



# Emmanuel

BAPTIST CHURCH

December 23, 2019

### Pastor's Notes:

I'm grateful for our Deacons who hosted the Silent Lord's Supper last night. It was a blessing to get to be a participant with my family. I'm also grateful for Pastor Roger and his assistance in leading worship this week both for Sunday morning and our Candlelight Service.

Below is the Parable of the Miserly Beggar I told during yesterday's sermon. May it encourage you to submit everything in your life to King Jesus. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! Pastor Clint

Once upon a time, there was a poor beggar. Every day he would find a place by the road into his village to beg for alms. He had two bowls, one for alms that people gave him, and one for his lunch – which was always rice. One day the entire village was filled with the rumor that the generous King would be passing through the village that day. The beggar was breathless with anticipation – what if the King stopped and gave him something – that could change his life.

Sure enough, in the middle of the afternoon, the King's entourage was seen approaching the village. The beggar knew this was his chance. As the King passed by, the beggar began shouting and jumping and calling on the King to have mercy on him. And to his surprise, the King stopped and walked over to the beggar. The King looked him in the eye and said, "Has your life been one of only misery, and no joy? Surely you have something you can give me to bless my day." And the King looked down at the beggar's bowl of rice and said, "How about giving me some rice? I've traveled far today and I'm very hungry."

This was not how the beggar had planned for things to go. In his mind he thought, "Give you my rice?! MY rice?! I'm the beggar. You're the King. You should be giving ME something!!" But that thought was quickly followed by a much more practical one. "This is the King. If I don't give him something, he might have me arrested." So the beggar hesitatingly reached down into his rice bowl, took 5 grains of rice and placed them in the King's hand. The King looked down at his hand...and then into the beggar's eyes and said, "Very well." Then he returned to his entourage and proceeded on through the town.

The beggar was angry. He wanted to yell out ugly things after the king. But then he happened to glance down, and to his great surprise, there in his bowl were 5 gold coins – one for each grain of rice he had given the King. He looked over at his bowl of rice, which had hundreds of grains of rice in it and the horrible realization dawned on him. "If I had been generous with my rice, I would now have a fortune." For the rest of his days, when people passed the beggar they could hear him muttering, "Why didn't I give him everything?"

## ***Christmas Eve Service***

**December 24**

**5:00 pm**

### **Church Office Closed**

**December 24-25 and New Year's Day**

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**No Sunday Evening Service**

**December 29th**

### **Usher**

12/29 Richard Metscher  
1/05 Chuck Marquis  
1/12 Bernard Boeckman  
1/19 Nick Nikkel  
1/26 Rob Mills

### **Breakfast Schedule**

12/01 Stark's Class  
12/08 Hope/Ladies  
12/15 Wright/Metscher  
12/22 Barker/Men  
12/29 College/Youth  
Children/Preschool  
Teacher

### **Family Devotion**

**Beginning December 22**

**How did God Create Man?**

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A. God created man, male and female, in His own image and in knowledge, righteous, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures.

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**Sunday School  
A Group for You**

In EBC Sunday School Groups, we each discover lasting friendships as we consider how to live the things we learn in Scripture.

**EBC Groups meet  
every Sunday morning at 9:30 am.**

**Last Week at a Glance  
Sunday, December 22, 2019**

Sunday School: 111  
Morning Worship: 149  
Sunday Evening: N/A  
Wednesday Evening: 48

**Budget Offering**

Last Sunday.....\$5,290.68  
YTD Budget Needed.....\$541,889.28  
YTD Budget Received.....\$449,158.58

**December New Building**

Receipts this month.....\$11,150.00  
Received this week.....\$135.00

**Deacons of The Week: December 29, 2019  
Larry Wright 772-4192**

*Our deacons are available to share in prayer concerns, problems, or praises. Please let them know if they can be of help to you.*