



THE MESSENGER

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The last month of the ongoing Summer of Curiosity Sermon Series schedule is as follows:

August 3 Intergenerational Service! *This will involve many generations in our church as a celebration for our VBS.*

Psalm 145 One generation commends your works to another.

August 10 Jesus' Siblings

Mark 6:1-6, Matthew 12:46-50 Mentions of Jesus' brothers and sisters in scripture.

August 17 Stars Forever Shining

Daniel 12:3, 2 Peter 1:10-21 The righteous like stars that shine forever; Jesus named our bright morning star.

August 24 Hotheads and Shepherds

Galatians 2:11-19, Philemon 1:1-9a Peter and Paul arguing; Apphia commended for her leadership and service.

August 31 Decolonizing Christianity and Camp Songs Theology!

*Exodus 5:1-9, 6:1-8 The promise of God freeing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt; with the camp song *Pharoah, Pharoah**



**KEYS TO BIBLE CLASS
(in-person):**

SUNDAY AT 11:15 AM

BIBLE STUDY (virtual):

TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM

When you stop by the church, don't forget to add your responses each week to the guiding question until August 31. We can't wait to see what we discover together and are so curious to see your amazing responses during this summer.



YOUR CALENDARS

(visit our website
www.emmanuelpc.org for
more calendar listing)



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 10
after Worship

REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday, August 16
10 am– 12 pm

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2025

Flute recital

with
Mary-Christine Stingley
Saturday, September 27
4 pm

SIPS 'N TIDBITS

PARKING LOT REPAVING

In case you haven't heard, we are getting the parking lot done starting next Monday August 4th!!

Then on Monday August 4, they will repair everything, on Tuesday August 5, they will pave and stripe the West (our) side (so parking will need to be on the Clubhouse side) and then on Wednesday August 6, they will pave and stripe the East side (parking on the West side).



It's possible that any of the 'one day' activities may extend into 2 days but it should all be done by Friday August 8!!!

STORY PATH

Check out our Story Path featuring the picture book “What the Crow Saw Below”. This Story Path is located on the public pathway at the west side of the sanctuary and was created by our Holy Curiosity VBS team.



See Christian Education, page 3 for more information.

SPECIAL OFFERING

August 10 - EPC Building Maintenance Fund

This offering provides funds for overall building maintenance, often which is more than our General Fund can cover. Your support of this offering helps meet this important need.

CONCERTS ON HARWOOD 2025

A Classical Music Concert Series
Sharing the Joy of Classical Music with our Neighbors

- **Mary-Christine Stingley, flute recital –**
Saturday, September 27th at 4 PM
- **Amy Faires and Swang Lin, violin recital –**
Saturday, December 6th at 4 PM

All these events will take place at 2701 Harwood Road, Bedford TX inside the sanctuary. Admission is free to the public. Donations are appreciated.

Visit our website for more information.

<http://www.emmanuelpc.org/concerts-on-harwood/>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

***Holy Curiosity* Intergenerational VBS: Recap and Story Path**

Many thanks to everyone who planned and participated in Emmanuel's three-day VBS in July, and to the congregation for school supply donations for Greenway Neighborhood children! School supply donations were sorted and organized at VBS and distributed to the children on July 30th at The 6:8 Project's Summer Lunch Program.

In addition to sharing fellowship, Bible study, and creative art projects, VBS participants created a new Story Path along the walking trail on the west boundary of Emmanuel's property. This installation of the



Story Path tells the story of *What the Crow Saw Below*, a picture book that explores overcoming fear and instead being curious and open about new things and situations. The VBS team created QR codes with links to helpful resources on these topics and included them, along with reflection questions, in the Story Path. We encourage you to walk the Story Path yourself and to invite others you know who may enjoy it. The Story Path is partially shaded

in the mornings until around 10 AM; for those with mobility issues, we will also have a virtual Story Path tour available soon.

Group Gatherings Schedule for August

Emmanuel group gatherings take place both in-person and online. Online meeting links are included each week in the Emmanuel Weekly Email and are also available by contacting the church office (office@emmanuelpc.org). For more information on how to participate, [contact the church office](#). August's weekly schedule for gatherings is:

Sunday's

11:15 AM:

- **Keys to the Bible Class** (in-person). Meets weekly in Room 4 and is studying the Book of Acts.

Youth Check-ins Sunday afternoons:

- **Sunday, August 10 at 4 PM (on-line)** Youth Check-in devotional and prayer.
- **Sunday, August 24 3 PM - 5 PM.** In-person meeting at Emmanuel.

7:00 PM: Book Mavens Youth and Adult Book Club (virtual) are taking a break from meeting in August to plan their reading schedule for the rest of 2025. To participate, contact [Leah Wyckoff](#).

Tuesday's

7:30-8:30 PM Bible Study: *Holy Curiosity* themes and scriptures (virtual). Online discussion of the Scripture and readings for Sunday's worship, with leadership rotating among participants. Contact Leah Wyckoff (<mailto:klh@sbcglobal.net>) to receive the study emails and meeting link.



Lois Circle
(1st Thursday of each month, 1 pm)

Thursday, August 7, 2025
12:00 noon

Tony's Pizza & Pasta
3320 Harwood Road,
Bedford TX 76021

For more information contact:
Donna R: xxx-xxx-5464 or
Denise K: xxx-xxx-8665



Ruth Fellowship
(3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm)

Monday, August 18, 2025
6:30 pm

The Linda's House
3701 Mulberry Ln.,
Bedford 76021

For more information contact:
Linda V: xxx-xxx-7197

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To submit newsletter articles, events or any other information,
please email office@emmanuelpc.org
by the fourth Sunday of the month.

BIRTHDAYS



August
BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn C	8/4
Joyce Mu	8/4
Estella P	8/5
Angela K	8/9
Kennard B	8/10
Dina F	8/20
Helen S	8/23
John S	8/31
Sue P	8/31



BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them ____;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the ____, vast and spacious,
teeming with ____ beyond number —
living things both large and small.
Psalm 104:24-25, NIV



We offer three ways to submit prayer requests at this time. Please choose one.

- ♦ You may scan the QR code on the right or on the church bulletin
- ♦ Write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in church service
- ♦ Send via email to prayer@emmanuelpc.org.

Be sure to designate in the email/form if the request is for the pastors only or if it can also be shared with the congregation. All prayers received by Sunday evening will be included in the weekly prayer list. Prayers may be edited for clarity and brevity, but the essence will still be there.

****Prayer requests received through texts are not recommended. ****

Thank you for sharing prayer concerns and participating in the congregation's prayer life!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS

Do you have gifts for hospitality and welcoming people? Emmanuel's Deacons are looking for volunteers to host refreshments after worship on a Summer Sunday. Host by yourself or partner with a friend or family member, whatever works for you. Sunday Hospitality hosting involves about 20 minutes of setup before worship, then serving food after worship and cleaning up. We have some treats on-hand in the fellowship hall freezer and funds are available to reimburse you for food purchased.

To sign up, contact Helen S. or write your name on the Sunday Hospitality schedule in the narthex. Thank you for considering it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Christian Education is asking for people to volunteer occasionally in the Nursery on Sundays. Kelly Balthrop is our nursery worker but our Child Protection Policy requires no less than 2 adults in the nursery with the children. This does not have to be on a regular basis but will give most of you a chance to enjoy being with the children.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and the CE committee would appreciate the extra help. What a wonderful way to use your talents at Emmanuel!

AUDIO VISUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help with the sound system and video streaming in worship? If so, please contact Ken R. to participate in a training session.

SUNDAY OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED!

For Sunday Offering Counters, sign up at [Sign Up Genius](#). One of the counters should be an ELDER and the other person a Volunteer. Thank you for volunteering!!

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