



# Emmanuel

BAPTIST CHURCH

November 19, 2019

## Pastor's Notes:

EBC Family,

I came across this article. It was so insightful that I wanted to share it with all of you. Please take time to read it and consider how you might come to church this week expecting to be a bit more uncomfortable.

Pastor Clint

### **Make Sunday Mornings Uncomfortable**

### **Three Rules of Engagement at Church**

Article by Rebecca McLaughlin

"Sorry to cut you off!" I'd just started connecting with a close friend at church. I was eager to catch up. But as she talked, I noticed a woman sitting alone, thumbing through her service sheet. Honestly, I wished I hadn't seen her. Interrupting my friend would be rude. It's good for me to invest in friends! Someone else will likely spot that woman. These were some of the excuses that ran through my head. But the woman was clearly new, and for all I knew, not a believer. So, reluctantly, I interrupted my friend.

As soon as I sat down with the newcomer, I thanked God I had. Raised Catholic, she hadn't been to church in over a decade. Her fiancé had just broken up with her right before their wedding, and she needed something else in life. I took a risk and asked if she'd like to come to our community group. She said yes. She's been coming to church and Bible study ever since.

This was one of many opportunities my husband Bryan and I have had to connect with not-yet-Christians inside our church building. We have very little else in common. I'm an extrovert; he's an introvert. I'm from England; he's from Oklahoma. I'm into literature; he's an engineer. But God drew us together around a shared sense of mission, and Bryan recently expressed that mission in three rules of engagement at church. These rules make our Sundays less comfortable, but more rewarding. If you're tired of comfortable, you might want to give them a try!

### **An Alone Person in Our Gatherings Is an Emergency**

In times of crisis, we do strange things. We interrupt conversations. We set aside social conventions. If someone collapsed in your church building, everyone would mobilize. But every week, people walk into our gatherings for the first time and get effectively ignored. They may not know Jesus, or they may have spent years wandering from him. Their spiritual health is on the line, and a simple conversation could be the IV fluid God uses to prepare them for life-saving surgery. Eternal lives are at stake.

What if it's a regular church member who is alone? An isolated believer is an emergency too. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples," said Jesus, "if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Of course, we all enjoy solitude at times, but loneliness in church is as much an indictment on our gatherings as prayerlessness or lack of generosity. How can we claim to be "one body" (1 Corinthians 12:12) when we can't even sit together and engage one another in church?

So, this Sunday, let's take a risk. Let's reach across the small divides to others as we imitate the one who spanned the great divide for us. And let's urge our friends to do the same, because the harvest in our gatherings is plentiful. We may never know what difference a small act of welcome made. But sometimes God lets us see how he has weaved our little acts into his much greater plan. Last month, I asked our Bible study group to share a time when God had brought blessing to them through hardship. The most moving response for me was from the woman for whom I had left my friend that Sunday: "I'm so grateful my fiancé broke up with me. If that hadn't happened, I would not have found God."



**Everyone is invited to  
Emmanuel's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
Sunday, November 24  
at 5:00 PM**

Come join an evening event that will fill you with lots of food, fun, and fellowship.

The church will provide the meat, dressing, potatoes and gravy. We ask you to bring two of the following dishes: Vegetable, Salad, and Dessert.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Our kitchen committee needs a few people willing to bake and debone a turkey. If you can help or if you need more information, please contact Cheryl Bell for details at 774-5691.

**Adopt-a-College Student**

Roger has 3 College students to be adopted, 2 guys and 1 girl. Please call the Church Office to be a home away from home.

**Thanksgiving Week  
November 27 -29**

There will be no service or events on Wednesday Evening. The Church office will be closed Wednesday - Friday.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**It's Caring and Sharing  
Time for Weatherford**

EBC's child this year is a 5-7 year old boy. Please put your new unwrapped toys in a designated box by an exit door by Wednesday morning, Dec. 11.

**Pray as we  
Search for New Ministers**

Please be in prayer for our Personnel Committee and Pastor as they search for two new staff members. We are searching for a Part Time Minister of Worship and a Part Time Minister to Families. If you or someone you know would like to apply for either position, please send a resume to [clint@ebcweatherford.com](mailto:clint@ebcweatherford.com)

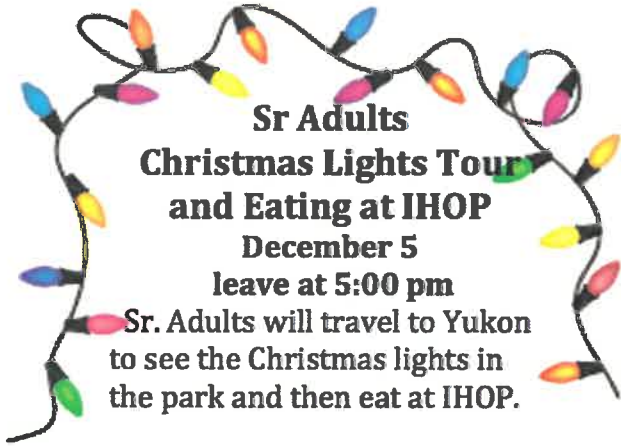
**-Attention Church Family-  
Sign up for  
Church Directory Pictures  
at the Welcome Desk**

Help Emmanuel celebrate our church family! Every family photographed will be in our new Church Directory AND you will receive a free 8x10 and a free directory. Call the church office at 772-3413 if you have any questions.

***Emmanuel's  
Christmas Home Tour  
December 3***

**This is our 20<sup>th</sup> Year  
for Women's Ministry and this tour!!**

We are doing the home tour a little different this year. In the past, we have had snacks at each of the homes, but **this year we will begin in the atrium at 6:00 pm with snacks and beverages there.** At 6:40 we will load up on the shuttles and vans to go to the homes. This will take less stress/work off the hostesses and we can enjoy the tours of their homes! Nursery is provided at the church. We hope you will save this date on your calendar and plan to join us! Tickets will be available starting November 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are "by donation" to the Lottie Moon Missions Offering.



**Sr Adults  
Christmas Lights Tour  
and Eating at IHOP**

**December 5  
leave at 5:00 pm**  
Sr. Adults will travel to Yukon  
to see the Christmas lights in  
the park and then eat at IHOP.

**Women on Missions  
December 12, 2019  
11:30 am  
Meet in the  
Hope Sunday School Room**

**EBC Kids Christmas Presentation  
Wednesday, December 18  
At 6:00 pm**

**Bell Ringers at Walmart  
Saturday, December 21  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**  
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board  
in the foyer for North door & South  
doors.



Please join us for  
*the wedding of*  
*Cailyn Jean Kirby*  
*and*  
*Carson Matthew Lenfestey*

*December 14, 2019  
2:00 pm  
Emmanuel Baptist Church*

*719 N Kansas  
Weatherford Ok 73096*

*Reception to follow  
Prarie West Golf Course  
3500 N Lyle Rd  
Weatherford, Ok 73096*

**Church Wide  
Business Meeting and Caroling  
Sunday, December 15  
6:00 pm**

We will be voting on 2020 budget and  
committees. After the Business meeting,  
we will go Caroling.

**Ladies age 18 and up, you are invited to:**

**“Coffee Talk”**

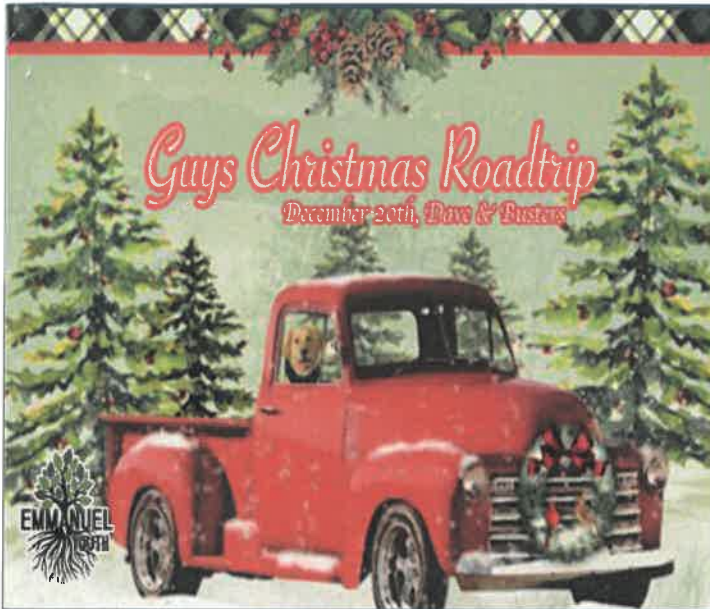
**November 19, 2019  
7:00 pm in the Atrium**



We want this to be a time to come together & discuss topics of interest  
to women seeking to “walk out their faith” in their everyday activities  
of school, home, jobs, parenting, etc.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting last month was WONDERFUL with 19 women attending!

**Bring a mug** and come have a cup of coffee/tea with us



**Family Devotion**  
**Beginning November 17**  
*Training Hearts Teaching Minds*  
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**No Newsletter**  
**the Week of the**  
**November 24th**

**Need to contact someone**  
**at the church office?**  
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 dana@ebcweatherford.com  
 maxine@ebcweatherford.com  
 or call 772-3413

**Last Week at a Glance**  
**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

Sunday School:	147
Morning Worship:	194
Sunday Evening:	59
Wednesday Evening:	Not available

**Budget Offering**

Last Sunday.....	\$ 6,939.70
YTD Budget Needed.....	\$497,395.52
YTD Budget Received.....	\$409,055.25

**November New Building**

Receipts this month.....	\$ 825.00
Received this week.....	\$11,280.00



**Food Pantry**  
**Needs: Potatoes**  
**(Canned)**  
**White potatoes and**  
**Sweet potatoes**

Donation drop-off is in the Mission area by east entrance. Paper sacks are always needed.

<p><b>Usher</b></p> <p>11/03 Richard Wood          11/11 Chuck Metscher          11/18 Richard Metscher          11/24 Richard Metscher</p>	<p><b>Breakfast Schedule</b></p> <p>11/03 Stark's Class          11/13 Hope/Ladies          11/18 Wright/Metscher          11/24 Barker/Men</p>
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**Deacons of The Week: November 10, 2019**  
**Sandy Stark 772-7737**  
**Kenny Watson 774-0778**

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

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