



**Emmanuel Baptist Church**

1600 E. 12th Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-2279

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: (605) 336-6780  
PASTOR BRETT'S CELL PHONE: (605) 305-6294  
CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL: [emmanuelbaptistsf@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelbaptistsf@gmail.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.emmanuelbaptistsiuouxfalls.org](http://www.emmanuelbaptistsiuouxfalls.org)  
Watch video recordings of messages  
on YouTube at "EBCSF"  
PASTOR'S BLOG: [wouldbbest.wordpress.com](http://wouldbbest.wordpress.com)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:	9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: Women of God Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.



# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	3 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	4	5
6 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	7	8	9 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	10 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	11	12
13 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship	14 	15 1:00 pm Church Mutual Insurance Agent Mtg  6:00 pm Prayer @ City Council Mtg.	16 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	17 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	18 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	19
20 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship	21 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting 	22	23 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	24 10:00 am Nehemi- ah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	25	26
27 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship	28			Stephanie - vacation February 25 - March 8.		

## JANUARY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
1/2	32	NA	\$1,936.00
1/9	NO SERVICES		
1/16	32	16	\$3,381.00
1/23	44	16	\$8,806.00
1/30	51	9	\$3,123.72

**2021 Year to Date received: \*17,246.72**

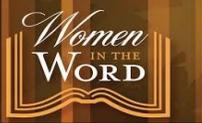
**2021 Budgeted Amount: \*13,551.35**

**Amount Needed Per Sunday: \$2,710.00\***

**\*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.**

*But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.*

Luke 6:35



**Ladies, the book of the month  
for FEBRUARY is PHILEMON.**



Dorothy Roberts, a long time member of Emmanuel, passed away on January 9, 2022. A private burial service was held January 12, 2022. A full obituary can be found on the bulletin board downstairs.

F.Y.I.

A copy of the Church of Hope January Newsletter can be found on the Bulletin Board downstairs. You may take one if you would like.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Pam Scovell
- 6 Kelly Lindstrom
- 12 Andrew Rogers
- 13 Marlene Kriech
- 14 Steve Stutson
- 15 Alyssa Johnson (Rogers)
- 20 Skip Sherman
- 20 Julia Paul
- 21 Carol Bender
- 25 Lynne Talbert
- 26 Stacey Mankle

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Steve & Val Thompson
- 8 Bob & Marge Sanborn



### True Love

***Love can always conquer whatever discord brings  
And love can also cover a multitude of things.***

***Don't you underestimate what love can ever do,  
For love is God eternal and His love can renew.***

***What is cold and lifeless, now lost all hope and died,  
For love can breathe new meaning and give it back new life.***

***Please don't give up on love when it seems that all is lost,  
For there is always hope if we're prepared to pay the price.***

***For love is always worth it no matter how much the price.  
For love will be much stronger when we trust in Jesus Christ.***

***So let God have full reign, let Him live within your heart  
Then you will know true love, for this He will impart.***

***-Author Unknown-***

Why is this Happening?

How do we find ourselves in this situation? How were some elected leaders so prepared to exercise unprecedented authority when the pandemic suddenly appeared? How is it that riots accompany every election, disaster, or tragedy? Why do enemy nations think they can act with impunity against us and our allies? Why do the “solutions” offered in Washington, DC drive us deeper into debt and enlarge an already bloated bureaucracy?

Here is the short answer to all these questions: there are Americans who believe America needs to be broken so they can “fix” it according to their Marxist beliefs. These events are the result of the work of various groups who are trying to break the system (our government and our culture) by overwhelming it with problems. I don’t believe there is a conspiracy at work, other than the fact that Satan is the “father of all lies” (John 8:44). But there is one belief system that guides these bad actors, and it is Marxism. Marxism is one of the two most powerful lies of the modern Age. The other lie is Darwinism.

Karl Marx’s philosophy divided people down economic lines. He saw history as being a record of the struggle between the “haves” and the “have nots.” He believed equality and justice had to be achieved by means of revolution and it didn’t matter how many were killed or how much chaos ensued. Communism is the most faithful application of Marx’s teaching. History’s verdict on communism is complete failure causing untold suffering with an antagonistic attitude toward religion and all forms of freedom.

Here are four forms of American Marxism:

**Economic Marxism** is the “classic” form of Marxism that divides people in economic classes. They are attempting to break the system by enlarging the federal debt, increasing inflation, illegal immigration, and confiscatory taxes.

**Environmental Marxism** divides people by their level of ecological concern. They use “man-made climate change” to oppose industrial and technological progress, blaming capitalism. Science does not support the top-heavy measures they endorse.

**Ethnic Marxism** divides people by their skin color and associated cultural differences. This kind of Marxist uses “Critical Race Theory” to attempt to break the system, condemning America as prejudicial and oppressive from its founding.

**Sexual Marxism** divides people by their sexual preference. They are attempting to break our families and our culture’s morals by sanctioning sexual sin especially with “transgenderism.”

There are three levels of American Marxists.

- The leaders are hypocritical, cynical, and corrupt persons who use these movements for personal financial and political gain.
- The influencers propagate the movement and are more “sincere believers,” utilizing education and media to make converts.
- The remainder are people who have accepted uncritically what they are told by leaders and influencers, falling prey to the false teaching and false promises the Marxists have made.

Do not let any of this discourage you as the ultimate outcome is clear: BUT YOU BELONG TO GOD, MY DEAR CHILDREN. YOU HAVE ALREADY WON A VICTORY OVER THOSE PEOPLE, BECAUSE THE SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN YOU IS GREATER THAN THE SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN THE WORLD. THOSE PEOPLE BELONG TO THIS WORLD, SO THEY SPEAK FROM THE WORLD’S VIEWPOINT, AND THE WORLD LISTENS TO THEM. BUT WE BELONG TO GOD, AND THOSE WHO KNOW GOD LISTEN TO US. IF THEY DO NOT BELONG TO GOD, THEY DO NOT LISTEN TO US. THAT IS HOW WE KNOW IF SOMEONE HAS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH OR THE SPIRIT OF DECEPTION. (1 John 4:4-6)

God’s word requires us to respect those who govern us and obey the laws of the land (see Romans 13:1-7). At the same time, Scripture commands us to TEST THE SPIRITS (1 John 4:1); to exercise discernment to recognize the true spiritual nature of persons and movements and react appropriately.

Our response must begin in the Spirit (Ephesians 6:10-18). Prayer and Scripture are our most valuable weapons in this battle. We must learn the truth to counter the deceits of the various kinds of Marxists and take our stand against their lies.

## NEWS FROM CHURCH OF HOPE



Sister and Brothers, Please welcome into our region fellowship, Rev. Sharon Ball, who has been called to be the Pastor of the Church of Hope in the SD Women's Prison.

Sharon began serving as the Pastor of the Church of Hope on December 1, 2021. She is an Ordained Chaplain and an

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament through American Baptist Churches USA. Sharon has previously served as an Associate Pastor at the Community Baptist Church in Tulsa, OK, and as Senior Pastor at the United Methodist Church in Bartlesville, OK. She also served in chaplain residencies at the Denver Rescue Mission, Denver, CO, and the Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa, OK.

Sharon is married to Mike Robertson, with three children and seven grandchildren in their family. She also has many years of experience teaching private piano lessons and as a church musician.

Please keep Sharon in your prayers as she transitions to a new location and serves in an extremely challenging environment. Remember, the Church of Hope is a "mission" church needing the financial support of the region's member churches. And, please pass this information on to your church families.

*I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.*

Matthew 25:36

Rev. Randy Rasmussen, Region Executive Minister  
American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas

## Relationship R

**James 4:7 (NLT) = So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

The aroma of freshly made coffee welcomed Erica to the gathering of her friends even before any of them noticed her arrival. It allayed some of her fears, if only for an instant. They looked up to see her standing there, apparently hesitant to join them.

Marta sighed, "Erica! Why are you just standing there? Come, sit. Join us." Erica smiled at the sing-song quality of Marta's eastern European accent.

"Yes, dear," Zoey agreed. "We're all done talking about you anyway!" Zoey loved to tease.

Erica smiled back at Zoey and sat down at the table. She busied herself with pouring her own cup of coffee and fixing it with an extra spoonful of sugar, which she hoped would relieve some of the tiredness she felt. If she were completely truthful in that moment, Erica would have blamed her fatigue on the restless night before. What dogged her sleep was anxiety about this gathering. The most recent Bible study at small group had dealt with sins of the tongue. Erica clearly understood complaint and gossip - all verbal sins - were just as serious in God's sight as murder and adultery. In response, she confessed these sins and made a commitment to avoiding them in the future. That commitment included this monthly coffee club meeting with former classmates.

"Whatcha been doin' Erica?" Kimberly asked.

Erica drew in a deep breath and replied, "I've submitted my tongue to God."

"Huh?" Marta said, "What does that mean?"

"It means I'm going to show my respect for God by being very careful what I say. So, ladies, if I clap two hands over my mouth, you'll know why!"