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What Is A Pastor?

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1 Timothy 3 tells us of the character of a Pastor/Elder, but is that where it ends? Not at all. A Pastor is a shepherd of Christ's Church. What does that entail? Quite a lot: preparing Sunday sermons, visiting and praying for the sick, counseling, protecting the church from false doctrines, and teaching the church as well as other responsibilities.

I have attended a couple of different churches in my lifetime and have experience some teachings and practices that did not match up with God's Word. One church, did not permit you to make any major life decisions without the Pastor's consent. Another ran it as a dictatorship and if you did not agree with his decisions you were removed from your responsibilities in the church.

Here at Emmanuel, my experience has been quite different. Our Pastors pray for us when we are sick, James 5:14. When we are expected to obey our Pastors, it is as unto the Lord and that they work hard for us and watch over us as men that have to give an account to God (Hebrew 13:17).

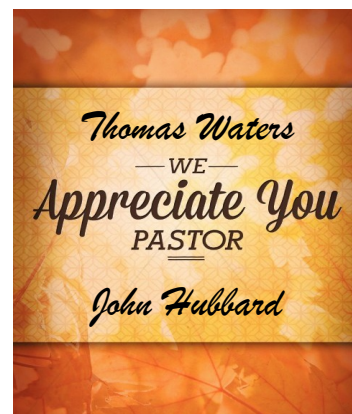
During this difficult season of Covid-19, our pastors have been diligent through email, facebook, phone, and frequent encouragement and admonition of every kind to keep EBC as together and moving forward as possible. It has not been without hours of careful planning, difficulty, and fervent prayer.

We have seen great patience and respect for those of us they shepherd. We have also seen our Pastors reflect what they are called to be under (1 Timothy 3). We are truly grateful.

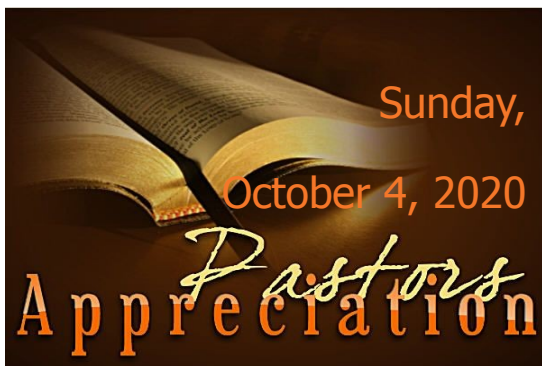
I should not forget the blessing we have in our in-house pastoral intern. Brother Tyler Melton is obviously gifted in many ways, and we are very thankful for his ministry here.

I appreciate what we have in our Pastors and believe I can speak for the congregation that we have excellent biblical teachers and shepherds. Our gratitude and appreciation cannot be expressed enough.

Thank you, Pastors, so much for answering the call of the Lord to aide us in our need of a Savior.



**I WILL GIVE
you pastors
according
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
with
KNOWLEDGE &
UNDERSTANDING.
Jeremiah 3:15**



FOR THEIR SACRIFICIAL **GIVING**,
AND THEIR **SERVANT** LIVING,
WHO **LEAD** WITH THEIR LIVES,
AND **LOVE** WITH THEIR HEARTS.

May you be blessed by the Lord.
Psalm 115:15 (NIV)

We also give thanks for their
faithful wives!

There will be a time
just after the service
for public expressions of hearts.

(No lunch served)



Pondering...

We sometimes get discouraged when we wonder what God has in store for our wicked and disobedient nation. But...He may yet be patient and cause great repentance before dreadful things happen to all of us...**US**.

*Come, Lord Jesus, listen to nature groan;
Come, Lord Jesus, come and take your people home.
We long to hear heaven and nature sing
the joys of Christ the coming King!*

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.
Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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Lord's Day

9:30 AM Bible Study

The Bible Study class will continue to meet in the sanctuary. The study will be from "What Is A Healthy Church Member?" by Thabiti M. Anyabwile.

This book is divided into 10 brief chapters consisting of 6-7 pages. Each chapter is written on various "marks" of a "Healthy Church Member" and ends with a section entitled, "For Further Reflection" which contains a couple of discussion-type questions.

These books have been ordered and should be arriving soon.

10:40 AM Morning Worship

1st Sunday - Worship hour including the ordinance of The Lord's Supper. (NO lunch will be served. We are praying for and anticipating God's time in our return to this fellowship.)

An **Officers Meeting** will follow the worship hour.

An **Elders Meeting** (2-3 hours) with seminarian and intern Brother Tyler Melton

2nd Sunday - Regular morning services of **Bible Study** and **Worship**.

1:30 PM - **Study/Sermon** in the sanctuary.

3rd Sunday - Regular **Bible Study** & **Morning Worship**.

4th Sunday - Regular **Bible Study** & **Morning Worship**

4:30-6:00 PM - **Small Group Bible Study** (For the first meeting, one group will meet at Pastor T and Sister Gail's home near Screven. Currently, another group will meet at EBC in the sanctuary. (The place of this group might change.)



Concerning Small Groups - We realize that we are still dealing with the Covid Pandemic and MUST use common sense and brotherly love to help protect and maintain the safety of all of our members and worshipers. Therefore, all Small Group meetings are to use Face Masks and maintain Social Distancing.

We intend and pray that these groups will be used for increasing fellowship and for outreach. If you are interested in hosting a small group, please speak to an Elder or to Brother Tyler. We plan to announce by October 4, what material(s) we will use in our Small Group Study.

Wednesdays 11:30-Noon

In person Prayer Meeting at EBC in the Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Continue to air *Viva Vox Dei* on FaceBook.

Thursdays & Saturdays 6:00 PM

Vespers on FaceBook

1st Saturday of Quarter 11:30 - Noon

Officers Meeting via Zoom

And all the people said, "AMEN"

PRAISE GOD

from whom all blessings flow



LORD'S DAY

BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM


MORNING WORSHIP 10:40 AM

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY 1:30 PM

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

FOURTH SUNDAY 4:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Ecclesia reformatata et semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei .</i>				1	2	3
4 Lord's Supper Pastors Appreciation	5	6	7	8	9	
11 Afternoon Service	12	13 Shine, Jesus, Shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Light of the World--Giver of creation, Bringer of salvation.	21	22	23	24
25 Evening Small Group Bible Study Shoebox Gift Deadline	26	27	28	29	30	31 



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01 Carl Lane
01 Carol Liphthraatt
02 Ann Lane
04 Fran McElveen
06 Will Brooks
18 Bobbie Browning



WEDNESDAY

IN PERSON PRAYER MEETING
11:30 AM - EBC SANCTUARY

THURSDAY & SATURDAY
6:00 PM VESPERS - FACEBOOK

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ. -2 Peter 3:18



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Light Shines in the Darkness

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