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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].

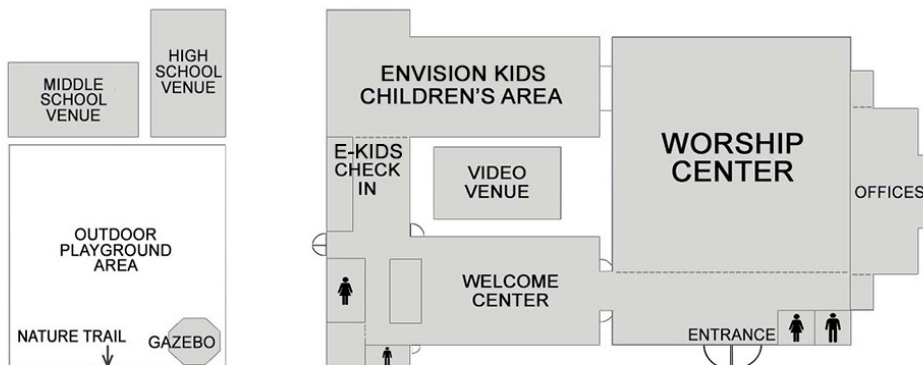
Connect Card

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!

December 6, 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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The Grace of Christmas - Part 1

Pastor Rick Hancock | December 6, 2020

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus.

Luke 1:26-31 CEB

THE GRACE OF CHRISTMAS

1. Grace will _____ the joy in my life

When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one!" v.28

- The grace of God has a way of _____ what life tries to _____ from us.

You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of Your presence and the pleasures of living with You forever. Psalm 16:11 NLT

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and make me willing to obey You.

Psalm 51:12 NLT

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Psalm 23:3 NKJV

- God answers the mess of my life with just one word - _____.

2. Grace will _____ the fears I have

She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you." vv. 29-30

- "Fear not," is stated _____ in the Bible for a reason.

Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue, coming to punish your enemies." Isaiah 35:4 GNT

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone? The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything? Psalm 27:1 CEB

- Grace can remove my greatest _____ and replace it with His unexplainable _____.

3. Grace will _____ my steps

Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus.

Luke 1:31 CEB

You didn't think, did you, that just by pointing your finger at others you would distract God from seeing all your misdoings and from coming down on you hard? Or did you think that because He's such a nice God, He'd let you off the hook? Better think this one through from the beginning. God is kind, but He's not soft. In kindness He takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change.

Romans 2:3-4 MSG

- The grace of God can forever _____ just as it did for Mary.

If anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God resides in him and he in God.

1 John 4:15 NET

Memory Verse

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. Titus 2:11 NIV

Next Steps:

- I will trust in the grace of God to restore the joy, remove the fear, and redirect my life as He sees fit.
- I will make a first-time commitment to Jesus today.
- I will begin praying for and inviting people I know to join me for Christmas Eve services at Emmanuel on campus or online.