



## Immanuel Featured in God's Garage Email

After a visiting Immanuel on March 3, the following picture and update were included in the God's Garage email update to all their supporters and partners:



Our Executive Director, Justin Coggins, recently had the privilege of speaking at Immanuel Church. During his time there, he spoke with Rev Phil Brown, pictured above on the right. The impact of Justin's words resonated so deeply with the church community that they made a heartfelt decision to support our mission of assisting single mothers, widows, and wives of deployed military.

At God's Garage, we consider it a profound honor to collaborate with churches. While our primary mission is to provide reliable transportation to those in need, we recognize that the enduring impact of salvation through Jesus Christ far surpasses any material support we can offer. Connecting with churches that share our passion enables us to refer our clients to communities that can address their spiritual and emotional needs alongside their practical ones. This holistic approach ensures that our clients receive comprehensive support on their journey toward empowerment and stability.

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## **MAY MISSION PARTNER**

For May mission partner, the Mission Team selected **JON and GARIMA RIDER** headed by Champion Janice Yetter. North Carolina native Jonathan and wife Indian native Garima Rider have served as missionaries to India for the past 20 years through YWAM and EA with their three children where they manage and financially support the outreach and retreat center in an effort to continue to be effective among unreached Hindus.

In March, **God's Garage** received \$3145 while April's gift to **Family Promise** will be posted in June. Also, in ongoing care, there is a basket in the Narthex for **nonperishable food donations for NAM** which reached an all-time monthly high of 73 lbs. in April.

Immanuel Mission Team explores faith-based organizations to support for 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 continuing the Book of Matthew by exploring the lessons in Chapter 13. 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 May that will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

- **Lupita Hinojosa**, superintendent of SISD husband ill
- **Linda McAdams**, great niece having specialized jaw surgery followed by four months of mouth wired shut
- **Linda Michalick**, recovering from gallbladder surgery & serious fall
- **Bernice McEuen**, experiencing slow recovery from fall resulting in broken bones
- **Jamie Merillat**, recovering from medical procedure last month & waiting on test results
- **Joyce Roland Family**, dealing with sudden, unexpected passing of Joyce late last month

## CELEBRATIONS

- **Clorisa Henry**, baby home after beginning-of-life hospital stay
- **Kathy Brown Howerton**, grand nephew entered the world April 12
- **Becky Short & Robin Engebretson**, serving 10 people in ESL classes
- **Golden 10**, recognition June 9
- **Jace Pitts**, earning All State recognition as part of Klein Collins band/drum corps & Eagle Scout

## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

**Joyce Clark**, nephew with cancer; **Ginny Davison**, son; **Ralph Eickenroht**, new address – 14407 Cypress Valley Dr. Cypress, Tx 77429-8312; **Maggie Eich**, graduating from nursing school in May; **Robin Engebretson**, husband; **Becky Gutierrez**, health issues; **Earl Haggard**, cancer treatment; **Diana Haude**, efforts to help Stanley; **June Lasser**, health issues; **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; **Jeff Pitts Sister**, heart procedure & cousin with leukemia; **Jean Rutherford**, friend with cancer; **Becky Short**, grandson; **Ellie Smith**, weakness; **Bob & Kathy Spangler**, numerous family health concerns especially Tammy Spangler; **Christy Wheeler**, concern for mom's well-being; **Rev. Phil**, ask God to give him guidance for direction as Immanuel's teaching shepherd

***From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include service to others.*** George Bush, 1989

**Thanks to the enthusiastic help from Randy Boyer, Carol Fox, Caiden Henry, and generous bidders, Immanuel Annual Bake Sale netted \$3650.**

# HAPPY May BIRTHDAY



5	ROBIN ENGEBRETSON
9	JASON MERILLAT
13	JAMES LEMM
16	ROY BROWN
17	JACQUELINE PITTS
20	YVONNE SMITH
23	BRISA GUTIERREZ
24	DIANA HAUDE
26	ALFRED HENRY
28	SHANNON WHEAT

*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.*

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## 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.

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**OUTREACH TEAM:** Regular meetings for the Outreach Team are on the third Monday of the month at 2, so for May that is the 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 – 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.



*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!*

## **WOMEN'S GUILD May 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**

#### **Mission Commitment**



The highlight this month focuses on the Women's Guild commitment to mission support which they have given and given generously to from the beginning of their existence and not just local, but to wider missions.

In the 50's when household budgets were especially tight, a special tradition was the Family Thank Offering In-gathering Service. During this time, the women brought in small banks from their homes which reflected yearlong savings to be used for mission projects. This service often was highlighted by the women presenting a dramatization to emphasize their goals, especially that of Church World Service to help provide them the ability to purchase clothing and blankets.

Time and time again these women supported wider church organizations such as Slumber Falls Camp, Back Bay Mission, Evangelical Children's Home, Northwest Assistance Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, goodie bags at hospitals for children, and Eden Home. In fact, in the 80's when Eden Home underwent an expansion project, Guild donated \$3,000 to sponsor one patient's room in honor of Martha Borne who was the beloved wife of a former pastor that put her heart and soul into Guild functions and the beautification of the grounds of Immanuel.

Women's Guild takes pride in their firm foundation of the unity of sisterhood and a single purpose to give gifts of love when love is needed in order to spread the glory of God.

To learn more of this time of bonding and camaraderie which continues to exist today, you are invited to their meeting on May 8 and mark your calendar for their 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Finale on September 14. 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!

#### **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 May 18 that will be at Wacky Mongolian Grill on 21212 Kuykendahl 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 May 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. If you need more info, contact Glen Smith, Thomas Folsom, or Immanuel office.

#### **Happy Mother's Day**

*Mother, you are my voice of reason, storyteller, advice giver, hand holder, shoulder, supporter, broken heart healer, teacher & sunshine.*



#### **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.

# 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 JUNE'S NEWSLETTER IS MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**), 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 Thursday 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 May 12. 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 MAY16. **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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday; **Building & Grounds** – as needed; **Choir** – every Wednesday; **Christian Education** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly; **IT** – quarterly 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday or as needed; **Men's Group** – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday monthly; **Mission** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly; Outreach – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly; **Parish Family Life** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of October; **Senior Lunch** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly except July & Dec.; **Youth** – every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday; **Women's Guild** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 may 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.

## JUNE NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO BE IN OFFICE BY MAY 27

Ellen Husky has FRESH YARD EGGS available  
and  
Charly Wheeler has GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

# Immanuel Resurrection Celebration



**HALLELUJAH!  
CHRIST THE LORD  
HAS RISEN**

*For God  
so loved  
the world that He  
gave his only  
begotten son that  
whosoever believeth  
in him should  
not perish,  
but have everlasting  
life. John 3:16*



# 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.



April 2024	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28			Tithe.ly	TOTALS
Attendance	52	60	55	Available in June				Available in June
Giving	2520	2130	1752	Available in June			2190	Available in June

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).

Offering totals through May will be posted in June's Newsletter.

\*Correction total for January

March 2024	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31		Tithe.ly	TOTALS
Attendance	71	62	61	63	97			354
Giving	2876	2765	1855	1125	3591			12,212

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
7777*	12,444	12,212	Available in June								

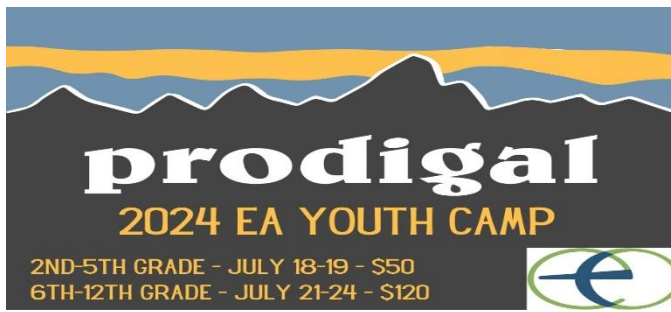
## WE REMEMBER



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved

ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



**BE ALERT TO UPDATES**

- \*Family Promise host help - April 28 – May 4
- \*May 19 - Graduation Sunday/CEC/Fish Fry
- \*May 26 – Memorial Day Sunday
- \*June 9 – Golden 10 Celebration
- \*VBS – June 23-27
- \*Casino Night II – planning for July
- \*Rally Day – August 11
- \*Guild’s 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Finale – Sept. 14

**MAY 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir 7 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	2 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	3 FAMILY PROMISE HOST HELP WEEK	4
5 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 CEC Mtg Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 Choir 7 Bible Study	9 Guild	10	11
12 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship Consistory Meets Mother’s Day	13	14 Hall in use	15 Choir 7	16 Senior Lunch	17	18 G &G @ Wacky Mongolian Grill
19 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 CEC & Graduate Recognition Worship 10:45 - Pentecost Youth after Worship	20 Outreach Meets @ 2	21 Mission Meets	22 Choir 7 Bible Study	23	24	25 Men’s Group @8:30
26 Classes 9:15 Coffee Fellowship 10 Worship 10:45 Youth after Worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY  LAST DAY for info in JUNE Newsletter	28	29	30	31	

*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/](https://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.

