

THE PRINTS of PEACE

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Gambrills

Changing Lives with Christ

May, 2014

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS 2014 is only 11 weeks away!

This year's theme centers around teaching children how to discover who Jesus is, leading them to decide to make Jesus the most important person in their life, and guiding them to defend their faith.

Although the Lord has sent many workers already, there is still room for you! Please contact Dave or Alicia Arlen if you can help in any way, even if it's only for one night:
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July 14 – 18, 2014

Ages 4 - 6th grade



Recruiting Field Agents now

The KID'S STUFF FLEA MARKET

We will provide this service to our community on Saturday, May 3, starting at 8:00 a.m., and running until noon. If you want to sell your stuff at the market, register for a space by going to the church's website, or call the church office.

We also **need volunteers** to
- monitor the building for 30-60 minutes at a time.

Let the pastor know if you will help.

FAMILIES PRAYING FOR MISSIONS

We have given generously to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Here are some ways to help us **pray** for the mission work we support.

Two of the email reminders most meaningful to me are **KOMpray** and **Today's Prayer**. **KOMpray** includes prayer requests from the children of missionaries. These requests are often

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Missions

encouraging and always touch my heart. What a wonderful opportunity to help your children or grandchildren learn about and pray for the work of missions.

One part of each **Today's Prayer** email is a request for prayer for a world government leader. [For example, "*Please pray today for Prime Minister Victor-Viorel Ponta of Romania (southeastern Europe, between Ukraine and Bulgaria)*"]. Your children or grandchildren may enjoy using a map to locate the country named and then praying with you for that leader.

I would urge you to choose at least one email resource below for guidance as **you and your family come boldly before the throne of grace and pray.**

A missions update: Your IMB (bi-weekly)
The latest news, the newest resources, coming emphases -- just the help you need to pray more effectively for our missionaries around the world.

Daily Missionary Birthdays (daily)
Pray for your International Mission Board Southern Baptist missionaries on their birthdays.

KOMpray (weekly)
This includes prayer requests from children of missionaries.

Today's Prayer (Weekdays)
This begins with a request for prayer for a world leader and includes timely prayer requests and answers from IMB missionaries around the world.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsal is at 4:15 p.m.

The children's Choir will be rehearsing on **May 2 & 9.**

They will be singing in the worship service on **Mother's Day, May 11.**

Our end of the year party will be on **May 16, at 4:15 p.m.**



CAP COLLECTION

While you can donate any canned or packaged foods any time, the food drive item for May is Canned Fruit

Urgent Prayer (periodic)
Critical prayer needs are sent to you immediately.

Weekly Prayer Highlights (Tuesday or Wednesday)
This is a handy one-page guide for current missions activities and prayer needs.

Register at the sight listed below to choose the email(s) you wish to receive. <http://www.imb.org/main/pray/subscriptions.asp>

--Margaret Shifflett

SEND BALTIMORE

Baltimore is a city of over 600,000 with half a million residents disconnected from God. Baltimore needs more churches, new churches.

Joel Kurtz is a young white pastor living in an all-African-American neighborhood. His church is made up of guys like "King" - thrown out of his house at age 12, abused on the streets, found and led to the Lord and now at age 21 wants to become a pastor.

Joel has allowed homeless people to sleep on his couch. He mentors young men in theology and practical spiritual living. He drives a beat up old car, but walks nearly everywhere he goes in Baltimore. I asked him a few months ago what I could tell people from his own words. He replied, "Ask them to love my city."

On another day at Patterson Park, located in a rough section of East Baltimore, one of our church planter's sons was beaten up. The father/pastor continues to minister in that park because he refuses to allow the devil to win.

Another pastor's daughter stepped on a hypodermic needle in another nearby park. That father and pastor of a 5 year old inner city church said, "What if the price of planting a church in Baltimore's inner city is the life of my baby girl?"

Other pastors tell me that their cars are broken into regularly. Most of them have experienced a home invasion. They have had knives pulled on them. Yet they choose to live on the side of Baltimore rarely seen by those who enjoy the safety and sanctuary of the inner harbor. They do so because they love this city.

This is not a movie or work of fiction. This is real day to day life of those brave young pastors who left suburban life to live in the city, love that city, and lead its residents to God.

They scratch by in their churches. They meet in schools, warehouses, hotel rooms and above bars. Their equipment is hand me downs. Yet their spirit is high. All they want to do is to heal people's souls, help people get life skills in order to get a job, and work to put fragmented families back together. They do it at great risk day after day.

Twenty four additional church planters and their families are ready to come to Baltimore. The only thing holding them back is "adoption." Someone where we are must adopt them prayerfully, relationally, and financially.

If you want to help, call Ron Larson,
"Send Baltimore" Director, at
304-283-9480.