

COLLEGE AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Dearest Emmanuel Family,

Summer is in full swing and the weather proves it! Our students are scattered all over. Several are working at summer camps, some are working at home, others preparing for international trips, and others taking summer courses.

We just completed welcoming new students at La. Tech's second freshman orientation. The now famous Emmanuel "pickle pops" that we distributed among the incoming students were the talk of the orientation. We made lots of great contacts and are in the process of following up on students we met. We are also working on updating our college website in order for new students to locate EBC when they start looking for a church home in September. Our Sunday morning Bible study continues weekly at 9:00 and we are getting together Wednesdays immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Bible Study. If you know of any college students or young professionals who are not coming to be a part of us, please send them our way!

Thank you church family for your continued prayers and support as we serve together with our college students and young professionals.

Blessings! Randy

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July Prayer and Ministry Needs:

Summer is often a slower time in the weekly activities of the life of the church, but there are special emphases which we hope will bless our people as we prepare to begin a new school year and church educational year. Please join me in praying for these efforts and looking for other ways to plug in and serve.

July 3, Church-wide Fellowship and Hymn Sing: We will meet in the FLC at 6:00 p.m. for a hamburger supper and fellowship. You can help by bringing sides or a dessert (homemade ice cream is encouraged). We will have a devotional thought and a time of hymn singing. Prayerfully consider who you might invite to join us!

July 7, Deacon Ordination Service for Mack Colvin: Please pray for Mr. Mack as he comes before the ordination council on June 30 and as he is ordained in this special service at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. This is a special time in his life and the life of our church.

July 15-18, Children's Camp at Camp Harris: Our children and chaperones need your prayers as they prepare and go on this spiritual retreat. Great things happen at camp and this is the first time our church has taken a group to children's camp in several years. Pray this will be a great trip and children's hearts will be drawn nearer to Jesus!

July 29-August 1, Thomas Baptist Mission Group: We will be hosting a mission group ministering in this area. They will be conducting backyard Bible clubs and doing evangelism/outreach in our area. Pray for them and for us. Pray the Lord will help us come alongside them as they minister, and we will be ready to follow-up and encourage those reached through their efforts. We will need Sunday school classes or other teams to prepare meals for them for the three nights they will be here.

I thank the Lord for the ways we have already seen the Lord working through our Vacation Bible School, summer day camp, and youth camp. God is so good! Keep praying for the Lord to move in our church and stir us to greater service!

children's*ministry*

Hey Emmanuel Church Family!

We started the summer running at full speed with a wild VBS and what a great week it was! We had an average of 65 kids and collected 280 cans of food for CCA. Thank you to all the volunteers! VBS is always a group effort and we had a great group of volunteers!

Kids will be going to camp **July 15-18**. If you would like to sponsor a child financially, please see myself or Bro. Paul. Please keep all 16 going in your prayers as well as the camp staff.

Don't forget, **TEAM Kids** (Pre K—Kindergarten) and **Lighthouse Kids** (1-6 grades) will meet in the FLC gym at 6:00 p.m. for the summer.

God Bless! Hannah

preschool*ministry*

Dear Church Family,

We are already five weeks into our summer and each day seems to fly by! Our campers and preschoolers had a great time during VBS. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who made VBS awesome this year. This year we had a tremendous family day where most of our campers had family members attend. Brother Paul did not disappoint! Not one single adult or child left that program without understanding that VBS is about coming to know Jesus Christ. We were able to get Bible truths into the homes of these children each day (we had many who did not go to church regularly and several came because of the VBS blitz that we did). I've no doubt that God is going to use our efforts in mighty ways.

Our campers and preschoolers are loving these hot summer days! If you would like to come join us you are always welcome. There are always swings to be swung, books to be read, babies to be rocked and children to be hugged. No experience required and the take away is well worth the effort...who does not love a happy heart. Thank you for your prayers and support of the preschool ministry.

Kathy Mitchell

music*notes*

By the time you are reading this article, I will be at the WorshipLife Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. I look forward to attending worship services, breakout training sessions, choral premiers, and evening concerts by worship artists. This church music conference will be a great opportunity for me to get "recharged" in my service to Emmanuel. Pray for safe travels and a time of spiritual renewal.

PraISING Him, Robert

student*ministry*

I would like to start by saying thank you to Hannah for a wonderful VBS this year. Renee and I couldn't teach this year but we were able to do some decorating and got to see lots of videos online. I cannot wait to check out next year!

We have just returned from camp and will be looking forward to the remainder of our summer break. I have a **Lock-In** planned and am working towards a **MYSTERY BACK-TO-SCHOOL TRIP**.

Thank you once again to everyone who donated money to help send out students to camp this year. You are a true blessing to these students. Please continue to pray for your student ministry here at Emmanuel.

Adron