

## pastor's *pen*

Fall is an exciting time of the year! School is in full swing with all its activities. The church has lots of special events, like last week's Picnic and our upcoming Trunk or Treat. Usually that means a time of growth in attendance and involvement in church. However, for us this year we have not seen growth but decline in Sunday School attendance. I want you to know that the decline has me concerned! Are we letting other things come before our commitment to the Lord? I hope if you have become complacent in your commitment that you will experience a renewed desire to be in church! For those attending I ask, "When's the last time you invited someone to come with you to EBC?" We can turn things around if we all give our best!

Please pray for me as I will be preaching in a revival at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Monroe, October 23-26. In my absence Sunday morning, Dr. David Hankins, Executive Director of the LBC will be preaching. Sunday night we will have the "Sanctuary Quartet" in concert at 6 p.m. Invite your friends who love gospel singing to come with you Sunday evening.

### BUDGET REPORT

YTD Budget Goal	\$ 394,632.00
YTD Budget Gifts	\$ 345,721.01
To Be Received	\$ 48,910.99
YTD Expenses	\$ 373,588.47
<i>Georgia Barnette</i>	<i>\$ 3,491.97</i>

## music *notes*

This Sunday evening you have the opportunity to hear one of the most popular southern gospel groups in our area. **Sanctuary Quartet** will present a concert for the whole service. A love offering will be collected to help support their ministry. CDs will also be available so that you can take home some of their music. Be sure to invite your friends that are fans of southern gospel.

You might have noticed that we removed the choir banister so that there is not a barrier between the choir and the praise team. This is an indication that those of us on stage are just one large group working together to lead the whole church in corporate worship. We do not see ourselves as a performance group and invite you to join with us as we sing praises to God.

*PraiSING Him, Robert*

## student *ministry*

### ***Hello from CRASH student ministries!***

October is quickly coming to an end but still has plenty of events left before November comes around. We have our last **5th Quarter** for the season this coming Friday. We will start immediately following the football game and end at 11:00 p.m. We will have pizza from Johnny's Pizza House and will play some dodgeball.

On Sunday the 23rd, I need all my youth, parents, and ministry team members to meet in the youth room at 4:00 p.m. to work on our **TRUNK OR TREAT**.

We are tailgating on Saturday the 29th for Tech's game against Rice. We will be there between Noon and 6 p.m. serving up some good food and fellowship. We would love to see you there.

And finally on October 30th we will be working the **TRUNK OR TREAT** from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FLC parking lot to minister to the children of our church, the daycare, and their friends.

November also looks to be very busy for us in the youth group. On November 4th and 5th we will have a fall retreat at the Owl Center. It begins at 6 p.m. on Friday and ends at noon on Saturday. We are calling it **"Retreat Rewind"**. It will be a time of studying some of our favorite scriptures and playing some old school favorite games. We also have Brad's stepfather coming to play the guitar around the campfire. We can use any help with this event that you feel you can provide. Just catch up with me or call me to let me know you would be willing to minister to our students.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us with a **"Live Nativity"** this year. It will be on Dec. 15-17 in the evenings. Be looking for more information in the next few weeks. Please pray for us as we continue to minister to our students.

**Adron**

## preschool *ministry*

Dear Church Family,

October is here and thankfully that means the weather is a little bit cooler. This month is fire prevention month and our three and four year olds had a tremendous time visiting our top notch fire station. Our Ruston firemen and our parish volunteers are true heroes and I want each of our children here at Emmanuel to know and respect the firefighters. Mr. Eric brought the truck to Emmanuel for our one and two year olds; they loved every minute of it! I wish you could have seen them as they were able to sit in the truck and wear the fireman's hat—pure joy.

Next week we will start our bicycle safety week with BikeWell Bear. The children enjoy this series and especially love Friday when they can bring their bike and practice what they have learned. Each year our parents give generously to combat childhood cancers contributing over \$35,000 to St. Jude Hospital since we have been conducting Trike-A-Thons.

We will also visit the "pumpkin patch" at the First United Methodist Church where they will pick their own pumpkin, hear a story, watch a pumpkin carving, have a snack and run through bales of hay set up just for them. This is a great way to have fun and contribute to missions at the same time.

Please remember that October is breast cancer awareness month so I am going to need for you to "think pink". Please pray for a cure for this horrible malady that affects so many of our friends and loved ones.

Thank you so much for your support and the preschool ministry; please continue to pray for us as we seek to please God in every truth we teach.

Kathy Mitchell

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."*

**Galatians 6:2**

## ministry *spotlight*

Dear Emmanuel Family,

With the fall here, our schedules and calendars are filling up quickly. The annual CCA fundraiser **"Soup for the Soul"** will be held next Tuesday at the Ruston Civic Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Our church will be one of the churches providing soup for the night. We will be making Chicken Tortilla Soup. For those who have agreed to help, your ingredients will be in the FLC beginning at noon on Monday. Please have your soup back to the FLC no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday. If you want to attend, tickets are available in the church office for \$10 each or at the door.

For our **JOY** group (or anyone else interested), sign up will begin this coming Sunday for the *Jefferson Candlelight Tour of Homes* on Thursday, Dec. 1. The cost will be \$35 per person and includes the tour and dinner (grilled chicken or chicken fried steak). The money is due at sign up and the deadline is Nov. 20.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** is set for Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the FLC parking lot. We need cars and lots of candy and volunteers!!!! Please contact Renee Hart or the church office for more information.

Lastly, we have a few folks signed up for the trip to **Canada** next June. If you are interested in going, there are some brochures in the office. Deadline is mid-December.

**Bro. Sam**



Dear Church Family,

*Thank you so much for the food, and the many cards, calls and visits during my recent illness. Please continue to pray for me. I love and appreciate everyone of you!*

*Betty Pipes*

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**OCTOBER 18, 2016**

*Sunday, October 30*  
**6:00—7:30 p.m.**  
**FLC Parking Lot**

*You're invited*

# Trunk *OR* Treat

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