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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].

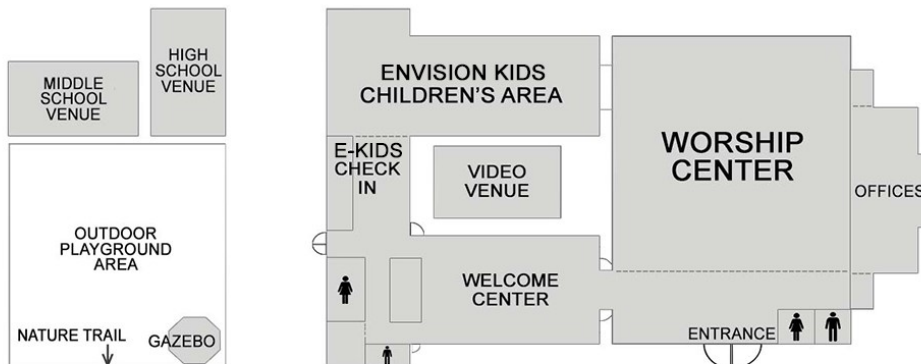
Connect Card

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!

July 5, 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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It's Time to Refocus

Pastor Rick Hancock | July 5, 2020

Colossians 1:1-23

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. We are writing to God's holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God our Father give you grace and peace.

Paul's Thanksgiving and Prayer

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Christ Is Supreme

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see -such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through Him and for Him. He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together. Christ is also the Head of the Church, which is His body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.

So He is first in everything. For God in all His fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault.

But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

Memory Verse

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people. Colossians 1:4 NLT

Next Steps:

- I will make a first-time commitment to Jesus today.
- I will refocus my faith in Jesus and my love for others.