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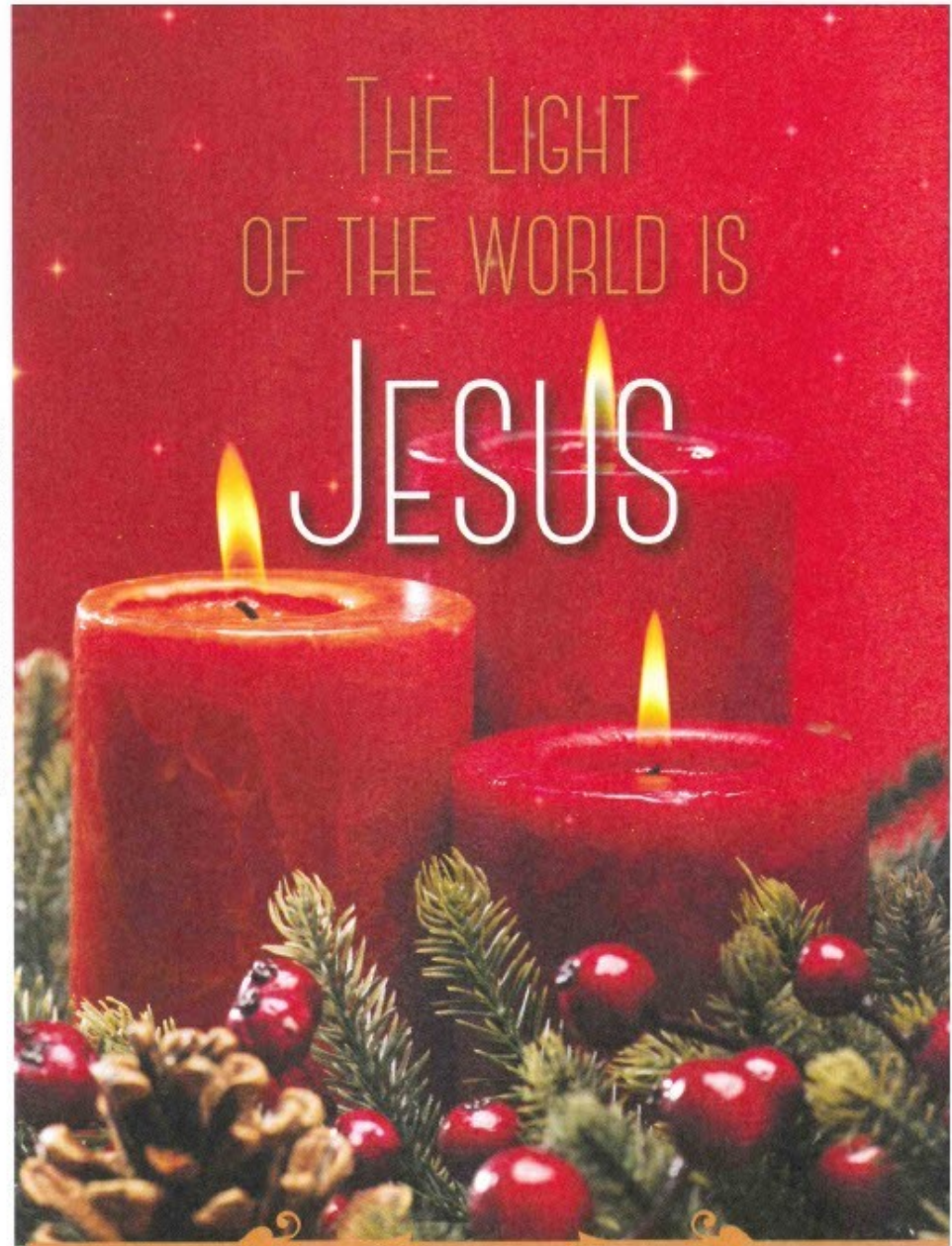
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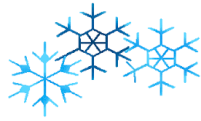
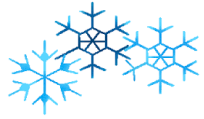
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
TUESDAY: Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

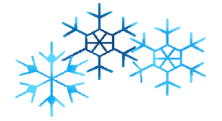
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WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bulletin for Sunday, December 29, 2024
& January 2025 Newsletter



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	3	4
5 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	6 5:00 pm ABY	7 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	8	9 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	10	11
12 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship	13 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	14 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	15	16 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	17	18 9:00 am Iron Men
19 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship FELLOWSHIP	20	21 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	22	23 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	24	25
26 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Annual Business Meeting	27	28 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	29	30 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Improvement Ministry	31	

Emmanuel Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT—The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this end through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, corporate and individual prayer, consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor, and Christian education.

Order of Worship December 29, 2024

Please mute your electronic devices.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Offering

- *“We Three Kings” #288
- * “Doxology” #815
- * Dedication Prayer

Hymn: * “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” #267

Congregational Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Special Ministry: Leroy Mathieu

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 11:14-21 pg. 1183

Message: “Making an Excellent Comeback”

Hymn: “Away in a Manger” #261

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand, if you are able.

Quarterly Business Meeting following this service



Women of Emmanuel

would like to THANK
our church family for all
your support in 2024

Whenever called on you

were there with prayers and encouragement
to serve our fellow church members in need.

Your encouragement in 2024 is leading us
to a fun and exciting time to come alive in 2025.

Thank You again for your caring and support.

Sandy and Val



A BIG thank you to the group of Emmanuel
Christmas carolers on Saturday evening.

What a treat and other friends from our
building loved it too. Thank you for sharing

JOY during the Christmas season. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

Dick and Pat Kruse

THANK YOU



Thank you for the Christmas gifts given to me
from individuals and from Emmanuel Baptist
Church. You all making working here a joy and I
appreciate your kindness. A sincere wish for a
wonderful year ahead.

Stephanie Heiden, Church Secretary



Thank you so much for the love gift. It was
much appreciated. May we be blessed
together as we serve the Lord.

Helen Peters

Away in a Manger #261

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

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HAPPY
New Year
PRAYER

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our hearts;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright, even
in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us when people and
their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be
there to help. God's love, peace, hope, and
joy to us for the year ahead.*

We Three Kings #288



"We thank you for being generous with us again this Christmas. Your kindness and support bring us a great deal of joy in a joyous season".

Pastor Brett, Kary,
& the Best/Wheeler Family



The winner of the quilt from the Church of Hope Quilt raffle was Bev Vinton Minot, ND. A total of \$4,090.00 was raised. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Joan Cleveland & Val Thompson

Offerings to Date

Average Weekly Donations through **12/22/24**: \$ 2,564.35*

* This figure includes only offerings for our General Fund; it does not include offerings for Special Missions, Memorial Fund, Transfers, or gifts to cover Non-Budgeted Expenses.

Our 2024 budget is \$142,478 ÷ 51 weeks = \$2,794.00 average per week.

THIS WEEK ON OUR CALENDAR

December 31	10:00 am	NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
January 1		NEW YEARS DAY - HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 2	11:00 am	Nehemiah Prayer Group
January 2	1:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
January 7	9:15 am	Prayer
	9:30 am	Worship w/Communion

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of light, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. [Refrain]
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]
5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to heav'n replies. [Refrain]

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

MONTHLY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
11/24	71	17	\$3,009.00
12/1	38	27	\$3,352.50
12/8	42	14	\$2,110.20
12/15	37	10	\$1,257.00
12/22	44	19	\$1,542.00

2024 Year to Date received: \$128,217.23

2024 Budgeted Amount: \$139,984.00

Amount Needed Per Sunday: *\$2,794.00

USHERS FOR JANUARY - JERRY THORNTON & GARY O'CONNELL
GREETERS FOR JANUARY - DAVE & PAULETTE DAGGETT

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Grace Larsen
- 9 Mavis Hawkins
- 10 Matthew Graham
- 10 Ellen Dawley
- 18 David Behrends
- 25 Melanie Best
- 27 Beth Thoreson
- 29 Kim Gardner (Rose)

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Michael & DeEtt Wise
- 25 Dave & Paulette Daggett

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE
 FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO
 HAVE PASSED AWAY IN
 THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

1/3/21 Bob Kilborn

PASTOR Rev. Brett Best
 ORGANIST Carmen Kock
 USHERS Skip Sherman & Al Parliament
 GREETER Sandy Sherman
 VIDEO TECHNICIAN James Best
 AUDIO TECHNICIANS Steve Stutson & Aiden Thie

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day #267

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day
 Their old familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet the words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

2. I thought how, as the day had come,
 The belfries of all Christendom
 Had rolled along th'unbroken song
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

3. And in despair I bowed my head:
 "There is no peace on earth," I said,
 "For hate is strong, and mocks the song
 Of peace on earth, good will to men."

4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
 "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
 The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
 With peace on earth, good will to men."

5. Then ringing, singing on its way,
 The world revolved from night to day
 A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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Message Notes

Ezekiel 11:14-21 - "Making an Excellent Comeback"
The Jews still in Jerusalem took unrighteous advantage of their countrymen in exile.

1. God warned the cheaters. (14-15, 21)

- A. The people remaining in Jerusalem weren't the bulbs on _____ the Christmas tree.
- B. Exiles or not, _____ who resorts to idolatry puts themselves under judgment.

2. God instructed the exiles how to stage an excellent comeback. (16-20)

- A. Trust in the LORD while you _____ exile.
- B. Trust in the LORD to restore your _____.
- C. _____ the LORD and get rid of all idolatry.
- D. Receive a _____ to be one of His people.



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For Your Information

- Our **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be held TODAY in Fellowship Hall after worship. Get a copy of the handouts when you go downstairs and sign in.

Get ready for the 2025 Biennial Mission Summit in Omaha, Nebraska, from July 3-6, 2025!

The 2025 Biennial Mission Summit is centered around the theme "Come Seek Living Water," designed to engage collaboration and inspire action within local communities. It will be a vibrant "family reunion," focusing on creating meaningful connections for kids, young adults, and all attendees. The Biennial Mission Summit will feature engaging activities for all ages, including many activities for children, alongside workshops and discussions that inspire fellowship and spiritual growth.

Take advantage of the best rates - register by January 10, 2025! Early registration guarantees you the lowest price, so don't miss this great opportunity to secure your spot and save!

REGISTER TODAY AT americanbaptists2025.com



Due to my change in office hours, articles for the Bulletin and or Newsletter will be due by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday so I can print on Thursday. Thank you for your cooperation.

Stephanie Heiden, Office Secretary