



# Emmanuel

BAPTIST CHURCH

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March 16, 2021

EBC Family,

Someone asked me why I chose to pause the live stream during Sunday's service. I thought there might be others who would be curious about my reasoning, so I'll share it here. The issues of gender and sexual orientation are explosive right now in our country. Many unbelievers will not even have a conversation with those that hold to the Bible's teaching of two permanent genders or its teaching of sex limited to the union of one man and one woman in marriage. The labels "bigot" and "homophobe" get used early and often for Christians who hold to what the Bible says. As the church, we must tread carefully when we enter these discussions - not because we are unsure of the truth, but because of the collateral damage we might cause by the way we apply the truth.

When I observe how the Apostle Paul brought the Gospel to new cultures, I notice that he did not lead with the moral obligations for Christian behavior. Paul's primary message was Jesus crucified and resurrected. That is the truth the unbelieving world needs to hear and wrestle with. If we start the conversation with our stance on LGBTQ and gender issues, we will shut down potential relationships and the opportunity to share the gospel. Now Paul was very clear about God's expectation for holy lives among His people. He had strong words against all sexual acts outside of marriage, including the acts of the LGBTQ community. Those acts are sinful and should not be present among the church. But those were words written directly to the church - NOT to the unbelieving culture. I'm trying to follow Paul's example by clearly stating the gospel in the things that we make accessible to the public (like our livestream on Facebook). When it comes to the moral behavior God expects of His people, I believe that needs to be an "in house" conversation. If you have further thoughts about this or questions for me, I'd be glad to visit with you. Pray with me that we will be "as wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in the unique cultural moment where God has placed us.

I'm grateful for my EBC Family,  
Pastor Clint

**Enjoy Spring Break!**  
There are No Activities  
At Emmanuel on  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

## **Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Luncheon**

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
at 12:00 pm  
in the Gym

**Please come and bring your family.**

## **Help Us Fill Easter Eggs for the Emmanuel Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

In the foyer & atrium, we have sacks of Easter eggs to fill with candy. We have lots of eggs so please take 1 or 2 sacks home. Please tape the eggs together after you fill them. Return to "filled" containers by March 31.

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*The Easter Egg Hunt  
is on April 3  
at Noon  
at Means Park*

## Coming Events

- 3/21 Sunday School Teacher's Luncheon
- 3/21 Committee Meetings, 5:00 pm
- 3/24 Hospitality Team, 5:15 pm
- 3/28 Finance Committee Mtg, 7:00 pm
- 4/03 Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 4/04 Sunrise Service, 7:15 am  
Breakfast, 7:30 am  
Grow Groups, 9:30 am  
Family Worship, 10:45 am
- 4/08 WOM Meeting, 11:00 am
- 4/10 Chelsey & Kyle Simpson Baby Shower
- 4/13 Ladies' Coffee Talk, 7:00 pm
- 4/24 Kayla Taylor Baby Shower
- 4/25 Maxine Adams Retirement Party, 12 pm

## Regular Church Schedule

### SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Grow Groups/Sunday School
- 10:45 am Family Worship
- 6:00 pm Sunday Nights  
Gospel-Centered Life  
The Grove for Kids

### WEDNESDAY

- 5:00 pm Wednesday Meal
- 6:00 pm Wednesday Nights  
Prayer Meeting (Worship Center)  
Youth Midweek (Student Area)  
EBC Kids (Basement)
- 8:00 pm CREW LifeStream

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**GOSPEL-CENTERED**  
*life*

**Sunday Nights at 6:00 pm**  
**February 28 – May 2**

## Last Week at a Glance Sunday, March 14, 2021

### Budget Offering

Last Sunday .....	\$ 4,610.51
YTD Budget Needed .....	\$111,612.27
YTD Budget Received.....	\$103,499.46

### This Month New Building

Receipts this month.....	\$ 6,475.00
Received this week .....	\$ 0.00

### Attendance

Grow Group Attendance: 83  
 Family Worship: 109    Online Households: 21  
 Sunday Night: 72        Online Households: 8

### Sunday Servants

#### Preschool Care

3/21	Clark & Jessica Thiessen
3/28	_____

#### Lead Usher

3/21	Steve Wichert
3/28	Richard Metscher

#### Welcome Desk

3/21	Cheryl & Robert Walker
3/28	Chuck & Marilyn Marquis

#### Deacon of The Week

3/21

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

## Clinton Veterans Center Donations

### “Comfort Item” Supplies to Bless Others

Women on Mission needs help expressing appreciation to our veterans. Items are needed before May 26. A collection box is located in the Missions Area by the east door. Items needed:

Triple blade disposable razors	Kleenex
Body Wash/Shampoo	Aftershave Gel
Sweat/PJ Pants (2XL & up)	DVD Movies
Velcro Tennis Shoes (9-12)	Body Spray
Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)	Spray Deodorant
Pocket T-shirts (XL-4XL)	Denture Adhesive
Large Print Word Search	Laundry Detergent
Non-Alcohol Mouthwash	Electric Pre-shave
House Shoes w/back (all size)	HDMI DVD Player
Lip Balm without petroleum	
Remote Control Cars for activity	

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