

THE HOLY JOURNAL

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Pastor Harrel's Thoughts...



Praise the Lord everybody!

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

I give thanks and praises to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

I am thankful to God for His grace and mercy which have blessed us to see the last quarter of this year, 2024.

As we look back on 2024, we can see

how the Lord has opened many doors for us. By the leadership of His Holy Spirit, God has given us the peace, joy, guidance, faithfulness, and direction we needed to achieve all He has assigned to hands to do as a church family. I thank God for all His precious gifts. I want to also thank our church family for your faithfulness, dedication, and your prayers.

As we approach this 4th and final quarter of this year, please remember our New FBCRP fund, our Musicians Recognition Service, our Thanksgiving Service, our Christmas Morning Service, and our Annual Church meeting to kick off 2025. Make plans to at-

tend to bless and be blessed.

We must take every opportunity to be faithful in our walk with the Lord. Stay on your knees and remember that God is listening. He is a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God.

God bless you all and remember to keep each other in prayer. Prayer is power and changes things. May the Lord remember all the ways you've served Him faithfully. I pray He gives you the desires of your heart and bring success to all your plans.

To God be the glory!!

Pastor Leonard Harrel, Sr.



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Awesome God

Min. Danielle Sharper

We all have responsibilities. Whether it is at home, work, school, or church. Sometimes our busy schedules can cause us to forget our main responsibility, SEEKING GOD. We have a responsibility to HIM before anything else. Without GOD- home, work, school, or church would not exist.

How can we forget about our AWESOME GOD? He is our alarm to a new day, filled with grace and mercy. Everyday, spend some time seeking GOD and bask in all his AWESOMENESS. I promise, you will not be disappointed.

Lamentations 3:22-23 reminds us; It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.



4th Quarter Birthday Message

Sister Emily Davis

Dear Church Family,

We pray that as we enter the last months of the year, you are noticing all of the beauty that God brings to our lives. Just as the trees shed their leaves, may we let go of what no longer serves us and embrace the new beginnings God has in store.

We would like to wish a happy birthday to all of those

born in the months of October, November, and December!

This fall, let us embrace the season of harvest and gratitude. May you find joy in the blessings God has provided. In this season of change, may your faith deepen and your heart be filled with gratitude for all God has done and will continue to do. We pray that

you all enjoy a safe Thanksgiving holiday!

As we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, may you find comfort and joy in the love of Jesus, our greatest gift. We pray that you are wrapped in His love, adorned with His grace, and filled with the joy of His presence. May God continue to bless you as we move into the new year!



Delayed, Not Denied!

L.A.Davis

Grace and Peace Family! We thank and praise our Father for bringing us to the **last quarter of 2024!** To Him goes all glory, honor, and praise! Hallelujah!!!

In my last quarter's article, I was anticipating being retired, however in obedience to our Father, my retirement date was delayed but not denied! As of October 1st, I am offi-

cially retired from LSU after 34 years! To God Be The Glory!!!

I encourage you that when delays come in life, they are not always denials. As we wait, we must stand and believe God's Promises, that "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths

shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" Isaiah 40:27-31. Psalm 27:14 implores us to "Wait on the Lord: be of good

courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

What we may see as a denial, may only be a delay! WAIT ON THE LORD!!!

HALLELUJAH!!!

In Jesus' Love...

Christmas

Find words that are forward, up and down. No diagonal or backwards words.

1. LIGHTS
2. SNOWMAN
3. BELLS
4. JOYFUL
5. FRUITCAKE
6. JESUS
7. MANGER
8. PRESENTS
9. GIVING
10. FAMILY

11. FRIENDSHIP
12. BETHLEHEM
13. CHURCH
14. SINGING
15. JINGLEBELLS
16. THANKFUL
17. NATIVITY
18. SANTA
19. RUDOLPH
20. CHIMNEY

True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

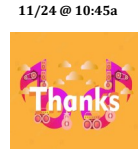
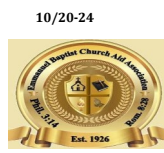
It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.

Poem by Joanna Fuchs

EVENTS THIS QUARTER



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Due to COVID-19 Restrictions our service times are as follows:

Worship Service: Sundays 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary & via conference call

Sunday School Preview: Tuesdays 6:45 p.m. via conference call only

Please join us in person or via phone

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