

# The Evangel



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## Thoughts from the Pastor



Beverly Brown Shaw  
Transition Pastor

The season of Advent not only marks new beginnings, but it defines a time of transition so it is fitting that I begin my tenure as interim minister at Emmanuel at Advent. Whenever I pass by the church, I always remember with fondness my time here as an intern. It was here, at Emmanuel, that I developed my pastoral identity. It was at Emmanuel that I began to feel comfortable in a clerical collar, and it was at Emmanuel that I learned to turn disappointments into learning experiences. The bonds of friendship and love made here have never been broken. So, when I was offered the position of interim pastor during this period of transition, I was overwhelmed with joy. God has brought me to this place to serve. And it was God who brought me here.

You see, I believe that when you wait on the Lord, God will provide just what you need to be the servant He needs you to be. When you put yourself in the hands of the hands that made you, you will be what those hands intended, and you will be blessed.

During Advent, we celebrate the hope in the promises of God, the love and faithfulness of God and His mercies, the peace and harmony that only God can give and the joy of the Lord which is our strength. It is my desire that the hope of a blessed future, the love for God and for each other, the peace that passes all understanding and the joy that makes life worth living be with us in this transition. The past is gone, the new is upon us. We have some big shoes to fill. Let's watch our feet grow!

## News to Share

### Congregation Meeting

There will be a congregation meeting on Sunday, December 12, 2010 following the 10am combined worship service. Council President, Curtis Anthony, asks that all members remain after service for the meeting.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday, December 16, at 7pm.

### Church Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of the church council will be Tuesday, December 21, at 7pm.

### Executive Committee Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee will be Tuesday, December 14, at 7pm.

### WOE Monthly Meeting

The WOE monthly meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, at 6pm.

### WOE Housewarming Party

The Women of Emmanuel, Atonement and St. Mark are hosting a housewarming party to furnish a refugee apartment. This event is scheduled for December 12, 2:30p - 4:30p at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. You are invited to come and bring items that will help furnish and equip a refugee's kitchen

### Christmas Program and Decoration

The Christmas Program is scheduled on December 11 at 6:00 pm. Church decoration is scheduled on Sat. December 11 from 9am to 12 noon. Please contact Alice Hamilton, Coordinator (404-349-2340).

### Emergency Care

Pastor Larry Miller is available to support members in crisis situations such as personal or family illness or loss. His phone number is in your parish directory.

### Parish Directory

We would like to publish an updated version of the parish directory. Please provide the parish office with updated information for your listing in the directory. This might include changes in name, address, telephone number, or new email address. You can email the updated information to the parish office at emmanuel-lutheran@att.net or complete the form that is available in the Narthex.

If you do not want certain specific information published in the directory, please indicate what information you would like to have made available to the parish office only.

### Donate a Poinsettia

The Poinsettia sign-up book is in the Narthex. Donate a poinsettia in Honor/Memory of a love one. 6 1/2 " pots-\$10.00, 8" pots-\$15  
Deadline: December 4, 2010.

### December Coffee Hours

The December Birthday Club will host coffee hour on December 19, 2010. Debra Childress, Coordinator (404-627-8773).



## News to Share

### Installation Services for Pastor Shaw

Pastor Shaw will be installed on Sunday, December 19, 2010, at both services. Pastor Darrel Peterson, Assistant to the Bishop, will preach both services.

### Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Shaw's office hours are as follows: Thursday, 9-11am, Friday, 9-11am, and Saturday, 9am - 12pm. Pastor will be available Sundays after the 11am service by appointment.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Saturday, December 24, at 7:00pm.

### Watch Night Service

Watch Night Service begins at 11pm Saturday, December 31, and should end at 12:15am after prayer.

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### Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday was a day to celebrate. After a nice meal, the Stewardship team reported the receipt of 44 pledges totaling approximately \$169,000.

Thank you to those who made a pledge for 2011 and for those who have not, it is not too late.

### Angel Tree 2010

This is the last Sunday to bring your gifts for the Angel Tree. Please leave your gift either in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall around the Angel Tree. Don't forget to attach the gift tag with your child's name on it to the outside of the gift along with your receipt for the gift. Lutheran Services of Georgia will receive matching grant money for the amount spent. The gifts will be picked up on the 10th of December so even if you forgot your gift today it can be brought by the church during the week as long as it is turned in before the 10th of December.

If you have any questions, please contact either Liz Wills (404-654-5111) or Jacqui El Torro. As always, Emmanuel thanks again for your participation in this worthy cause and have a Merry Christmas.



## The Call Committee Needs Your Help!

As we begin the search for a new pastor to lead us in the future, we need to know what we want in a pastor. And that's where YOU come in! We need to know what the congregation feels and wants in order to serve you best. Please fill out this survey and place it in the communion plate or hand it to an usher.

Thank You!

What qualities and skills do you want your next pastor to have...

### AS A SPIRITUAL LEADER

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### AS A LEADER

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### AS AN ADMINISTRATOR

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### AS A PERSON

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### What do you expect of your next leader?

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### What ministry priorities and skills would you like to see in your next leader?

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Thank you so much!  
Your input is very important and will **directly** impact our next pastor.

**Have a blessed day!**



# Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities December 2010

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:15p  
Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals— Wednesdays at 7:00p



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Regular worship schedule	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6p WOE Monthly Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Angel Tree gifts will be picked up	<b>11</b> 9a-12p Xmas Church Decoration 6p Christmas Program
<b>12</b> 10am Combined worship schedule	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7p Executive Comm Mtg	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7p Finance Comm Mtg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Regular worship schedule  <i>Installation of Pastor Shaw</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7p Church Council Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<b>25</b> 
<b>26</b> 10am Combined worship schedule	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11p Watch Night Service	



### December Birthdays

- 2 - Christeen Yerby
- 3 - Ethel Blayton
- 3 - Loette Askew Osby
- 4 - Zivalshe Moyo
- 5 - Melodye Hagood
- 7 - David Norman
- 8 - Andrea Jordan
- 9 - Logan Makenzie Parker
- 9 - Elizabeth Wills
- 10 - Deborah Childress
- 12 - Anya Phelps
- 12 - Don Hough
- 13 - Arthur Lewis
- 14 - Katherine Brown
- 14 - Lottie Goodwin
- 14 - Carol Brockington
- 17 - Alice Hamilton
- 19 - Ruby Gay
- 22 - Robyn El Torro
- 24 - Oliver Wills
- 25 - Carole Johnson
- 28 - Zaria Marie Anthony
- 28 - Bryan McClendon
- 29 - Walter Osby
- 30 - Jasminn Evans
- 30 - Steve Patten

## December Worship Leaders

### 1st Sunday (December 5)

Assisting Minister:  
Ushers, 11:00 am

Christine Davis  
Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson

### 2nd Sunday (December 12)

Assisting Minister:  
Ushers, 11:00 am

TBA  
Edna Nicks, Alvoyd Nicks

### 3rd Sunday (December 19)

Assisting Minister:  
Ushers, 10:00 am

TBA  
Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington

### 4th Sunday (December 26)

Assisting Minister:  
Ushers, 11:00 am

Robyn El Torro  
Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper

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Directions: Emmanuel is located approximately one mile inside I-285 near the I-285/Cascade Road exit on the corner of Cascade Road and Adams Drive.

