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## Fueling a Spirit of Cooperation

**W**hen you think of being “taxed,” it probably carries a negative connotation. I’ve yet to encounter a person who desires to be taxed. But what if your tax money, along with everyone else’s, is used for a worthy cause? Would you give *gladly*? That’s precisely the situation in 2 Chronicles 24:1-14.

King Joash recognized that the Temple of the Lord was in need of repairs. It had been abused and used for pagan worship. So he reissued the tax of Moses on the people of Judah. He placed a large chest at the Temple gates and allowed people to contribute their portion of taxes for the restoration of the Temple. And in 1 Chronicles 24:10, Scripture teaches that “all the people brought their contributions *gladly*, dropping them into the chest until it was full.” The response was so positive that it required them to empty the chest several times!

You’re probably wondering where I’m heading with this. No, I’m not asking for a specific financial contribution on your part. (Though your *steady* giving keeps our doors open and our ministries operating. So keep it up!) Instead, I’d like you to zoom out and take a look at the bigger picture of this story. When the people of Judah were given a *cause*, they gladly contributed what was needed to accomplish the task. There was a *spirit of cooperation* because there was a vision set before them to restore the Temple. Therefore, **all** the people gladly contributed their portion of the tax, and the cause of restoring the Temple became a reality shortly thereafter! (2 Chron. 24:13-14)

For 2009, we have a plan which I pray promotes a spirit of cooperation. Whether you are new to the church, or you’ve been attending here for many years, a vision

can bring even the most unlikely people together. In 2009, as a part of our focus statement, it is our mission to emphasize *serv-ing the community*. Over the next year, we will provide multiple opportunities for you to be involved in this vision. I’ll be sharing my thoughts concerning all this in our worship service on Jan 4, 2009. If you can’t make it, be sure to listen to it online. Just as the people of Judah condoned togetherness, let’s promote a spirit of cooperation and launch Emmanuel into serving our community with gladness, sacrifice, and urgency.

Striving with You,

*Pastor Louis*



**Pastor Louis Heard**

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## Thoughts from the Chairman, Elder Board

As this another year begins I want to encourage each member to remember that YOU ARE A MINISTER and we, as elders, are available to help you develop ministries that God has laid upon your heart. We will need information from you that helps us know such things as:

\*What is the Biblical basis for the ministry?

\*Which of the focus parts of EBC's vision does it relate to: Reflecting Jesus? Strengthening Families? and/or Serving Our Community?

\*Who is the target audience/group? Age range? Focus of lessons? Is the planned ministry for reaching out to new/unchurched persons and/or to specific ethnic/language groups — if so, what are the requirements?

\*Are there any anticipated costs? Do you have a plan for acquiring necessary funds?

\*When might you gather? Where is/are the location/s?

\*What assistance, from the Elders (and other current leadership) might you need?

Bridget and I have been facilitating the First Look class since its beginning and we always emphasize how important it is for those who choose to become members of Emmanuel Baptist Church to BECOME INVOLVED in existing ministries, and/or allow God to use them to develop NEW WAYS of expanding our Lord's Kingdom work here in Tucson. And beyond — to the other parts of HIS WORLD!

May 2009 be YOUR YEAR to grow in discipleship and service!

John H. Auvenshine, Chairman of Elders



Tony Antista, Minister of Music

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas musical. We have experienced a blessing from God because of His grace and your dedication and musical expertise. I received compliment after compliment. So congratulations to all. I know that your sacrifice in time and talent will not go unrecognized by our Lord. I especially wish to thank those who helped with the building and decoration of the set pieces, especially Brad Mort, Dorothea Zinn, Marianne Cain, Derek Anderson, and Jeff Harper.

Don't forget, we will have a special rehearsal on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm to rehearse the Christmas Eve service. After this weekend's rehearsal we will get back to Sunday night rehearsals on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. In the mean time, I'll work to update the planning center online page, so you all know when special worship team obligations occur for the first quarter of 2009. 2009? Where do the years go!!

Love you all!

Tony

## Mid-week Bible Studies

The Truth Project is a DVD series from Focus on the Family designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons discuss God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. Most importantly, it addresses the need to marry our actions to our core beliefs. I encourage all church members to attend this transformational series. Even if commitments keep you from attending every Wednesday, each lesson is valuable in and of itself.

More information is available at <http://www.thetruthproject.org/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ryan Hill, who will be facilitating this study.

**Ryan Hill 207-6861**

### ***The Truth Project***

**Starts Wednesday, January 14,  
2009**

**6:00-7:00 pm — video**

**7:00-8:00 pm—discussion**

**Meets in the worship center**

### ***Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman!***

Join Beth in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. She peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

**Kathi Orr (325-2190)** will facilitate this study on Esther. Books are \$20 and must be pre-ordered. We'll start on

**Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm**

**Meets in Room 109 of the Family Life Center**

# First Look

**A**re 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](mailto:ebc@ebc-tucson.org)**

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

**Next class—**

**January 4**

**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

6:00-7:30 Kids' Program—WOW!

◆ **Thursdays**

10:30 Adult Potluck and Bible Study in the MPR

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

Student Ministries

# Student Stuff



Chase Delperdang  
Student Pastor

## Zona Yuth Kamp 2009

**Z**ona 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 6-11 2009 at California Baptist University. The \$300 camp fee covers everything except meals on the road and souvenirs.

Don't you just love Chick-Fil-A? They'll give us a portion of all proceeds when you buy a meal on Monday, December 29, between 5 and 9 pm at the El Con restaurant. Go eat more chicken!!



And plan to join us for a hike! Monday, January 19 — meet at the church at 8 am and we'll hike Pima Canyon. Bring water and a lunch.



Date	Restaurant	Address
January 6	Jason's Deli	Broadway & Craycroft
January 13	Chopped	Speedway & Country Club
January 20	Kelly's Coffee & Fudge	Cortaro/Thornydale
January 27	Skate Country	22nd and Pantano

Seasons of Life

22-29

Young Professionals

Fusion Group

Meets at 7 pm each Tuesday at various locations.

??'s Contact Joe Mosier at

joedmosier@yahoo.com

# 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](mailto: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.



## January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:00 am First Look— conference room 4 2-6 pm Project Good Samaritan	5	7pm Fusion 6	5:30-8 Students 6:00 Mission Trip Planning 6-7:30 WOW! 7	10:30 Senior Adult Bible study and potluck 8	9	10
11	12	6pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Fusion 13	5:30-8 Students 6:00 The Truth Project 6-7:30 WOW! 14	10:30 Senior Adult Bible study and potluck 15	16	17
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# ACTSone:8 Challenge

## **Our church reaching our community...**

There are people in our community who need the gospel, but may never set foot in our church building. They are our **"Jerusalem"** mission field.

## **Our Judea**

Our church reaching our state...

The last issue of Portraits magazine was about missions. We are encouraged to take a chance! Step out and be a part of the great vision for Arizona. We can make a difference in Arizona. Opportunities abound here.

## **Our Samaria**

Our church reaching our continent...

While we often think of North America as "Christian," the reality is that an estimated 250 million people in our "Samaria" have no personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That is three of every four people! The lostness of North America runs deep, and the gospel often meets a calloused response in this modern-day Samaria.

Wherever Emmanuel's interests and strategies focus on North America, we can use the North American Mission Board (NAMB) to help us channel our energies there.

## **To the Ends of the Earth...**

Our church reaching our world...

Thousands of people around the world are coming to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Yet the stark reality remains: 1.7 billion people still have little or no access to the gospel message. And while Southern Baptists are going to international mission fields in unprecedented numbers, many more are needed.

Our church can have global impact. The challenge is in reaching the more than 6,500 unreached people groups throughout the world.

The International Mission Board will help us understand the needs, overcome the barriers of culture and language, and connect us with the mission opportunities. The ends of the earth are within our grasp! Emmanuel is uniquely positioned to fulfill our worldwide mission through an ACTSone:8 vision. Understanding that our church is at the very center of God's heart for reaching the world, we need to map out our Jerusalem, our Judea, our Samaria and our ends of the earth. We can literally change our world. Come and help Emmanuel map out its strategy for global impact.

We are planning the first of several mission trips for the new year. The summer of 2009 will take us to Peru. Are you ready to risk going places where you are not comfortable?

Are you ready to depend on God in ways as never before? Are you ready to see God work in dramatic ways? It will impact your prayer life, build relationships, and impact your giving. Become committed to taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth. **Join us Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 p.m. and begin to change you. We'll meet in Room 103.**

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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Emmanuel is reflecting Jesus, strengthening families, and serving our community.

# 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](http://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.

And...**Coming in February!** There are **Crown Ministries** groups forming right now. If you are interested in joining this life-changing Bible study, call the church office and get added to the list.  
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