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VISION BOOKLET

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Emmanuel Baptist Church's theme for 2025 is "**Ministry.**" The word "Ministry" and its derivatives will give us our footprint for 2025.

- Ministry - What we do!
- Ministers - Who we are!
- Ministering - What people need!
- Ministries - How we serve!

To ensure our theme's success, every family and individual must commit to supporting our church's mission. EBC's mission is rooted in the Great Commission of the Bible: to spread the Gospel to the world. The theme for 2025, "Ministry," will serve as our vehicle for accomplishing this.

EBC is fortunate to have workers dedicated to participating in the outreach efforts each week. To those workers, please maintain your commitment. To the rest of the membership, EBC encourages you to commit to serving one Saturday a month in our community as representatives of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The following sections outline the plan for Saturday's outreach. EBC is working hard to organize and prepare for your arrival on Saturday morning.

Beginning Saturday, January 11th at 10:00am, we will gather in the Elaine Howie Dining Hall for 15 minutes for singing, prayer, a word of encouragement, and an explanation of the day's ministry opportunities.

Here is a breakdown of the various areas of ministry in which you can get involved:

Highways and Hedges Ministry

"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." - Luke 14:23

Purpose Statement:

- What is the purpose of our existence? Highways and Hedges, an extension of the Children's Ministry, serves as EBC's vehicle ministry.
- It honors God's desire to fill His house by following His command to *"Go out...and compel them to come in."*

Mission Statement:

- How do we operate? The Highways and Hedges ministry utilizes EBC's vans and shuttles to fill God's House.
- This ministry prioritizes inviting and bringing the children of our community to church, although teens and adults are also welcome to ride and be ministered to.

Vision Statement:

- What is our vision? Build and filled. The Highways and Hedges ministry works to build every person who comes by ensuring they are saved, baptized, and growing in God's Word.
- We aim to ensure that every vehicle available to our church is filled with people who are enthusiastic about God.

Personnel

- Ministry oversight: Ethan Medders/ Juan Meave (oversee the overall direction, decisions, and motivation for the Highways and Hedges Ministry).

Route workers

- *Captain:* leader of the individual route who organizes the route workers and plans for each rider
- *Secretary:* helps keep track of essential forms, attendance records, and rider information
- *Door runner:* the first worker to greet each rider on Sunday morning; they help by quickly knocking on each door and safely escorting all riders to the vehicle

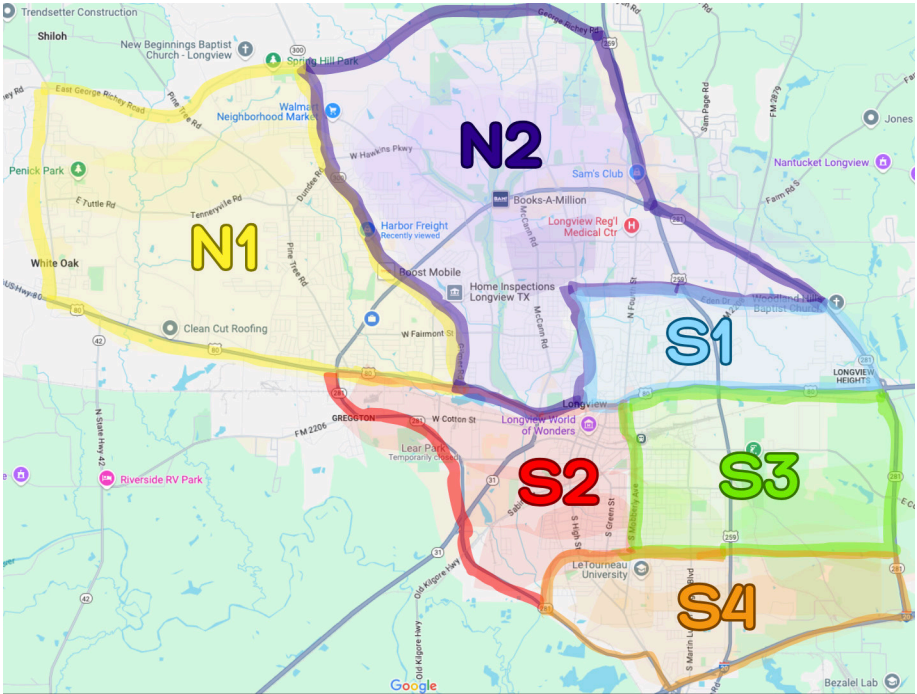
- *Workers*: help with monitoring the riders, escorting riders to and from the services, and assisting the captain with the overall route responsibilities
- *Saturday soul winners*: teenagers and youth workers who cooperate with the routes and captains to knock on doors street by street methodically to win souls and invite new riders for church.
- *Children's ministry workers*: the teachers and workers who teach the children on Sunday and also go out on Saturdays to visit their students and to get to know the families and needs of those who come to their class.
- *Drivers*: volunteers who have a valid driver's license and are at least 21 years of age who help safely transport all the riders to church

Schedule

- **Saturday**: The Highways and Hedges Ministry meets on Saturday mornings to organize and prepare for Sunday. This meeting will include bus songs, testimonies, and instructions for all workers. After this meeting, workers head out to win souls in their route's area and visit riders and potential riders at their homes.
- **Sunday**: Workers and drivers meet at the EBC vehicles early enough to leave and pick up their riders for Sunday school. The trip to church involves encouragement, singing, instructions, and preparation for the service. The trip home involves singing and reviewing what was learned during Sunday School and the morning services.

Routes

- This ministry currently consists of six routes servicing our city by ensuring that every person in every neighborhood can hear the Gospel, ride to church, and grow as a Christian.
- **N1 Route**: north to George Richey, east to Gilmer Rd, south to Highway 80, and west to White Oak Road.
- **N2 Route**: north to George Richey, east to Highway 259/Loop 281, south to Eden Drive/Highway 80, and west to Gilmer Road.
- **S1 Route**: north to Eden Drive, east to Loop 281, south to Highway 80, and west to Judson Road.
- **S2 Route**: north to Highway 80, east to Mobberly Avenue, south to Birdsong Street, and west to Loop 281.



Weekly Outreach Opportunities

1st Week of the Month: Bible Giveaway

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview constantly seeks new, productive ways to infuse the Gospel into the community. One way is to give away Bibles for free!

The community's response has been overwhelming and nothing short of sheer thankfulness. The volunteers' response has been encouraging and one of gratitude for being a part of the Gospel's ministry in this way.

Listed below is what a volunteer can expect from their church in helping this ministry on the 1st weekend of every month:

- Each volunteer needs to scan the QR code and let us know how many are coming and what Saturday you would like to help.
- Each volunteer should attend the outreach meeting on the Saturday they have chosen to help.
- Once the meeting has concluded, each volunteer will go to the designated table for the Bible giveaway.

- Bro. Haley will give further direction as to where volunteers will be giving away the Bibles in town.
- Depending on how many volunteers we have, we will determine how many places we will go to to give away the Bibles. There are typically 4-5 volunteers per location.
- There is always a spot in town for English & Spanish Bible giveaways.
- Once the volunteer has arrived at their location, a setup will need to take place.
- One canopy per location, one banner, one table, Bibles, tracts, John & Romans, and a couple of chairs.
- Once everything has been set up, the group will remain there for about an hour and a half.
- Interest cards will also be available if someone gets a Bible and is interested in more information from the church. Have them fill out the card and give it to Bro. Haley for further visits.
- Once it is time to leave, the volunteers will help pack up the materials and other items. We will bring them back to the church and put them away.

2nd Week of the Month: The Laundromat Ministry

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview has found that providing different opportunities each week of the month has sparked a fresh desire for involvement and relieved people from a “mechanical” approach to the Gospel.

Our laundromat ministry is held during the second week of each month. It is simple in name and approach, but surreal in its impact. From the volunteers to the people in need, this ministry has helped many people.

Listed below is what a volunteer can expect from their church on the 2nd Saturday of the month:

- Every volunteer needs to scan the QR code and let us know how many are coming and which Saturday they are coming.
- Volunteers should attend the outreach meeting on that specific Saturday they are volunteering for.
- Once the outreach meeting has concluded, each volunteer must go to the table designated for the Laundromat ministry.
- Bro. Haley will give each family a \$10 roll of quarters. Depending on the number of volunteers who arrive, each volunteer may also receive a roll of quarters, tracts, and interest cards.

- If a spiritual decision is made at the laundromat or someone would like to know more about the church, volunteers should fill out an interest card and give it to Bro. Haley.
- There will be a list of laundromats in the Longview, Gilmer, White Oak, and Gladewater areas.
- Volunteers can select which laundromats to go to.

If any quarters are left after the outreach, they should be returned to the black dropbox in the outside room attached to the church by the Fellowship Hall doors.

3rd Week: Character Club Canvassing

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview believes in reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One way we can do that is through the Character Club's ministry.

There are apartment complexes in Longview, Texas, that have allowed EBC to come in and hold a character club once a month. In the 3rd week of the month, we will canvass the apartments for the following week's character club.

Listed below is what a volunteer can expect from their church on that Saturday:

- Every volunteer needs to scan the QR code to identify the number of people coming and which Saturday they are coming.
- Volunteers should attend the outreach meeting on the specific Saturday they volunteered for.
- Once the outreach meeting is over, each volunteer must go to the designated Character Club table.
- Bro. Haley will give further instructions once the volunteers have arrived.
- The volunteers will grab the Character Club flyers, tracts, and permissions forms.
- We will meet at the apartments and canvass them, inviting children of all ages to attend the club the following Saturday.
- If people are interested in sending their kids to the clubs, the volunteers will need to have the parents fill out the permission form and return it to Bro. Haley to keep for the following week's clubs.

- In addition to the permission forms, there is an interest form for parents who want their children to ride a church vehicle to church on Sundays. If a parent is interested, please have them fill out the form and give it to Bro. Haley so that he can coordinate the routes.
- We will canvass for an hour and return to the church.

4th Week: Character Clubs

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Longview has implemented this program in the past. The results were great, and the apartment managers and tenants were always thankful. We are excited to introduce it again to the church and community.

We look forward to getting into new and old apartments and watching the Gospel impact each area we go to!

Listed below is what the volunteers can expect from their church on the 4th Saturday of the month:

- Every volunteer needs to scan the QR code and let us know how many and what Saturday you are coming to volunteer.
- Volunteers should attend the outreach meeting on that specific Saturday.
- Once the outreach meeting has ended, each volunteer must go to the table designated for Character Clubs.
- Bro. Haley will give further instructions for that week's club.
- Items will be taken for that week's club including candy, giveaways, A-frame signs, and banners.
- Once we have arrived at the apartments, volunteers will break out into groups: one group will go to the prospects from the previous week's visits, letting them know the program is about to start. At the same time, the other group is helping set up the program. *Depending on the apartment's permission and weather, it could be an indoor or outdoor program.*
- The program will start once everything is set up and people have come.
- There will be various games, songs, memory verses, giveaways, and a lesson.
- Each lesson will be geared towards a Christian character trait we can learn from the Bible. (e.g. forgiveness, courage, charity, etc.) The Gospel will be presented.

- Once the program has ended, everyone will be dismissed, and the volunteers will be divided again into groups: one group will assist any minor children home while the other group disassembles items from the program.
- Volunteers can head back to the church to help put away the items brought.
- The program will last about 45 minutes to an hour.

Nursing Home Ministry

This ministry will consist of ministering to the needs of the residents and staff of area nursing homes. Our impact will be accomplished through weekly services in the facilities, visiting on Saturday while witnessing to residents in their rooms, outreach to the relatives of residents who live in the Longview area, and developing relationships and witnessing to facility staff and caregivers.

Opportunities in this ministry include:

- Soul winning
- Visitation
- Prayer and fellowship
- Preaching/teaching in services,
- Singing and playing instruments in services.

Presently, we are active in four facilities in Longview:

- Whispering Pines - Sunday 3pm service
- Pine Tree Lodge - Saturday 11am visitation & Sunday 3pm service
- Summer Meadows - Saturday 3pm service
- Hawkins Creek - Saturday 11am visitation & Sunday 3pm service

Door-To-Door Outreach & Guest Follow Up

Goal

To introduce Longview and the surrounding communities to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a church family where they can experience love and grow in grace.

Plan

Team leader will provide maps, outreach material, and instructions to equip team members to knock on doors and reach an area for Christ.

Team leader will also provide lead sheets to help follow up with previous visitors to EBC. Basic outreach and direction will be provided.

Volunteers Part

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and lead them to the right person, and then “go believing”.
- Attend the Saturday morning outreach meeting.
- Pick up outreach materials after the meeting.
- Complete the assigned mapped areas or guest follow-ups.
- Relay the results by dropping off completed maps and follow-up information at the gold mailbox.

Forms Used

GUEST FOLLOW UP
This individual visited EBC in June of 2024

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Take the following steps when visiting this guest

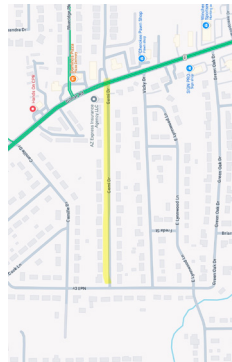
1. **Show Genuine Appreciation** - Express gratitude for their visit, letting them know how much their presence was appreciated.
2. **Build Personal Connection** - Take time to learn more about them-- ask about their interests, family, or what brought them to the church-- who do they know at EBC? How many times have they been to EBC?
3. **Provide Encouragement** - Offer uplifting words or scripture to encourage their spiritual journey and show care for their well-being.
4. **Offer Church Information**
Share helpful details about the church, like upcoming events, 9:30-AM Classes, or ways to get involved, without overwhelming them.
5. **Pray or Offer Support**
If they're open to it, pray with them or ask if there's anything specific you or the church can do to support them.

RESULTS:

1. Overall how did the visit go? _____
2. Are there any additional needs you wish to communicate? _____
3. In your opinion what are the "Next Steps" for this individual? _____

YOUR NAME: _____ **DATE VISITED:** _____

Please place these results in the gold mailbox by the church office entrance.



Care Ministry

The Care Ministry is designed to exhort and encourage those who experience infirmities at a particular time in their lives. This ministry will be organized with a definite appointment on Saturday with one of our many members who are homebound and unable regularly to attend church.

Goal

To make sure our homebound members know they are loved and not forgotten.

Appointment

Set a definite appointment with a homebound member on Saturday. This way, they will be prepared for the visit, and there will be no awkwardness of a surprise visit.

Goals

- Be a good listener. James 1:19
- Try to love, encourage, and comfort them. I Thessalonians 5:11
- Try to make them laugh. Proverbs 17:22
- Be positive and tell them what is going on in the church.
- Ask them about their favorite hymn and Bible verse.
- Read a portion of God's Word and pray with them.
- Shy away from any critical conversation.
- Visit to be a blessing to them, but do not be surprised if they are more of a blessing to you.

Materials

- Most recent Sunday/Wednesday night bulletin.
- Tracts the homebound member can hand out to the medical community.
- Card of encouragement. Cards will be supplied if needed.
- Favorite snack or drink if allowed.

After Saturday, What Then?

Laboring on Saturday will produce people on Sunday. The more people who come, the more members we will need to serve them. The goal of our theme "Ministry" is to find one individual to whom you, as a member, can "minister" and become a spiritual mentor to.

I Corinthians 3:4-9, "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."



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Scan this code to participate
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ministries.

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