

A Word From Our Pastor

As I write this, it's Monday morning, and I'm sitting in a room downtown at 157 Poplar with 300 of my closest friends, all of us having been selected for jury duty this week. I can't complain since, at 41 years old, this is the first time that I've ever had this "opportunity." However, if you know me, you know that I have a routine that I like to keep, and it's a little unnerving not knowing what to expect. Will I be finished in a couple of days, or will this take all week? If I'm assigned to a trial, will it be over in a day or two, or will I be sequestered for three weeks?

That's kind of how it is in life, isn't it, even when we think we have things under control? Proverbs 16:9 reminds us that *"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."* We may schedule out our week, but anything can interrupt that schedule - a health issue, a family emergency, anything!

So, what are we to do? A few minutes ago, I opened my Foundations (New Testament) book to see what my memory work was for the week. Notice the verses the Lord gave me:

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt loses its taste, how shall it's saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." (Mt. 5:13-15, ESV)

When life is uncertain (and life is always uncertain), be salt and light. Infiltrate the world and guide people to Jesus.

As always, it's a joy to be on this journey with you!

Reception to Honor Shirley Hammons

This evening immediately following the worship service, a reception to honor Shirley Hammons, who has been our accompanist for 38 years, will be given in the Family Life Center. We ask that our membership help us with finger foods and desserts. Drop them off in the FLC when you come this evening. A basket will be available for cards of appreciation.

Baby Shower

A baby shower will be given for Andrew and Jessica Butler today from 2:00 - 4:00 in the Gathering Area. They are expecting a little boy and are registered at Amazon and Target.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, April 6. We will begin serving at 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Special guest speaker will be Gregg Miller.

Shade Tree Mechanics

On Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at Bluff City Coring and Cutting on Reese Rd., our deacons will provide the opportunity for our senior adults to have their car serviced. Please call Lanny Miller at 382-5133 to let him know you will be coming.

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Deacon Nominations

The Deacon Body is requesting nominations for additional Deacons. Nomination forms can be picked up on the tables in the foyer. Please prayerfully consider before nominating, fill out the form and return it to any Deacon by the end of today.

Stuffed Easter Eggs Needed

Stuffed Easter Eggs are needed for the Eggstravanga. Please drop off in the Gathering Area. NO CHOCOLATE, PLEASE!

Women on Mission

Women on Mission will meet this Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speakers will be Jennifer Clay and Pam Best. They are both going to work in Chile with different organizations.

Men's Bible Study

A new men's Bible study, "The Wisdom of Proverbs," has begun. They meet at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday in room D225 for anyone interested. This study will walk through the first nine chapters of Proverbs and will be led by Lynn Butler.

Serve Our City Sunday

Serve Our City Sunday is coming up on Sunday, April 14. Plan now to be a part of our outreach to our community. Sign ups are available in the Gathering Area.

Intro to EBC

Our next Intro to EBC class, led by our pastor, will begin on Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 A.M. in room E101, and will continue for 4 weeks. This class is for our new members who have not completed the class or those interested in becoming a member of EBC.

Last Week's Offering

Budget offering.....\$23,465.98

Annie Armstrong Offering

The Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions is under way. Please give according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Our church goal is \$20,000. Given to date \$9,299.60

SonWorld Adventure Park

Our 2019 VBS is scheduled for the week of June 10 - 14. If interested in helping, contact Stuart McCollough at smccollough@ebcbartlett.org. Our next workers meeting will be April 28, at 4:30 in the Children's Area.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 20, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. at Shepherds Field. We are in need of volunteers that day. Sign up in the Gathering Area or call Stuart at 438-1020.

Honorariums & Memorial Gifts

Have been given in memory of Wilma Murchison, Jay Sanders, and Brad Sharpe.

Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you would, please complete the Connect Card in the pew and bring it to me after the service. I have a special gift that I would like to give you, and this will give me an opportunity to meet you. Pastor Fred

Wednesday Night Meal 04/03

Chicken Alfredo, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert and Drink Reservations and cancellations must be made by calling the church office or emailing klawrence@ebcbartlett.org by noon on Monday.

Morning Worship

Music Today:

Worship Choir
"I Am Blessed"

Shirley Hammons

"The Majesty and Glory of
Your Name"

Message Today:

Dr. Fred Shackelford
"Judgement and Glory"
Exodus 9:1-35

Evening Worship

Mini Concert by
Shirley Hammons

Message Tonight:

Dr. Fred Shackelford
"Serve"
Mark 10:32-45

Sunday, March 31

A.M.

9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Morning Worship

P.M.

5:00 Women's Discipleship - FSH
5:00 Women's Bible Study - C103
6:00 Evening Worship
6:00 Preschool/Children/Youth
Choirs - Choir Room
7:00 Retirement Reception for
Shirley Hammons - FLC

Monday, April 1

P.M.

5:30 Soccer Practice - Soccer Field
6:30 Aerobics

Tuesday, April 2

A.M.

9:00 *NO* Senior Adult Choir Today

P.M.

5:30 Soccer Practice - Soccer Field

Wednesday, April 3

A.M.

9:00 Sr. F.U.N. Day - FSH

P.M.

5:00 Fellowship Meal - FSH
6:15 eKidz (K-5th Grade) Children's
Balcony
6:15 Mission Friends - Bldg B
6:15 First Place 4 Health - C103
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study - FSH
6:30 Men's Bible Study - D225
6:30 Youth Worship - Youth Area
6:30 Adult Bible Study - D222
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, April 4

A.M.

9:30 Women's Bible Study - D225

P.M.

5:30 Soccer Practice - Soccer Field
6:30 Aerobics - FSH
7:00 Bible Drill

Friday, April 5

A.M.

9:00 Quilting Group - FSH

Saturday, April 6

A.M.

8:00 Men's Breakfast - FSH
8:00 Soccer Games - Soccer Field

*FLC - Family Life Center
*FSH - Fellowship Hall

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Gods like home

March 31, 2019

