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From the Desk of the Pastor



EBC Family & Friends...

I greet you in divine love! We have started 2023 off and running in ministry! As we look retrospectively at the first quarter, we saw God's hand yet upon our ministry. We were blessed to begin with Vision Sunday in January and the Installation of 2023 Officers at the end of the month. Bad weather on that Sunday caused some not to make it but were installed the first Sunday in February. February was also a groundbreaking monumental occasion in the history of Emmanuel

as the first female minister (Min. Michelle Bullock) was licensed. Black History and Heritage was also observed in which everyone was challenged to be the change and become a part of history instead of just observing the work of others.

March was a month of celebration in which we celebrated 2 years of Pastor & People. I was blown away by the tributes and presentations from the body. Our hearts are full and we are poised to continue upward accomplishments and successes. We were grateful to get the baptismal pool gutted and a new spa pool with heating capabilities installed around new supporting wall features.

During this quarter, Emmanuel also rekindled a long-time fellowship with Pastor James Thomas and the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in St Paul, MN, in their 101st church anniversary celebration. We cannot wait for Mount Olivet to join us in Beloit for a fellowship in the near future.

Our focus will continue to be on the growth and community of the church body. It's not enough for us to be in the same room or building but to be on one accord, strengthening and encouraging one another as we seek to repair, restore, and revitalize our campus edifices and infrastructure. Please continue to pray as we seek God's provision in being good stewards over the property, people, and purpose he has blessed us with. God Bless You!

Upcoming Events

May 28, 2023

EBC Home Coming
Back to Beloit

June 12-14

Vacation Bible School
Youth Revival

June 17, 2023

YWCA Rock County & Elite Ladies
Juneteenth Celebration-Telfer Park

June 25, 2023

Graduate's Day

July 8-9, 2023

Men's Weekend

July 30, 2023

Mothers & Mission Sunday

August 5, 2023

Annual Church Picnic

August 28-29, 2023

Summer Revival/ Church
Conference

September 23, 2023

Women's Culture Club 100th
Anniversary will be held at the
Eclipse Center. Cheryl Caldwell will
be the keynote speaker.

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OJ Newburn, Sr. –Pastor

MEMBER FOCUS CHAMARI MOORE



On any given Sunday at Emmanuel, you may hear the melodious solo voice of Chamari Moore. Chamari comes from a musical family and has been a member of Emmanuel all her life, as well as, a participant in the music ministry. Chamari is passionate about her music which she says is therapeutic and brings her peace or joy whenever needed. In 2016, she recorded an EP (Extended Play) CD of six songs, in which she was co-writer, produced by Ricco Hobson.

Chamari is the daughter of the late Jimmy and Marcie Moore, and the youngest of their four children, Chad Cuyler, Detrick Hannah, and Chanel Moore. She is part of a large extended family that is always there to support her. Chamari has one daughter, Jay'la Relerford, who is a freshman at North Carolina A&T where she is studying nursing.

Chamari graduated from Beloit Memorial High School in 2004. She went on to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and received a teaching license for birth to third grade and special education. In 2019, Chamari earned a Masters degree in Education Leadership and Policy Analysis, and received a license for K-12, and curriculum and instruction.

After having her daughter when she was in high school, Chamari had to re-evaluate her goals but was determined to go to college. She continued to push forward. She feels sharing her story as a teenage mother with young girls will let them know that their world does not end because of one obstacle.

Chamari's education prepared her for a successful professional career. She taught third grade for nine years in the Beloit school district before becoming a behavior specialist. In that position she worked with teachers to meet the needs of the students in various capacities. Chamari is now an assistant principal for the Beloit school district. But she is not finished. Her goal is to be a principal, but ultimately to be a consultant for a school system working with teachers on management, improving teaching practices and building relationships with students.

Chamari's favorite scripture is II Corinthians 4:8-9; *⁸ We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;*" This scripture reminds her of God's promise and that He will always be with us.

Being at Emmanuel all her life, Chamari appreciates the positivity she has experienced and the spiritual foundation she received there. Emmanuel is home to her, and the members are her family. She can count on the Emmanuel family for support and encouragement, while strengthening her relationship with God. Chamari hopes that Emmanuel continues the healing process and grows spiritually in the word while reaching out and bringing more souls to Christ.

The Emmanuel family is proud of Chamari and congratulates her on her accomplishments.

EBC
LIFE ENRICHMENT REVIEW
1st Quarter 2023

By Sister Lorrie May



The lack of understanding of the Word caused fear, doubt, and confusion among Jesus' early followers and their struggle to accept His resurrection. Therefore, if believers are to develop a deeper understanding of the person and work of Jesus and the centrality of the Resurrection to the Christian faith, the faith community must prioritize the systematic teaching of the Bible. If you have not regularly attended Bible study, commit to encouraging at least one other person to attend with you this week and in the future.

This writer emphasizes the importance of church school because of its basic purpose – Christian education. Church school offers an opportunity to learn God's word on multiple levels of thinking, feeling, and doing, helping us to grow in our understanding of God's word, value God's word, and appropriately apply God's word to our lives.

If you are interested in teaching and/or helping with our children in church school, please contact Sister Lorrie May or Pastor O.J.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY
February 12, 2023

Attire for the day: Jeans and Jerseys (representing your favorite sports/school team in keeping with today's Super Bowl game).

Music for today's service was provided by our praise Team. They sang beautiful renditions of "Let Us Pray", "Every time I Turn Around", and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus".

Minister Sean Leavy, a former associate minister and long-time member here at Emmanuel brought the message in Pastor Newburn's absence. His subject, "Hope for Healing", came from Luke 5:17-26. This text was of Jesus healing the paralyzed man whose friends lowered him through a roof to get him to Jesus. Minister Leavy stated that there are times in life when it seems like our paralysis because of sin is permanent, which causes us to feel that we have no reasons to hope for healing. All of us live paralyzed by sin. Sin is the cause of our paralysis; the wages of sin is death. Sin causes us to lose function, motion and sensation. Sin causes us to lose the ability to walk in faith in a way that would win others to Christ. It incapacitates us to act in the way we know we should.

He went on to say that we all sin. We've all been crippled since our birth with this simple nature. There are times in life when it seems our paralysis is permanent, which causes us to feel we have no hope for healing. However, the text demonstrates that despite our paralysis we do have reasons to hope for healing. In the text, hope for healing led some friends to find a way to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus. They prayed that maybe Jesus would heal their friend. They showed persistence and decided they would get him before Jesus. Let us be like these people and have hope for healing despite our paralysis. Because of Jesus' power and his authority to forgive our sins, we have hope for healing - physically and spiritually.

The following members who brought guests with them today were acknowledged: Sister Lillian Morrow; Sister Regina Hendrix and Sister Michelle Nora; Minister Carol Hendrix; Mother Pat Foster; Mother Joan Burnett; Sister Debra Davidson, and Sister Dorothy Harrell.



Left: Min. Sean Leavy

Right: Dorothy Harrell and her grandson.



Below Left: Mother Patricia Foster and her family.

Below Right: EBC Praise Team (Ruthie Leavy, Chamari Moore, Regina Hendrix, Desmond Haney)





Debra Davidson and her family.



Regina Hendrix and Michelle Nora and their guest the "Knightingales Step Team".



BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION SUNDAY
Feb. 26, 2023 – A.M. Service

Afrocentric attire was worn by many congregants in honor of Black History month. The male chorus furnished the music for the service.

At the beginning of service, a presentation of the history of hymns and call-and-response and their importance in the Black church was given by the following young men of EBC: DeCarlos Nora III; Chris Woods; and Michael Nora. They were assisted by Michelle Nora and Regina Hendrix, who sang an old Negro spiritual (Swing Low, Sweet Chariot) in its original form and also how she might sing it today. Minister of music Carol Hendrix assisted by singing a Dr. Watt selection. They stated that singing is an expression of love, pain, hurt, happiness, joy and praise. Our people sang from the time they were snatched from their native land, when the scorching sun beat down on their backs in the cotton fields, and they sang during the civil rights era as they marched for freedom and justice. They continued to tell how African Americans have used music as an integral part of their daily lives, even demonstrating by singing parts of several songs, including "I'm A Soldier in the Army of the Lord".



EBC's praise dancers, under the direction of Lady Veronica, entertained the congregation with a beautiful dance to the music of "He Will Never Put More on You Than You Can Bear."



Pastor O.J.'s sermon was taken from 2 Kings 13:1-20, and was titled, "Shoot Your Shot". The anthem of the Civil Rights movement, We Shall Overcome, galvanized the community and was rooted in hope and sent a direct message to others that where we are now is not where we are going to remain. It was a rally cry to say we are not going to take Jim Crow laws and let it go by without any type of response. It made us realize that you cannot be what you don't believe. You cannot live in what you do not first believe in. One issue the pastor has with the anthem is that it does not provide a strategy for how we will overcome. Overcoming is not automatic as many of us believe. Another issue is that it pushes all our victory into the future, which is contrary to God's word in John 16:33. When we understand who we are and whose we are, we don't push victory into the future anymore and victory is now proximal and present.

Pastor O.J. went on to say when you know who you are, God said He will give you himself because we are more than conquerors. We must realize at some point that the victory and our life determination have something to do with what's in your head. Just having God on your side doesn't mean you won't suffer. God has given us something inside because cycles and generational curses have to be broken. If you don't break them, you will live with it and you give it permission to live in your house, live in your body and to be a part of your life. Without man's complete effort and cooperation God's goodness and grace don't guarantee us full victory. The extent of God's deliverance is proportional to your cooperation with God. We must give God all that we have in order to break generational curses. We must worship with our whole heart.



FIRST SERMON OF SIS. MICHELLE BULLOCK
February 26, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

This afternoon's service was for the first sermon of Sister Michelle Bullock, who has answered the call of God on her life into His ministry. The deacons opened service with devotional period and the Voices of Praise provided music for the service.

Pastor O.J. introduced Pastor Kenda Roman of New Covenant Deliverance Church for words of encouragement to Sister Bullock. Pastor Roman informed her that she will face genderism as she has in her ten years of pastoring, starting with not being allowed to sit in some pulpits. She told

her she must trust and believe (she must have a stance). Blessings will come her way. She finished her remarks by quoting Isaiah 62:2, "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name", closing with the offer from her to "Count on me Through Thick and Thin".

Pastor O.J. then introduced Sis. Bullock. She thanked Pastor O.J. for his encouragement, for praying with her, and for every sermon and for his leadership and guidance. She thanked Lady Veronica for her shining example of a virtuous woman. She also acknowledged the elders and ministers of EBC, her love for the mothers of EBC and all the choir members.

Her message was coming from Psalm 142: 1, 5 – a prayer of David - with the subject, "How to Get Out of a Cave". She stated your own personal cave could be doubt, isolation, revenge, unforgiveness, grief, low self-esteem, depression, oppression, etc. The method to get out of your cave: you need to have people to check on you, encourage you and support you. No man is an island. We need one another. We can, as David did, look up and call on God for strength. God has brought us through too much to give up. Always stand on the word of God because He loves us. We need to petition God – pray before every battle and after every victory.

The pastors, elders, ministers and deacons present laid hands on Sis. Bullock during prayer, asking God to fill her with His anointing against all negativity. Deacon Booker Street then moved that Sister Bullock be licensed as a minister by Emmanuel Baptist Church, second by Mother Ludean Lockhart. The motion was carried.

Sister Bullock then introduced and thanked members of her family and friends for attending and supporting her.



BAPTISMAL POOL

“Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” ... Matthew 28:19

We can now again baptize in the sanctuary in a heated pool - no leaks! Thank you EBC members, donors, and leaders. Construction work was completed by Happy Pools & Spa of Chicago, IL. Electrical work by Desmond Haney Mainstream Electric (EBC's own organist).

FROM A WADING POOL TO A HEATED, SPA CONTROL BAPTISM POOL



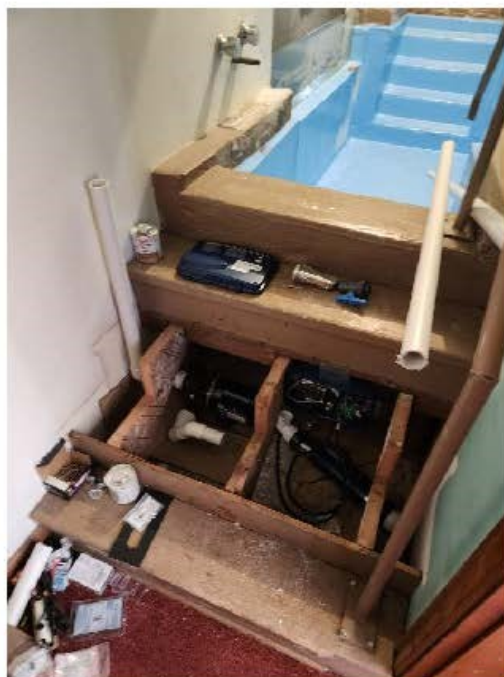
Temporary pool for Baptism



Before...



SPA Control



*Left:
SPA pumps
installed.*

*Right:
Finished...*



PASTOR & FAMILY 2ND ANNIVERSARY
3-12-23 – A.M. Service

Theme: Celebrating Servant Leadership, “And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all’ – Mark 9:35

EBC is blessed to be celebrating our Pastor’s 2nd anniversary. The a.m. service began with devotion led by our deacons, followed by a welcome by Master Mason Nora.

The occasion was given by Sis. Becky Kendall. She stated this is a very special day celebrating O.J. Newburn, a God-centered servant leader who operates on an intentional set of God’s gifts you are sharing with Emmanuel and the whole world. He is a talented teacher who challenges us to be immersed in the word; a counselor; a visionary who is wise, strategic, taking us to higher heights. We thank you, Pastor O.J., for your special gifts and we thank you, Lady V, for your support for who you are and whose you are. We love you both very, very much.

There was then a praise dance by Shayla Morrow and Lady Veronica.

The first tribute was given to the pastor by his mother, Sis. Linda Newburn. She stated Pastor O.J. was always a caring little boy, growing up in the church, attending bible study, BTU, and youth services. She encouraged him to conduct himself honorably among the people so they will observe his good works and glorify his father. She prays the blessings of God will be upon him a thousand-fold that he may be able to go forth, walk and not stumble, and be an influencer of godly character and godly change. She urged him and Veronica to keep their focus, and their eyes on God. Be true and sincere and turn your whole heart over to God.

Deacon Rick Daniels read his favorite scripture, James 2:14-17, which ends with ‘Faith without works is dead’. He feels the Pastor has brought a combination of faith and works to this ministry. It has allowed us to restore and he is so grateful the Lord has sent the two of them to us to help us restore. It is the faith and works and the way the two of them partner together, love each other and love our ministry and the people here. He thanks them on behalf of many of the people here. He thanks God because we are moving forward, we are marching onward.

Tribute to Lady Veronica given by her mother, Elder Dorothy Martin. She stated the name, Veronica, means true and honest image. She’s not a fake – she’s for real. She always puts others’ needs before her own. She stated that at four years old, Veronica knew what she wanted to do in life. She knew she was going to be a doctor. God has been leading and guiding her in everything she does. Everything in her life has not been a bed of roses – but God. She urged Veronica to continue to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. She further told Lady V that God has picked her as a flower to encourage and motivate other women because she has a testimony for the young women of how she made it over and how God is still walking with her.

Pastor O.J. then introduced his brother, the Reverend Alvin Newburn II of Polk Chapel of Yorktown, AR., to bring the message. He preached from Luke 7:17-23, subject - The Flip Side of Ministry. He stated that we must remember that every coin has two sides, a heads and a tails. We throw the word “ministry” around so loosely these days that some people only see one side of ministry. As in this text, ministry is not always the way we see it. Life can flip in a moment, no matter how young or how old you are. Like John the Baptist, who one day went from heads to tails, sooner or later life will flip on you. What do you do when life flips on you? All of us, at one time or another, may become discouraged, have a loss of confidence and decreased enthusiasm and others are not there for you. In John the Baptist’s case, he was in prison because he proclaimed the truth. Sometimes telling the truth will put you in awkward places.

He continued that sometimes we are like John. We feel stuck and confined because your situation hasn’t changed. People can also lead you to discouragement. You’ve been there for others but no one is there for you when you need them. What do you do? You can go to the Lord even when you are frustrated and share with him your disappointments. Keep singing, praying, giving, preaching, pastoring. Have a made-up mind that regardless if it’s heads or tails, you are going to serve the Lord.

Remarks by a dear friend of Pastor O.J.'s, who surprised him today by being here – Bishop Jermaine Adkins and his wife from River of Life Community Church of St. Louis. He thanked Emmanuel for loving and treating Pastor O.J. and Lady V so well.

After service, a delicious dinner was served.

P.M. Service

Guests for the afternoon service was Pastor Kerry Newburn and the members of Bethel Baptist Church of Rockford, IL. The service began with devotion by deacons from both churches. Then was the processional of the First Family, escorted by Brother Henry and Sister Marilyn McKinley. Music was provided by Emmanuel's Voices of Praise and Bethel's choir.

The welcome was given by Sister Mary Tillman and the Occasion by Mother Patricia Foster. Mother Foster recalled the charge given to Pastor O.J. and to the Church at the pastor's installation and urged all of us to ask ourselves if we are following those charges. She stated we need to recognize and acknowledge that our pastor is worthy of honor by being aware of his responsibilities, which then makes us aware of how hard he works for our church.

The tribute in honor of our pastor was given by Sister Barbara Hickman. She honored Lady V with the saying, "Behind every good man is a great woman". On behalf of herself and her family, she first thanked Pastor O.J. for being there for her family and comforting them when they needed it most. She compared this anniversary date to the NCAA March Madness. Two years ago, the selection committee chose from the final four applicants, Pastor O.J. Newburn, a pastor with a love of God. He is a facilitator, motivator, giver, teacher, preacher, worshipper and a servant. Pastor makes all feel warm and welcome. He engages in the service wholeheartedly and loves to praise and worship the Lord. She went on to speak of his love for sports and how we are trying to convert him to be a fan of Wisconsin sports teams. He is humble and quick to celebrate the successes of others and slow to accept accolades. He is gracious and thoughtful, always giving credit to Jesus for everything. He is a preacher – precise in delivering his sermons and adapts them so we all can understand them. We are grateful for pastoral leadership who is strong in both gifts and grace, courageous and consecrated to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reverend Kerry Newburn was then introduced by Pastor O.J.'s father, Rev. Alvin Newburn. His sermon focus, God's Effectiveness as He Works Through the Preacher/Pastor, was taken from Acts 13:42-52. Rev. Newburn asked how many knew that the pastor is not chosen by the church but by God. He is a servant, a steward servant, that is over the whole house. He must make sure that all the work gets done. He quoted Jeremiah 3:15 – "I will give you pastors after my own heart, which shall feed you with knowledge, and understanding". God has not called preachers to make a name for themselves but to declare the name above all other names, to get you acquainted with Jesus.

He went on to say that sin can never be forgiven without a proclamation, which gives you an invitation to be connected with God through faith. It is impossible for a man to be filled with the Holy Ghost and not open his mouth to preach, to teach, to be a witness, and to testify. If you have the Holy Ghost in your life, you must tell somebody about Jesus. In the text, Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel and there is power in the gospel; pastors and preachers are required to also preach the gospel. The purpose of God is to live and give life. He wants the preachers/pastors to know that when you have that relationship with God you can never suffer defeat. God doesn't allow His people to be defeated, there is never a need to throw in the towel. Just put your hands in Jesus' hands and hold to God's unchanging hands. He closed by encouraging Pastor O.J. to keep doing what he's doing and saying what he's saying. Continue to tell the same story – that Jesus went to the cross, died and arose with all power in His hands.

Before the benediction, remarks from chairman of the board of deacons, Kevin Leavy, gave remarks and presented gifts to Pastor O.J. and Lady V before each of them offered remarks.

Sister Mary Weaver was chairperson for this anniversary weekend.



Elder Dorothy Martin



Linda Newburn

*The Pastoral family was escorted by Marilyn and Henry McKinley.
Mothers of Pastor OJ and Lady Veronica gave tribute to their children.*

TRIBUTES



Dea. Rick Daniels



Barbara Hickman



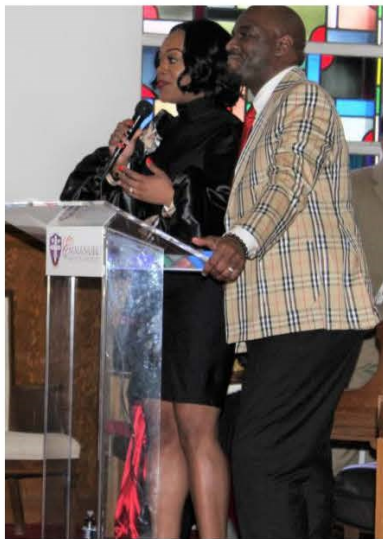
Mother Patricia Foster



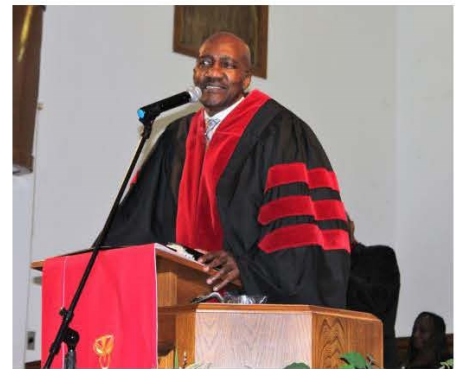
Rev. Alvin Newburn, Sr.



*Mary Weaver,
Anniversary Chairperson*



Rev. Alvin Newburn



Pastor Kerry Newburn

VISIT TO MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

After a few years hiatus, the Emmanuel/Mt. Olivet fellowship, started by the late Rev. Prude of Emmanuel and the late Rev. Battle of Mt. Olivet, was revived with hopes from most that it will continue. Reverend O.J., Lady Veronica and approximately 60 members of EBC traveled by bus and individual cars to Minneapolis/St. Paul on Friday, March 24th to celebrate Mt. Olivet's 101st church anniversary. Their theme for the celebration was "Pressing Forward With a Steadfast Love for Christ", based on scripture Philippians 3:13-14.

On Saturday night, March 25th, Emmanuel was the guest for a delicious dinner at Teppanyaki Grill & Supreme Buffet in Fridley, MN.

Upon arrival at service Sunday, everyone was surprised by a guest no one expected – Mrs. Regina Prude, along with her daughter Sherrie Neal. They both spoke during the service about the great fellowship between the two churches and how they miss everyone.

The worship service was highlighted by Pastor O.J.'s sermon. His focus, "The Tragedy of Dying at Church, from the scripture Acts 20:1-12. He first thanked Mt. Olivet for 5-star hospitality and for the life and legacy of Dr. Prude that lives on. He also honored Mrs. Prude and Sherrie Neal. He stated there is too much power and word here today for us to leave dejected and despondent. We cannot allow people to come into our midst and to fall down and we not exercise the power to restore them. When we come together in community the one thing we should remember that God will judge us dependent on how we deal with the faithful and the fallen. God will judge us based on what we do with the people – did we encourage them? We avoid people who may be dealing with life's crises and God is asking – what did we do with the fallen? Do we continue with our program or do we stop to tend to someone else? There comes a time when we have to tend to those who are fallen, those who have no hope. We don't know what people have gone through to get here. Churches need to understand that our churches have lot what we call – community. We want revival, but we don't want oneness, we want God to provide but we don't want to be on one accord. There can be no revival, no restoration, no power and manifestation of God's grace and power if we are not on one accord. The church at its first was at its best. They had community, camaraderie. God will not endow us with his presence and power if we are fussing and fighting. We have to be on one accord – we will be healed, restored and ministered to if we are on one accord.

Many of us have come to church battered and bruised and have left I worst condition than we came. We have to be careful that we handle God's people with care – some people have fragile hearts and you may further injure someone, may push someone further back into the world because you didn't speak to them or acknowledge them.

Community is a unity, a spirit of loyalty, that is when you hurt, I hurt. When we are in unity – when your house hurts, I feel it. When you hurt, I know it. When we are in community – connected, you don't have to tell me how3 our week went, I know it because we are connected. Words don't matter because we are in connection and communion together.

When you are in community with God, He will send people to encourage you and to protect you when you're at your lowest. The DNA of a healthy church is a church that can encourage itself.

Tell people you care about them. Celebrate every day and encourage one another. Sometimes we are so hard on ourselves because things don't progress like we think they should and we set unrealistic expectations for our lives. When you are in connection with God, He will use His spirit to re-direct us for our own preservation, because what God has for me is for me. God will oftentimes reveal the plot of the enemy. Some of us have lost our sense of discernment.

Sometimes we need to see each other outside of church – to build fellowship, to learn each other and to embrace one another – to be on one accord (like the day of Pentecost). When we get together on one accord, we'll see miracles like we've never seen.

Sometimes our format, our program is causing people to be disinterested. Are you able to reach down to comfort them, to cover them. Like Paul, let them know that this is not the end. Even after a fall, they still have hope. They can get up again because God still cares. God sends inspiration in His word to let you know that weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. Hold on a little while longer, help is on the way. Be not dismayed whatever be tide, God will take care of you. He died – they crucified Him, put Him in a borrowed tomb, stayed there for three days but early Sunday morning, He got up and said that all power is in His hands. He promised to never leave you.

After a delicious meal, EBC headed back to Beloit, thankful for a great, fulfilling weekend.

Left: EBC Travelers
 Right: Pastor O.J. and Lady V visit the George Floyd Memorial



Left: Mason Nora & Morgan Daniels; Center: Shayla Morrow
 Right: Marilyn McKinley and guest.



Upper Left: Elder Penny Devereueawax, Min. Michelle Bullock, Carolyn Street and Booker Street
 Upper Right: Betty Hendrix and guest
 Lower Left: Jaemie Harley and Carolyn Lawrence; Lower Right: Tony and Stephanie Gates





Brenia Bolton, John Hill, Bryanna Turner



Robert Burch, DeCarlos Nora



Mrs. Regina Prude and Mrs. Sherry Neal surprised everyone.



Pastor OJ delivers the message.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH - BELOIT, WI

HOMECOMING

2023

"BACK TO B-TOWN"



SAVE THE DATE
SAT & SUN
MAY 27-28



HOST PASTOR
PASTOR OJ NEWBURN
EMMANUEL BC
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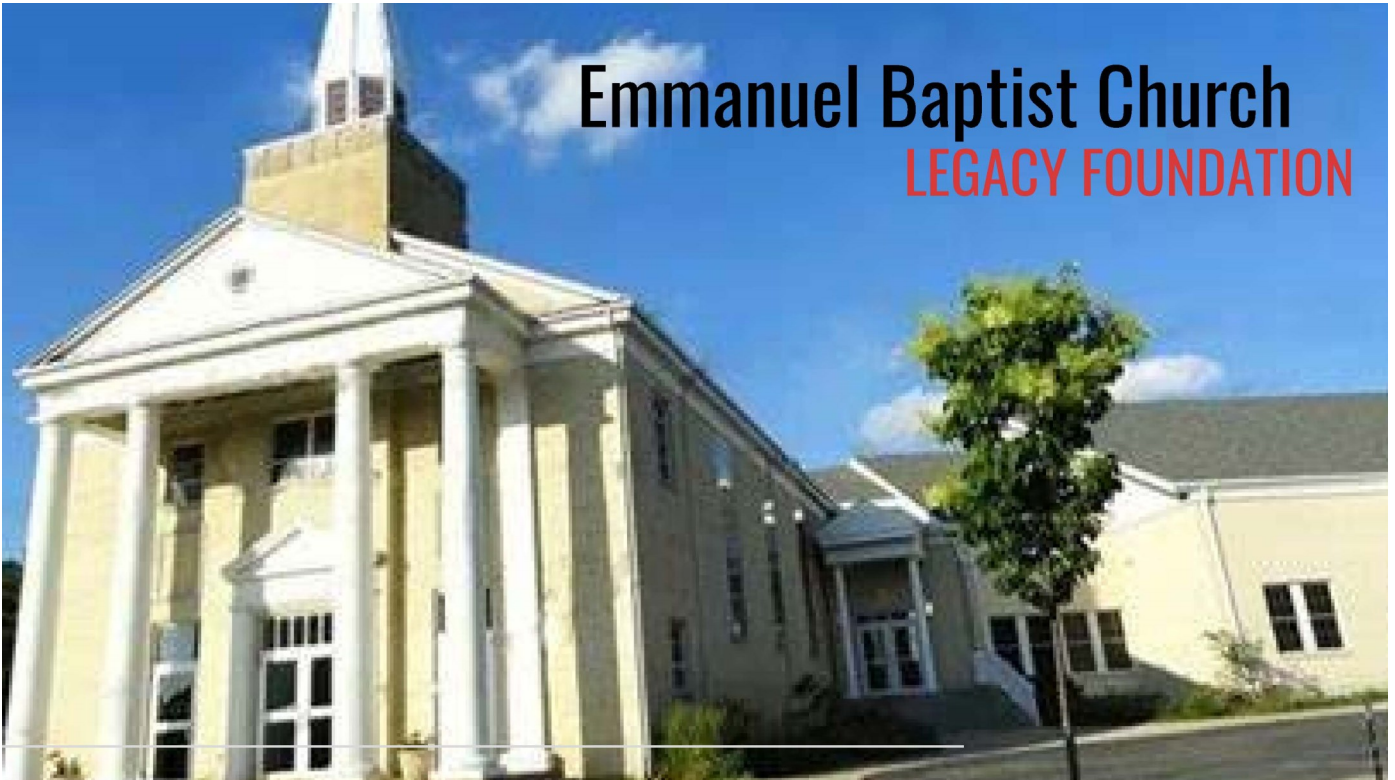


SUNDAY AM GUEST SPEAKER
PASTOR JUSTIN EDWARDS
HOLY CROSS BC SOUTH
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Emmanuel Baptist Church

LEGACY FOUNDATION



Our Mission

Since 1917, Emmanuel Baptist Church has been a staple in the African-American community of Beloit, WI. Throughout the years hundreds of souls have given their life to Christ or become a member and spent their lives worshipping in or serving in this great church. Emmanuel Baptist Church has not only been a place of worship, but in outreach, feeding the less fortunate and providing Christian education opportunities for many years. As the years go on, the generations are changing and in order to maintain the building and all of its functions, ongoing investment must be made to ensure the legacy of Emmanuel Baptist Church continues for many years to come .

The Legacy Foundation Giving

Annually each family representing the memory of a loved one will give a designated amount within three levels. Funds can be collected throughout the year and record keeping maintained by the church office administrator. Every April during church anniversary weekend, the collections of funds will be presented that have been raised throughout the year. The first full year April 2023-April 2024 a board of name plates will be purchased in memory of loved ones and designated by giving levels. Giving levels to be determined.

Collected funds will be used only for the following needs and if the current church budget for these expenses has been exhausted:

- Maintaining of church grounds (parking lots, side walks and weather related needs for the upkeep of the grounds
- Church transportation- the purchase of 1-2 vehicles to transport church members to out of town engagements and to use to transport members as needed.
- Building fund- to pay the remaining balance of any debt and any deferred maintenance in the family life center that is essential.
- The sanctuary/church building and any deferred maintenance, worn furniture, HVAC and other maintenance needs to ensure continued upkeep.
- Search for a new Pastor when needed including travel, transportation, lodging and expenses only related to the Pastor travel accommodations.

EBC LEGACY GIVING LEVELS

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PROVERBS 13:22

ACTIVITIES PAGE

PUTTING THE HA- IN HALLELUJAH

Prayer for Healing

After service, a stranger approached the pastor and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing." The pastor placed his hands on the man's ears and said a passionate, earnest prayer. "How's your hearing now?" the pastor asked. Looking surprised, the man said, "Well, it's not until tomorrow."

Sunday Fish Tale

A boy came late to Sunday school. Knowing he was usually very prompt, his teacher asked, "Johnny, is there anything wrong?" "No, ma'am, not really", he said. "I was going to go fishing, but my dad told me that I needed to get on up and go to church." The teacher was very impressed and asked Johnny if his father had explained why it was more important to go to church than go fishing. "Yes ma'am, he did", Johnny said. "My daddy said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

Prayer at Sea

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" A pastor stepped forward, "Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we're one short."

A Pastor's Power

A pastor was in the middle of his sermon when he noticed a man had fallen asleep with his head on his wife's shoulder. "Wake up your husband," Pastor Riley snapped. The wife smiled and replied, "You put him to sleep. You wake him up."

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?

"I'd prefer a house with no den."

Who in the bible knew the most people?

Abraham knew a Lot

What's a miracle that can be done by a complainer?

Turning anything into *whine*.

2nd QUARTER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Opal Vance	April 1	Roderick Jenkins	May 3	Carolyn Street	June 4
Howard Richie	April 2	Dionne Riddle	May 7	Uniqua Quillins	June 9
Tony Gates	April 3	Garry A Hendrix	May 11	Spencer Listenbee	June 12
Jessie McNeal	April 4	Leslie Bridges	May 13	Patricia Marton	June 15
Arbrillia Collins	April 4	Patricia Foster	May 17	Elder Joseph Fletcher	June 15
Skylar Listenbee	April 5			Linda Fair	June 19
Erica Daniels	April 6				
Sharon Jackson	April 7				
Dyan Black	April 10				
Maurice Lockhart	April 13				
Brenda Harper	April 16				
Erica Lockhart	April 21				
Carolyn Lawrence	April 22				
Henry McKinley	April 23				

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Terry and Brenda Harper	April 10
Nathaniel and Mary Tillman	April 13
Joseph and Sheila Fletcher	June 16
Cleven and Lynda Doss	June 24

COVID is still out there. Here's what to do if you get it now.

The government is ready to declare COVID-19 over: The nationwide state of emergency is set to end on May 11. In California, the state of emergency concluded in February. Johns Hopkins University shut down its nationwide COVID-19 data tracking this month.

But COVID-19 isn't gone. Though cases and deaths are on a downswing, plenty of people are still testing positive, especially as mask usage dwindles and pandemic restrictions end. Hundreds of people still die of COVID worldwide every day, according to the World Health Organization.

"It's really hard to not catch omicron," said Paula Cannon, a virology professor at the USC Keck School of Medicine. "It's so freaking infectious, even if you've been boosted and vaccinated."

After three years and what feels like a thousand public health proclamations about testing and isolating, you might find yourself falling down a frantic Google hole after that second line shows up on an at-home test.



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