



Join us for Sunday
 worship services at
 8:00am and 11:00am.



GOT NEWS?

We hope that you are enjoying the newsletter and it is fulfilling you inspirationally and resourcefully. EBC News wel-
comes you and wants to publish your newsworthy articles, including spiritual messages and poems; and EBC ministries' events and pictures. The **deadline for our September newsletter submissions is Friday, August 19th.** Please e-mail submissions to either Sis. Joyce Bargeman at joyce-bargeman@hotmail.com or Sis. Karen Shields at karen-d-shields@hotmail.com.

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EBC NEWS

EBC'S 2011 WOMEN'S RETREAT

EBC's Women's Ministry recently held its 2011 Women's Retreat at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD. Sis. Pamela Day, First Lady of EBC,



gave the keynote address, "The Light in the Darkness." Women of EBC enjoyed a weekend of worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, fun, rest, refreshment, rejuvenation and reflection.

- photography by Rochelle Day



Byron J. Day, Pastor



God's Boxes of Love

I have in my hands two boxes
 Which God gave me to hold
 He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black,
 And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes
 Both my joys and sorrows I stored
 But though the gold became heavier each day
 The black was as light as before

With curiosity, I opened the black
 I wanted to find out why
 And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole
 Which my sorrows had fallen out by

I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud,
 "I wonder where my sorrows could be."
 He smiled a gentle smile at me.
 "My child, they're all here with me."

I asked, "God, why give me the boxes,
 Why the gold, and the black with the hole?"
 "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
 the black is for you to let go."

- Author Unknown

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105



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OUR MISSION

The Mission of Emmanuel Baptist Church is to corporately and publicly worship, praise, glorify and give thanks to the Trinity God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; to minister the Word of God to believers; to promote fellowship among the body of Christ; to promote evangelism at home and abroad, and to reach out to minister to the needs of the local community and the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 7th—**Men's Ministry Brunch**, after 10am worship service, EBC, Laurel, MD

Sep 3rd—**Annual Crab Feast**, 12pm, Harris Crab House, Grasonville, MD

Oct 7th—**EBC 30th Anniversary Gala**, more details to follow in September's EBC News

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS: There will be only one worship service each Sunday during the month of August. Service will start at 10am. Sunday school will be in recess. Regularly scheduled services will resume in September.

EBC'S 2011 YOUTH RETREAT

EBC's **Youth Ministry** recently joined several local churches for a youth retreat at Skycroft Conference and Retreat Center in Middletown, MD. The Center is owned and operated by the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware. The retreat featured lots of prayer, praise and worship, lively sermons, and prize giveaways. Youth also participated in workshops such as mime, praise dance, step, and choir. Workshop participants performed for the audience to highlight how much they learned during the brief workshop sessions. Youth leaders and volunteers participated in youth ministry classes while the youth attended classes such as "Going Against the Tide," "Conflict," and "Seeking to Be Renewed." The retreat also featured Out the Box Mime Ministry and a concert by the Ten Commandments Gospel Go-Go Band.



"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." **Mark 10:14**

Save the Date... October 7, 2011

Emmanuel Baptist Church 30th Year Anniversary Gala

Where:	Sheraton Washington North Beltsville, Maryland
Date/Time:	October 7, 2011; at 7:00 PM
Speaker:	Pastor Dennis Dunn Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Albuquerque, New Mexico
Guest Singing Artist:	Maurette Brown Clark
Invitation:	Come enjoy an evening of high praise and good fellowship!!!! Tickets go on Sale August 7, 2011

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Footprints



One night a man had a dream that he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, the other belonging to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints, and that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life...

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

by Margaret Fishback Powers