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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.

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

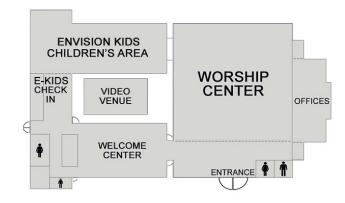
Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card found inside your Worship Packet. Fill in as much information as you feel comfortable giving, and drop the card in the offering bucket which will be passed around at the end of the service.

## Pick-up your free gift!

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

## Please silence all devices in preparation for worship.







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

May 3, 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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### Walking in the Light

Pastor Rick Hancock | May 3, 2020

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life. The Life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal Life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is Light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:1-10 NIV

#### 1. What is joy?

- Joy is the state of delight and well-being that results from knowing and serving God.
- Joy is the product of a <u>right relationship</u> with God.

#### 2. What can threaten our joy?

- Financial loss
- Chronic or sudden health issues
- Marriage and relational conflict
- Family concerns
- Significant life changes
- Global pandemics
- Hurts, hang-ups, and habits
- Unconfessed sin

Even in laughter the heart may ache, and rejoicing may end in grief.

Proverbs 14:13 NIV

Sorrow may hide behind laughter... Proverbs 14:13 CEV

#### 3. How can our joy be restored?

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

- Walking in the Light is an <u>intentional</u> and <u>sustained practice</u> of living in conformity to the person and nature of God.
- Confession and repentance will restore the joy sin has stolen.

#### **Memory Verse**

If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 1 John 1:6 NIV

#### **Next Steps:**

- I will make a first-time commitment to Jesus Christ.
- I will confess and repent of the sin that is stealing my joy.
- I will participate in the Emmanuel PEACE One-Day Mother's Day Outreach & Celebration.