** Pray our students will truly experience a time of spiritual retreat, renewal, and new commitment at camp. Pray these students will return ready to share what the Lord is doing in their lives. Pray for safety and provision for the group. Pray for Bro. Adron and the other adults that will accompany the students.
3. **Children's Camp, July 15-18:** It has been a few years since our children went to camp. Pray for the Lord to work in a mighty way in the lives of the children attending. Pray for the needed monies to be provided to pay the remaining balances of the children attending. Pray the children will have a great time and get along with one another.
4. **Revival Services, August 25-28:** There will be many opportunities to pray for church revival as we get closer to this time, but I want to encourage everyone to begin praying now! This will be a great way to end our summer and kick off our fall. Pray for a deeper sense of God's presence and conviction of sin among our people.
5. **Personnel Committee:** Pray this group will have wisdom and discernment as they search for a new minister of education and outreach. This staff member will be tasked with ministering across all age groups. Pray for us to see the Lord's hand in this search.

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## music *notes*

Most weeks we have our Wednesday Night Recharge service in the worship center. It's a midweek opportunity to come together to get our spiritual batteries recharged. Ministers also need a time to get recharged too. That's why during the last week of June I will be attending the WorshipLife Conference in Gatlinburg. It is a conference put on by Lifeway that is filled with worship services, breakout training sessions, choral premiers, and evening concerts by worship artists. I hope to get out of it what our children and youth do when they go to their camps. Pray for safe travels and a time of spiritual recharging.

I appreciate Randy Trail being able to fill in while I am out during a service. I am also thankful for the dedication of our praise team and accompanists to lead in worship each service.

*PraiSING Him, Robert*

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Hello from our Student Ministry!

Summer is here and school is out which means we are getting excited about **Summer Camp**. I am taking 14 students to Panama City Beach this year to attend **Lifeway's Centrifuge Camp** on June 21-25. I will be accompanied by my wife, Renee, Brad Kimbell and Laura White as chaperones. We ask that you will be in prayer for us and the students as we travel, but more importantly that some of these students will surrender to Jesus. You may have noticed the colorful bulletin board in the hallway at church. This is a fundraiser for camp. The envelopes have numbers written on them that represent dollar amounts. If you are interested in helping students go to camp, remove one or more of the numbered envelopes and place the dollar amount inside it and either place it in the offering plate or bring it to the office. The amount doesn't have to be exactly the same as written. It can be more or less—all amounts are helpful!

We also would love for everyone to stop by the youth room and check out our VBS decorations that we have worked hard on. We are very excited to minister to all the young people coming this year.

**Adron**

## children's *ministry*

### Hey Emmanuel Church Family!

Our children will be heading to camp in July and we have 16! Out of those, 12 are children. If you would like to give financially to help send our campers, please see me or Bro. Paul. Please be praying for everyone going to Camp Harris, including the ministry team that will be there that week.

This summer on Wednesday nights, I will be teaching 1-6 grades. If you would like to help, please let me know.

*God Bless!! Hannah*

## college *ministry*

### Greetings Emmanuel Family!

We have completed another quarter at Louisiana Tech and are now beginning summer break. It has been a busy spring quarter with plenty of activity. Our main study focus has been **Discipleship Essentials** on Wednesday evenings. Eighteen students have been faithful to study their Bible studies during the week and attend our Wednesday discussions. This study covers various subjects such as quiet time, weekly Scripture memory, personal Bible study, worship, prayer, sin, grace, and redemption—just to name a few!

We also have a group of female students who are faithfully serving on Tuesday evenings at **Life Choices**. Their main responsibility is childcare for babies to school age children while their parent and/or parents attend classes at the center.

Please be in prayer for summer freshman orientation. We will be taking our Emmanuel team of students to meet the incoming freshmen. We want to make sure they each receive a personal invitation to Emmanuel Baptist Church before they arrive as freshmen. Here are the dates for **Freshman Orientation**: June 6, June 20, July 11, and July 25. Also, if you know incoming freshmen, please get their name and contact information to us.

*Blessings, Randy*



*Dear Emmanuel Church,*

*I appreciate so much all the cards and visits from you while I was at Alpine Nursing Home. They certainly helped to brighten my days. Thank you so much, and God bless all of you.*

*Bonnie Pittman*