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**MINISTRYSAFE**  
We are a Ministry Safe Church

Children and youth workers will be receiving information packets and forms to complete as we launch the implementation of the MinistrySafe® child protections protocols. If you receive a packet, please complete it promptly and return the necessary forms to the Children's Ministry desk.

### Community Meal

Our next church wide meal will be December 5th. Dinner is served from 6:15 to 7:00 followed by a fellowship time and an opportunity for our missional community groups to report on what God is doing in their ministries. Dinner is \$2.50 per person with a maximum family cost of \$10.00.

### Our Challenge

At Emmanuel we recognize the importance of reading and studying God's infallible Word. That's why we challenge you to read at least 5 minutes a day for 7 days and see what it will do in your life!

## Advent

Hope. Peace. Joy  
Love. These are the marks of the Advent season. They are the things we remember each and every year as we celebrate the season leading up to



the birth of Christ. And yet, because of the busyness of our calendars, the circumstances of life, and the demands of our schedules, they are the things we so often miss out on experiencing in our lives during the holiday season. That is why we have come up with an all-inclusive program for the families of Emmanuel. The staff has come up with a 4 week family devotional that will support the children's Sunday school lessons and the Sunday morning sermons. Please make sure to pick one up and join us in celebrating the real reason for the season!

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**LOTTIE MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING®**

During the month of December, we will be collecting for Lottie Moon Offering for missions. This annual emphasis is named for Lottie Moon, a missionary that devoted 39 years of her life to reaching the Chinese people. Every cent given to the Lottie Moon offering goes directly to the mission fields around the world. Without this annual offering, the Southern Baptists would have far fewer missionaries in the field. Our church goal is \$1,500.00. Please consider how you might be able to contribute toward reaching the world for Christ.

## Youth Updates

December 19th we will be having our Emmanuel Youth Christmas Party! There will be food, door prizes and games. We will also reflect on this past year and vision cast what we have in store for 2019!

## Wednesday And Sunday Studies

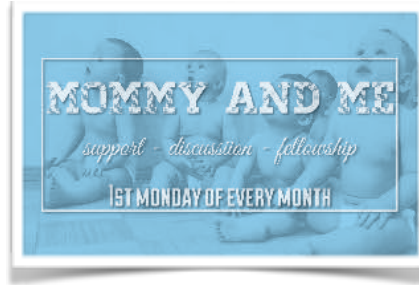
Our Wednesday night services start at 7pm and consist of a time of Christ exalting worship and Bible study. We would love for your youth to come and join in!

Sunday Bible Study starts at 9 am sharp! Come join us as we discuss the Bible and the foundations of the Christian Faith!

## From our leaders

Hello Emmanuel Church family! First of all, Merry Christmas. As we dive head first into the Christmas season, let us seek to keep the significance of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ at the forefront of our minds this season. With no incarnation, there is no salvation for the sin of the world. Let us be sure we are not leaving this part of the gospel out in our attempts to share Christ with others this month!

-Daniel Brown  
Youth Pastor



## Mommy and Me

Join us on December 3 at 10:30 for fun, fellowship, and Bible study. Spend time with your children during story time and then let us

watch the kids while you enjoy a devotional time and lunch. Remember that lunch is provided for all the ladies, but you need to bring a sack lunch for your little ones.

## Christmas Program

We are currently working on the children's Christmas program to be presented on December 16. If your child has a specific part to play, please begin working on his or her costume. If it is at all possible, we need your children here on Wednesday nights. We will also be practicing on Sunday mornings between now and the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please talk to Dianna Bizzell.



## Children's Christmas Party

On December 15, we will be having our children's party and our final "dress" rehearsal for the program. We will begin at 4:00 PM and end at 7:00. This time will include Christmas games and pizza. Parents, please bring your children and take advantage of this chance to spend some time together.

## Health reminder

If your child has had a fever of 101 or more, he or she must be fever free for at least 24 hours before coming in contact with other children.

## Panama City

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We are planning our first international mission trip. Our destination will be Panama City, Panama and we will spend a week there in July working with the IMB. We still have a couple of spots open. It takes a \$300.00 deposit to hold your spot. We will assign these spots on a first come first serve basis. Contact Mike Bizzell with questions.

## Chicago

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We will be traveling to Chicago to work alongside church planter, Brian Coble at Sow Chicago Community Church, June 7-15. As go America's cities, so goes the nation. Cities like Chicago are culture shapers and trend setters. America's cities are in dire need of the Gospel. If you think you might be interested, please contact Mike Bizzell. This trip is limited to 15 people and requires a \$50.00 deposit to hold a spot.

## Missional Communities

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If you are not active in one of our missional community groups you are missing out. The Obannon's lead a group that is already building relationships with international students at Weatherford College. The Forrester's are leading a group that is creatively reaching out to young families in our area. The Hatcher's host a group that is seeking ways to care for first responders in Parker County.

## eQuip

Our Biblical Studies Certificate program is well underway. If you would like to learn more about theology, the Old or New

Testament, how to engage non-Christian faiths, or the history of Christianity, you have the perfect opportunity with E Quip. We will be starting a new round of classes on January 13. In the meantime, feel free to drop in a check out one of the current classes to get an idea of what we are doing.



## C2

It's been a privilege to start getting to know the students at C2 this semester and I'm excited to dive all-in next semester! We have some amazing students and the deep community atmosphere that they have begun to develop is truly something special. We have also had a tremendous group of volunteers this semester from the kitchen crew to the fight club leaders and I especially love to see the cooperation of other churches in our area that support this ministry. I'm also thrilled to hear that we have a missional community group focusing on serving international students at Weatherford College which I will be glad to serve anyway I can to assist their efforts! Here's a quick recap of what's been going on this semester:

- An average of 60+ students attending each Thursday
- 9 Fight clubs
- Volunteer speakers and musicians from Emmanuel, Neon Life, and The Gathering
- 30 students braving the cold at our annual camping trip
- Amazing weekly meals provided by our fantastic kitchen crew and various volunteer cooks!

We greatly appreciate everyone who volunteers to make C2 a great ministry!

-Heath Clark

# December

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November							January						
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25	26	27	28	29	30		27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
eQuip training Sunday service	Mommy and Me	Youth Group Fellowship Meal	Nursing Home ministry C2 - college ministry	Nursing Home ministry C2 - Christmas Party	Gym reserved 5-10pm	Prayer Breakfast 8-9am
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
eQuip training Sunday service		Youth Group MC Groups	Nursing Home ministry C2 - Christmas Party	Let's Make a Card Children's Christmas Party and Rehearsal 4-7pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
eQuip training Children's Christmas Program Gather at the Table		Youth Group MC Groups				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday service	Christmas Eve Church Offices closed	Christmas Day Church Offices closed	Church Offices closed	Nursing Home ministry C2 - college ministry		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Sunday service	New Year Eve					