



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 welcomes you and wants to publish your newsworthy articles, including spiritual messages and poems; and EBC ministries' events and pictures. The **deadline for our July newsletter submittals is Friday, June 24th.** Please e-mail submissions to either Sis. Joyce Barge-man at [joycebargeman@hotmail.com](mailto:joycebargeman@hotmail.com) or Sis. Karen Shields at [karen-dshields@hotmail.com](mailto:karen-dshields@hotmail.com).

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# EBC NEWS

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: VOICES OF WORSHIP CHOIR

EBC's Music Ministry is excited to introduce "Voices of Worship", our newly formed youth and young adult choir. The choir, directed by Craig Butler, held its inaugural performance on Sunday, May 22nd. Choir president EJ Winston leads members Kendall Bargeman, Arrington Bryant, Azaria Bryant, Ciera Cooke, Rochelle Day, Melissa Griffin, Steven Griffin, Dana Malone, Eboni Whiting, and Aftan Vargas as they bring songs of praise and worship to the EBC family.



Byron J. Day, Pastor



## THE PRODIGAL SON

By Mary Fairchild, *About.com Guide* / Scripture Reference: Luke 15:11-32



The story of the Prodigal Son, also known as the Parable of the Lost Son, follows the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. Jesus is responding to the Pharisees' complaint: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus tells the story of a man who has two sons. The younger son asks his father to give him his portion of the family estate as an early inheritance. Once received, the son promptly sets off on a long journey to a distant land and begins to waste his fortune on wild living. When the money runs out, a severe famine hits the country and the son finds himself in dire circumstances. He takes a job feeding pigs. He is so destitute that he even longs to eat the food assigned to the pigs.

The young man finally comes to his senses, remembering his father. In humility, he recognizes his foolishness, decides to return to his father and ask for forgiveness and mercy. The father who had been watching and

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**"My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son [in whom] he delighteth." Proverbs 3:11-12**



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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**

- Jun 4th—**Church Council Meeting**, 9am, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Jun 11th—**2011 Community Day**, 10am-4pm, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Jun 12th—**Graduates' Recognition Ceremony**, 8am and 11am, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Jun 24th & 25th—**Music Ministry Workshop**, 7pm-9pm and 9am-1pm, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Jun 24th-26th—**Youth Retreat**, Skycroft Conference Center, Middletown, MD
- Jun 27th-Jul 1st—**Vacation Bible School**, 7pm-8:30pm, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Jul 14th-16th—**Women's Retreat**, Bon Secours Retreat Center, Marriottsville, MD

**JOIN US FOR EBC'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY!**

Invite your family! Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors! Invite your co-workers! All are welcome at EBC's **2011 Community Day on Saturday, June 11th from 10 am - 4 pm**. There will be pony rides, a rock climbing wall, moon bounce, face painting, games, food, drinks, giveaways and a clothing exchange. **Free of charge!**

from **How To Be A Godly Father** - By Brent Barnett

Many men desire to be good fathers, but what really matters is whether or not they are godly fathers. Here are four Biblical principles that, by God's grace, can be used to lay a sound foundation in helping fathers become godly fathers. **First**, godly fathers are first godly men. It doesn't work for fathers to bail out and say to their children, "Do as I say, not as I do" (Matthew 23:3). Children must be able to see an example of Christ in their fathers. **Second**, godly fathers love their children unconditionally. Unconditionally implies that love is not merited or earned and that the father's treatment of his children is not dictated by what they can offer him in return. The father of the prodigal son stood waiting and watching for his son to return to him (Luke 15:20). **Third**, godly fathers train their children how to love and honor God. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Ephesians 6:4 echoes the Proverbs passage, saying, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." **Fourth**, a godly father seeks to give his children good gifts. Godly fathers go beyond just giving spiritual gifts such as wisdom and Biblical instruction to seeking to give good gifts of all kinds. Our heavenly Father is the ultimate example of this. James 1:7 says, "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow."

**Community Day**  
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**Join Us for Food, Fun and Games!**

- Giveaways, clothing exchange
- Pony rides, rock-climbing wall, moon bounce, face painting, games
- Free hamburgers, hotdogs, & much more.

*All Are Welcome!*  
(301) 490-5149 for more information

**THE PRODIGAL SON (cont'd)**

waiting receives his son back with open arms of compassion. He is overjoyed by the return of his lost son! Immediately the father turns to his servants and asks them to prepare a giant feast in celebration.

Meanwhile, the older son is not one bit happy when he comes in from working the fields and discovers a party going on to celebrate his younger brother's return. The father tries to dissuade the older brother from his jealous rage explaining, "You are always with me, and everything I have is yours."

**"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4**