



Preschool News

Summer is almost over and we are getting ready for a fantastic fall! We had a great one; as always VBS was tremendous and swimming was a welcome relief from some of our hot summer days. The campers enjoyed skating, tie-dying, painting, visiting the Shreveport aquarium, the Chenault Museum, area parks and Camp Wabanssee. We made our own T-shirts at Cotton Top, picked out our favorite cupcake at Social Bites, watched some great movies at our area theater, rode our bikes and made every craft known to man. The children enjoyed all of the activities we planned; one of their favorite activities each day was Bible Story. Children love Bible stories and they love to be given the opportunity to talk about Jesus and the things He does for us each day. Thank you so much for allowing us to pour God's truths into the lives of these children daily.

As our school gets started this year let's pray for the families God sends to us. My prayer every day is that God will keep our children safe (there have already been 23 school shootings this year) and that we will minister to each person who comes through our door in a way that would please Him.

Thank you again for supporting the preschool ministry. Please know you are always invited to come by and read a story, rock a baby, help with a craft or just stand and listen to the laughter and squeals of delight as our children discover new and exciting things.

Kathy Mitchell



It is hard to find the appropriate words to express our gratitude for all the ways you blessed us in our Retirement Reception. We will always treasure the words of affirmation, the gifts of love and your presence on such a special day. We had hoped to send a personal thank you to everyone but since we did not have everyone's name, we decided to thank you this way. We hope you will accept this as our heartfelt thanks!

Every time we look at the gifts or read the cards, we will thank God for our time together in the Lord's service. Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you all for 23 years!

Michael & Maryjane Hawley

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Come to the Table

Women's Conference 2018

Saturday, September 8 - 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Becky Brown, Speaker



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day Church Office Closed	4 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	5 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR 6 p.m. DEACONS 7 PM	6 JOY Council 11:00 a.m. Adult 5 Dept.	7	8 "OUTDOOR FRIENDS" 8 a.m. <i>Ladies Retreat</i> @ EBC <i>w/ Becky Brown</i>
9 Ruston Nursing & Rehab.—2:30 p.m.	10 <i>Ladies Prayer</i> <i>Group—10:30 am</i>	11 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	12 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR & Church Qtrly. Bus. Mtg.—6 p.m.	13	14	15
16 <i>Anniversary</i> <i>Sunday</i>	17 <i>Ladies Prayer</i> <i>Group—10:30 am</i>	18 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	19 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. Wednesday Night Recharge 6 p.m.	20 JOY Luncheon 11:00 a.m.	21	22
23	24 <i>Ladies Prayer</i> <i>Group—10:30 am</i>	25 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. BCMSoul Food 11:00 a.m.	26 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. Wednesday Night Recharge 6 p.m.	27	28	29 <div>Lancaster, PA Trip Sept. 29-Oct. 6</div>
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Have you found your place?

Fellowship, significance, and a sense of belonging are all aspects of Christian community that should be experienced by every member of a local church. Unfortunately, many are members of a church but still feel like outsiders. There seems to be some invisible barrier that hinders genuine life-giving relationships. Often times, these church members remain on the fringes of the local church and sometimes even drop out all together. If this describes your experience here at Emmanuel, I want to encourage you to do a couple of things:

1. **Become part of a small group Bible study.** We offer Bible studies on Sunday morning for every age group. Members of these groups are able to pray for one another, minister to one another, and grow in the Word of God.
2. **Find a place of service.** The depth of our relationships grow as we serve together for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many sit around and wait for someone to ask for help, but the illustration of the church given by Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 pictures each of us as a member of a body with Christ as the Head. Our bodies function best when every part works together automatically. If you are struggling to find your place of service, please do not hesitate to call Brother Sam or myself.
3. **Strive for transparency in relationships.** Your church cannot minister to you or encourage you in spiritual growth if you do not share your struggles, desires, and gifts with others. Your church is a covenant community. That means we are in this together to encourage one another toward holy living, Biblical knowledge, and Christian maturity.

Jesus prayed for all believers in His high priestly prayer in John 17:21, *“May they all be one, as You, Father, are in me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe you sent Me.”* Our oneness is one aspect of God’s nature the rest of the world should see in us. You have a place here at Emmanuel.

Bro. Paul