

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello from the youth ministry!

I would like to say thank you for all the prayers and calls for me after almost losing my thumb. It is comforting that we have a church family that cares for my well being.

We recently completed our 3rd annual trip to Branson for our own personal Disciple Now weekend, and we thoroughly enjoyed the time of Bible study, friends and fellowship. This is always a great time to get to know my students even more and to be able to help them grow as Christians. We are always sad to leave from there, but we have already begun to look forward to **SUMMER CAMP**. This year we will be returning to Panama City, Florida for Lifeway's Centrifuge Camp. The dates for camp are June 21-25. Each student will need to turn in a \$150 deposit no later than May 12th.

We will also be honoring our graduating seniors on May 5th. This will be at the end of our worship service. The students will have tables decorated with some of their accomplishments and pictures for you to look at and for any cards you would like to get them. We will feed the students and their families in the FLC following the worship service.

Please continue to pray for our students as we approach the end of the school year. Thank you all!

Adron



To my church family,

Words cannot express how much I appreciate the love and support I received during my recent stay in Alpine Nursing Home and at home as a result of my fall.

May God continue to bless all of you!

Marilyn Kennedy

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**LOVE ONE
ANOTHER**

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
JOHN 13:34

Prayer Rally @ Railroad Park ~ 12:15 p.m.

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pastor's *pen*

Gifted or Willing?

We know from the witness of the New Testament that the church is equipped for all the Lord has called it to be through the gifts distributed among its members. These gifts have been distributed according to the wisdom of God by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). Each of us have a place of service that should be ongoing, where we use our gifts to glorify God and build up the church. There are other times when the church is in the midst of special efforts that call upon each of us to lend our efforts toward an activity under the direction of gifted people. These special events or activities are meant to be a "shot in the arm" in some area of church outreach ministry. The end of the school year and the summer calendar are full of these activities. Preschool graduation, Bro. Sam's retirement reception, Vacation Bible School community blitz and kick-off, youth camp, and children's camp are just a few of the things coming up in the next several months.

You may not feel gifted to direct, organize, or teach in any of these activities, but it takes all of us. Are you willing? Are you willing to prepare snacks, hand out fliers, help with greeting/ushering, give to help sponsor a camper, chaperone one of our camps, or simply be present to show the love of Christ to the many visitors present at one/all of these events? God has perfectly equipped the body with gifted people for these and other endeavors. I also believe he has blessed Emmanuel with many others who will be willing to do what is necessary to fill in the gaps. If you are one of the "willing", call the church office and ask where you can plug in!

children's *ministry*

Hello from the children's ministry!

First I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and who brought eggs and candy. Despite the weather, we had a great group of kids there!

In case you missed out on that, we have several things coming up that you can be involved in.

Mom's Morning Out is May 11th from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the FLC. If you would like to volunteer to help or if you would like to bring your children, there are sign up sheets in the Sunday school classrooms and in the hallway. June 3-7 is **VBS**. If you are unable to attend but would like to be a part of it, please let me know! We are also going to **Camp July 15-19**. This will be for children 1st-6th grades. A deposit of \$50 (per person) is due by May 5th. Those can be turned into me or the church office.

I am excited about what God is doing and will continue to do in the Emmanuel children's ministry!

Hannah

music *notes*

What wonderful times of worship we have had during this Easter season. A big part of that has been our "Easter Choir". You did an outstanding job presenting the story of the cross on Palm Sunday. You led us in celebrating the resurrection on Easter Sunday. There are just some messages in song that need to be done by a choir rather than a praise team or congregation. To that I say "thank you" to each person that was part of our Easter Choir. Congregation, you get a bonus special as the choir introduces us to "*O Praise the Name (Anastasis)*" this coming Sunday. Don't just think of this song as a special, but listen to learn it since we will sing it as a congregation the following week.

PraiSING Him, **Robert**

college *ministry*

Greetings Emmanuel Family,

What a blessing it is to be a part of the Emmanuel family! We are more than friends here. We truly are "family" in every sense of the word. The "**Adopt-A-Student**" program is just one example of how we come together, and love and support one another. Thirteen of our university students were recently welcomed with open arms into families in our church! What a blessing for each one of them and.....what a blessing for the families who adopted them.

We also want to say a big "THANK YOU" to each of our church members who generously gave t-shirts to our university Easter Egg outreach event at Tech. Seventy-five shirts were given and all of them were given to students who participated. A clear presentation of the Gospel was shared from the stage and many gospel conversations happened during the event! What a joy it was for our students from Emmanuel to join hands with students from the BCM, Calvary, Cook, Temple and First Baptist to put on this massive event. We estimated that over 500 Tech students attended.

As we near the end of another quarter, we'll be saying "goodbye" to at least 3 who will be graduating. On Sunday May 5th, we'll recognize them for their achievements in our morning worship service. Thank you to many of our Sunday School classes who provide breakfast for students. The students feel welcomed and loved with the touch from home.

Please continue to pray for our Wednesday evening **Discipleship Essentials Bible study**. Students are growing and going deeper in their walk with the Lord.

Blessings,

Randy & Kattie

preschool *ministry*

Dear Church Family,

April was a tremendous month. We had a great time hunting eggs and picnicking with our families. This year the weather was beautiful all three days.

For the week before Easter we shared with our children the Easter story. It is our prayer that our students understand the importance of the resurrection and the love that Jesus has for each one of us. They know that hunting eggs is so much fun, but that is not why we celebrate Easter. I thank God that we are blessed to live in this great country that allows us freedom to celebrate our risen Savior.

We also celebrated **Earth Day**. We want to always be good stewards of this magnificent earth God has blessed us with. Our teachers talked with our students about the importance of planting trees and shrubs and how we should always recycle.

As we close out our school year next month we would like to invite you to our **Preschool Graduation**. This year it will be on May 5th at 4:00 p.m. in our Worship Center. When all of the diplomas have been awarded we will cross the street to our family life center for a time of fellowship. I do hope you will plan to come and support our graduates and their families.

I cannot close without asking that you remember our fellow Christians in Sri Lanka. Please pray for the many who have lost family and friends as the world fights this holy war.

May you learn something new today,

Kathy

"The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers." Psalm 24:1