

# *THE PRINTS of PEACE*

*Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills*

*Changing Lives with Christ*

**February, 2015**

## **CAP – SO MUCH ACCOMPLISHED, SO MUCH TO BE DONE**

2014 was an amazing year for the CAP Food Pantry. We were awarded a \$24,000 grant that allowed our grateful clients to enjoy fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables from June-December. CAP distributed a total of 410 food baskets through the Holiday Sharing Program, making more joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays for almost 1,200 people. We gained 14 new volunteers, strengthening our numbers and our capabilities. And yet, as we increased our capacity at the Food Pantry, the need continues to grow. According to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, approximately 43,000 people in the county are “food insecure,” unsure where they will get their next meal.

This year, the CAP Food Pantry served almost 1,000 more people than last year, a 20% increase. Our most vulnerable populations, children under the age of 18 and seniors 65 and over, represent one-half of the CAP client base. And, for the first time in recent memory, we added several military families to our client base. The chart shows a comparison of people served over the past five years.

As we enter 2015, we hope to strengthen and increase our ties with the local community so we can continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our neighbors in the greater Odenton, Gambrills, Severn area.

(This article came from the CAP newsletter.)



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DAY**

Children (ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us for our third Children's Ministry Day at Emmanuel Baptist Church. This year's theme is "All for You". 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. 21, we will meet at the church from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm to participate in a variety of activities. All of the activities will be used to help meet the needs of others and share the love of Christ with them.

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

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's Choir will be rehearsing  
on February Feb 6, 13, 27



## CAP

The CAP Food Drive for February is

Canned Soup

God often waits to give a blessing  
until you have asked for it. Why?  
Good things that we do not ask for will  
usually be interpreted by our hearts  
as the fruit of our own wisdom  
and diligence.

-- John Calvin

## THANK YOU

Margaret and I thank you for your  
Christmas gift. You have been a great  
church family to us in the years  
we have been a part of you.  
Not all pastors can say the same.

pastor Robin

## PRAYING THE 2 PETER 1 QUALITIES: Brotherly Kindness

Gal 6.10 (NIV) "Therefore, as we have  
opportunity, let us do good to all people,  
especially to those who belong to the  
family of believers."

"Show me the good to do for those in my  
church family this week."

The Bible is a long and  
at-times complicated book centered upon  
a short and simple truth:  
Jesus Christ died to save sinners.

-- Tim Challies

## WHAT COUNTS?

How does a church evaluate itself? What should we measure? Should we just count dollars and people? Or is there something more important, but harder, to measure? Albert Einstein said, "Not everything that can be counted counts and not everything that counts can be counted."

## SEND BALTIMORE

So many have paid a great personal price in the last several decades to turn Baltimore around and drive back the darkness. Many current pastors have served here for a decade, two decades, even three plus decades without giving up. They are beat down at times, but never beaten. They love this city. They refuse to see people as "them" or "us." They simply see souls who need a Savior no matter the color of their skin or the breakdown of their personal lives or homes.

In the last 12 months dozens of fresh new troops (church planters) have stepped up in faith and bravely declared their heart for Baltimore. They began arriving this spring and other are coming at the start of the New Year. More than two dozen desire to come to Baltimore and birth a new church in 2015. This is nothing else but the drawing of the Spirit and the work of our God.

Thank you for praying for Baltimore. It matters.

Below are just a few of the works of the Lord in 2014.

— Ron Larson

- 24 people led to Christ by one church planter
- New language and ethnic starts for Chinese, Ghanian, Hispanic, Filipino, Middle-Eastern
- 25 new church starts, including one in the fastest growing neighborhood of Baltimore City

- New plants, not even having launched yet, are baptizing the lost and discipling new believers – Fire and Light Community Church just baptized 20% of its current attendees!
- A new church is opening its doors in a formerly closed down church facility just a few blocks from a major drug operation. It reaches 50 kids/teens on Wednesday nights.
- Two new Hispanic-Latino focused churches launched
- Mission to Muslims launched in East Baltimore
- Redeemer Jesus Church, just a little over a year old, has grown to over 80 attendees weekly, from 6 to 13 discipleship groups and has 7 men being developed in preaching/teaching gifts

Pray for Nehemiah Numbia, from Liberia. He has but one goal - lead Muslim men to Christ. He has given up everything to come to Baltimore: home, friends, culture and finances. He trusts God for each dollar that comes in. He has only his church of a few dozen people supporting him. Yet every day in every way he casts the grace and mercy of God to those he encounters in this city of half a million lost people.