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### From the Desk of the Pastor



Hello Emmanuel Family & Friends!

WOW...the 2nd Quarter of 2023 was very exciting and enriching! This next quarter we are concentrating on our fellowship ministries (Womens/Mens/Youth & Children). It is vital that we create an engaging format that allows each person to be continually touched beyond Sundays. I strongly urge each of you to become active in these ministries. We have streamlined some of the traditional ministries/ auxiliaries of the church down to these three which encompass the entire body.

The Women's Ministry meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for intercessory prayer and 6:00 p.m. for Bible Study. The Men's Ministry meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Pastor's study. Secondly, we are in the midst of our mid-year membership drive and asking all members to please contact the office ([admin@ebcbeloit.org](mailto:admin@ebcbeloit.org)) if you have any changes. This is also a clarion call to all legacy/ former members to please provide your information as well as we update our database. I am also grateful for your support in the EBC Legacy Foundation Fund. This idea is the brain-child of our own Sis. Angela Street. This fund positions the ministry to tackle aging structural issues and other projects that will solidify the continued operation of Emmanuel. I ask each of you to prayerfully consider your investment in Emmanuel.

The 3rd quarter will bring greater fellowship and ministry opportunities as we galvanize and build a greater ministry of cooperation and perform exploits. Take time to vacation and rest as we will take the month of August as a ministry to come aside and rest. Take Care and I Love You!

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### Upcoming Events

**August 28-29, 2023**

**Summer Revival  
and Church Conference**

#### Labor Day Weekend Worship

Labor Day Weekend Sunday, September 3. Pastor Donnell McTyer and the Warren Hill BC of North Little Rock, AR will be our guests. After worship we will have a fellowship cookout dinner in the Family Life Center. (The attire for the day is casual).

**September 23, 2023**

Women's Culture Club 100th Anniversary will be held at the Eclipse Center. Cheryl Caldwell will be the keynote speaker. For tickets please see Mother Opal Vance or Sister Linda Ward

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EBC – MEMBER FOCUS  
MINISTER MICHELLE BULLOCK



Minister Michelle Bullock was licensed by Emmanuel Baptist Church on Sunday, February 26, 2003, after giving her first sermon. She came to EBC about two years ago, moving here from the south side of Chicago, IL.

Min. Michelle was born and raised in Chicago and was graduated from Dunbar Vocational School. She went to work in corporate America, working for several advertising agencies in the City as a bookkeeper. She contracted breast cancer and because of two years of chemo and radiation treatments, was unable to continue working in that capacity. Her last corporate job was in customer service for AT&T. She knew that God was going to bring her through.

She was raised as a Jehovah's Witness, but chose to be a Christian. She was baptized in 1996 at Logos Baptist Assembly in Chicago, by Pastor Dr. Donald L. Parson, a world-renowned leader and remained there for 18 years. Dr. Parson required study and training for all leaders in positions so she attended classes at Baptist conventions and studied under Pastor Parson in order to become certified as a church school teacher. While at Logos, she started a praise and worship team and for six years was over a large media industry for Logos. She learned a lot in this position (with large sales each month of the pastor's tapes and cd's). She was also trained in and worked in office administration at the church and other churches when she left Logos. She left Logos Assembly when she received the call on her life from God, but it was not accepted by the pastor because of his stance on women being called to preach. Upset by this rejection, she stopped going to church for a while but, thankfully God brought her back.

Min. Michelle's family consists of four brothers and two sisters. She is the mother of one son, Damario, one daughter, Miquel, and four living grandchildren. Her son's three year old son died in 2021 and Michelle moved to Janesville to support her son during this time. When she moved back to Chicago, she still visited Janesville often. She believes it was God who pulled her off the highway to travel through Beloit. She trusted God when guided to settle in Beloit and watch EBC's church services virtually during Covid. Pastor O.J. ministered to her and walking by faith and trusting God, she came to Emmanuel.

She is happy to be at EBC and feels the vision for her life is part of the vision that Pastor O.J. has. She loves the Emmanuel church family and is excited about the future of this church. She feels our congregation will have more outreach and more ministries growing and flourishing. She thinks of Emmanuel as the beacon of Beloit, the first thing you see when you come into town and an essential church in Beloit.

Min. Bullock is employed here as the Pastor's assistant. She is humbled and shocked at what God is doing in her life.

Her favorite scripture is Psalm 34 – "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.....".

Min. Bullock is a welcome addition to EBC. We are blessed she has come tis way.

## EASTER WEEK SERVICES

The Beloit Area Ministers' Association (BAMA) sponsored its annual Lenten Community worship services, held the Wednesdays of Lent and Good Friday. Services were scheduled at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, Wesley CME Church, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, St. Paul Lutheran and Parroquia San Jose Church, Bethel AME Church and Emmanuel Baptist Church. The following guest preachers brought the messages in each of the churches: Rev. Normalee Gallimore of Wesley CME; Rev. Walt Hoshaw of First Baptist, Rev. Steve Erkel of United Church of Beloit; Rev. Dr. Norris Jackson of Bethel AME; Pastor Carol Taylor of United Church of Beloit; and Rev. David Ewing of Sun Valley Presbyterian Church, who is also president of BAMA. Our own Pastor O.J. brought the message on Good Friday at noon at EBC. The Voices of Praise provided the music.



Left: *Pastor O.J. delivers the Good Friday message.*

Right: *Pastor Steve Erkel (United Church of Beloit), Pastor O.J., Pastor David Ewing (Sun Valley Presbyterian Church)*



Pastor O.J. spoke from the scripture John 19:16-18, subject – 'The Middle Man'. He pointed out that Jesus was crucified in the middle, between two thieves, but his ministry was to the margins or to those on the periphery, those who are lost, those who are the least, those who are left out, those who are outcasts, to bring them into the center. He died in the middle but his ministry was for those on the outskirts to bring them in the center of joy, peace, and salvation. Jesus had to go through the process of the crucifixion in order to bring us all into the center. He went on to say that if you and I will persevere, God still does his finest work even when we're tired, on the brink of giving up. God will send a 'Simon of Cyrene', someone or some situation to empower us. You must fulfill your purpose even when you're tired. God has a plan for us, for our lives. Even if it's difficult, God is saying you can make it through the roughest of times.

### **Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) Worship Service)**

Commemorates the last supper of Jesus Christ. Sharing the good news are the following speakers:

**Elder Joseph Fletcher:** Matthew 26:6-13, Preparation of the Passover  
Jesus was getting ready to be used for the second Passover. 1. He prayed, we must make sure our prayer life is right. 2. Be anointed (chosen to do this work). You must understand what your anointing is and who Jesus is. 3. Recognize the second lamb of God, which is Jesus.



**Deacon Dr. Rick Daniels:** Luke 22:19, Passover Feast (The Bread): Preparing to Receive a Five-Course Meal. The meal includes hors d'oeuvres, appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. Sometimes God will serve His blessings in courses so we can appreciate the process of consuming his word. Jesus took bread into His hands (hors d'oeuvres) He places it in His hands and gave thanks (appetizer), Jesus intercedes on our behalf, breaks bread (salad) God will often bless us in parts, parcels and pieces so we will accept God's blessings in small doses. He serves bread (main course). God doesn't serve fast food. All blessings come from God, He speaks over bread (dessert), a mandate (purpose and instruction). He gives the instruction – as oft as you do this, do this in remembrance of me. He encourages all to take a seat and get prepared to receive God's blessings.

**Minister Valerie Vance:** John 13:15-17, Washing of Apostles' Feet

Jesus is giving an example for his disciples to follow. He's saying for them to behave in the same manner as himself. Jesus' humility is the real example we should follow, not the washing of feet. It governs every area and every experience of our lives. Actual proximity to God is to serve someone else. To wash the feet of a house guest was a menial task normally done by a servant, not the host. Jesus is teaching us that greatness in the kingdom of God is measured by humility and service and it shows us that Jesus teaches us in word and deed. Jesus always practices what He preaches, unlike the Pharisees. God wants us to lead by example and serve others.



**Deacon Kevin Leavy: John 13:34** Love ye one another. Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment – that ye love one another as I have loved you. Love is part of the two greatest commandments. In loving one another, people exhibit different kinds of love: Public-you only show love in public and when you walk away from them, you are talking about them or ignoring them; Conditional-you love someone if they are doing something for you; Selfish-only love when someone is doing something for you and you don't do anything in return; Manipulative-when you trick someone into doing something for you in return for your love; Artificial love-when you claim to love someone yet your heart and soul is somewhere else; Controlling-when you take away someone's freedom and independence and call it love. The bible speaks of four kinds of love: Eros, Storge, Philia, and Agape, God's immeasurable, incomparable love for human kind. It's the divine love that comes from God.



**Min. Michelle Bullock:** Luke 22:54-62, Peter's Denial

Simon, along with his brother Andrew were good fishermen. They did not hesitate when Jesus called them to follow Him. He was very bold and got his name changed, at which time Jesus said, "Upon this rock I build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail." (Peter means rock). He was considered one of the inner circle of Jesus and he witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus Christ. Peter was close but still denied Christ, based on human frailty and a lack of judgement, faith and prayer. He was afraid that Jesus would be killed and then he would be next. He wasn't prepared to face that kind of ridicule. The lesson Peter learned is that you must love one another. If Peter had not repented and Jesus had not accepted the repentance, Simon could have stayed out on the boat. But, Peter stood strong. We know that because the church still stands.



**Elder Penny Devereueawax:** Matt. 26:36-46, A Night of Agony that Changed Human History Because He Said 'Nevertheless'. God requires our loyalty, devotion, stewardship and our service. This narrative helps us to see what it looks like to suffer, stand, serve and walk in victory. It shows us how to respond during trials and suffering. The Garden of Gethsemane was a garden of olive trees where Jesus went often. Olives must be pressed for anointing, making oil. Olives cannot do the work of oil. We must be pressed in order to get to glory. Jesus went there according to his history because of the serenity of the place. It was the prayer portal to prepare Jesus. Jesus is struggling like we haven't seen Him struggle before. He prayed and began to become sorrowful and troubled while He was praying. He was fully God but He was God in the flesh. He had agreed to



drink the cup of God's wrath to bear the punishment for the sins of the world. He knew the only way to present the cup of salvation was to drink the cup of wrath. He prayed to His father that if it were possible, let this cup pass from me. He got to a place of peace in His prayer and said, "Nevertheless, let thy will be done." Because Jesus drank the cup of wrath the cup of salvation is offered to you and me. After Jesus' anguish and praying, an angel came to strength Him to allow Him to endure the agony. Jesus showed us in the Garden how to handle agony – the answer is prayer.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH 106<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
April 22-23, 2023

EBC's 106th anniversary kicked off with a game night on Saturday. Tournaments for spades, bid whist, and dominoes were available, as well as other "Minute to Win It" games for young and old. Menu was pizza, chips, sloppy joes and pasta salad. The night was well-attended and great prizes were given for tournament champions and other games.

The anniversary committee, led by Sis. Francine Hinchey, consisted of Dea. Tony Gates, Sis. Nikia Morton, Sis. Chamari Moore, and Mother Pat Foster.

**The anniversary Sunday morning service** began with songs by our praise team. The Voices of Praise provided music for the rest of the service. Mr. John Hill offered a welcome to visitors. EBC's praise dance ministry, under the direction of Lady Veronica and Sis. Shayla Morrow, presented two beautiful numbers.



Deaconess Carolyn Street recapped EBC's church history, detailing how in 1916, Fairbanks Morse Company employed Mr. John McCord, who was from Pontotoc, Ms., and sent him to return south to recruit men from the Pontotoc and Houston, Mississippi, areas to offer work to men who wanted to escape the Jim Crow laws of the South and also to make a better life for their families. This was the beginning of the Great Migration from Pontotoc. Mrs. Street also recognized and gave a short bio of our founding fathers. She also recognized the descendants who were in attendance today of those founding fathers.



Deaconess Carolyn Street

The praise dance team of Hope Fellowship Church of Rockford, IL., presented a dance, after which Hope Fellowship's praise team blessed us in song. Sermon was given by Pastor Ronald Alexander of Hope Fellowship Church of Rockford, IL. His message was taken from Psalm 78:4 and Psalm 107:24, and was titled, "He Keeps On Doing Great Things for Me". Spoke on grace (unmerited favor). When you've gone through some things, you know that if He brought you through once, He will bring you through again. If God treated us the way we deserve to be treated, some of us would not even be here today. Thank God for grace.

He stated that through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come. Not because of our attitudes, good looks, etc., but because of God's grace. We are clothed and in our right minds and have blessings given from God. God's grace never runs out – your mess can't outweigh his mercies. Grace of God has been lavished on people throughout the ages. The history of the church needs to be passed down. He still has us in His hands and We thank God because He kept us through all the things we've been through.



Pastor Ronald Alexander

The pastor stated that it's a poor Christian who doesn't have a testimony, who can't stand up and tell how good God's been to them. You ought to say something – let the redeemed of the Lord say so. The book of Revelation states we overcome by the blood of the lamb and by the words of our testimony. The reason we keep on keeping on is because we tell someone what God has done for us.

Psalm 107 reads, Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good. It's a call for all of us to say thank you for all you've done for us. The trilogy of psalms (Psalm 105-106-107) talks about the goodness of God and that His mercy endures forever. When we realize how good God has been to us, we need to give Him praise.



Sis. Mary Grady

**Dinner was served before afternoon service:** Worship leader was Sis. Mary Grady. Devotion led by EBC Mothers and the Praise Team. Deaconess Ruthie Leavy welcomed everyone to service. Songs by EBC's Voices of Praise and the choir from our afternoon guest New Zion Baptist Church of Rockford, IL, Pastor Dr. K. Edward Copeland.

The church history was recapped by Dea. Kevin Leavy, followed by a presentation of deceased members through slides. Sis. Bethany Bolton and Sis. Margo Morrow did a lighting of candles presentation in memory of members who died during 2022.



Deacon Kevin Leavy

Pastor Copeland's text, 'Don't Forget to Remember', was taken from Psalm 78: 1-8. He stated that God expects His people to rehearse His goodness from generation to generation. He stated a generation has been lost because we have not rehearsed or trained them on the right sheet of music. Rebellion is inevitable if we don't remember the past. Amnesia is rebellion's root cause. We are supposed to pass on to the next generation wisdom/value so every generation will put their confidence in God. Dr. Copeland challenges us to learn from the lessons of the past. God's people need to be students of history. We review mistakes of the past so we don't repeat them, we learn how to treat the stories of our past. Because we need to get rid of the myths of the 'good old days'. It's the same problems, just new packaging.



Dr. K Edward Copeland

The need for a church in 1917 (when EBC started), hasn't changed. But we have to take some responsibility to make sure we are rehearsing with our children the right sheet music because what one generation does in moderation, the next one will do in excess. We need to be more conscientious about passing information on to the next generation. God always intended for each generation to pass on to the next the goodness of God. Older women are supposed to train the younger women. We should tell the generation to come about praising the Lord. They need to know that He is from everlasting to everlasting. He rules and super-rules, He's God all by Himself. They need to know the character of God. They need to know that He's merciful, slow to anger, gracious, plenteous in loving kindness and in truth. They need to know that the Lord is their light and their salvation and they don't need to be afraid of anyone. Nothing can separate them from the love of God. They need to know more about God than they know about

their Instagram influences. That is our fault because we have not rehearsed, retold, recounted, trained and practiced them in the goodness of God.

We also need to know of His strength and that God can do anything. When virus and violence is all around us, our God is a keeper and doesn't sleep or slumber. He will provide.

Dr. Copeland went on to ask if we have passed on to the next generation about the goodness of God. He challenged us to tell our story. We need to rehearse and tell someone how He brought us out.

FIRST SERMON OF SIS. LORRIE MAY  
April 30, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor O.J. explained the occasion - to encourage and to hear from Sis. Lorrie May, whom the Lord has called into the gospel ministry. She is a lifetime member of EBC, and we have been blessed through her teaching ministry for many years but the gifts of God can be diversified. You know you are blessed when you can do multiple things and you have the ability to pivot to different gifts. Pastor O.J. stated he and Sis. May have been praying on this for several months because they wanted to be sure that she has been sent by God. She has heard from God and is here to proclaim what the Lord has instructed her to do. He introduced Min. Sean Leavy to offer words of encouragement to her (his aunt).

Min. Leavy stated that when Sis. May told him of her calling, he responded with, "What took you so long?" He's thankful to celebrate and encourage her as she enters this next step in her life and her commitment to Christian ministry. He stated to Sis. May that as she enters Christian ministry today, there are times in ministry work that things will give you displeasure, things will try to beat you down and make you want to tap out. Don't give up. You will win if you stay in the race. He said, when you're called, you first go through the denial stage, then the anger stage, then the bargaining stage, then sometimes the overwhelming sense of depression. Finally, we come to acceptance. No doubt you had a vision of what you wanted to do with your life, but you had to let that die to do what God has called you to do. He encouraged Sister May to continue to let God work on her and her heart as she shares the mystery of the gospel and to teach people with boldness. Stay on your knees and God will take care of you.

Sister May's message came from 2 Corinthians 4:6-9 – subject "A Treasure-Filled Vessel". The following is a summary of her remarks. In this passage Saul is writing to the church at Corinth that he had received word of different idols being worshipped in the church he had set up on his first missionary journey. The first time he was in Corinth, he was there to teach Greek, Jew and Roman converts the good news of Jesus Christ in a city of pagan and cultural influences of that day. He sent words of encouragement and responded to the church that the answer is in the book. Teachers were teaching falsely about Paul's apostleship (his assignment that he was given by Jesus Christ), his integrity (accusations of financial gain at the church's expense) and they were disappointed with how Paul presented his message. We must be careful not to believe everything people say about our leaders. We don't carry gossip and wrong words about our leaders, about what it is they are doing.

Sis. May continued to let us know that super apostles are alive, active and still fulfilling the false, deceitful words of their fathers. Paul desired for the church to know that suffering goes with the territory of following. Do not allow people to tell you that following Christ is smooth sailing. We must count up the cost before saying, "Here am I, send me". This ministry is not one of ease and we have to be strong enough to make our way through. The enemies of Christ delivered Christ to be crucified, so you need to know that the enemy is coming for all of us. Paul was mistreated by the Jews (his own people-church folks). He was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked and he lacked necessity. His sufferings did not matter to him because his highest priority was the care of God's people.

She told the congregation that we must take up the cross and follow Christ. The cross is a symbol of God's grace, that came through the sacrifice of the blood of the lamb. God's love for us was so great that He gave his only begotten son who then freely laid down his life as a ransom for the world. The cross is also a symbol of suffering and pain – the side we don't want to know about, but we have to understand – No Cross, No Crown. The enemy is coming for us because he knows the treasure inside of us. He knows how much God loves and cares for us and he knows that he has lost to God. So, since he cannot hurt God, he attacks the weaker, cherished vessels of God. Even though his attempts have failed, he has not learned that the great, 'I Am' is our protector and our provider. Through his suffering, Paul brings great news – what we receive in consolation from God far outweighs the suffering we go through.

Sis. May concluded her message by letting us know that the enemy has come to steal, kill and destroy. Someone will always attack your character and your ministry. Tap into what God has placed inside of you. It is the way out of every troubling and destructive place the enemy tries to ensnare you.

On completion of Sis. May's sermon, Pastor O.J. led a prayer of contact to remind her she is not alone. Elder Joseph Fletcher made a motion that Sister Lorrie May be recognized as a minister, licensed by Emmanuel Baptist Church. Second by Dea. Rick Daniels. Motion passed. Pastor O.J. asked our congregation to sow the first seed into her life, a

tangible seed for love offering, for her to start her library and all that's needed to carry the gospel. He further stated that we don't pay for the Word but we do sow into the gospel that has been preached.

Minister May recognized her family members. Comments were made by her sister, Carolyn. She then commented that God was waiting on her. She had listened to negative comments from people that God didn't want to use her so then the challenged had become her age. Regardless, she plans to serve Him for the rest of her life. She also issued an apology to so many people. She struggled with disrespect in this church family and as a way to protect herself, her boundaries were up. But in the process of doing that she alienated some people. The intent was to protect who it is she was and what she knew she could become. Sometimes that was at the expense of other people around her. She's sorry and stands before her church family asking for forgiveness if she has offended anyone in any way.

Pastor O.J. then presented her certificate of license to preach the gospel. He thanked EBC for accepting and embracing her.



Left: *Min. Lorrie May delivers her first sermon.*



Right: *Pastor O.J. presents Min. May with her certificate.*



Left: *EBC Pastoral leadership offer prayers to Min. May.*

Below: *Min. May's family*

Left: *With sisters Margo Morrow and Carolyn Williams.*

Right: *With nephew Min. Sean Leavy and his family (wife Amiee Leavy, Sean Leavy II, Madison Leavy.)*





EBC Homecoming Weekend  
"Back to B-Town"  
May 27-28, 2023

Elder Penny Devereueawax was chairperson of the weekend activities. Members included Elder Joseph Fletcher, Jr., Minister Valerie Vance, Deaconess Ruthie Leavy, Sis. Lillian Morrow, Sis. Mary Tillman, Sis. Gail Riddle, Bro. Emmett Riddle. Saturday's activity was a volleyball tournament matching Emmanuel versus New Zion – Beloit. Games were held at the Stateline Boys & Girls Club in Beloit, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Chairperson and captain of EBC's team, Elder Penny took a spill at the beginning of the game and had to sit the rest of the tournament out, but her sister, former member Cheryl Caldwell came to the rescue and she and her daughter played in Elder's stead.

New Zion showed up in good numbers and played hard but EBC won two out of three games to win the tournament with scores of 15-2 and 15-13. After that, they continued to play for hours using different teammates as they came in.

We are happy to report that Elder Penny recovered and was in good shape for Sunday morning service.

Emmanuel's team was led by the skilled playing of Pastor O.J., Lady Veronica, Deacon Leavy, Deaconess Leavy, Min. Valerie Vance, Mary Grady, Rashai Turner (who held that front line down for as long as she could), Elder Fletcher, Dea. Rick Daniels, Sis. Cheryl Caldwell, Natalie Caldwell, Vernetta Moore (a visiting first lady from Providence Baptist in Beloit), and Min. Carol Hendrix.

New Zion's capable team consisted of Sis. Tricia Crawford, Sis. Denise Davidson, Bro. Carl Davidson, Dea. El Brantley, Bro. Therin Williams, Bro. Johnathan Brown, Sis. Cynthia Miller and holding the team up – little Master Breshard Norwood. It was a great fellowship. About 75 people were in attendance and hamburgers and brats were served after the game.

The scheduled speaker for Sunday morning's service was Pastor Justin Edwards, a Beloit native, of the Holy Cross BC of South Chicago, IL. Due to travel complications, Pastor Edwards was not able to make it here today. Our own Pastor, O.J. brought the message.

Bro. Philip Byrd welcomed all saying, "There's No Place Like Home". He hopes that God will continue to bless all throughout their lives.

Deaconess Ruthie Leavy, along with a few of our youth, reiterated Pastor O.J.'s recent sermons regarding unity, fellowship, community, using the word "community" to highlight our theme scripture, Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (community).

Sis. Shayla Morrow then offered a praise dance to the song, "I'm Changing". Music for this service was provided by a choir, under the direction of Bro. Rodney Lockhart, made up of former members of EBC's young people's choirs from many different states.

The occasion was presented by Bro. Emmett Riddle. He stated this homecoming seems more like a family reunion, unlike the usual high school or college homecomings. He stated we need to remember to start, focus, energize and engage (with God). He stated that family keeps us together and with all our indifferences, "there's no place like home".

Pastor O.J.'s sermon topic, taken from Mark 6:1-6 was "Home Field Disadvantage". He stated that home is not always a safe haven for everyone. It can be the place it is a source of hope for a lot of folks. We must remember that Jesus also had a hard time at home. Sometimes our environment equals the expectations that people have for us. If the environment is bad, typically the expectations are low. We expect less of people that we are familiar with. God sometimes has to move some of us because your gift can be better appreciated somewhere else and you have to leave to be truly accepted, loved, forgiven and embraced.

Pastor O.J. prayed for families, extended families. He thanked God for the opportunity that some could come home and there wasn't a funeral. There are some disfunctions in our house that we thought we would have to live with for years.

He prayed that God would break through hard hearts and that anger and animosity that has built up for years would be put aside and be replaced with fruitful families. He prayed this would be a time of healing, of restoration.

Remarks were made by Elder Devereueawax, chairperson of the Homecoming weekend. She recognized the committee, program participants, welcoming spirit team, culinary team, volleyball players, Deviations Solutions for the photo booth.

Dinner was served after service.



## EBC GRADUATE SUNDAY

June 4, 2023

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.” – Proverbs 16:3*

This day, we honored God and the EBC graduates for their achievements and the progress they are making at a crossroads in their lives. It was also Communion Sunday.

Pastor O.J. brought the message, “A Trip to the Potter’s House”, from Jeremiah 18:1-6. The following are points from his message.

God seems to get the best out of us even though we have flaws and issues. It doesn’t mean God is through with us and cannot still use us. We cannot continue to live our lives with these flaws. At some point we must deal with these flaws/issues, even though God’s grace takes care of us. His grace will not abound forever. It gives us a grace period so we can deal with the things we need to deal with. Then God can get the maximum out of us. Who and what you can become depends on how yielding and how resistant you are to God’s hands. Your life is not in your hands, but in the hands of the Potter. We are on the mind of God. He knows everything going on in your life. People may not care but we have a father who cares – God (the Potter).

The Potter uses both hands, the right hand holds the clay, keeps it stable and let’s the clay know, “I got you”. It stays on your life, over your children, finances, and your body. The left hand pokes and tests you. We are stronger now because of his left hand. His left hand keeps us on our knees and causes us to say, “Yes, I will praise you”. Trust the Potter, God is doing something in your life (giving you another chance). He will never leave you alone. He will take care of you.

After holy communion, Sis. Barbara Hickman spoke. She credited her parents for the sacrifices they made in order for her to go to school. She has heard over and over from so many people that our young, African American males do not succeed. But today we have three outstanding young men and we need to say to them, “Thank you for being a role model, not only today, but forever more”. She introduced Mr. Darian Snow, one of Mrs. Hickman’s former students, to present our graduates today.

Mr. Snow stated that he has always admired the dedication Mrs. Hickman put into education, 60+ years. He thanked her for this. The three high school graduates have done a great job, each of them will receive \$1333.00 from the scholarship. He read excerpts from each of their essays and encouraged each of them to keep faith and stay grounded in the Lord, to keep faith in your support system. Don’t hesitate to look for support from Pastor, Mom and Dad, and everything will work out for you. Mrs. Hickman then charged the graduates to move forward. She said the road to success is not straight, there is a curve called failure, a loop called confusion, speed bumps called friends and lights called enemies, cautious lights called family, you will have flats called jobs. But if you have a spare called determination, an engine-perseverance, insurance called faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called success. She continued by charging them to aim high, success lies not in achieving what you can but in aiming for what you ought to achieve.

Pastor O.J. then presented the Barbara A. Hickman scholarship to DeCarlos Nora III, Christian Woods, and Jeremias Richie. He also presented each of them with a token from the church. He recognized the collegiate graduates, Darieasha Pullam and Jaida Kroning and presented them with a token from the church also. Remarks were made by Mr. Woods and Mr. Nora, giving thanks to those who have helped them along the way and stating where they will be going to school and studying. Dea. Howard Richie thanked the church on behalf of his grandson, Jeremias Richie. A video was shown of Sis. Jaida Kroning, who was unable to be here. She thanked the church also. The following are the graduates:



Barbara Hickman



Darien Snow



**DeCarlos Nora III** – Beloit Memorial High School Class of 2023. He will be attending Virginia State University, majoring in Health Physical Education and Recreation and minoring in Sports Management.



**Christian Woods** – Beloit Memorial High School Class of 2023. Christian will be attending Virginia State University, majoring in Business Management and minoring in Accounting.



**Jeremias M. Richie** – Beloit Memorial High School Class of 2023. Wisconsin Challenge Academy, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.  
(Deacon Howard Richie accepted the scholarship for Jeremias, his grandson.)



**Darieasha Dionne Nicole Pullam** – Rockford University Class of 2023. Master of Arts in teaching (Early Childhood Education).



**Jaida Kroning** – University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Class of 2023. Master in Social Work.

EBC – GUEST OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
30<sup>TH</sup> YEAR PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY  
June 22, 2023

Before traveling to Rockford, IL, for service, EBC met at 9:00 a.m. for “1 Hour of Power”. Message brought by Elder Penny Devereueawax from Romans 8:8-11, subject “The Spirit That Dwells In You”. The Holy Spirit is asking this morning, Do You Feel Me? How you feeling about me? Do you understand who I am, do you relate to me? Do you feel the same way I do about life and living as I do? If you really feel me, you’ll stay close to me, you’ll walk with me, you will hear my voice. The Holy Spirit says, you’ll spend time with me. These are signs that you’re feeling me: you spend time with me; you please me; you trust me; you follow my lead; we have open communication and you trust me. Sometimes your feelings are getting in the way, they are lying to you. Feelings are fickle and influenced by everything and anything and anyone. Check your feelings like a TSA agent at the gate. Tell them you’re not flying today. Do like Jazmine Sullivan says, come and pick up your feelings and leave no pieces behind.

She went on to say that his spirit dwells within you. 1 Corinthians 3:15 says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you”. If you welcome Him who dwells in you, you will live life on God’s terms. His intention is to bring you alive unto himself. When God lives and breathes in you by His spirit, you live a life of a new creation in Christ. It is possible to occupy something but not operate, to be owners of something but don’t operate in it. The Holy Ghost is in us to govern. It runs your life from the inside out. It will tell you when to speak, where to go, what to do; that is, if you yield to Him. He will restrain you and, if necessary, will arrest you.

Jesus did not die on the cross just to set us free from sin. He died on the cross so He could own us and occupy and operate through us. We may treat the spirit like a spare tire or on a part time basis (just a weekend lover). Because the Holy Spirit operates within us, He is the one giving us guidance. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior under salvation, John 6:3 says, “It is the spirit who gives life”. You’ve got to yield. We are righteous in Christ Jesus. His spirit is in us. Stand up, get some backbone, stand with boldness because of the spirit that dwells in you. Time is moving with swift transition. It’s as simple as ABC. He is the avenue, the bridge and connector to our lives. He is the one that works with us to become right with him. Jackie Wilson, back in the day, said “Work It Out”. Work out your own salvation. We need to remember that the Holy Spirit is the divine power that allows us to get it done. Every day is a Pentecostal birthday party. Pentecost is the inauguration of the descent of the Holy Spirit, following the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ and marks the ministry of the church and the kingdom.

God does not give the spirit with ration, you will have as much of Him as you pursue and reach for him. God has revealed to us by His spirit, we are all a work in progress. Keep the faith. God has a plan and a purpose for each of us. She concluded by saying this message is signed, sealed and delivered from on high.

The afternoon service of Bethel Baptist Church was to honor Pastor Kerry L. and Sis. Arthenia Newburn on their 30<sup>th</sup> year pastoral anniversary. The choirs of Bethel and Emmanuel were combined to provide the music, led by Bro. Kenneth Newburn.

Tributes were made to the honorees by members, including their sons. Bethel’s dance ministry presented several praise dances by youth and teens. The message was brought by EBC’s Pastor O.J. Newburn (cousin of the honoree). His message was taken from Joshua 14:5-14. His message summarized: Years may accumulate, but your age is not a liability, it is an asset. Your body will stay where your faith is. We need the energy of



young people but the seniors have wisdom. When we serve (put in our time) and have given our all, sacrificed and served God, the Lord has a reward and inheritance for us. If we are faithful and please God, when people forget about us, God will remember. In the text, Caleb was faithful to his leaders, Joshua and Moses. He teaches us that we are never too old to make a contribution to the kingdom. God will keep you and preserve you if you stay faithful to Him. Even at an advanced age, Caleb was willing to take a risk. Technique, wisdom and patience can take you far more than talent or who you know. You can serve all your life and people will forget about you and others who contributed to their success.

If God can preserve you, He can preserve your mind, even if you can't get around well. If God promised you the victory, you have the right to claim it. He can give it to you now. There is no statute of limitations. If you're waiting on a blessing and it's taking a long time, he can get you something greater. Be not dismayed whatever be tied, God will take care of you. Payday is coming. Hold on and keep being faithful. Help us to honor true, authentic leadership and to honor the gifts God gave you.

After the sermon, invitation and offering, presentations were made to Pastor and Mrs. Kerry Newburn from auxiliaries and individuals. Remarks by the honorees.

Dinner was then served at the Family Life Center.



Bethel Baptist praise dancers performed.



## WOMEN'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The newly organized Women's Ministry, under the leadership of Minister Valerie Vance, had an ice cream social to introduce our women to the various opportunities to support positive activities for the group. The Women's Ministry already starting meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month with intercessory prayer and Bible Study. Please join us for this fellowship.



Min. Michelle Bullock and Sis. Shayla Morrow serving at the ice cream social.

## FAREWELL TO KAM AND EASHA



Standing: Easha and Kam (holding Karsen)  
Sitting: Kylie, Kingston, Kannon



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EBC had to bid farewell to one of our young families. Kam and Easha Pullam and their five children are relocating to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area which is home to Kam. Kam played the bass guitar in our music ministry and Easha assisted in the nursery when it was operating. The children were beginning to make their mark at EBC singing in the youth choir (Kingston even sang a solo) and Kylie danced with the praise dancer.

When they get to Texas, Kam will be working in his dad's barbershop and Easha has her first teaching position. We wish them the best and God's blessing to this family.

## 3rd QUARTER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Bethany Bolton	July 1	Brenia Bolton	August 2	Gardenia Simon	September 3
Camarah Clark	July 3	Jaemie Harley	August 4	Amiee Leavy	September 3
Coriah Clark	July 3	Christian Woods	August 6	Bryanna Bolton	September 5
Rodney Lockhart	July 3	Kevin D. Leavy	August 7	Dara McAlister	September 8
Judy Gordon	July 4	Paula Dogan-Woods	August 9	Mary Weaver	September 10
Regina Hendrix	July 5	D'Andre Dogan	August 13	Bianca Bolton	September 12
Pamela Arnold	July 5	John Hill	August 14	Ryann Hendrix	September 14
Anita Bray	July 6	Luller B Ray	August 15	Bonnie Reneau	September 16
Linda Ward	July 7	Betty Hendrix	August 19	Shedrick Daniels	September 17
Carol Hendrix	July 8	Booker Street	August 20	Debra Davidson- Triplett	September 18
Kimberly Redmond	July 8	Lance Ward	August 23	Elaine Munro	September 18
Barbara Selmer	July 8	Angela Moore	August 23	Cha'laiya Clark	September 21
Ruthie Leavy	July 10	Natasha McNeal	August 24	Nikia Morton	September 22
Lyric Parks	July 13	Veronica Newburn	August 24	Jay'la Relerford	September 26
Flora Randall	July 14	Lorrie L. May	August 25	Jeremias Richie	September 27
Eboni Morrow	July 15	Lorraine Davidson	August 26		
James Harley	July 15	Vida Bevineau	August 28		
Fannie Edwards-Duke	July 17	Mardie Farr	August 29		
Jacquelyn Dogan	July 17				
Layla Schultz	July 21				
Amber Fair	July 23				
Walter Ward	July 23				
DeCarlos Nora Jr	July 27				

<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>
Albert and Birdia Barker	July 4
Walter and Linda Ward	July 10
Phil and Barbara Selmer	August 5
Booker and Carolyn Street	August 7
Garry and Carol Hendrix	August 19
Phillip and Lisa Byrd	August 19
Frank and Dyan Black	August 27
Pam and Keith Smithson	September 14
Paul and Lillian Morros	September 24
Shedrick and Erica Daniels	September 24



ACTIVITIES PAGE

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden text. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go across, down and in two diagonals.

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EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH - BELOIT, WI

# LABOR DAY *Weekend* WORSHIP

SUNDAY  
SEPT 3  
10 AM



"What good fellowship we once enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God."  
Psalm 55:14




**FOOD & Fellowship**

**PASTOR DJ NEWBURN, SR.**  
EMMANUEL BC - BELOIT, WI

**GUEST PREACHER  
PASTOR DONNELL MCTYER**  
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**& WARREN HILL PRAISE TEAM**

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## Back to school



### Riding a bicycle to school

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
- Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

### Riding the bus to school

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand six feet (or 3 giant steps) away from the curb
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

### School Safety

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school:

#### Preventing backpack-related injuries

Choose a backpack for your child carefully; it should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort

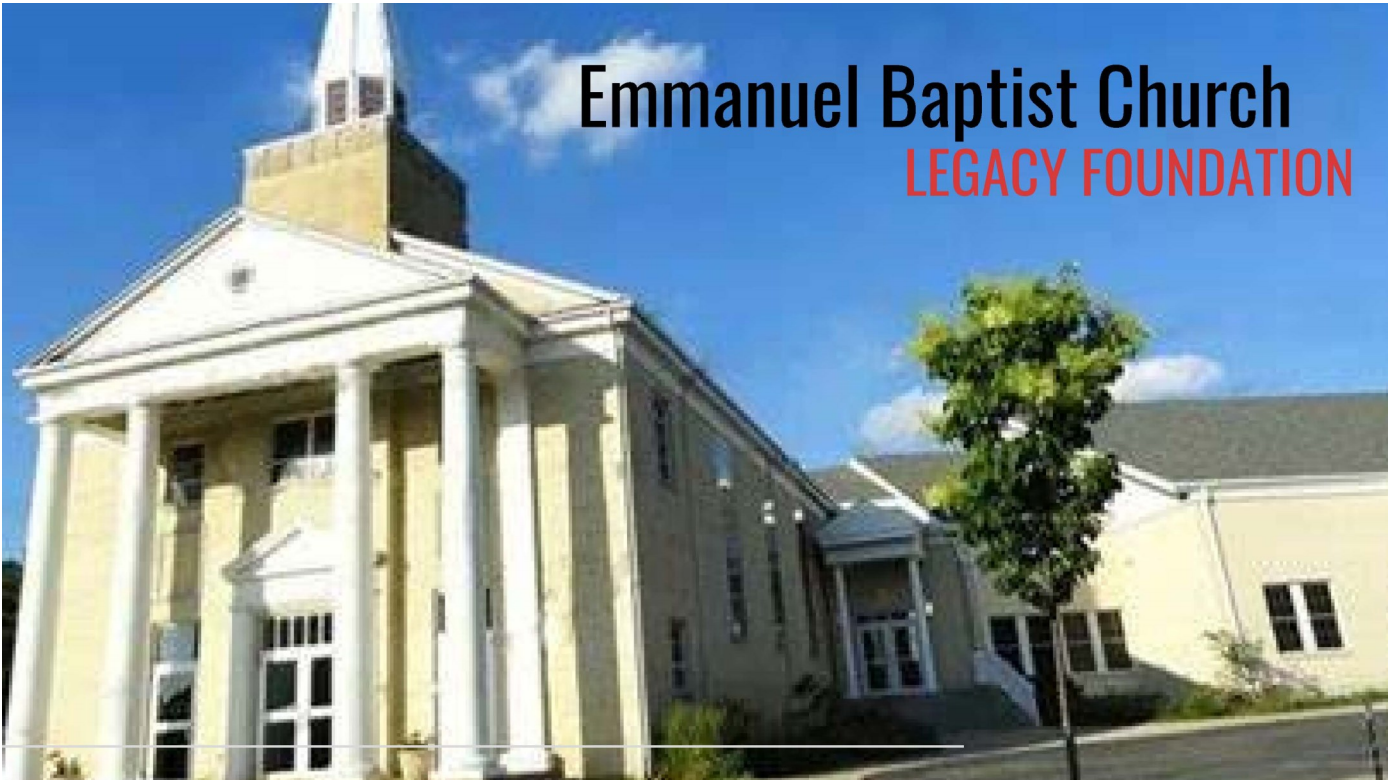
- Ask your child to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders
- Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 5 to 10 percent of your child's body weight
- Rolling backpacks should be used cautiously since they can create a trip hazard in crowded school hallways

#### Preventing playground-related injuries

To reduce strangulation hazards on playgrounds, have your child leave necklaces and jackets with drawstrings at home

# 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

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
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**PROVERBS 13:22**



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