

# Newsletter

August 2016



## Footprints

A few weeks ago my family arrived at the church just before the worship service. We entered the door near the fellowship hall and headed towards the sanctuary. As we turned the corner onto the long hall, I immediately noticed wet footprints trailing down the hallway. If you are a regular at Emmanuel you know what that means, there had been a baptism that morning. I felt a leap of joy in my heart, and then tears came to my eyes as I studied the wet prints.

First of all, there were three sets of little footprints. This means three little people had come to believe in Jesus as their savior!!! Three little souls are going to be added to those in Heaven one day. Three little people are, hopefully, going to spend a lifetime telling others about what Christ has done for them and help others to believe.

Second, going a bit deeper, I noticed there was another, larger set of wet footprints out in front of the three little sets. The larger footprints seemed to be leading the way down the hall. I thought to myself, what a great picture of Christians following after Christ! He leads the way, we follow his path. While baptism is a symbol to the world of our second birth and new life in Christ, these wet footprints trailing down the hall were a symbol to me of our walk with Christ.

FYI: I later learned that it was Bryan and Vika Jones' three little boys who were baptized that morning. I am so sad to have missed that glorious event, but I am so thankful I saw the footprints left as evidence!

- *Laure*

The new nursery schedule for the next year is available. Contact Kelly Banik or the church office if you are a volunteer and have not received it yet.

## Plugging in...

Are you plugged into a service area for the new school year? Consider the following areas:

**AWANA** – volunteer for our Sunday night children's program. Contact Kyle or MaryEsther Elam.

**Nursery** – our little ones need volunteers to serve in the nursery during the worship service (approximately every six weeks). Contact Kelly Banik.

**Joy Explosion** – contact the church office if you would like to lead Joy Explosion for our older children during the worship service (approximately every six – eight weeks).

**Youth Meals or Snacks** – if you would like to prepare a meal or heavy snack for the Sunday night youth group meeting during the semester contact Robert Banik.

## EBC Women's Ministry



We would love to have more people on our women's ministry planning team. If you would like information about this – contact Laure Bell.

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

## WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

9:00 A.M. AT THE CHURCH. CONTACT BETTY MCPHAIL.

## ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

LOVE GOD GREATLY - YOU ARE FORGIVEN STUDY  
BEGINS AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>.  
CONTACT BRIDGET WILLEFORD

## BETH MOORE – ENTRUSTED STUDY

IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN THIS NEW BETH MOORE STUDY WE WOULD POSSIBLY MEET IN THE EVENING TWICE A MONTH, FOR ABOUT TEN WEEKS THIS FALL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT LAURE BELL.

## Service Opportunity



Emmanuel has will host 30 MSU college students for dinner on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. This is part of the MSU Baptist Student Union's Basic Training program. It is designed to introduce new college students to the churches in Starkville. The BSU would like for the students to learn about our church and have dinner with some of our families and members. The church is providing meat and bread, but desserts and side dishes are needed, as well as families willing to visit with the students and tell them about Emmanuel. Please notify the church office if you can attend, and/or bring food.

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*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:26*