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WORSHIP INFORMATION

- **Sunday, 8:00 am & 11:00 am**
- **Sunday School 9:45 am**
- **Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 pm**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday – Thursday

Please call ahead to make appointment or email:

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Brain-Based Learning Research. As Learners, We Retain....

- 10 Percent of what we **Hear.**
- 15 Percent of what we **See**
- 20 Percent of what we **Discuss**
- 80 Percent of what we **Practice**
- 90 Percent of what we attempt to **Teach Others**

By Freddie Frazier

EBC NEWS

From Pastor Byron Day

Issue: March 2010

Blogging, tweeting, and texting—oh my! With all of the new forms of communicating today, I hope that this newsletter does not become old before it's time.

WELCOME to the new Emmanuel Baptist Church Newsletter. We will deliver the EBC News via email, but also print some copies for those who do not use email and



our visitors. I hope that you will enjoy receiving the latest happenings at EBC.

believe that this is God's plan, we have embarked upon a building expansion project that will allow us to fulfill our vision and our mission to: worship the one true God, witness to the world, disciple the saints, fellowship with believers, and serve the Savior. The new **Emmanuel Baptist Church Ministry Center** will help us to complete our mission. The Department of Interior has given preliminary approval to our storm water management plan, The State Highway Administration has agreed to sign off on the plan once we have final approval from the Department of Interior. Prince Georges County has agreed to sign off once the State Highway Administration has given approval. We are very close to obtaining a building permit. Perhaps only a few months away. Soooo!

"For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though, it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay".

— Habakkuk 2:3 NASB

Building Thoughts...

The vision of EBC is to build and establish a New Testament Church in the Laurel/Bowie community. Because we



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT:

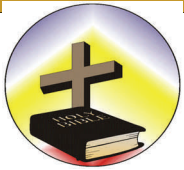
EBC YOUTH MINISTRY

EBC's Youth Ministry (YM) seeks to revitalize the youth ministry within EBC and create a thriving program designed to inspire our youth and grow their Christian faith through service and fellowship. The mission of the YM is to reach out into the community and spread the word God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. The YM was revived in October 2009 and is already making a difference in the spiritual lives of our youth.

The YM provides a way to show our youth that having fun can be achieved in a Godly atmosphere. Since its inception, the YM already has taken EBC's youth and invited guests on a roller skating excursion and a bowling extravaganza. Each trip was preceded by a Bible-based lesson taught by Bro. Linton Clarke. EBC's Min. Keith Watkins also has agreed to serve as a teacher.

YM activities included Black History last month and the Youth Prayer Breakfast. The YM kicked off its Service Projects Initiative last month. Projects in the planning stages or already scheduled will benefit Elizabeth House (a meal kitchen), schools/centers for the handicapped, and orphanages. YM youth also will be incorporated into regular EBC services on third Sundays starting this month by providing scripture readings, prayers, and announcements. All YM projects and activities are subject to both parental and Pastor Day's approval.

By Joyce Bargeman



INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Your Own Spring

I sent my aunt another birthday card today. It was nowhere near her birthday but that did not matter. My aunt has lived over eighty years in this world. She has done her best to make each and every day a celebration of love, kindness, giving, and faith. I saw no reason to limit such a beautiful soul to just one card a year.

The card I sent contained a beautiful spring scene. It felt especially good sending it today, because I had just finished my second round of shoveling snow in two days. A foot and a half of snow had covered everything, closed schools, and made any flowers in the ground think twice about ever coming out again.

As I mailed the card, I remembered one of the things that I learned from my aunt, "If you want to make it through life's winter days then you have to carry your own Spring inside". Even when the heaviest of snows fell in her life, her spirit stayed sunny. Even when she had to dig out from under life's pains and troubles, she always carried a flower garden of faith in her heart.

Spring will be here soon, in life however, winter days can come at any time and in any season. If you are going through some things right now, remember that God loves you. Remember that even when you are shoveling snow out in the world, you can still be planting flowers in your soul. Remember that even when winter drags on and on, you can still **share your Spring**.

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Did You Know...?

Emmanuel Baptist Church is a member of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, and our own Pastor Day, serves as President.

The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware is a fellowship of more than 500 Baptist Churches, which have joined together to reach the Maryland/Delaware region and the world for Jesus Christ, assisting in starting and strengthening congregations that will together fulfill Jesus' command in to "**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations**".

In fulfillment of the Lord's command, the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware coordinates a variety of State and worldwide ministries, including: missions work, disaster relief, ministry training and support, church development and evangelism.

In October 2009, EBC was honored to have the Executive Director of Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, Dr. David Lee, as the guest speaker at our 28th Anniversary service. Additional information on the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware is available at <http://bcmd.org/>.

By Karen Shields

GOT NEWS...? Want to share something inspirational, educational, achievement, or community related in our next newsletter? Then send your submittals to Karen Shields at kds921@hotmail.com or Joyce Bargeman at joycebargeman@hotmail.com or Nanette Stokes at Instokes@verizon.net. *All submittals will be reviewed and approved for it's content.* **DEADLINE FOR APRIL IS MARCH 20th.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6, 2010—**Youth Prayer Breakfast**
9:00am to 11:00am at Emmanuel Baptist Church
- March 13, 2010—**Church Council Meeting**
9:00am to 11:00 am at Emmanuel Baptist Church
- March 27, 2010—**First Lady Appreciation Luncheon** Time and Location (TBA) Please sign-up on the sign-in sheet located on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

