

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

December 2015

CHURCH SIGN

A few weeks ago someone called the church to comment on our sign and ask questions about who we purchased it from, how we decided on ours, etc. She commented that for years she has benefited from the "advice" on our sign. Many years ago, the bus driver, bringing high school students to school, was told to slow down as they passed the church so the students on the bus could read the sign message.

Not too many weeks after our new LED sign went up, one of our members heard a comment at a local store from someone new to the area, who had stopped to write down the message of hope on our sign.

Someday, maybe, we will find out how much good God has done through our sign. Until then, we will continue to trust that He will accomplish His will through it.

We are constantly on the lookout for sign messages. We are using some from years past as well as looking for new ones. Perhaps you've seen a great message on someone else's church sign and copied it down to submit for our consideration.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC & FELLOWSHIP

Join us
Sunday, December 13
6:00 p.m.

Congregation and Choir Music

Refreshments will follow.

Please bring finger foods to share.

Beverages will be provided.



Saturday, December 5
6:30 p.m.

Movie, cocoa, ping pong,
cookies, and more.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

WHY GIVE?

Because God Deserves the Worship of All People!

And we — who are redeemed and made new in Christ — are compelled to proclaim the gospel, the only hope for the billions who have never heard of Jesus.

Simply put, your giving enables missionaries to be sent to multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

Because You Gave

Last year our missionaries reported:

- 1.75 million people heard a gospel witness
- 275,000 became new believers
- 14,000 new churches and 4,000 new groups were formed
- 21,000 leaders were trained to start new churches
- 444,263 nationals met in on-going Bible studies

Gifts to the Lottie Moon offering provide 58 percent of the International Mission Board's total budget, while the Cooperative Program provides 31 percent.

Our Church Goal: \$ 4,000.00

What Does It Cost to Support a Missionary?

The average salary for a single missionary is:

\$51,400 a year (average as of February 2015)
\$4,283 a month
\$988 a week
\$141 a day

Support includes housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement and more.

What Is This Year's Goal?

The 2015 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$175 million. One hundred percent of your gifts support missionaries and their ministries.



CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CAP Collection Campaign for December:

Baking mixes (cakes, muffins, etc.)

COME JOIN US FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Who: Kids age 4 through 5th grade
What: Fun, games, crafts, and food (dinner is provided)
When: Friday, Dec. 11th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Where: Emmanuel Baptist Church

RSVP: By phone (410-721-1115) or email
ebcgambrills@gmail.com
Please let us know by Monday, Dec. 7th if you are coming.



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 morning Bible Study groups 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.

SERMON SERIES - Foundations to Build Your Life On

If you missed one of the sermons in this special series on third and fifth Sundays, you can read the one you missed on our website, under Resources, Sermons.

SIGN, (from page one)

One online blogger regularly puts up pictures of church signs and their messages. Some of these are silly. Some are meant only for Christians. Some could be offensive.

We certainly don't want to be offensive with our sign. We want the messages to be encouraging, informative, cheerful, and to draw people to seek God with us.

If you come up with any possible sign messages, or really short prayers, please email them to pastor Robin at pastorrobin1@verizon.net for consideration. And pray, regularly, that God will use our sign to bring lost people to Jesus.

A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Here are four **R.E.A.L.** things that will help you grow in your relationship with Jesus:

Read the Bible.

Learn what God has revealed to us.

Encounter the Author:

Talk to God in prayer.

Attend to your church family:

Join in with a Bible study group.

Let others know:

Show others God's love.

Tell others what God is doing for you.

WHAT IS BAPTIST GLOBAL RESPONSE?

Baptist Global Response (BGR) is a global Southern Baptist Relief and Development organization. It is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Since its beginning, BGR has been able to apply 100% of anything you gave to the particular relief effort you designated. They have been able to do that because some people gave directly to their operating costs as a way of getting BGR started.

Now, they have to begin using "**not more than 10% of each of your gifts**" to help offset their operating costs to administer those gifts. This will allow BGR to continue to provide excellent opportunities of connecting you to real needs, like the recent earthquake in Nepal. These administrative costs are necessary for them to continue to operate at the level of excellence required to be good stewards of all that the Lord has entrusted to them, through our gifts.

This is not a request for funds, nor is it a caution against giving. It is simply an effort to let Southern Baptists know that BGR is doing the best it can with the contributions they receive.

