



IMMANUEL CHURCH



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HOSANNA - HALLELUJAH

After service, Immanuel took to the streets of Old Town Spring on Palm Sunday waving palms to commemorate the triumphal entry the crowd gave Jesus coming into Jerusalem.



APRIL MISSION PARTNER

For April mission partner, the Mission Team selected **FAMILY PROMISE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY** headed by Champion Jean Rutherford. FPMC is a local 90-day Program in partnership with local congregations which focuses on providing shelter, meals, and compassionate assistance for homeless families with children. Their prevention and case management services help families from reaching a crisis mode. In addition, for the week of April 28 to May 4, Family Promise is asking during that time frame to help fill the needs of their guests with meals, fellowship, and overnight assistance. If you have the opportunity to provide any of this care, let Rev. Phil or Jean Rutherford know.

In March, **God's Garage** gift will be reported in May due to distribution time (see more page 6) and Samaritan's Purse boxes were shipped to South Africa and Mexico. Also, in an ongoing effort, there is a basket in the Narthex for **nonperishable food donations for NAM**.

Immanuel Mission Team explores faith-based organizations to support our monthly missions and they invite you to help make that decision by either attending their meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Light up your life with Sunday Worship

CHRISTIAN ED meets for an opening at 9:15 followed by classes at 9:30. While all classes are growing, there is always room for one more so join in exploring The Word through Scriptures. NOTE: Youth meets on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays after worship til 2pm and it would be muchly appreciated if parents would be prompt in picking up their child.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP begins at 10am prior to service. It would be great if you could host with some light refreshments and drinks cause after all, it is about the bonding time and checking on each other. **If you can help, see Sandy Summers – 713 419 2689.** Just remember to clean up and take out the garbage. Also **BE SURE** to label anything put in the frig with purpose & date!

SUNDAY WORSHIP begins at 10:45am with praise and messages which fill the soul with knowledge and insight into God's powerful works, so come join in the fellowship to grow along the path of Jesus Christ being led by our teaching shepherd Rev. Phil Brown - you'll come away with how God works in your life. Currently, Rev. Phil is working though the Book of Matthew Chapter 12. However, as he has shared, his messages are open ended with series and/or seasonal breaks along the way and as God leads him into a new direction so keep your ears of faith open.

**PLEASE FIND A SEAT, SILENCE PHONES/YOURSELF PRIOR TO THE PRELUDE
IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.**

If you are unable to attend worship, there is a live feed streaming on Facebook which can also be viewed at your convenience thanks to several talented IT folks and we would love for you to post your presence.

Also, if you missed any services, or would like to review any, a recap is available online and through You Tube.



BIBLE STUDY normally meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month so in April that will be on the 10th and 24th with study starting to focus on Acts. Each session is a complete lesson so if you can't make a meeting, you don't miss a carried over part. Everyone is invited to join in a relaxed, yet spiritual environment that offers a great way of connecting with others to better understand the words of our Lord by sharing interpretations and contrasting translations.



Prayer has the power to change lives and heal those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit. We ask you include the following persons in your daily prayers:

UPDATES

- **Barbara Castille**, cousin Tammy Spangler recovering from kidney surgery (daughter-in-law of Bob & Kathy Spangler)
- **Joyce Clark**, asking prayers for nephew with cancer
- **Ralph Eickenroht**, moved to Cypress – 14407 Cypress Valley Dr. Cypress, Tx 77429-8312
- **Clorisa Henry**, after difficult pregnancy, baby receiving extra post-delivery care
- **June Lasser**, testing for source of health issues
- **Jeff Pitts**, cousin Nathan Brewer experiencing reoccurrence of leukemia
- **Ellie Smith**, resting at home after being in and out of hospital for treatment
- **Christy Wheeler**, seeking prayers for her mom's well-being

CELEBRATIONS

- **Elijah Brown**, delivered first service message March 24 on Palm Sunday
- **David & Cheryl Graham**, 54 years of marriage March 21
- **Cary Herndon dad**, released from hospital after over a month stay
- **Haley Herndon**, earned verbal commitment to Florida International University in Miami
- **Noah & Sarah Norman**, year one of marriage March 18
- **Jace Pitts**, has earned his Eagle Scout Award & named Scout of the Year
- **Becky Short & Robin Engebretson**, serving 10 people in ESL classes
- **90ish+**, recognition June 9

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Ginny Davison - son; **Maggie Eich**, graduating from nursing school in May; **Robin Engebretson**, husband; **Becky Gutierrez**, health issues; **Earl Haggard**, cancer treatment; **Stanley Lemm**, living in care home; **Nancy Lewis**, Misty Willow Healthcare and Rehab Center @ 12921 Misty Willow Dr Houston, TX 77070; **Arrow Ministries**, better life paths care; **Debbie Motley**, son-in-law cancer; **Becky Murphy**, battling autoimmune disease; **Northgate Elementary**, Immanuel's SISD Partner; **Jeff Pitts Sister**, heart procedure; **Jean Rutherford**, friend with cancer; **Becky Short**, grandson; **Bob & Kathy Spangler**, numerous family health concerns; **Rev. Phil**, ask God to give him guidance for direction as Immanuel's teaching shepherd

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

5 MELISSA JONES
7 MARSHAL MANNING
8 NELWYN HARDY
12 HUGH HOWERTON
16 BECKY MURPHY
20 BREYAN DONALDSON
25 McKENNA McCLAIN
28 BERNICE McEUEEN
30 SHYLO DONALDSON



Immanuel would like to extend Birthday Wishes to you so please make sure we have your Big Day Date by calling the office, mailing it in, putting it on an attendance card, sending it by carrier pigeon, ... just so we have it.

OPPORUNITY for SERVICE at IMMANUEL – IT TAKES ALL and ALL IT TAKES!

- KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS benefit Immanuel simply by you shopping. Every time you shop with the Kroger share card through their Community Rewards program, Kroger donates to Immanuel based on your regular shopping if you link your card to Immanuel and this is how to make that happen:
 1. Create a digital account which you probably already have if you have a Kroger card.
 2. Link your card to Immanuel by:
 - sign into your account
 - search for Immanuel (may still have previous name, but OK if listed on Border Street)
 - select Immanuel and click SAVE (Immanuel will be displayed on your account)
 3. Questions can be addressed to Kroger Customer Service Center.
- Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) invites you to join them in helping meet the needs of others. There are lots of regular ongoing opportunities posted in the Parish Hall. Also, a basket is in the Narthex for ongoing monthly food donations to help deprived families with basic nutritional needs.
- Product coupons are collected regularly at Immanuel by Molly and distributed in various areas overseas to benefit the military and their families for use in the commissary.
- It takes a village to keep God's house of worship thriving so thank you, thank you, thank you, to all those service elves: in the office, on Consistory doing all the behind-the-scenes jobs, during Worship, shedding blood, sweat, and tears to refresh the flower beds, and doing acts of love not specifically mentioned here. HOWEVER, more is always needed so find your Talent and give of your Time.

OUTREACH TEAM: Regular meetings for the Outreach Team are on the third Monday of the month at 2, so for April that is the 15th. During that time, ideas are generated as to how to best serve neighbors experiencing difficult times through cards, phone calls, shut-in visits, food, meet/greet, visitor connection, and lots of other ideas to live up to their name of OUTREACH. Ongoing endeavors are:

1. Coordinating **membership classes which are tentatively scheduled for April 28** – Any questions regarding this can be directed to Rev. Phil or any Team Member.
2. Participating in Spring ISD's Partnering with a School Program – The staff of Northgate Elementary has the opportunity for individual prayer requests that can be dropped off in a **PRAYER REQUEST BOX** Immanuel Angels have set up for them to receive general prayers for their well-being as well as specific ones. More help is always welcomed for their various activities and mentors through SISD Vine Program. If your heart directs you to participate in any of these areas, see Janice Yetter for details. In addition, Outreach is making more medical equipment available in case of an emergency.



There are lots of opportunities to help OUTREACH in these areas and more so please contact a Team Member to see where your talents can be highlighted. Input is always welcomed so share your suggestions or questions with any team member: Janice Myers, Diana Haude, Linda McAdams, Carol Fox, Janice Yetter, Nelwyn Hardy, and/or Norma Herndon. Better yet, join the Team!

MAY NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE IN OFFICE BY APRIL 22

Grub & Games combines food with fun

JOIN IN THE FUN - Grub & Games normally gathers the third Saturday of the month at a restaurant so for April 20 that will be at Loose Caboose (26403 Preston) in Old Town Spring at 5 followed by games back in the Parish Hall. However, for a change in pace, Activity Nights on G & G days are being planned throughout the year so stay alert as those plans develop. It is a LOT of fun fellowship so plan on being a part of it all.



Men's Group Keeps Cranking

Immanuel Men gather for breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 which will be April 27th. Word has it breakfast is a hearth one, but it is also a time for insight into God's word with emphasis on fellowship, guy talk, and planning – so grab a friend to join in. In you ne more info, contact Glen Smith, Thomas Folsom, or Immanuel office.

WOMEN'S GUILD APRIL 2024:

Women's Guild continues their year-long celebration of their **100 Years of Serving God at Immanuel in 2024.**

Women's Guild plans a year-long celebration of their 100 Years of Serving God at Immanuel

Dedication

The highlight this month is devoted, hardworking dedication. With the purpose of the Women's Guild being to unite all the Women of the Church in Christian Fellowship with divine guidance in order to promote Christian services and spread the word of the Spiritual Life from the local church to the World, with 54 members in 1967 they began to reach out to other church groups by hosting meeting luncheons and going to Association meetings.

At the local level, their budget had expanded to \$505. By drawing on lessons from their conservative lifestyles, they managed to stretch these meager sources to cover contributions to such areas as: flowers, kitchen supplies, postage, Church World Services, Eden Home, Slumber Falls, Building Fund, Christmas Trees, cleaning supplies, and even added the feature of a babysitter for their meetings. Their monthly calendars were full as well as the weeks in between which were all focused on doing God's work.

Around 1983, during Women's Guild 60th year, they were instrumental in starting the church library and added significant financial support to the day care building, repainting of the Parish Hall, repairing pew cushions, and a new furnace just to name a few.

Descendants of these dedicated, hardworking women carry on 2024's version of these traditions and remain true to Immanuel Church of Spring.

To learn more of this time of bonding and camaraderie which continues to exist today, you are invited to their meeting on April 11 when they will host a salad luncheon at 1, be inspired with a devotional from Ginny, and prepare College Boxes. Remember, there is no such thing as a stranger – just a friend yet to meet so join in for great food and Christian love. Have a blessed month!



Brothers Glen and Sidney Meyer treat Immanuel Family to an after-church feast in recognition of St. Patrick's Day.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Immanuel Youth will be embarking on their Mission Trip in July to W. Virginia where they will be helping to improve living conditions in an area in need of assistance, but this endeavor does not happen without expense. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated and Kristin James can provide details.

In memory of Pat Davison, love offerings can be made to help the Youth Mission Trip.

Consistory Highlights

1. During the Annual Congregational Meeting January, a request was made to **KEEP IMMANUEL TIDY** and avoid bringing your unwanted/clean out items to church without prior approval.
2. **PLEASE NOTE: To assist in keeping accurate church records, please complete the attendance cards in the racks on the back of the pews - be sure to include ALL bodies regardless of age.**
3. A Mission/Purpose Statement resulting from Global Focus workshops emphasizing Immanuel's theme of **GO FURTHER** has been approved which is: **Immanuel Church of Spring seeks to glorify God, preach the gospel of Jesus across the street and across the globe and welcome all into biblical Christian community.**
4. Work continues on a new photo directory so if any of your information changes, please let Sandy Summers know.
5. Coffee Fellowship continues at 10am before Church Service at 10:45, but there is still an option for after church for special occasions. Hosts are strongly urged to practice the KISS Method (KEEP IT SIMPLE) and please make sure to **CLEAN UP and TAKE OUT THE TRASH and CLEAN/UNPLUG COFFEE POT!!! In addition, when leaving food items in the frig, BE SURE TO LABEL WITH NAME, DATE, AND PURPOSE!!!** If you can help, see Sandy Summers – 713 419 2689.
6. Safety precautions continue as a priority during church services. While the front and back entry/exit doors of the sanctuary will be unlocked during service for emergency exit, ALL other entry/exit doors on campus will be locked except the one leading to the restrooms.
7. **CHURCH OFFICE BY COMMITTEE** – Volunteers get out newsletters (**NOTE: LAST DAY TO GET INFO INTO MAY'S NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 22nd**), bulletins, phone trees, bill paying, etc. so we ask your patience and understanding if something is not done as timely or perfectly as expected. As a result, attendance in the office may vary some, but hours are generally Monday through Friday 10am to 2pm. If someone is not present to receive your call, please leave a phone message at 281-288-3199 and someone will get back with you as soon as possible or if it is an emergency, notify Rev. Phil on his cell at 830-832-3689. Any information you desire to have published in the Newsletter can be called or emailed to the office. In addition, **if you do not get the Newsletter by email or a copy from the Narthex and would like a hard copy sent to you, notify the office for that to happen.** **NOTE: PLEASE make sure to coordinate ANY church related event through the church office so it can be put on the main calendar to avoid conflicting scheduling.**

Next meeting of the Consistory normally meets the second Sunday of the month after church which will be April 14. Current members serving in 2024: Jeff Pitts, Herb Hess, Sandy Summers, Chuck Hines, Lester Lemm, David Graham, and Barbara Castille.

KEEP IMMANUEL TIDY! Recent efforts of blood, sweat, and tears have been made to unclutter various areas on campus including attics and meeting rooms because Immanuel Church has become somewhat of a dumping ground of various furniture, kitchen supplies, project supplies, etc. by folks with good intentions, **BUT** it is creating a problem with storage and creature control so at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January the Consistory let it be known that any "donations" should first be approved by them before being left at Immanuel. THANK YOU!

IMMANUEL ITEMS OF INTEREST

***SENIOR LUNCHEON** - Senior Luncheon meets on the third Thursday of the month except July and December which makes the next one APRIL 18. **Senior Luncheon hosts/coordinators would like it to be known how appreciative they are to HEB who has regularly been providing support toward this lunch.**

***IMMANUEL TEAMS** – Altar Guild – as needed; Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Wednesday; Building & Grounds – as needed; Choir – every Wednesday; Christian Education – 1st Sunday monthly; IT – quarterly 3rd Monday or as needed; Men's Group – 4th Saturday monthly; Mission – 3rd Tuesday monthly; Outreach – 3rd Monday monthly; Parish Family Life – 4th Thursday of October; Senior Lunch – 3rd Thursday monthly except July & Dec.; Youth – every 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday; Women's Guild – 2nd Thursday monthly; Worship – Wednesday before last Wednesday monthly

***LOST & FOUND** – If you or your child or other family member are missing a jacket, umbrella, book, etc. be sure to check with one of the Church Office Volunteers who can help you retrieve it.

***NOTE** – Due to weather, conflicting schedules, illness, and who knows what else, the time and day of scheduled activities may sometime change so be alert to phone trees, emails, the bulletin, and/or online. You are welcomed to call the office between 10 and 2 for help as well.

**Fresh yard eggs available through Ellen Husky
and
Girl Scout Cookies can be gotten from Charly Wheeler**

CHURCH GIVING

Your presence in worship is most desired and an offering plate is there to receive your monetary gifts to help support the finances of Immanuel Church, but this can be done in a couple of simple ways as well. 1. Check with your bank because most will set up an automatic payment for you to donate to Immanuel. 2. Give your offering through Tithe.ly by clicking on the green circle to the right which takes you to the website. Next, click "sign up for free", then "give online", then "give to church". There it will ask you to set up an account with your information. When you go to select a church just type in Immanuel Church which you should see listed. Make sure you verify the address of 26501 Border Street in Spring because several Immanuel churches are listed. It would be greatly appreciated if you would indicate that you will cover the fees for Tithe.ly. Christy Wheeler will be glad to assist you with the setup.



March 2024	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31	Good Friday	Tithe.ly	TOTALS
Attendance	71	62	61	63	Posted in May	Posted in May		Posted in May
Giving	2876	2765	1855	1125	Posted in May	Posted in May	1078.83	Posted in May

Please remember giving can be in person, by mail, or through Tithe.ly.
 For 2024, a **total** budget of \$253,054 has been set with the giving goal of \$147,906 (\$12,326 monthly average).
 Through March 24, offering totals are \$8621 which is 70% of monthly giving goal.
 (Due to publication dates, Easter offerings on March 31, along with March totals, will be shared in May.)

*Correction total for January

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
7777*	12,444	Posted in May									

God's Garage Tour shows healing of cars and souls

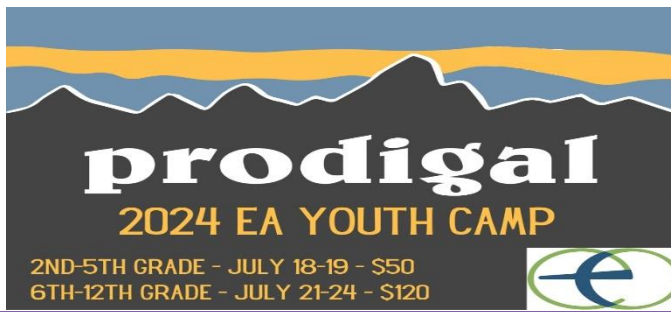


With GOD'S GARAGE being March's mission partner for Immanuel, eight members toured their new facility in Conroe with amazement. While they are known for their mission of matching reliable transportation to women in various walks of life, their impact goes FAR beyond that as they nurture the body and soul through many avenues such as job training, Crock Pot Cooking where women go home with recipes and a crock pot, and group share seminars. In fact, their Mission Statement is the Apostles Creed.



Every wall is adorned with positive and inspirational messages and dedicated, as well as knowledgeable, compassionate volunteers log in thousands of hours to put God's guidance into action from Tuesday Tune-up to trash take out. Additional, volunteers are welcomed, but it was suggested God's Garage be contacted first to see where your talents would best fit.

As managers, Justin and Sherri beamed as they shared success stories of this God led organization which covers a 75-mile radius and has a rich history in how they were able to acquire the land. They said donations play a BIG part in keeping things running smoothly and are most welcomed by coordinating with an ONLINE notification at GODSGARAGE.ORG. Gifts can be in the form of a vehicle (even non-repairable ones can be used for parts or other forms can be fixed and sold) or monetary since a fix up takes about a \$1000 to get a car on the road. Other forms of help can come from providing auto parts, client needs, shop needs, and/or volunteering. Additional information to help connect with Justin or Sherri is available through God Garage Champion Aurea DeLeon, who, by the way, was the only one who remembered to wear her Immanuel shirt.



BE ALERT TO UPDATES

- *Bake Auction / Lunch - April 14
- *Tentative Membership Class – April 28
- *Bus Trip to Painted Churches - April 29
- *Family Promise host help - April 28 – May 4
- *May 19 - Graduation Sunday/CEC/Fish Fry
- *May 26 – Memorial Day Sunday
- *June 9 – 90ish+ Life Celebrations
- *VBS – June 23-27

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3 Choir 7	4	5	6
7 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 CEC Mtg	8	9 Hall in use	10 Choir 7 Bible Study	11 Guild Salad Luncheon	12	13
14 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship Consistory Meets TBA BAKE AUCTION	15 Outreach Meets @ 2 IT Meets	16 Mission Meets	17 Choir 7	18 Senior Lunch	19	20 G & G @ Loose Caboose
21 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship	22 LAST DAY for info in MAY Newsletter	23	24 Choir 7 Bible Study	25 Hall Rental	26	27 Men's Group @8:30 Hall Rental
28 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship Tentative Membership Class FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	29 Bus Trip FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	30 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	May 1 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	May 2 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	May 3 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	May 4 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK
Believe There is Good in the World	*Alexandra is the nursery attendant for 3 and under.					
Have you had GOD-TIME today?						



Immanuel – God is with us!

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If you are unable to attend our Services in person,

Rev. Phil's messages can be viewed on YouTube at Immanuel Spring

we stream a live feed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Immanuelchurch/

Services are also available on our website at <https://immanuelsspring.org/sermons>

We would love for you to join us so we invite you to leave a message so we know your presence.