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Summer Worship Schedule

July 2011

9:00a—Sunday School

10:00a—Combined Worship Schedule

July 3—Combined Service

July 10—Combined Service

July 17—Combined Service

July 24—Combined Service

July 31—Combined Service (Youth Sunday)

August 2011

(Return to regular worship schedule)

8:45a—Praise Service

9:45a—Sunday School

11:00a—Traditional Service

Independence

Day 2011

*Happy Birthday America
and*

“Thank You”

to our troops

protecting America

around the world.



From the Pen of the Pastor



I wished you all could have met my father. Being the daddy's girl I always was, I think of him often, particularly during this time of year. To me, he was awesome, bigger than life. My father was born very poor and on coming to Atlanta from the "country", lived across the street from Morehouse college on what is now a parking lot. He did not remember his father and was raised by his stepfather and his mother. My grandparents were not educated, but managed to eke out a living in the big city.

As a youngster, it was my father's task to glean from the garden on the Morehouse campus those vegetables that were deemed not fit for the college men. On one such occasion, he wandered into Trevor Arnett, the celebrated Morehouse library. He had never seen so many books. As he tells it, he was astounded at so many books. But what he really found incredible was that the librarian allowed him to take books home as long as he returned them. This began my father's lifelong love of books; a love

he passed to his children and we passed to ours. It was unusual at the time in history for such a poor boy to actually attend Morehouse College, but my father earned a place for himself there. And from there to Atlanta University, then to the University of Michigan and then to Gammon Seminary which is what is now the Interdenominational Theological Center or the ITC.

Now that should tell you what kind of personality he had. Nothing was too hard for him to do. And nothing kept him from having his way, especially with his four hard headed children. He practiced his sermons in the mirror, stretching his mouth for proper enunciation and warming up his voice with "ma may me mo mooes." He never laid a finger on me, but when that mouth turned upside down and those veins in his neck protruded, and those eyes got wild, there was no need for the belt. Obedience to my father was a given. NOBODY escaped his wrath. At school, my sisters and I were "Rev. Brown's daughters" and likely suitors would scatter when his car approached. Oh my daddy was awesome.

When it was necessary to dispense wisdom, we went for a ride in the car. The doors were locked, the audience captive. We secretly numbered the sermons. Why buy the cow when

you can get the milk through the fence was a favorite; sermon number 107. There many others. We would snicker and mouthed the sermon number as he began to preach. Of course he never knew that, (I guess he didn't).

As we became parents ourselves, we realize the value of parental wisdom and blessed God for the parents we had. As we grew older, so did my father and the time came when the father who called to check on me every day, could not remember my telephone number. So I called him. It became hard to believe that the frail man that I took to the doctor was the larger than life person I knew as my father. But until the day he died, I always felt secure; that my Daddy would always take care of me.

My father taught me many things. But I count among the most valuable, his unwavering faith in God. He taught me that God loved me, that I should always have faith in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That I could call on God in times of trouble and he would hear me. And, because he was the awesome man that he was, I believed my Daddy. Still do. My father taught me to pray.

As it goes with life, my father passed and joined the church triumphant in 2004. I miss his love and his words of wisdom. I will always remember some of the last lucid words he said to me. Even as his memory faded, he ended every conversation with the same words, "Stay on your knees; don't forget to pray".

News to Share

Thanks—June Birthday Club

Thanks to the June birthday club for hosting coffee hour on June 26th, A special thanks to Muriel D. Williams for coordinating the event.

Summer Worship Schedule

We will have summer worship at 10am each Sunday during the month of July. We will return to the regular worship schedule on the first Sunday in August. See the front page of this newsletter for detailed listing.

Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals

The Emmanuel Church Choir rehearsals will not take place during July and August. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday after Labor Day. If you have any questions, contact Bill Pasch.

Grant for Children's Playground

Emmanuel Lutheran Church has been granted \$1200.00 for a children's playground. A committee is being formed to develop plans and research information related to the construction of a playground. Additional information will follow.

Caregivers Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet July 10th at 9:00am. Please come and give support to each other.

Exercise Classes Suspended

The exercise class on Saturday morning has been suspended until further notice.

LutherRanch Contribution

The balance on our pledge is now \$6059.00. Please remember that Emmanuel's \$9,000 total LutherRanch contribution is due by December 31, 2011. When making the contribution, be sure to indicate "LutherRanch" in the note section on your check.

Office Hours - Pastor Beverly

Pastor Shaw's office hours are as follows: Thursday, 9a-12pm, Friday, 9a-1pm, and Saturday, 9am - 12pm. Pastor will be available Sundays after worship service by appointment. Pastor can be reached by phone at 770-235-5407.

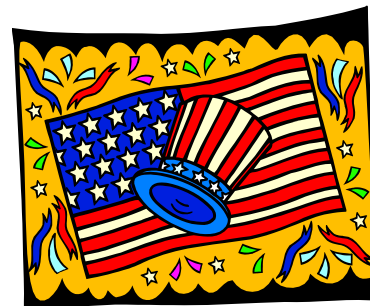
Call Committee Update

The Call Committee is in the interview process. We have received five Pastoral Candidates from the Synod and one recommendation from a member. This member recommendation has been given to the Church Council for input.

A copy of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was provided to all Council Members and a copy to the Transition Team. A copy of the (MSP) is also in a binder in the Narthex and the Church Office for member review. Members may request a copy of the MSP from the Office. Questions regarding the call process may be directed to members of the Call Committee: Robyn El Torro, Nancy Hall-White, John Gibson, Reuben Wilson and Alice Hamilton.

Pray for the Call Committee

Pray for the call committee, led by the Holy Spirit, in this discernment process.



Regularly Scheduled Meetings

1st Wednesday at 6pm—Women of Emmanuel

2nd Tuesday at 7pm—Executive Committee Meeting

2nd Thursday at 7pm—Finance Committee Meeting

3rd Tuesday at 7pm—Church Council Meeting

July Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolytes
July 3	Christine Davis	Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson	Justin Robinson, Steven Patten
July 10	Richard Goerss	Edna Nicks, Alvoyd Nicks	Udy Obot, Rufaro Moyo
July 17	Pat Williams	Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington	Baili Wise, Kara Wise
July 24	Muriel D. Williams	Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper	Brittany Southall, Narchadille Southall
July 31	Youth Participants	To be announced	To be announced

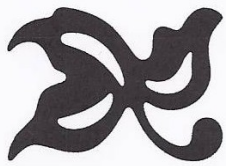
Happy Birthday June Celebrants

- 2—Belita Hamilton
- 2—Justin Turner
- 9—Muriel D. Williams
- 10—Samuel Marshall
- 12—David Kapple
- 15—Marsha Goerss
- 15—Peter Samuelson
- 16—James Ketchen
- 20—John H. Gibson
- 24—Jordan Evans
- 24—Karyl Patten
- 29—Gail Robinson
- 30—Louise Hamilton

Happy Birthday July Celebrants

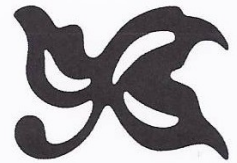
- 1—Anthony Ward
- 3—Jacqui El Torro
- 6—Billy Hamilton
- 7—Kalon T. J. Anthony
- 7—Katrina Williams
- 12—Chad Cooper
- 14—Bernice Ervin
- 15—Joan Burch
- 16—Nell Kapple
- 17—Joe Hamilton
- 17—Cliff Baldowski
- 19—Mary E. Williams
- 19—Shelley Roberts
- 21—Brian Childress
- 21—Karen Lentz
- 22—Rumbidzal Moyo
- 23—Leroy Higdon
- 23—London Morgan
- 26—Kimra Briscoe
- 28—Miriam Gooden





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Popcorn

Hot Dogs & Drinks
For Sale

Raffle Prizes &
Entertainment **TBD**



Bring Blankets
and Lawn Chairs!

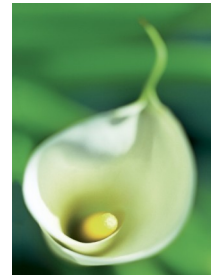


Gifts in Memory of Arline Miller

for LutherRanch were received from:



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David and Aloma McKay
Essie Norman
Dr. William Pasch
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Pat Williams
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Christine and Gerald Yerby
Lewis and Sarah Reed
The Roth Family
The McLemore Family



Baby boomers volunteering in retirement

To let people know that rewarding volunteer opportunities are available to them

Enrich your life by helping others

If you're one of the 76 million baby boomers approaching retirement, you've probably given some thought to what you will do in the next phase of your life.

Most boomers are enjoying better health and are far more active than retirees of the past. If this sounds like you, consider contributing your time, energy and expertise to one of the many volunteer organizations in your community.

Congregations, nonprofit organizations and civic groups are just a few places that offer meaningful opportunities to those willing to serve.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities through its chapters. These opportunities give Thrivent Financial members and other Lutherans the chance to join together to meet individual and community needs.

So, next time you're thinking about retirement, think about your strengths, passions and special gifts. Then think about how rewarding it would be to share them. For instance, if you like building things or helping others, you might want to participate in a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity project. In 2009, there were more than 313 such projects in which Thrivent Financial members worked alongside families in need to build their homes.

For more information about Thrivent Financial volunteer opportunities, contact Kristi Clark, Financial Associate, FIC, ChFC, MSFS at 770-337-5616 or Kristi.clark@thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com.



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities July 2011

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:30p

**Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals— Resume
Wednesday after Labor Day**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Combined worship schedule throughout July 2011: Sunday school at 9:00am. Worship at 10am. Youth Sunday is July 31st. Bible study is cancelled for the month of July. Resumes in August.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am Sunday School 10am worship	 <i>Office closed</i>		6p WOE Monthly Meeting			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9am Sunday School 10am worship		7p Executive Comm. Meeting		7p Finance Comm. Meeting		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am Sunday School 10am worship		7p Church Council Meeting				
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am Sunday School 10am worship 31st—Youth Sunday	Vacation Bible School →					Movies and Music on the Lawn

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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.