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Prayer for Teachers, Students and Parents

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for a wonderful summer. We give you all the praise and glory for your grace and mercy. As we lead into a new school year, we pray for a spiritual and productive school year for teachers, parents and students.

Gracious God, we are thankful and grateful for our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. Grant them wisdom with loving patience to encourage and motivate our students to learn to their fullest potential. Give them strength to meet the many challenges in educating our children, realizing all children can learn when taught on their individual levels. May we support and keep teachers in our daily prayers as they prepare our children for their future and ours.

Father God, we pray for the parents of our children. We seek your guidance to help parents be good parents. Providing our children with unconditional love and discipline. We pray parents will take an active role in the nurturing and education of our children, instilling values and teachings that will help develop this spiritual growth in you, God.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our children. We pray our children will be obedient to their parents, teachers and you, God. Help the children to see they are your creation and your love for them will help them become life-long learners.

Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for being comfortable and tolerant of poverty, inferior education and injustices that deprive and set barriers that keep our children from the road to success. We pray, dear Lord, that you will change our hearts, so that we can be the change you want to see for the sake of our beloved children.

Help us to be dedicated, determined and committed to the education of our children and you. Help us to live in the hope and better tomorrow that you intend. May we always be remindful that all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us. Amen.

Thinking

Summer is almost over. Time to start thinking about fall activities. If you have programs or projects scheduled for September and beyond, please email an announcement to be included in the weekly announcements and/or the newsletter.



Prayer offered by Edna Nicks

From the Pen of the Pastor



Well, here it is. Another school year begins. Although I remember the first day of school in September, things are different today. When I was attending primary and secondary school, there was no air conditioning in the building, just massive fans. It would have been impossible to learn in the three digit temperatures that are not uncommon in the south in August. So, we began classes in September after Labor Day. Girls could not wear "trousers" or pants to school. The length of the skirt had to be appropriate and all boys wore belts on their pants. What a change from the self expressive clothing kids wear today. But there is a more significant change in the schools today. There is no public prayer. Now notice, I say public prayer. There is no way anyone makes it through school without at least an "oh God." But here are a few tips for the student, young or old, who feels the need, however often, to pray in school. Let me give you some good advice, pray often. Now for the younger readers (we grown

folk already know all this), one must understand just what it means to pray. If you have young ones, you may want to share what I think is some valuable information about prayer.

It may help to share with you my own definition of prayer. Prayer is any act whereby we consciously attend to the presence of God within us or around us. This definition is broad and meant to be. You see, prayer is not limited to reciting words, whether our own or someone else's. There are many forms of prayer. You may sing a song or listen to prayerful music. You may look at a loved one with a love-filled heart. You may silently compose yourself as you prepare for a test. You may sigh in gratitude at a good grade. You may look at the wonder of nature and feel the greatness of God. These, in my opinion are forms of prayer. This is because the focus of prayer in the presence of God. In prayer, the first step is made by God. God continually invites us into relationship with God despite man made rules.

It's all about our awareness of God's presence; a trust in God's interest in our anxieties and vulnerabilities and our response to God's goodness and mercy and grace. This awareness may come within us or around us or outside of us.

I think all children should know

that prayer is simply communication with God. It's just that simple. You don't need anyone's permission; no one has to know because God does and that's all that matters. There is no risk involved. Just the comfort of an all knowing and all caring deity to whom you may go whenever you need him or whenever you feel his presence.

It's another new school year with anxieties, fears, great challenges and great accomplishments. To all youngsters on their way to greatness: march boldly into the future and take the name of Jesus with you.



News to Share

Bible Study Resumes

Bible Study resumed on August 4th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic is "Women in the Bible Study: Given Voice." Join us each week. All are welcome.

Return to Regular Worship Schedule

This month we return to our regular worship schedule. See the front page of this newsletter for details.

Thanks—July Birthday Club

Thanks to the July birthday club for hosting coffee hour on July 24th, A special thanks to Kimra Briscoe for coordinating the event.

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.

Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals

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

Exercise Classes Suspended

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

LutherRanch Contribution

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.

Coming Events

Fashion Show - August 20, 2011

Fall Festival - October 22, 2011

Pray for the Call Committee

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

Caregivers Support Group

The Caregivers Support Group will meet Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Alfonso Martinez of The Neuropsychology Center located in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Neuropsychology deals with brain disorders and how they affect a person's thinking and behavior. In the case of adults, neuropsychologists examine individuals who are experiencing problems with memory, language, and other mental abilities. For mature adults with memory loss, an evaluation is essential to differentiate conditions such as dementia, depression, and normal age-related memory changes. Please attend this very informative session.

Our September meeting will focus on meditation with a guest expert. Caregivers and partners/patients are invited to attend. A follow-up of this meeting will continue in October with Dr. McCoy as facilitator.

For further information, contact Rose Lewis.

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

August Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Acolytes
August 7	Louise Hamilton	Brock Brockington, Gail Robinson	Justin Robinson, Steven Patten
August 14	Muriel Williams	Edna Nicks, Alvoyd Nicks	Udy Obot, Rufaro Moyo
August 21	Christine Davis	Glen Johnson, Brock Brockington	Baili Wise, Kara Wise
August 28	Richard Goerss	Cliff Baldowski, Willis Culpepper	Brittany Southall, Narchadille Southall

Return to Regular Worship Schedule

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- 8:45a—Praise Service
- 9:45a—Sunday School
- 11:00a—Traditional Service

Happy Birthday August Celebrants

- 6—Maud Parker
- 8—Ricardo El Torro, Sr.
- 11—Barbara Pierce
- 11—Baili Alianna Wise
- 11—Kara Ali Wise
- 14—Alexander Davis
- 17—Lucille Wills
- 28—Bessie McLemore
- 29—Terrance Hamilton
- 29—Essie Norman





Emmanuel Lutheran Church Calendar of Events and Activities August 2011

Praise Choir Rehearsals—Wednesdays at 6:30p

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6p WOE Monthly Meeting	7p Bible Study		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45 am Praise Service 9:45a Sunday School 11a Traditional Service		7p Executive Comm. Meeting		7p Bible Study 7p Finance Comm. Meeting		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45 am Praise Service 9:45a Sunday School 11a Traditional Service		7p Church Council Meeting		7p Bible Study		Fashion Show
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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.