

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

December 2013

Attend the Special Meeting

to discuss the proposed Child and Youth
Worker Policies

Wednesday, December 4, 7 PM

December Invitations

When you invest in others you are building relational bridges that create opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus. Other than our sign by the road, Emmanuel hasn't invested much in newspapers, billboards, or other forms of advertisement. We believe people respond best to the personal invitation of a friend.

I encourage you to invite people to attend worship with you. Some people hate going in a strange place by themselves. So let them enter the building with you, someone they know. Offer to drive with them, to meet them at their place and let them follow you, or plan to meet them in the parking lot. Invite them to your Bible study group or to attend worship and sit together.

There are two special events this month to invite friends, co-workers, or neighbors to attend. They might be more open to attending one of these before trying a Sunday morning.

- The Adult/Youth Choir's Christmas program.
- The Family Christmas Eve program.

Remind them that dress is casual. Let them know that the pastor is friendly and approachable. Let them know that no one will bug them for money (though we will talk about the Christmas offering on Sunday mornings, which they are free to ignore).

The best way to fill up our building is through invitations. Invite someone today.

"Sing with the Angels"

That is the title of the Christmas musical the choir is going to present on Sunday evening, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will follow.

"Sing with the Angels" features original music interspersed with familiar carols as it retells the Christmas story from the vantage point of the angels. Angels are referenced throughout the scriptures and play a major role in the story of Christ's birth, from Gabriel's first appearance to Zacharias to the glorious scene of angels filling the heavens singing "Gloria in excelsis Deo."

The range of musical styles reflects the various moods of the angels' scenes, making this a colorful tapestry of angel portraits. The program itself lasts 30 minutes, making it a good length for families with children.

**Join us Sunday
December 15
6:00 p.m.**

**Refreshments to
follow:**

**Church members:
Please bring finger
foods to share.**

Beverages will be provided.



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During the past year I have realized more than ever how much church family means to me.

Robin and I would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the love shown to us during our adjustment to the loss of my mom, during my dad's illness, and his death. Your love has been expressed in so many different ways. Thank you for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. Also, thank you for those who graciously stepped in so many times to cover my responsibilities at church.

Thank you from my family for your expressions of sympathy and for the memorial gift given in memory of my dad to the missions offering of his church, Reedy Fork Baptist.

Robin and I truly appreciate all of your love, kindness, and thoughtful gestures during this time of bereavement.

We are thankful to each one and love you all.

-- Margaret Shifflett

Here are four things

that will help you grow in your relationship with Jesus:

Read the Bible. Learn of God in His Word.

Encounter the Author. Talk to God everyday in prayer.

Attend church. Worship and read the Bible with others.

Let others know what God has done in your life.

Children's Choir

The children's Choir will be rehearsing on December 6, 13 and 20.

Rehearsals will start at 4:15 p.m.

The choir will be singing at the **Christmas Eve Service.**



People are funny:

They want the front of the bus,
the back of the church,
and
the middle of the road.

"Sanctification..."

... is something we can't do without the Holy Spirit. But He won't do it without us."

- Larry Eubanks

Only God can do the "super".
We are to do the "natural".

- Levi Lusko

Snow Policies for Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills:

The pastor and chairperson of Deacons are responsible for making the decision to cancel services.

If snow starts before sundown Saturday, a decision to cancel Sunday School will be made by 8:00 p.m. If snow starts after sundown, the decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

A decision to cancel the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service will be made by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

A decision to cancel Sunday evening activities will be made by noon, Sunday.

Calls will be made to the Music Director, Sunday School teachers, the KidZone and nursery workers scheduled for that Sunday. All others can check the website/email or church answering machine after the stated times above.

If we hold services and you feel it is unwise or unsafe to venture out, please do not feel obligated to leave your home and attend, even if you have ministry responsibilities for that day. Just let us know you aren't coming.

Those who choose to attend must understand that we may not have **KidZone** or nursery that morning.



Christian Assistance Program

CAP Collection Campaign for December

Baking mixes (cakes, muffins, etc.)

Make checks out to
CAP or Christian Assistance Program
and mail to

Christian Assistance Program
c/o Trisha Johns
1844 Lyons St.
Severn, MD 21144

Church Prayer Focus for December:

Pray as we work through the changes necessary for the new Children and Youth Worker Policies:

for the discussions of the policies on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

for the vote at the December Business Meeting.

for the implementation of the policies.

for God's glory in the whole process.

Missions Page

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Why should we give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

“May I have a heart that refuses to give to the Lord a sacrifice that costs me nothing,” said a missionary among Central Asian peoples.

No less than all our heart, soul and mind is what’s required of us as believers. Missionaries commit their lives. Will we support them with our dollars? The world’s population is now 7 billion, and more than half live among people groups still considered unreached, some having absolutely no Gospel sharing going on.

So no longer can this be your average give-a-few-bucks-on-Sunday-morning, pray-every-now-and-then kind of challenge. This is giving your everything, all you have — so that people can know the love of Jesus. That’s what being totally His requires: pouring ourselves out completely to be His heart, hands and voice — individually, as a church, as Southern Baptists working cooperatively to reach all the nations.

Remember, every penny given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes directly to support missionaries and their ministries.

It’s an investment with eternal impact!

Philippines Relief

We will be receiving a special offering at the Choir’s Christmas program, Sunday evening, December 15, for hurricane relief work in the Philippines.

What happens because you give?

Southern Baptists’ faithful giving undergirds the thousands of missionaries sent from our churches, through IMB, and all for a single, eternal purpose: making disciples in the name of Jesus. This is what it means for all of us, together, to be totally His.

Here are some numbers to celebrate! In a recent year, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Cooperative Program enabled missionaries and their national partners to:

- present the Gospel to more than 1,400,000 individuals
- baptize more than 266,000 new believers
- start more than 24,000 churches
- engage 133 new people groups

More exciting news — some people groups are reaching their own and others!

- 141 people groups are engaging *their own people* inside their country
- 153 people groups are going to *other peoples* inside their country
- 41 people groups are going *outside* their country