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At Emmanuel Baptist Church our purpose is to worship God in spirit and in truth and to win our community and our world to Jesus Christ.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES, DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday Morning
Session 1

9:15 am.....Sunday School
10:30 am.....Worship

Session 2

9:00 am.....Worship
10:30 am.....Sunday School

Sunday Evening

4:45 pm.....Youth & Children's Choir
4:45 pm.....Small Group Bible Studies
5:00 pm.....Teachers' Meeting
Discipleship Training
6:00 pm.....Evening Worship

Monday

6:00 pm.....Sunday School Class
6:30 pm.....Church-Wide Visitation

Wednesday

6:15-7:45pm.....AWANA
Preschool/Children
Youth at The Warehouse
6:30-7:40pm.....Pastor's Bible Study
Small Group Bible Studies
Worship Choir Rehearsal A
7:50-9:00pm.....Worship Choir Rehearsal B

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FINISHING STRONG

YARD SALE AND

FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

MORE DETAILS INSIDE

Wednesday Evenings



Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm for kids 3 yrs - 5th grade

Sunday Mornings

Youth Life Groups

STUDENTS 6TH - 12TH GRADES

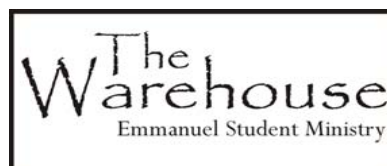
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SESSION 2 MEETS
AT 10:30 AM

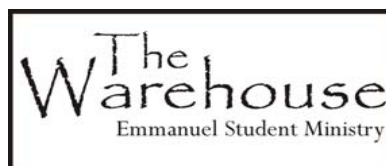


Sunday Evenings

**Youth Bible Studies
Meet 4:45 - 5:45 pm
At the Warehouse
6th - 12th Grades**



**All Youth 6th - 12th Grade
Join us every Wednesday evening
at the Warehouse from 5:15pm - 6:15pm
for a time of hanging out and
6:15pm - 7:45pm for a time of
worship and Bible study.**





Mike Stone
Senior Pastor

From the Pastor's Desk...

I am very excited about the next few months in the life of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Let me share just a few of the reasons.

First, I am excited about the evening worship services. No church in the country has more fervent worship and faithful attendance on Sunday nights than EBC. It may even be my favorite service of the week. I have declined about a dozen Fall revival invitations because of my desire to spend Sunday nights with my church family. We will resume (and hopefully conclude) our study of The Revelation on Sunday nights by year's end.

Secondly, we are quickly moving toward our special "Finishing Strong" offering. It will be a great milestone for our church to be completely debt-free. My entire family is planning and saving as we approach the offering on November 7th and 14th.

Thirdly, our church gets the privilege of studying some awesome Bible books together. There are many "book studies" that take place in Sunday School and small groups every week. But our main pulpit time will continue moving us verse-by-verse through some wonderful writings. Nehemiah (Sunday mornings), Revelation (Sunday nights), and Ephesians (Wednesday nights) are sure to be a blessing to us all.

Next to my salvation and my family, the greatest blessing of my life is found in serving the people of EBC. You really are a joy to pastor. I love you deeply and look forward to "finishing strong" together in 2010.

Children's Department



Matt Rodgers

As we are two months into both the new Children's Sunday School year and AWANA ministry, I am excited about the work that God is doing. A lot of gospel sowing and watering is taking place with a number of soul harvests as a result. From parents to pastor and the countless other individuals who are investing into the lives of our children, I want to express my appreciation to you and for you.

With the numerous workers already in place and working in Children's Sunday School and AWANA Ministry, we still are in need of volunteer workers for each grade level. Church, will you please join me in praying for additional workers? If the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve in some way in our children's ministry, please let me know of your interest.

A new addition on Sunday Mornings

Children's Sunday School (1st-5th) Fellowship Breakfast will be held the 1st Sunday of each month prior to both Sunday School hours in the Children's Sunday School department.

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th



AWANA Special Nights/Events

October 6th - Wild Hair and Pajama Night



November 3rd - Popcorn and Movie Night and "Can Food Drive" Kick-off



Philip Tyre
Youth Pastor

Youth & Missions

Family Mission Trip to Alaska

I wanted to let you know about an exciting missions opportunity that will be available to the members of EBC this coming Summer. We are in the process of planning a family mission trip to Anchorage, Alaska that will take place July 10th - 17th of 2011. This will be a wonderful experience for moms and dads to lead their children by example as they serve others and share the good news of Jesus Christ in the least evangelized state in America. **Partnering with a local church, we will be working in the neglected neighborhoods of Anchorage holding backyard Bible schools in parks, evening neighborhood "Park Parties," and participating in servanthood evangelism. Children who are allowed to participate will need to have completed the fourth grade and be accompanied by one parent of the same gender.** Whole families are encouraged to apply if all children meet minimum age requirements. Background checks will be required for all adults, and your family's current involvement in the ministries of EBC will be evaluated during the application process. Application packets will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning October 10th. Please prayerfully consider applying.



Girls! We only have a limited number of tickets available!

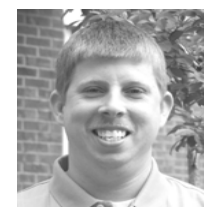
THE revolve TOUR

Registration Deadline October 13th

DREAM ON
the REVOLVE TOUR 2011

Awesome music, real-life stories, drama, and a ton of fun combine for a high-energy, inspirational, encouraging 2-day weekend event for teen girls!

\$90.00 Due at Registration.



Joey Taylor
Mission Pastor

Dear Church Family,

What a blessing it is to be called a child of God and given the wonderful opportunity to serve Him. Harvest Community Church has been proclaiming the gospel in Brantley County for over 70 weeks now, and we have seen God changing lives for His glory. I have been surprised by some people, over the course of these 70 weeks, that still do not seem to understand why HCC has come to Brantley to begin this wonderful work for God. Below is an excerpt from the North American Mission Board that answers the why question.

Why Plant New Churches

It is easy to assume that North Americans are over church. But in reality, North America is a mission field so populous that it cannot be reached for Christ without starting large numbers of new churches. God is beginning a movement of church planting in North America--will you join Him? Invest in eternity.

Why new churches....

Because The church to population ratio is declining rapidly.

- In 1900 there were **27** churches for every 10,000 Americans.
- In 1950 there were **17** churches for every 10,000 Americans.
- In 1996 there were **11** churches for every 10,000 Americans. [1]

Many people look at these numbers and question, "But hasn't the size of churches increased?" Unfortunately, the answer is "no". The median size of the church has remained the same for the past 100 years.

Because new churches are much more effective at reaching the lost than established congregations. "Among evangelical churches, those under three years old will win ten people to Christ per year for every hundred church members; three to fifteen years old will win five people per year. After age 15, the number drops to three per year."

I would like to ask you to pray for Harvest Community Church, and then pray for God to show you if there is something you could do to partner with us as we work together to fulfill The Great Commission of our Lord.



October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lynne Dasher Eli Sullivan	2 Bud Amsler Margie Funderburk Katie Huff Terry Martin Pamela Strickland Ross Tyson
3 Emmitt Hall Rose Kicklighter	4 Ronnie Carter Jerry Dickerson Nate Gay	5 AnnaKay Boatright Kathy Cook	6 Teresa Hickox James McGhow	7 Kevis Bennett Buddy Riddle Kathy Smith Sheryl Trammell Tammy Varnadore	8 Patty Guy Eula Jackson Kaylie Leddon Alicia Spivey Billy Thompson	9 Cynthia Greene Julie Hancock Guess Dylan McQuaig
10 Tony Arnold Michael Bruneau Susan Higginson Allie Long Mark Smith	11 Tatum Ricketson	12 Garrett Thornton Marion Thrift	13 John Fleshman Nicole Glaze Tim Jarrell	14 Tommy Day Elizabeth Higginson Jerry Strickland Karly Tippins	15	16 Pam Spell
17 Garrison Meeks Jaylen Peacock	18 Andy Arnold Toby Crews Kelli Moore Michaelyn Tapley George Terry	19 Chance Shuman	20 Joyce Dixon Tim Dixon John Griffis Amy Rediger Donna Wallace	21 Gavin Jones Cindy Kicklighter Frank Owens	22 Brantley Crosby Allen Herrin Martha O'Quinn	23 Mike Walker
24 Megan Brantley John May Laura Wyly	25 Mara Byrd	26 Bobbi Davis Jadison Locke	27 Anna Hiott	28	29 Henry Peagler Donnie Sauls Sis Young	30 Paul Hayes Beth Peacock Lexy Register Garrett Stevenson Travis Trammell
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Wednesday 6:15-7:45pm.....AWANA Youth at The Warehouse 6:30-7:40pm.....Pastor's Bible Study, Small Group Bible Studies Choir Rehearsal A 7:50-9:00pm..... Choir Rehearsal B	24	25 Monday Night Visitation 6:30 pm	26	27	28	29 Men's Ministry Feed Pierce Co. Football Team	30
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Rhon Carter
Worship Pastor

The Choir Loft

Emmanuel Baptist Music and Worship Ministries

I want to personally thank everyone who had a part in helping the music ministry host the Georgia Baptist Sons of Jubal (*Genesis 4:21 "His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe."*). I have received many emails from the men of the group thanking me for the hospitality of EBC. I love this church, and I appreciate everyone helping me host this incredible concert. We believe there were around 1200 people present for this night of praise and proclamation. Videos will soon be on our webpage.



Come Join the EBC Choir

The EBC Worship Choir has begun their rehearsals for the 2010 Christmas Production. This year, we will be presenting "God Coming Down," a Christmas musical by Travis Cottrell, who was with us this past spring. We have two rehearsals from which to choose on Wednesday evenings. The first rehearsal begins at 6:30, and second rehearsal begins at 7:50. If you have ever wanted to join the EBC choir, this is the perfect time. We hope to see you soon!



EBC Preschool, Children, GWU Student Choir

Emmanuel is blessed to have such a wonderful music ministry to children and students. Our children and students will be singing for us soon in one of our evening worship services. GWU will be leading and singing on Sunday nights once a month.



Preschool News

TeamKID

Preschool Ministry



Wendy Peacock
Preschool Director



Christi Jones
Nursery Director

The Nursery Welcomes



Ashton Michael

Born August 11th

Parents are Philip & Heather Suess

Gracey Elizabeth

Born August 29th

Parents are Jason & Ashley Thompson

John William

Born September 21st

Parents are Will & Delisa Higginson

Saints of Joy

We will have our monthly fellowship, Tuesday, October 12th at 11:00 am in the church fellowship hall. The meal will be covered dish with the church furnishing the meat and tea. Bring your favorite dish.

The Preschool department would like to invite you to come join us Sunday evenings at 6:00 for TeamKID Discipleship. TeamKID is designed for three year olds to Kindergarteners. It is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him. We look forward to seeing you Sunday.



Lynn Harris
Education Pastor

EARLY!

Many people are aware that one of our beloved pastors' favorite verses is Psalm 127:2, "It is vain for you to rise up early." While I could give some refuting exegesis from other passages (Jesus got up early), that is not the purpose of this article. I do want to talk about "early" though, because I was reminded of the importance of it in our men's Bible study just recently.

We are taking part in the Adrian Rogers discipleship training series called, "A Man of His Word: Calling Men to Integrity and Leadership." Our lesson recently was about a man and his children. Dr. Rogers, using Psalm 127: 4-5, likened children to an arrow in the hands of a skilled and strong warrior/archer. During the lesson, he listed 7 ways for men to fashion the arrows God had given them. The very first way he mentioned was "Start early." A young, tender, green twig is easier to bend and shape than an older, hardened stick.

As I thought about that, I thought of so many things starting early would involve. One of those things means getting all the help and all the tools God has made available to parents in place so they can be used as quickly as possible. A major help God has given parents is the local church, and a major tool He has provided is the Sunday School. Imagine the bending and shaping that takes place in a child's life when, not only the parents, but other adults (like Sunday School teachers), are singing "Jesus loves me" to infants in a Sunday School class. Or, when Sunday School teachers in the pre-school department are teaching those wonderful Bible stories of David and Goliath, Jonah and the whale, the little boy with the 5 loaves and 2 fishes. What a help to have teachers teaching in the children's department as they start driving home what the Bible says about how we are to obey God and live our lives as He says.

The sad fact is that you don't have to go very far into the children's department before you have left behind the "early" and are now getting into a time when shaping that has not already been apart of the parenting process is very hard to do. "Start early" should be a call to parents everywhere. Get your children in church and in a Sunday School class as early as possible. Of course, that means that you, dad and mom, will have to be there yourselves. This also means that there is a critical need for some of you who hear a clear call from God to serve in this ministry to answer—whether in the nursery, pre-school, or children's Sunday School classes. He wants you to be involved.

Are you a parent that needs to let "early" become a part of your parenting commitment? Are you a Christian that needs to answer God's call to be involved in an "early" ministry? If the answer to either of these two questions for you is "yes," then the only two options you have is either obedience or disobedience. If the choice is disobedience, then the only consequence is misery. How about it, what is your answer to the "early" question?



Sherri Robson
Women's Ministry Director



Fall Bible Studies are off to a great start! We have approximately 90-92 women enrolled in Bible Study! We are having a great time studying God's Word together! We will offer more Bible Studies for our ladies in the coming weeks.

On November 16th, we will have a Christmas theme fellowship for the women of Emmanuel! This is going to be a great evening. Please watch the bulletin for more announcements and information about this event!

Thank you to all the ladies that made the Preview Party a great success! We had a wonderful evening together as we previewed our Bible studies!

FINISHING STRONG Yard Sale and Fall Festival Saturday, November 6th



Early morning yard sale—all participants **MUST** register with EBC's office by **October 17th**. Registering timely will guarantee you one table for your sale. We

can only accommodate **50 EBC families**. Yard sale proceeds to go toward our goal of becoming debt-free!

Yard Sale time will run from **7 am until**.

Fall Festival fun will run from **10 am to 2 pm**.

There will be **free** hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks, as well as inflatables for the kids.

