

# *THE PRINTS of PEACE*

*Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills*

*Changing Lives with Christ*

**February, 2014**

## **A Trembling Cause**

Our nephew, Nathan, when he was a preschooler, standing in front of the mantle clock at Margaret's parents home, would tremble as the clock chimed the hour. It was funny and fascinating to watch.

When has something touched you so deeply that you trembled? A tremble is not a shiver, such as might be brought on by a chill breeze. A tremble is an emotional or spiritual response to something touching you deep inside your soul. The sound of the chimes touched Nathan deep inside, and he trembled at the sound. I believe he was in awe of that sound.

Trembling can also be a reaction to fear. Some people will have a premonition of something terrible that is going to happen and they will tremble.

Others might tremble at the impact some realization of truth has upon them. We see this in the Bible.

**Isaiah 66:2 (HCSB)** [This is] Yahweh's declaration. I will look favorably on this kind of person: one who is humble, submissive in spirit, and trembles at My word.

Do you tremble at God's word?

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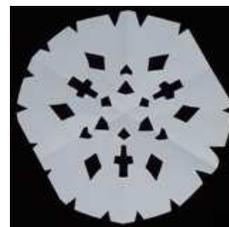
## **Two Special Events**

Have you heard the news? There are two special events coming to our area in 2014.

First, the annual Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Baltimore this year. You are invited. You may wish to attend as a registered Messenger\* from our church, or just as a visitor. The dates are June 10-11 (Tue, Wed).

The second event is the annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. This year it is going to be held in Severn, Maryland, at The Church at Severn Run. Like above, you are welcome to attend, whether as a Messenger\* from our church, or as a visitor to the convention. This is Nov. 9-11 (Sun evening thru Tue morning).

\*Messengers are elected by the church. If you desire to be a messenger, submit your name to the pastor. If you attend as a visitor, you do not need to be elected.



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## Children's Ministry Day!

Children (ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us for our second Children's Ministry Day at Emmanuel Baptist Church. This year's theme is "Generation Reach". Children's Ministry Day was created by Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union to encourage children to put their faith into action by sharing the love of Christ in their communities.

On Saturday, Feb. 22 we will meet at the church from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm to participate in a variety of activities including crafts, making a video announcement, and baking cookies. All of the activities will be used to reach others in our community and share the love of Christ with them.

Each child who participates in the Children's Ministry Day will receive a GENERATION REACH badge.

Please contact Margaret Shifflett if you can help or for more information.

## Clean Toys

The Nursery Committee will be cleaning the nursery toys on Tuesday, February 11, at 1 p.m. If you can help, let Mary Halloway know.  
Thanks.

## *Tremble, continued from page one*

This trembling might be due to God's word convicting you of sin. It might be due to a sudden understanding of how great God's promises are to us who have faith in Christ Jesus. This trembling might be due to realizing how close to destruction we came without Jesus. It might result in a sudden appreciation for who is behind the words you just read or heard, the Lord, God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Whatever the reason, note the rest of the response God is looking for: "one who is humble and submissive in spirit."

Some people can tremble at God's word and then turn away in fear. The hearing or reading of those truths cause them to tremble with a premonition of fear, of punishment, of God's wrath. And yet they do nothing to prevent it. They continue on their way, living the same life they lived before encountering God's Word.

Let us make sure this is not true of us this year. Let us readily and always humble ourselves before God and submit to His will.

## Children's Choir

The children's Choir will be rehearsing on February 7, 21, and 28.

The choir will sing in the Sunday worship service on March 2.



## Counting Our Blessings

Our church had a very good financial year in 2013, with over \$43,000 given to various missions causes.

Praise the Lord!

## Holiday Sharing

The Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services wishes to thank you for your very generous donation of food and / or gifts to our families and seniors of the Holiday Sharing Program. With the time and generosity of 736 donors and monetary contributions of a record \$70,349 the Holiday Sharing Program was able to assist 1,826 families and seniors for Thanksgiving and 4,848 families and seniors for Christmas (10,705 individuals). Twenty-eight schools, churches and non-profit organizations in the county participated.

## A BIG THANKS

Margaret and I wish to thank you for your generous gift to us on Christmas Eve. It was much appreciated and came in handy on our vacation.

Tom Ascol who has pastored for 35 years, and the last 28 at his current church, said, "Wherever you see a long pastorate you can be sure there is an abundance of grace in the congregation."

We want to thank you for being such a church.

Robin

## Christian Assistance Program

The CAP Food Drive for February is

Canned Soup

### CAP in the news.

There was an article on the Christian Assistance Program food pantry ministry in a local paper. You can find it here:

[http://www.capitalgazette.com/maryland\\_gazette/columnists/west\\_county/west-county-families-served-each-month-at-local-pantry/article\\_44ab4ae3-7b32-5d7f-a3a3-a9c94a444983.html](http://www.capitalgazette.com/maryland_gazette/columnists/west_county/west-county-families-served-each-month-at-local-pantry/article_44ab4ae3-7b32-5d7f-a3a3-a9c94a444983.html)

Or on the home page:

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put **170** in the Search line and the article should come up.

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December CAP report. In addition to the below, we gave out 180 Christmas baskets of food.

Total # of Households served this Month: 115

Total # of Persons served this Month: 321

# Households receiving Food Stamps: 73

# Households receiving Energy

Assistance: 29

# Households 150% below poverty: 115

# Households recently unemployed: 22

**"Turn my eyes away from  
worthless things."**

**Psalm 119:37a**