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### 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 April newsletter submittals is Friday, March 25th.** Please e-mail submissions to either Sis. Joyce Barge-man at [joycebargeman@hotmail.com](mailto:joycebargeman@hotmail.com) or Sis. Karen Shields at [karen-d-shields@hotmail.com](mailto:karen-d-shields@hotmail.com).

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# EBC NEWS

## EBC SMALL GROUP MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: The Clarks

EBC's Small Group Ministry provides an opportunity for members to meet outside of church services to fellowship and get to know each other. One of EBC's groups, hosted by Linton and Irie Clark in Bowie, features Bible study, prayer and lots of great food! Contact Deacon Van Johnson to inquire about joining a Small Group near you. Groups meet every third Sunday at 3pm through May before breaking for the summer.



Byron J. Day, Pastor



### TAX PREPARATION TIPS-Getting the Most from Itemized Deductions

Miscellaneous itemized deductions are often the most difficult to remember at tax time. Plus, in most cases, only your miscellaneous deductions that exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income are deductible. Did you incur any of the following expenses during the tax year? If so, notify your tax professional so he or she can determine if they are deductible. Once you get past the 2 percent limit, these deductions can really add up!

- Depreciation on a self-owned computer or cell phone required to do your job.
- Education that is employment-related.
- Dues to chambers of commerce, professional societies, and unions.
- Home office or part of your home used regularly and exclusively in your work. *(cont'd on page 2)*

*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7*



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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**

- Mar. 5th—**Youth Prayer Breakfast**, 9-11am, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Mar. 19th—**Church Council Meeting**, 9am, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Mar. 20th—**Small Group Ministry Meetings**, 3pm
- Apr. 29th & 30th—**Art of Marriage Conference**, 7-9pm & 8:30am-4:30pm
- Jan. 26th-Jun. 22nd—**EBC Christian Education Institute Classes**

**EBC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



EBC celebrated Black History Month with dinner and a movie each Friday night during the month of February. The event was hosted by EBC's **Sunday School Ministry**, which is chaired by deacon Samuel Raines. I was honored to have been chosen to host the event for the fourth time. This year's theme was "From Our Past To Our Present: Making History Today".

Through film we have been challenged to use our past to motivate us today. Applying past principles to today's problems and thinking outside the "status quo" can really make a difference in our communities. This year's films included "The Best There Never Was: The Marcus Dupree Story", "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story", and "Raising Tennis Aces: The Venus and Serena Williams Story".

Dinners were provided by the Sunday School Ministry and the **Usher Board Ministry**, which is chaired by Sister Deborah Gross. In addition to learning about history-making individuals, EBC members fellowshiped with one another and answered black history trivia questions. The successful event was a true exercise in various EBC ministries working together to provide spiritual and educational fellowship opportunities for members. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event. We are certainly looking forward to next year's Black History Month celebration!



Joe Clark      *"[It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."* **Psalms 118:8**

**TAX PREPARATION TIPS-Getting the Most from Itemized Deductions** (cont'd)

- Job-search expenses in your present occupation.
- Legal fees related to doing or keeping your job, and protecting or collecting taxable income.
- Licenses and regulatory fees, as well as occupational taxes.
- Malpractice insurance premiums.
- Medical examinations required by an employer.
- Passport for a business trip.
- Subscriptions to professional journals and trade magazines related to your work.
- Tools, supplies, and safety equipment used in your work.
- Travel, transportation, entertainment, and gift expenses related to your work.
- Work clothes and uniforms and their upkeep costs.
- Tax preparation fees.
- Safe deposit box.