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Emmanuel...

Serving Our Community

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Meet Needs...Make an Impact!

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In Matthew 9:35, Jesus' broad ministry is depicted...

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

As you can tell from this mission statement, Jesus' ministry was extremely public. He didn't wait around for people to come to Him (though they did seek Him out); but instead, he positioned himself in the public eye to **meet needs** and **speak** of His Father's will. Whether they received His words and works with joy or hate, everyone Jesus encountered felt His impact. By following His example, it's quite apparent that we have a role to make an impact in our community too! We have a responsibility to place ourselves in the public eye so that we can teach, preach, and heal like Jesus.

Therefore, in light of Jesus' ministry and the vision directed by the elders to emphasize servicing our community throughout 2009, I launched a practical vision for our church on January 4. During that message, I mentioned several ways you can get involved in servicing our community. The vision is not exhaustive, but it does provide an outlet for you to execute our Master's mission directly in our neighborhood. As a result, it's my prayer that you consider each of these opportunities, and determine how you can participate.

Project Thelo – In the Greek, *thelo* means, *I wish*. It's my wish that

we as a church will impact people in our immediate neighborhood *outside-in*. By meeting physical needs (outward), we can impact people spiritually (inward). Project Thelo incorporates both. It involves our church providing maintenance helps for a home as we work inward to the heart for life change. On **March 7**, we will work at the first home we have lined up. All we need is your participation to fulfill this wish! On **February 8** after the worship service, we have a special meeting to explain the event and to divide up responsibilities. Jeremy Blacketter is directing this project, so speak to him about any details and thank him for his leadership.

As part of our **ActsONE:8 Challenge** (see the additional article by Janie Villareal for more details on the entire challenge), we will be hosting a college group from Southwest Baptist University (located in Bolivar, MO) from March 21-28. The team of 10 will be canvassing the neighborhoods with door hangers highlighting church events, doing street evangel-

ism, and preparing for a block party on our campus on March 27. Volunteers are needed in many different functions throughout the week, especially for the block party. We will have a meeting on Wednesday, **February 11 at 6:00 pm** for those interested. Please contact Janie Villareal if you are willing to help out and thank her for her leadership in his area.

Fireproof Outreach - Fireproof, the movie, is a wonderful opportunity for us to minister to families within our community and beyond. I personally watched the movie with my wife, Cathy, and we were both deeply moved. Whether you are doing well or struggling in your marriage, this movie can help improve your relationship. If you are single, it can help you better prepare for marriage. We have purchased the rights to show this movie in our worship center. Right now, I am seeking to assemble a team who would like to help lead the charge in using this as an outreach to our community. A follow-up bible study is available, so the team would lead this study. Please contact me if you're interested in this marvelous event. It has the potential to restore many families in our community.

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Dear Church,

First of all, I want to let you know how blessed Jennie and I have been to serve alongside of you. It truly has been an honor to live and grow with you.

Over the past year Jennie and I have felt God calling us to missions and were preparing ourselves to go to a location outside of the country; we just didn't know where. We had initiated the process of overseas missions when God spoke to us in many distinct ways and revealed that we would become missionaries in our own backyard. As we began to pray and fast it became very evident that there was a vast need in NW Tucson and around the community we live in.

One of the verses that has always stuck out to me is the first half of Romans 15:20 *"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known"*. I must have read this verse a hundred times and never really focused on the following verse. During a time of reading I started to dwell on this verse and felt like it was written just for me, it pierced my heart like a sword. Romans 15:20-21 says *"It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."*

We are astounded when we think about God choosing us to start a new church for Him. Honored, privileged and in awe and some of the words that come to mind when I think about this journey we are about to start. Again, thank you for supporting us in this new mission and for your prayers. Know that we will be praying for EBC and the impact that it has in this community.

In His Grasp,

Chase Delperdang

Chase Delperdang will be ordained to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ on Sunday evening, February 22, 2009, at 6:00 pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Ben Barfield, pastor of Common Ground, and Larry Munguia, pastor at the SOBER Project, will preach the charge.

The ordination service will be followed by a reception in our Multipurpose Room. We will have a baked potato bar; please bring a topping for the potatoes.

We will also celebrate Chase and Jennie's new daughter, Saryne. So bring a baby gift and a topping!

Your love offerings can be made payable to Emmanuel Baptist Church with a notation "for Chase."

Mid-week Bible Studies

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm

Room 109 of the FLC

Kathi Orr 325-2190

The Truth Project

Wednesdays

6:00-7:00 pm — video

7:00-8:00 pm—discussion

Meets in the worship center

Ryan Hill 207-6861

Young Professionals

Fusion Group

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

3rd AJ's Fine Foods on Skyline

10th La Salsa on University

17th BJ's on Oracle

24th Golf n Stuff on Tanque Verde

??'s Contact Joe Mosier at

joedmosier@yahoo.com

Crown Ministries

Wednesday and Thursdays

Classes are full, but you may place your name on a waiting list

\$40 per couple, \$30 single



Thoughts from the Chairman of the Elders

Focus passage: John 15:17 (NIV)[Jesus speaking] "This is My command: LOVE each other."

February traditionally exudes LOVE. Jesus sought to teach those of His day and to those who have made the choice to follow Him, that God- motivated LOVE will produce wonderful results in relationships. This is targeted at those within the Body of Christ but also oozes out to others in the world.

This type of LOVE usually begins with one's family-of-origin, then to that "special one," and ultimately to the new family that forms. When Jesus is the center of the relationships then LOVE becomes foremost in actions, words, and thoughts. It is my prayer that God-centered LOVE through faith in Jesus and active seeking of His Holy Spirit will permeate your HEART as an individual, within your family, and within His Body/Family at Emmanuel this 2009 year!

First Look

Are you interested in finding out what Emmanuel Baptist Church stands for? Perhaps you'd like to know how the people of Emmanuel intend to have an eternal impact on this community...or maybe you'd like to discover how you fit in to God's plan.

Join us on the first Sunday of each month. We'll let you take a First Look at Emmanuel, we'll help you

as you seek answers — you'll discover we're all on the same journey.

Let us know you're coming by calling

323-9379 or

721-0683

ebc@ebc-tucson.org

And we'll plan to see you on the first Sunday of the month.

Next class—

March 1

Conference Room

9:00-10:10



Bridget & John Auvenshine

Your Weekly Opportunities

◆ Sunday Mornings

8:00 Community Breakfast

9:00 Bible Study for all ages

10:30 Worship service

5:00 Choir Practice

6:00 Youth Worship Service

◆ Tuesdays

6:00 Ladies' Bible Study in Room 109 of the Family Life Center

7:00 Twentysomethings Bible Study—see FUSION info!

◆ Wednesdays

5:30-8:00 Youth Bible study, skateboarding, open gym

6:00-8:00 The Truth Project

6:00-8:00 Crown Ministries (two locations; call for information)

◆ Thursdays

10:30 Adult Potluck and Bible

Study in the MPR

6:00 Crown Ministries (call for location)

Call church office for information on other opportunities during the week.

Student Ministries

Student Stuff



Chase Delperdang

Student Pastor

Zona Yuth Kamp 2009

Zona Yuth Kamp 2009...Can you believe it's time to make plans for your student who will have completed grades 6-12?

Here's the scoop: \$50 deposit due by Sunday January 18 — total cost will be \$300. Zona Yuth Kamp will take place July 5-11 2009 at California Baptist University. The \$300 camp fee covers everything except meals on the road and souvenirs.

We're doing another fundraiser for yuth kamp! Don't miss the **Spaghetti lunch on Sunday, February 15**, immediately following the morning worship service. **\$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family.** You can't beat that! Tips always welcome.



Then on Sunday evening, February 15, we will have a great time at our evening youth service when we play **BLACK LIGHT DODGEBALL!** Gather up your friends and come at 6:00 pm for this wonderful evening of fun.

Project Thelo: Serving our Community, a practical application — We will have a short meeting after church on Sunday, February 8th, to discuss the Project Thelo house and the maintenance and repair needs that exist there. You will have the opportunity to sign up for specific tasks, and meet the people you will be volunteering with. Projects will include minor carpentry/woodwork repairs, exterior painting, and landscaping/pruning. Work day will be Saturday, March 7th. See you at the meeting on February 8th! **If you have questions, contact Jeremy Blackketter at jer.rach@gmail.com or 834-2584**

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These are just a few ways in which we can have a platform to teach, preach, and heal those in our community. I pray you will decide how you can contribute. All these events and more are aimed to encourage community transformation; and in the process, I'm convinced it will transform your life too. So, please decide how you can get involved and take the next step!

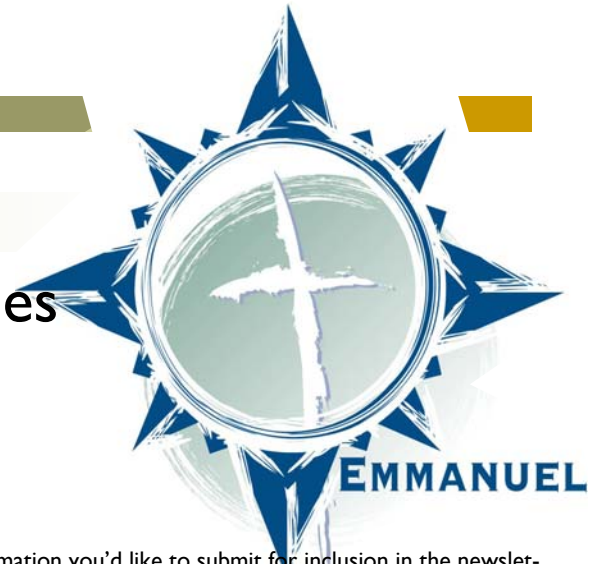
Striving with you,

Pastor Louis

Worship and Service Opportunities

Worship service and small group times are on page 4-5.

The church office is open Mon-Thur 8:30-4:30 pm and by appointment on Fridays.



The Emmanuel Newsletter is a publication of Emmanuel Baptist Church. If you have information you'd like to submit for inclusion in the newsletter, please contact Karen Moss at 323-9379 or Karen@ebc-tucson.org. Information on new or existing ministries, events in your spiritual or church life, and upcoming events are always welcome. Articles and items of general interest should be submitted by the 22nd of each month. Photographs are always welcome; digital photographs are always better.

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See regular weekly opportunities on page 4

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 9:00 am First Look— conference room 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Project Thelo meeting 2-6 pm Project Good Samaritan 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Spaghetti Fundraiser Peru mission team meeting Black light dodgeball 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Ordination & Baby shower 6 pm 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

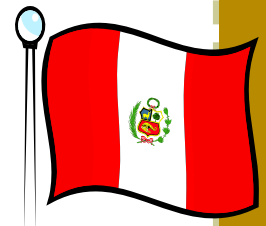
ACTSone:8 Challenge

Spring has sprung, or it's about to. There is warmth in the air. That means it's time for a block party! **Why** hold a block party? Because people will come. The first group of people coming are from Missouri. The ten college students coming during their spring break are stepping out of their comfort zones, immersing themselves into our lives to answer God's call to love and to serve.

The block party is designed to catch the attention of the residents in our neighborhood. This will be a fun event sponsored by Emmanuel to reach the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to share the Gospel with our neighbors? Then mark your calendars for March 27. Some of the opportunities for you to participate include registration, setting up, working a booth, cooking a hot dog, give a testimony, prayer walking, the list is endless. We need you to have a successful block party.

The idea for the block party came from Our ACTSone:8 Challenge meeting held on January 7. About 25 people attended, committing to several different projects in the coming year. We saved a seat and there is room for you!

A group is planning a mission trip to Peru early summer this year. They continue to meet, to plan and to pray. It is not too late for you to say you want to go too. Join in the excitement as you talk to others about the trip, anxious to be on the way and be humbled as you come to understand how you can be used by a Holy God in a way you never even dreamed or thought possible.



Plans are in the works for a late summer trip to help Many Farms Baptist Church on the Navajo Reservation near Chinle and Canyon De Chelly. We have an opportunity to serve in a very poor, often times desperate environment in northern Arizona. Watch for more information on this opportunity to serve others and be Christ to the people there.

The ACTSone:8 Challenge is an opportunity for our congregation to declare their commitment to a comprehensive missions strategy in our community (Jerusalem), state (Judea), continent (Samaria) and world (ends of the earth).

If you find Janie Villareal on Sunday mornings and can say Acts 1:8, she will have a surprise for you!

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This will be the last issue of the Emmanuel newsletter that will be mailed. Copies are available at our website, ebc-tucson.org (click on Downloads), via email (call the church office to add your email address to that list) or in the foyer and Family Life Center at church. Thank you for your understanding as we attempt to be good stewards of God's resources!

Emmanuel's Focus

Reflecting Jesus...Strengthening Families...Serving Our Community

← Sunday Bible Studies for all ages 9:00 am

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Church Office is open Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30, and on Fridays by appointment.

We're on the Internet!

Visit our website at www.ebc-tucson.org for online versions of our sermons and outlines, information on current and upcoming events, and the online version of this newsletter.

→ **Crown Ministries** classes are full, but we have a waiting list and your name can be placed on that waiting list simply by calling the church office at 323-9379. There will be classes later in the year as well.