

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

We need you!!! 1 Corinthians 12:27

Opportunities for service at Emmanuel:

Our visitors need you!

Sunday morning greeters - contact Stewart or Karen Teague.

Our Children need you!

Children's Joy Explosion & Kids for Christ – contact Tasha Sanders.

AWANA workers – contact Garry or Rhonda Jones

Our babies need you!

Nursery workers – contact Kelly Banik

Our worship team needs you!

Have a talent for music or willing to train to assist in the sound booth? Contact Katie Wallace.

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

Meal Ministry - sign up to bring a meal to the college or youth group. Other opportunities occur frequently. Watch your email for these announcements.

Do you know of another area where you could serve? Contact Pastor Kenny.

Women of Emmanuel

March 2016

Prayer – the dictionary defines it as a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or an object of worship. For the last six weeks our online Bible study group has been examining what the Bible says about prayer, and it has been so fascinating I wanted to share a few insights with the rest of you.

Hebrews 4:16 lets us know that we have the utmost privilege of being allowed to draw near to God knowing that he understands our every situation and will give us mercy and grace when we need it.

He wants to know our concerns and tells us to not be anxious, but tell God about everything (Phil 4:5-7). Matthew 7 tells us to ask, seek, and knock – this equals prayer!

We should believe what we pray will happen (Mark 11:23-24)! 1 John 5:13-15 follows that same train of thought, telling believers that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us! Also, if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

We are to pray all the time! Jesus set an example praying frequently. Colossians 4:2 says to be steadfast in prayer! 1 Thessalonians 5:17

tells us to pray without ceasing! We are to thank and praise God continuously, forever, recognizing His power, holiness, and mercy.

Prayer equips us to serve and connects us to God. Acts 9:40 reminds us through Peter's experience that prayer empowers us to do God's work. Likewise, in John 15:1-5, we are reminded to abide in Jesus so that we can bear fruit. The "abiding" comes through prayer.

We are to pray for the needs of others, especially for their spiritual wisdom and understanding. 1 Tim 2:1-3 says we need to pray for ALL people!! All!! Not just those we like. We are even told to pray for our political leaders! Luke 6:28 reminds us to pray for those who curse and abuse us.

Finally, and this gives me chills, in Romans: 8 we are assured that the Spirit *himself* intercedes for us!! The Holy Spirit prays for US in groanings too deep for words!! Oh my!!

Prayer is a powerful, powerful thing, my friends. Do not take it for granted. Follow the example of Jesus and the directions given in the Bible, and make prayer a constant on-going part of your life!

– *Laure*

OUR NEXT EMMANUEL LADIES EVENT:

Bible JOURNALING With Mary Esther ELAM



- ❖ Tuesday March 15th, 7:00-9:00 in the large Class Room.
- ❖ Sign-up on the women's ministry board in the main hallway or email Jeannie by Sunday, March 6th, so we have enough supplies.

Come and hear Mary Esther's testimony and try your hand at Bible journaling, a creative way to worship and draw near to God.

This is an excellent outreach event. Invite friends!!

Emmanuel Women

Coming up.....

March 15 - Bible Journaling
with Mary Esther
March 27 - Easter
April 30 - Mother Daughter
Tea

Opportunities for small group Bible study at Emmanuel:

Women's Bible Study –
meets at Emmanuel on
Wednesdays from 9:00-
11:00 a.m. Betty McPhail
leads this study and a
nursery is provided.

Adult Sunday School is
taught at the church each
Sunday in the fellowship hall
at 10:00 a.m. by Everett
McKibben. This is for all
adults.

**Online Women's Bible
Study** - This is a unique
Bible study in that we do not
meet in person regularly. We
read and study the assigned
Bible passages and post to a
private online page so that
other members of our group
can share thoughts and
insights. Our current study
on "Growing through Prayer"
is wrapping up. Be watching
for the next study to be
announced and join us!

**End Times/Prophecy Bible
Study** – This is a study of
the book of Daniel taught by
Chuck Missler via DVD. It
has two time options:
Tuesday or Thursday
mornings at 9:00 a.m., at the
home of Mary Cole; or
Wednesday evenings at
6:30. (Check with Mary for
more details on which day to
attend.)

EBC Recipes



Ladies, as any Emmanuel
potluck reveals, we have
amazing chefs at our
church. Please email me a
few of your most
successful recipes to share
with your Emmanuel
sisters in this spot of our
newsletter!
jefflaurebell@hotmail.com

Emmanuel Mother Daughter Tea



April 30th
More details to come.

What are you reading, watching,
or studying? Send me your
reviews to share!
(jefflaurebell@hotmail.com)

BABY BOY BOOM!!!

*We are having a baby boy boom at EBC. Since October, Emmanuel has been
blessed with four new babies – and all boys!
(Seelys, Wests, Howells, and Browns)*



CONGRATULATIONS!

Hannah and Wesley Howell, and big brother JW,
welcomed Wyatt Isaac into their family on February 5th!

&

Daniel and Amber Brown welcomed their first baby,
William Isaiah, into the world on February 23rd!

WBS

Serve the Lord with Gladness!!
Emmanuel's Vacation Bible School
will be June 6-10th, in the
afternoons. Contact Jackie Payne
(4everhis@att.net) if you can help!