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## *Relax*

Make yourself at home & feel free to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available at the sound booth in the back of the Worship Center.

## *Got Kids?*

E-Kidz @ 9am & 10:45am is a safe, quality & fun experience for newborns - 5th grade. Middle & high school students will be challenged through Embark student ministry. Middle school service @ 9am & 10:45am in the Middle School Venue behind the church. High school service @ 10:45am in the High School Venue [see the map below].

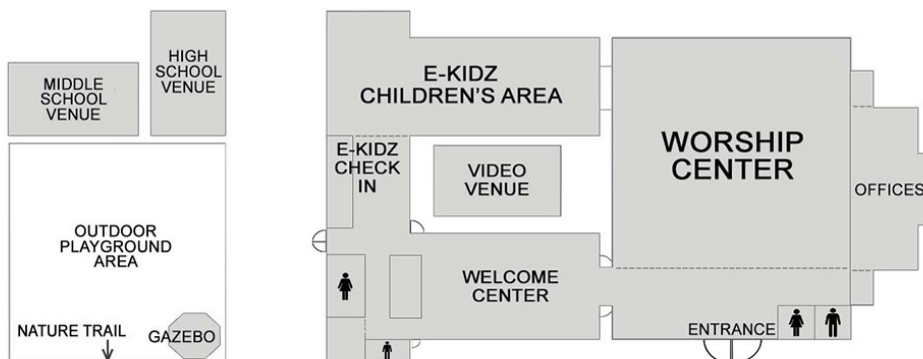
## *Connect Card*

Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card found inside your Worship Packet. Fill in as much information as you feel comfortable giving, and drop the card in the offering bucket which will be passed around at the end of the service.

## *Pick-up your free gift!*

If today is your first visit to Emmanuel, swing by the table in the lobby located beneath the TV monitor and pick-up your free gift!

*Please silence all devices in preparation for worship.*



*Welcome!*  
*We're glad you're here!*

December 8, 2019

## *Our Mission:*

Emmanuel exists to give you the best opportunity to become a fully-developing follower of Jesus.

## *Our Core Values:*

- We Value Jesus
- We Value People
- We Value Generosity
- We Value Connection Groups
- We Value Growth
- We Value Service
- We Value Relevance
- We Value Unity & Diversity
- We Value Application of Scripture

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## The Gift Joy

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*That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring **great joy to all people.**"* Luke 2:8-10 NLT

### Joy Robbers:

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### How to Experience Christmas Joy

#### 1. Joy is found with the right \_\_\_\_\_.

*Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.* Philippians 1:3-7 NLT

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Joy is found in the right \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.* Philippians 2:3-5 NLT

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Joy is found in the right \_\_\_\_\_.

*I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.* Philippians 3:7-8 NLT

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Joy is found in the right \_\_\_\_\_.

*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:4-7 NLT

Action: \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Verse:

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.* Matthew 20:28 NLT

### Next Steps:

- I will invest and invite people to join me for the Christmas Eve services.
- I will volunteer to serve during the Christmas Eve services.
- I will begin praying about my sacrificial investment in the 2019 Christmas Offering, "2020 Vision: Building Our Future Together."