


STUDENT
MINISTRY **Adron Hart**

I am very thrilled with how amazing our Trunk or Treat turned out this year! We had a wonderful turn out and had so much fun this year despite the crazy times we are living in! Thank you to everyone that helped to make this great!

We are planning to take Thanksgiving meals to **“The Simple Project”** on November 7th to feed the homeless and less fortunate. I plan to have ham, green beans, dressing, chips and bottles of water. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the FLC to put the to-go plates together . I am asking for donations of the above items and for help putting these together. Everyone is invited to also join us as we deliver these items to Monroe.

We are seeing lots of new faces and returning faces in our youth ministry! I am excited to see this and would appreciate your prayers as always. Thank you one and all for prayers and continued support!



Emmanuel Family,

Thank you for your many cards and calls, all of which were so uplifting. Your prayers, care and concern in my loss of Scott is greatly appreciated. Much love to all of you.

Jean Kennedy

Church Wide

Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 18—6:00 PM



Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks
to the Lord
with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your
wonderful deeds.

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Special Thanks

Paul told the church at Thessalonica to give thanks in all circumstances in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Christina and I would like to thank the Lord for our Emmanuel church family. This past month, so many have sent us cards and spoken words of encouragement that have meant so much. We have been so blessed by the love, care, and acceptance of our church family since coming on the field a couple of years ago. Thank you for being people eager to be pastored through the preaching and teaching of the Word. Thank you for loving and encouraging my family. While October was designated as clergy appreciation month, the genuine love we experience at Emmanuel is felt year-round.

Join us for
worship...

Sundays

9:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Adult 5, 6, 7

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School
Preschool, Children,
Youth, College, Adult 2, 4

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Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.
Bible Study &
Prayer Service
Mission Organizations

Remember the sun will rise next Wednesday!

We live in a time filled with uncertainty. It is a short step from uncertainty to anxiety. Many are very anxious about the outcome of next week’s election. We (Christians) should not be. Our time may be filled with uncertainties, but we can rest, by faith, in the knowledge of what is certain. The White House resident can do many things, but our Lord’s plans will be accomplished. We have a heavenly Father who is almighty and our Lord Jesus Christ is enthroned in glory. All of His enemies will be put under His feet. **“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire together against the LORD and his Anointed One: ‘Let’s tear off their chains and throw their ropes off of us.’ The one enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord ridicules them...”** Psalm 2:1-4

The bottom line is: God is in control. We serve the King of kings and Lord of lords. The sun will rise next Wednesday and God’s plan for us will still be the same. His will for us, according to Romans 8:29, is for us to become more like Jesus. Join me in praying for the Lord’s will to be done in this election. God uses even the evil schemes of people to move His plans forward. This world is not our home. We should look at the platforms of the candidates in every election, and ask which candidate seems to advocate policies that are more in line with the values discerned through the study of God’s Word? We should pray and trust the Holy Spirit to give us discernment and peace in our decision. After we have cast our vote, we should pause and pray. We should be thankful we can be apart of the election process. We should thank God that He elected us and will be faithful to accomplish His purposes no matter what the next four years may hold!



Chris Campbell

In a February 2020 post from RZIM Connect's "Ask Greg Koukl" someone asked about the reasons Christians "fall-out" from their faith during the college years. Here's part of Greg's response:

"Principally, Christians that 'lose their faith' **frequently never had much confidence in it to begin with.** The current data shows that those who jettison Christianity in college have already begun to fade in junior high and high school but only went public when they entered the secular environment of the academy. Simply put, we lost them early while they were still in church under our watch.

Their chief general reason for dropping out is this: **The questions they asked in church as teenagers were never answered—and often were never even welcome. Since they had no good evidence Christianity was actually true, they had no good reason to stick with it when the cultural pressure in the university pushed them away from Christianity rather than towards it.**"

1 John 2:28 "And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him."

We want to encourage our students to abide in Him – reading and meditating on His word, fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in Christ, and intentionally pursuing His will for us – our sanctification! Thank you all for encouraging our students through your prayers, providing meals for our Bible studies and fellowships, and teaching sound Biblical doctrine. Our young people today need much more than shallow feel-good catchy messages – they need the depth of Scripture and the opportunity to "wrestle" with tough topics that impact them!

Please pray for our morning Bible studies on Mondays and Fridays – as several of our students are taking part and/or leading in those studies.

Thank you to the Coleman family for providing a skeet "shooting range" for our first S'more Shooting Day on October 18. We had a blast!

Finally, we are looking at a **disaster relief/retreat trip to south Louisiana during fall break – November 28—December 1** - so please pray for that effort!



Kathy Mitchell

Dear Church Family,

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

November is here and as I look back through my gratitude journal it reminds me of all the things I am truly thankful for. Sometimes I think we just skip over November getting ready for Christmas. This year I will intentionally slow down, count my blessings and thank God for all of them.

Our October at the preschool was great; we even got to do a few of our "normal" activities. Ms. Sherry came to take our picture and we all said cheese. We had our St. Jude's Trik-A-Thon and raised almost \$3,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The children also loved learning about bicycle safety with Bikewell Bear. Some of the parents were even able to come and watch us ride our bicycles.

It was also fire safety month so the big red firetruck came to visit our center. The children loved talking to the firemen and getting to hear all the bells and whistles on the fire truck. Our RFD heroes do a great job of explaining how our students can stay safe in the event of a fire.

This month we will learn about the brave men and women who risked their lives to come to America in search of, among other things, freedom of religion and a better way of life. We will have our **Thanksgiving Feast** and the children will love dressing up like the pilgrims and American Indians.

We are also looking ahead to our **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**; we are working on our song and our Bible verses. I hope you will make plans to join us on December 13th at 4:00 p.m. to get your Christmas season started off in a special way.

I am so thankful for you and your support of the preschool ministry!



Stephen Nutt

A Season to Be Thankful

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of the month of November? For me it is Thanksgiving; for others, it is the weather becoming cooler or maybe hunting season, then others shopping. I do not know about you, but I can get so busy doing things I deem important that I don't take time to stop and be thankful for all this is happening around me. We are to always be thankful, but to put a special emphasis on it just makes it even more special. Let me ask you, have you taken the time lately to thank God for the blessing He has given you? The Apostle Paul instructs us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to **"give thanks in everything..."** As you begin the "busy time of the year" (I believe we will still be busy, even while dealing with Covid) make time to say thank you to those around you who have impacted your life or someone else's life. Also, make time to serve to those around you. The best thing we can do for those around us, tell them about Jesus. You might just impact someone for eternity.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you that have made October such a special month with all of the notes and cards of encouragement. It is special to me to serve with each of you through the ministries of EBC. Together we must continue to strive to disciple believers and to share the love of Christ with others.



Robert Grafton

I walked through a store last week and admired all of the Christmas decorations already on display. Suddenly, I was anticipating the Christmas season. Then I saw a few decorations with fall colors and realized that the Thanksgiving season should not be overlooked, especially in reminding us to give thanks to God for all He has done for us. Many times we take the blessings of life for granted and forget the Giver of those blessings. I hope everyone has a grateful heart, especially throughout this Thanksgiving month.

Yes, Christmas will be here soon, and it does take a good amount of preparation. Although we will not have a singing choir this year, we do want to have a bell choir. If you are interested in playing bells one Sunday in December, please let me know right away so that we can plan the music according to how many ringers we have. No experience necessary, but you must be able to proficiently read music. We'll begin rehearsals during November so let me hear from you.