

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

December 2014

Five Helps for a Better Holiday Season

Start your day with Jesus. Get up 15 minutes earlier if necessary. It will be worth it. Thank God for your blessings, material, physical, spiritual, and family/friends.

Read/recite one of the promises God has made to Christians. Affirm to Him your belief in His promise.

Review your coming day. Note difficult situations, tasks, relationships, etc., and the temptations you battle in those situations. Ask for His help.

Admit your need of Him. Ask to be filled with His Spirit. Ask Him for guidance and reminders through the day. Tell the Spirit to "yell" so you will better hear Him.

Go face the day with praise. Sing, hum, or whistle a song of praise.

Children's Choir

The children's Choir will **NOT** be rehearsing in December.

"The Promise of Light"

"This Christmas musical is an inspiring celebration of God's gift of eternal light! Traditional Christmas carols are masterfully blended with original music to tell the timeless story of the birth of Christ, the light of the world. "

"The Promise of Light" is the title of the Christmas musical the choir is going to present on Saturday evening, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.



The program itself lasts about 30 minutes, making it a good length for families with children.

**Join us
Saturday, December 13
7:00 p.m.**

Refreshments to Follow

Church members:
Please bring finger foods to share.

Beverages will be provided.



What does 'One Sacred Effort' mean?

In the beginning, man sinned and forfeited his perfect relationship with God. But God had a perfect plan to reconcile His creation back to Himself through His Son. After Jesus' death and resurrection, God sent disciples to continue His faithful mission to make Himself known. Now, it is our call and privilege to join the Author of all history in His magnificent story of redemption as we advance His gospel among all nations – together, in one sacred effort!

This year's theme is based on Matthew 28:19-20.

Southern Baptists send missionaries from their churches, through IMB, to go into the world making disciples in the name of Jesus. In that partnership, Southern Baptists provide the funding to send and support these missionaries and their ministries. The more resources they provide, the more missionaries can be sent.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Our Church Goal:
\$ 4,000.00

One hundred percent of our gifts to IMB go to sending out missionaries. Consider this: In a recent year, our missionaries:

- shared God's redemptive story with
- 1.7 million people, and
- more than 235,000 became believers.
- trained 23,000 nationals to start new churches.
- 141 new people groups were engaged
- What could happen if more missionaries were sent?

Every penny of the Lottie Moon offering supports nearly 4,900 missionaries. Currently it costs \$50,800 a year (average) to support a missionary. That's \$4,233 a month, \$977 a week and \$139 a day. Meeting the \$175 million goal would send more missionaries to the field. More than half the world's people groups are still unreached and people are dying every day without ever having heard the Gospel. This requires sacrificial giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering – gifts that truly honor the Lord.



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.



Oct/Nov Sermon Series

If you missed one of the sermons in this special series, "From Election to Perfection", you can read or listen to the one you missed.

Several of the sermons are at our church website, or we can print you a paper copy.

All but one of the sermons can be listened to on CD.

Let pastor Robin know which you need to catch up with and how.

December Invitations

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 on Sat., Dec 13, at 7 p.m.
- The Family Christmas Eve program, at 7 p.m.

Remind them that dress is casual, the people are friendly, and no one will bug them for money. Invite someone today.

Christian Assistance Program

CAP Collection Campaign for December:

Baking mixes (cakes, muffins, etc.)