

college *ministry*

Greetings Emmanuel Family!!

It's time to start a new academic year and college students will start moving into Ruston August 30th. Next week is **Welcome Week**, and we will be doing special outreach on campus every day. Pray that we make an impact for the Kingdom and that many new students will want to join us. **Sunday, Sept. 8th** is **"College Day"** here at Emmanuel!! Wear your **favorite college colors** as we welcome home our college students! Immediately following the morning worship, there will be a special luncheon in the FLC for all college students. Thank you for the outpouring of your love for students in the generous giving of the gift cards!! They will be a huge blessing to new students. As students begin to visit us Sept. 1st, let's give them a warm Emmanuel welcome!

Randy



Thank you to all who came and helped us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We love and appreciate our church family.

F. J. Marsh

To my family in Christ, thank you so much for all the love you have poured out on me and my children while Ben was sick and after he went to be with Jesus, and your love that continues to this day. May God continue to bless you mightily with His grace and His love. My love to you.

Sherry Sanders

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Welcome Back College!



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pastor's *pen*

The Lord Provides

It is a blessing to be able to pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church. The pastorate has its challenges, yet it often gives me a close-up view of how God is working in the lives of His people individually and through this local church collectively. This past month I have been able to see several people take significant steps of obedience in their relationship with Jesus Christ. These individuals were wrestling with the revealed truth of God (His Word) and the prompting of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. They individually had to believe the Word of God and have faith in the power of God in order to take those steps. What they did not know, or maybe were unable to see, was that their step of obedience was not made in isolation. Others were made to rejoice as they saw their obedience, some benefited from their obedient service, and still others were encouraged to persevere as they watched one of our faithful persevere to the very end.

We often look back at the scriptures and we long to see the miracles of the apostolic period in our day. Miracles still happen. There is one miracle that I get to see on a regular basis within the Body of Christ. God provides for His people. He does not bring down manna from Heaven like He did for the Israelites. That was a provision for a specific time which foreshadowed our provision in Christ. Today He provides for His people through the spiritual gifts. He gives these to His people through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit so that the Body may be built up, encouraged, and nourished that it may glorify Jesus Christ. Are you surrendered to Christ? Are you longing to be used? There is no shortage of needs. Just look around. If you are a member of this church, you are one of God's channels of blessing this body of believers for the glory of our Lord Jesus!

preschool *ministry*

Dear Church Family:

Summer camp was a tremendous success! The students had a wonderful time swimming, skating, bowling, crafting and just plain hanging out. Thank you so much for supporting the summer camp ministry, it is truly a rare and remarkable thing to have the opportunity to speak Bible Truths into the lives of these children daily for an entire summer. I believe seeds were planted and God will surely bless our efforts.

Our new school year has begun. We are excited about the chance to minister to a whole new group of families. Our teachers have been busy preparing great lessons and activities for our new year. Please pray with me that we will not miss even one opportunity to share Jesus with these families. I tell you every year that I believe no one walks through our doors by mistake—there are no accidents with God and I pray we minister to each family in the way He would have us to.

I would also like to thank you for the prayers and support you have shown me personally over the last two weeks. The phone calls and the kind words from my friends and mentors are treasured and needed more than I can express. Proverbs 19:21 says, *“many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.”*

May grace and peace abound, **Kathy**

ministry *spotlight*

Fall is almost here, and fall always makes me think of new beginnings; our kids start a new school year and new activities, a new football season starts, new opportunities seem to abound. For the Nutt family, this fall includes a new place to serve alongside all of you at Emmanuel Baptist Church! God has placed us together to reach, teach, and minister to the community of Ruston and beyond. I look forward to what God has in store in the next few days, months, and years. Let's make a difference for the kingdom together!

Stephen

Matthew 6:33

children's *ministry*

Hey church family!

RA's, **GA's** and **Mission Kids** are back in full swing! They all meet in the FLC at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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

music *notes*

What a blessing our revival services have been. I've really enjoyed having the revival choir. Others have said the same thing. So, beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 4**, we will start rehearsals and have the choir in the loft each week. Immediately after our Recharge Service, we will meet in the loft for about 30 minutes to begin learning occasional choir specials as well as start working on a Christmas musical. If God has stirred your heart during our revival to find a place of service, please consider being a part of our choir. No prior experience needed—just a willing heart and voice.

Making a joyful noise, **Robert**

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello from our youth ministry!

Well summer is over for our students and school is in full swing once again. I would love for each of you to pray for our students, families, teachers and myself as this school year begins.

I want to thank Greg and Michelle Taylor for opening up their home and swimming pool for us to have a back to school swim party. They also grilled hot dogs, had ice cream and homemade brownies. The kids and I had a great time!

On September 7th we will be taking the students on a **“mystery trip”**. It is a one day trip that I am super excited about. Also, we are having a **“GLOW NIGHT”** on the 20th in the gym. This will be a great night of fellowship and an outreach event for potential new students. If you have any questions or would like to help set up, chaperone, or clean up for this night, please let me know.

Y.E.C. is right around the corner and we will be ordering our tickets on Sept. 16. This means that I have to receive everyone's deposit no later than Sept. 15th. The cost is \$50.

As always I ask that you continue to pray for your student ministry!

Adron