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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?

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].

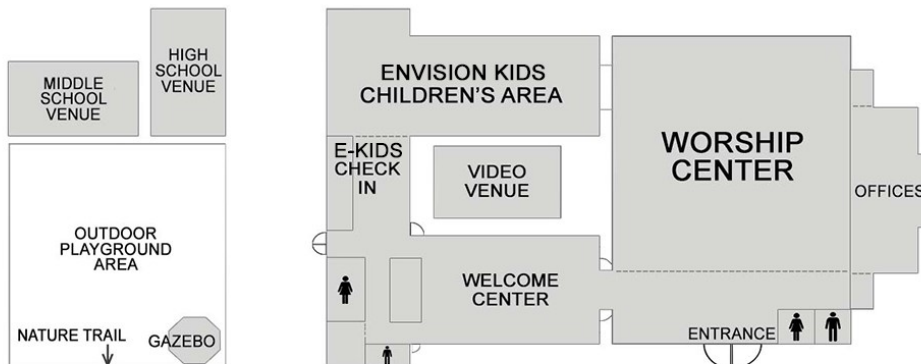
Connect Card

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!

August 23, 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 Habit of Spiritual Growth

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We grow stronger through _____.

We grow larger through _____.

We grow deeper through _____.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. And so, we should not be like cringing, fearful slaves, but we should behave like God's very own children, adopted into the bosom of His family, and calling to Him, "Father, Father." For His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God's children. Romans 8:14-16 TLB

The Protective Benefits of Spiritual Growth

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the Church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13 NLT

Spiritual leaders are called by God to train God's people:

- To _____ to others.
- To enjoy the _____ in Christ.
- To _____ more about Jesus.
- To _____ more and more like Jesus.

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever, they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the Church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:14-16 NLT

Spiritual growth keeps us from being:

- _____ about
- _____ around
- _____ by lies

Spiritual growth makes us more like Jesus:

- Jesus is the _____ of Spiritual growth.
- Jesus is the _____ of Spiritual growth.

He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. John 3:30 NLT

Memory Verse

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the Church. Ephesians 4:15 NLT

Next Steps:

- I will take the personal steps necessary to grow in my faith.
- I will participate in Emmanuel's process of becoming a fully developing follower of Jesus.
- I will make a first-time commitment to Jesus today.