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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?

Envision Kidz @ 9am & 10:45am is a safe & 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 @ 9am & 10:45am in the High School Venue [see the map below].

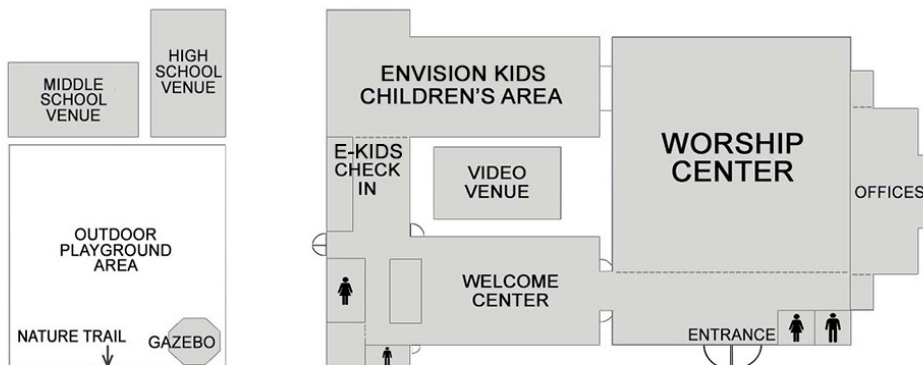
Connect Card

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!

May 17, 2020

Our Mission:

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

Our Core Values:

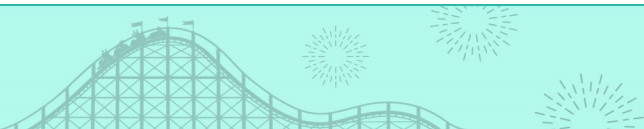
- We Value Jesus
- We Value People
- We Value Generosity
- We Value Connection Groups
- We Value Growth
- We Value Service
- We Value Relevance
- We Value Unity & Diversity
- We Value Application of Scripture

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No Greater Joy

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What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who He is or what He's up to. But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see Him—and in seeing Him, become like Him. All of us who look forward to His Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own. All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order. Surely you know that Christ showed up in order to get rid of sin. There is no sin in Him, and sin is not part of His program. No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got Him all backward. So, my dear children, don't let anyone divert you from the truth. It's the person who acts right who is right, just as we see it lived out in our righteous Messiah. Those who make a practice of sin are straight from the Devil, the pioneer in the practice of sin. The Son of God entered the scene to abolish the Devil's ways. People conceived and brought into life by God don't make a practice of sin. How could they? God's seed is deep within them, making them who they are. It's not in the nature of the God-begotten to practice and parade sin. Here's how you tell the difference between God's children and the Devil's children: The one who won't practice righteous ways isn't from God, nor is the one who won't love brother or sister. A simple test. 1 John 3:1-10 MSG

Your Joy is Maximized When:

1. You embrace the Father's love.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us... 1 John 3:1 NIV

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31:3 NIV

2. You live as children of God.

But friends, that's exactly who we are: Children of God. And that's only the beginning. 1 John 3:2 MSG

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16 NIV

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

3. You follow Christ's example.

All of us who look forward to His coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own. 1 John 3:3 MSG

So, you also should consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. Romans 6:11 NLT

You took off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires; you are being renewed in the spirit of your minds; you put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of truth. Ephesians 4:22-24 HCSB

Memory Verse

Here's how you tell the difference between God's children and the Devil's children: The one who won't practice righteous ways isn't from God, nor is the one who won't love brother or sister. A simple test. 1 John 3:10 MSG

Next Steps:

- I will make a first-time commitment to Jesus today.
- I will live as a child of God by following Christ's example.
- I will contact someone who is feeling alone and isolated to remind them they are loved.