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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 December newsletter submittals is Friday, November 18th.** Please e-mail submissions to either Sis. Joyce Barge-man at joycebarge-man@hotmail.com or Sis. Karen Shields at karen-d-shields@hotmail.com.

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EBC NEWS

EBC Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Emmanuel Baptist Church family and friends gathered to celebrate EBC's 30th anniversary at the Sheraton Washington North Hotel in Beltsville, Maryland. The celebration featured a gospel music performance by national recording artist Maurette Brown Clark and praise dances by New Creation Dance Ministry of The Peoples Community Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Maryland. Pastor Dennis Dunn of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico served as guest speaker. The EBC family extends a special thanks to the **2011 Church Anniversary/Fellowship Ministry** members for all of their hard work in making the celebration such joyous, spirit-filled event.

– photography by Alfredo Flores



Byron J. Day, Pastor



"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Psalm 95:2







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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

- Nov 5th—**New Members Class**, 9am–1pm, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Nov 19th—**Church Council Meeting**, 9am–11am, EBC, Laurel, MD
- Nov 19th—**Thanksgiving Baskets Delivered**, 9am–12pm
- Nov 23rd—**Thanksgiving Eve Service**, 7:30pm, EBC, Laurel, MD

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: Cranberry Sauce and Pumpkin Pie



Turkeys and cornucopias and pilgrim hats. Seasoned stuffing hot from the oven. Creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Uncles and aunts and cousins to play with. Grandmothers and grandfathers with family gathered round. Children waiting for the Great Pumpkin rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and dads watching college football. A day to relax and maybe rake leaves in the afternoon.

But Thanksgiving? How much will our celebrations tomorrow have to do with giving thanks?

A glance at the first Thanksgiving brings it all back. On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see Spring refresh Cape Cod Bay.



But God sent Indians--Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit--to help the English settlers plant and hunt and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His blessings.



The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's Providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past. And they were quick to thank Him during abundant blessing, too.

We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge His goodness towards us.

This Thanksgiving let your prayers and expressions of love rise toward your Heavenly Father.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:12-13)

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, [and] into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, [and] bless his name."
Psalm 100:4