

*Faith alone in Christ alone!*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph. 2:8-9*

*Make a New Year's Resolution to find an area to serve in your church!*

*Opportunities for service at Emmanuel:*

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*Sunday morning greeters - contact Stuart or Karen Teague.*

*Children's Joy Explosion & Kids for Christ – contact Rachelle McKibben*

*Nursery workers – contact Kelly Banik*

*AWANA workers – contact Garry or Rhonda Jones*

*Blessing Team - help make and assemble items for baby and graduation recognitions. Contact Bridget Willeford.*

*Opportunities to help with our meal ministry occur frequently. Watch your email for these announcements.*

*If there is another area you are interested in serving besides those listed above, check with Pastor Kenny.*

# Women of Emmanuel

## January 2015

*Happy New Year!*

As we begin a New Year and head into the coldest part of winter, I wanted to share some thoughts from a devotional I read recently on snowflakes. They are so beautiful, especially to us Southerners who rarely get to see them! It takes millions of them to make the ground white and yet each and every one is different. That is just how God made us. He created us each with our own flaws, quirks, talents and gifts to fulfill the plan he has for each individual, and he sees us as beautiful!

Also consider this, if God cares enough to notice every sparrow that falls (Matt 10:31) and constructs each snowflake in a different manner, we can take comfort in knowing how much more he cares about us!



This is especially comforting given some of the heavy hearted events amongst our Emmanuel family in the past weeks. From the sudden loss of a loved one, the devastating destruction of a home, serious rounds of flu and sickness and the continued battle against cancer for a young child - our prayers have been full! These are not the bright and cheery thoughts with which we like to usher in a new year, but they are the life events that every human can face. How fortunate that in each of these cases the individuals are not walking alone, but within the presence of our loving God who knows when every bird falls from the sky and the pattern of every snowflake.

## EBC's Women's Winter Mini-Retreat

Mark your calendars and reserve Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for our women's one-day mini-retreat! What better way could you spend a cold February Saturday than studying God's word and spending time in fellowship with your Emmanuel sisters?

We will be using Beth Moore's study "Loving Well." It is designed to help women embrace the biblical mandate to love and to develop skills for loving others (even when they are difficult).

Watch for more information to come on the women's ministry board at church and in emails and facebook!

Coming up.....

- Jan. 11 AWANA starts back
- Jan. 18 Children sing in worship service
- Jan. 21 Pot luck and Business meeting
- Feb. 21 Women's Mini-Retreat

Are you plugged in to a Bible study?

Opportunities for small group Bible study at Emmanuel:

Tuesdays - 8:30 am

Women's Bible Study
Betty McPhail - leader
Nursery provided

Sundays - 10:00 am

- Women's Sunday School Class
Betty McPhail - leader
- Adult Sunday School Class
Everett McKibben - leader

Bi-Monthly Ladies' Bible study

'Last Days/Revelation Study' meets bi-monthly on Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30. Facilitated by Mary Cole. Contact Mary for more details.

On-line Bible study - For busy women who can't commit to meeting in person on a regular basis. New study starting January 12! But it's not too late! Contact Bridget Willeford for the details. We can still email you the Bible reading schedule.

Recipes...yummy, yummy...

Please email me your favorite recipes to share with your Emmanuel sisters! Or if you have a request for a recipe you have tried at potluck or a shower, let me know and I'll try and get the recipe.

Judy Coffee's Recipe for Company French Toast

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 12 slices of bread
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Dash salt

Melt butter in 300 degree oven. Layer bread on the butter. Whip the eggs, milk, salt and vanilla together. Pour over bread. Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350^ for 36 minutes. Turn the bread over half way through.

Movie Review GOD'S NOT DEAD

'A story of intersecting lives, each on a different path but all on the same journey- an atheist Philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo), a converted Muslim, a callous businessman (Dean Cain), a desperate reporter, an anxious pastor, and an abused girlfriend. Weaving together in a journey of faith, denial, doubt, and trust leading to a decision that will change all their lives (featuring the NewsBoys).'

Email any movie or book titles that you would recommend to jefflaurebell@hotmail.com

Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the family adopted by our Emmanuel women for Christmas. The family was very grateful for all that was given to them.



Treat yourself this winter!

Fix a warm drink, get a fluffy blanket and read a good book this month. Try Believing God by Beth Moore. She offers a fresh look at the lives of Abraham, Moses and others as examples of persons who believed in God. She calls Christians to reach for a deeper belief in all that God can do.

Invitation

Emmanuel ladies, we have been invited by Friendship Baptist Church in Sturgis, MS to attend a potluck gathering at their church featuring the 'Hot Springs Ladies,' a comedy group from Okolona First Baptist, on Feb. 28th at 5 pm. More information will be coming....