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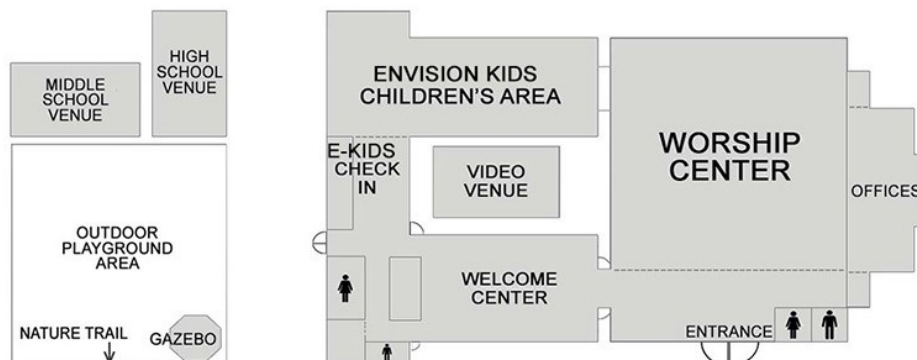
Make yourself at home & feel free to participate in as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Listening devices for the hearing impaired are available at the sound booth at the back of the Worship Center.

Got Kids?

Envision Kids @ 10:45am is a safe & fun experience for children birth-grade 5. Students grades 6-12 will be challenged through Embark Student Ministry. Middle school services @ 9am & 10:45am in the Middle School Venue. High school services @ 9am & 10:45am in the High School Venue.

Connect Card

Please take a moment to complete the Connect Card found with your Worship Packet. Fill in as much information as you feel comfortable giving & drop the card in the basket as you exit.



Welcome!
We're glad you're here!

January 17, 2021

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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TIP OF THE ICEBERG

How to Talk About Difficult Issues without Drowning

Seeking Unity in Diversity

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Fools find no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing their opinion.
Proverbs 18:2 CEB

How to Seek Unity in Diversity

11 Don't forget that you _____ used to be _____. You were _____ "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were _____ of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were _____ from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. 13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were _____ from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. 14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. 15 He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. 16 Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and _____ was put to death.

4 Ways Racism and Division are Expressed

1. Through _____: "who were proud of their circumcision"
2. Through _____: "living apart...excluded...far away."
3. Through _____: "You were called, 'uncircumcised heathens,' by the Jews."
4. Through _____: "Our hostility toward each other..."

How Can I Put an End to Racism and Division?

1. I need to check my _____

Real conversion is when my _____ is affected by my _____.

- "What I believe is true – I start to do."

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 NLT

2. I need to check my _____

You were called uncircumcised heathens by the Jews. V. 11

Don't give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs. Matthew 7:6 HCSB

If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful what you (say). Proverbs 21:23 GNT

3. I need to check my _____

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in (peace) with everyone. Romans 12:17-18 NLT

But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:44-45 NLT

4. I need to check my _____

- Hatred is a disease of _____

If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing to do with them. For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them. Titus 3:10-11 NLT

5. I need to check my _____

- When all is said and done, hate is an indicator of _____.

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And He has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers. 1 John 4:20-21 NLT

As a follower of Jesus, I must learn to (communicate) and (live) in a way that glorifies God and reflects Christ.

Memory Verse: Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Romans 12:18 NLT

Next Steps:

- I will learn to listen and respond to racial issues in a way that honors God.
- I will register for CLASS 101, 201 or 301 scheduled for January 31st.