



Preschool News

Dear Church Family:

Three more weeks left of our summer and in spite of the rain it has been a very hot one! Our children however do not seem to have noticed. They have been swimming, skating, bowling, to the park and to the theatre since last time we "talked". They have had a tremendous time and one of their favorite times of the day is Bible Lesson; this month we are working on learning the books of the Bible. If you would like to join us for Bible Study we would love to have you.

Thanks so much to those of you who supported our book fair. We sold about \$1,800 worth of books and were able to purchase over \$900 worth of teaching tools for our classrooms. Scholastic is a wonderful program that provides us with over \$2,000 each year to purchase books and various items for our classrooms. Our next book fair is calendared for December. I hope you will come and browse.

DART is our ministry focus this month. We have the DART Christmas Tree set up in our hall so if you would like to help us help DART please take an ornament and purchase something for the person listed on it.

Our preschool teachers are getting ready for our new school year. Please pray for us as we prepare our rooms, our lesson plans and our hearts to minister to each family that God sends to us this school year.

May we all seek to be a little more like Jesus every day!

Kathy

"But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance."

Luke 8:15



Anniversary Reception
for
F. J. & Marsha Armond
Saturday, July 27
2-4 p.m.

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JULY 24, 2019

Evangelist :

Dr. Craig James

Worship Leader :

Butch Reviere



August 25-28, 2019

pastor's *pen*

Revival is not a series of services we put on a calendar. It is an awakening brought about by the Holy Spirit which results in a new sense of the presence of God and His holiness. Real revival will cause us to become increasingly aware of our sin and our need to confess our sin to the Lord. We will experience joy as our sin is confessed and we experience the joy of the Lord's forgiveness and restoration. Revival will renew our love for one another and our desire to bear witness to the work of Christ. God desires to bring revival in the hearts of His people. He has saved us that we might glorify Him and make much of Christ! Revival is experienced by those whose hearts are hungry for a fresh work of the Lord, those who are willing to seek Him, those who are willing to pray and believe the promises of the scripture. I am asking you to join with me and pray through this prayer guide each day this month, believing the Lord will hear and respond to the prayers of His people.

PRAY: Pray for a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit that will renew us (bring character and thought transformation) and empower us to do the work of exalting Christ through our church.

PRAY: Pray for our families, parents, grandparents, and young people. Pray they will be confronted by the awesome presence of a holy God. Pray they will turn away from the worldliness that has invaded family life. Pray we will seek to be holy as He is holy.

PRAY: Pray against the pride that keeps us from coming to the light of Jesus Christ. Pray for a spirit of brokenness, contriteness, and humility to overwhelm us. Pray for a willingness to lay down anything that hinders the glory of God in our lives and our church.

PRAY: Pray our witness will become more powerful as we live out our faith through lives of holiness in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY: Pray for Bro. Craig James and Bro. Butch Reviere as they come to preach and lead us during these meetings. Pray the Lord will anoint them for this purpose during their time with us.

*"For the eyes of the LORD roam throughout the earth to show himself strong for those who are wholeheartedly devoted to Him."
2 Chronicles 16:9, CSB*

children's *ministry*

Hey church family!

It is hard to believe that school will start back in less than a month! Be on the look out for information about a **Back-to-School party** soon!

Thirteen students and 5 sponsors went to Camp Harris in July to learn about God's Glory. Thank you to everyone who donated money and most importantly, thank you for praying for our kids!

We are still looking for volunteers for **Children's Worship**. We need teachers and helpers. All the teaching material will be provided for you, we just need people willing to serve once a quarter. Please see me or call the church office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you for praying for our Children's ministry and supporting us!

Hannah

college *ministry*

Greetings Emmanuel family! Summer seems to be flying by. Our college students have worked with 3 freshman orientations and we're getting ready to represent our church with the fourth and final one on Thursday, July 25th. So far we have received contact information from about 150 freshmen. Our Emmanuel students have already made follow-up contact with every one of them! It has been a great joy to meet so many in-coming students. Many of them are seriously looking for a church home, and we have encouraged them all to visit us at Emmanuel!

We are just a little over a month away from the fall quarter beginning. **Sunday, Sept. 8th** will be **"College Day"** at EBC! Wear your college colors. We will be hosting a luncheon for college students immediately following the morning service to welcome new and returning students. If you would like to donate \$10 (or more) gift cards for door prizes, there will be a box available to put them in beginning **Sunday, August. 4th**. We're hoping to see several in-coming freshmen visit us on that special day. Be ready to welcome them! Thank you for all you do for our college students and young professionals. What an encouragement you are to all of them!

Blessings! **Randy**

music *notes*

This summer has really flown by. I had planned to introduce several new worship songs to the congregation this summer, but with so many of our team being on trips, it has slowed that plan down. I really do like it when we sing a new song for the first time and many in the congregation already know it because of hearing it on Christian radio. This just shows that you can worship through music at any time whether in your car or at home.

We would like to have a choir for some of our revival services. Several people have said how they miss the choir. Here will be an opportunity for you to participate. As plans are finalized, we'll let you know of any rehearsal times. Pray for our revival services as well as about your involvement with a revival choir.

PraiSING Him, **Robert**

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello from our youth ministry!

On behalf of Renee, thank you for the donations of shoes for the Grace Place soup kitchen in Monroe. They offer food, clothing and ministry to those in need in the Monroe area. This is a separate ministry from the one that our youth participate in each month. We work with **The Simple Project** which helps feed the homeless. We are asking for volunteers to help serve on **August 3**. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. for any that wish to follow the youth group. We will start feeding at 1:00 p.m. and are usually done and back in Ruston no later than 2:30 p.m. We also can use donations of soups, chili, gumbo, etc...We will also need crackers, desserts and waters. Thank you in advance. Renee and I have always had a heart to come alongside these types of ministries and would love to see any of our church members be a part of these. You may contact either of us anytime or simply find us at church. My cell number is 265-3333 and you may text also. I look forward to hearing from you.

The youth and I also are going to help the mission team from south Louisiana that will be coming up next week to work as missionaries in our community on July 30-31. The plan is to leave EBC around 8:30 a.m. and be set up by 9:30 a.m. to have a community kids two-day Bible school, along with jumpers and sno-cones. Please let me know if you would like to help us. This will be in the trailer park behind Cranford's convenience store off Hwy. 33.

Thanks and please continue to pray for our students as they prepare to start school!

Adron