

Emmanuel Praises and Prayer Page

Praises:

Cortney and Mathew Brooks shared a piano duet based on "We Three Kings." **Mason Cheuvront** shared a testimony about how God called him to faith despite his challenging childhood experiences. Mason's testimony was a reminder that God hears and answers prayer and has the power to change lives for the better. We had **7 stars in the red books** which represents members engaging other people with the gospel and prayer. **Pastor Kurt and Mona** spent the week at Topsail beach in a large condo on the beach. The entire family was able to gather together: Kurt Jr and Amber and their son, Connor; Stephanie and Blake Green and their children Livy and Jack; Becca and Brynlee Bayles, Michelle, flew in from Alaska, and brought her good friend Madison from Charlotte; Lance Green, Blake's father was also with us. **Facilities team** for coordinating a repair to the kitchen sink faucets and ice machine.

New Prayer Concerns:

Sid Howard, friend of Randy Nutter, is experiencing some difficult health challenges. (01/04)
Tony Lopez, friend of Jane Graham, is recovering from a heart cath on 12/28. (12/14)
Michelle Miller will have foot surgery on 1/16.
Nancy Richmond, friend of Evan Bevin, will start chemo in January. Pray for a positive outcome. (12/21)
Susan West, Ruth Wharton's sister, is at CC being treated for a respiratory issue. Pray for healing. (12/21)
Pam Wharton will have a heart cath on 1/5 at CC.

On-Going Prayer Concerns:

Our Search Team (John Nicholson, Blaine Hess, Rich Shawver, Christa Raitz, David Brooks & Joe Stephens) as they seek an interim pastor and continue their search for a full time pastor.
Wandalene Drake began a year long immunotherapy treatment program to address her cancer on 12/17 at Ruby. (11/30)
Kim Flowers is having thyroid tests and requesting prayer for her friend Shelia Duley. (12/21)
Jane Graham is having some on-going tests and a doctor visit in December. (11/30)

Diane Huffman was able to attend church on 12/28. She is doing therapy to help her speech and swallowing. She will be having on-going infusions. Pray for continued healing. (8/10)
Maridor Keck for physical health and a sense of God's presence and peace.
Trina Kuipers, the Salvation Army cook, will have knee replacement surgery on 1/5. (8/31)
Brianna Laas, Cheryl Wons step-granddaughter, is facing a legal decision on 2/5 that will greatly impact her life.
Connie Perry is being treated for macular degeneration and will have hip replacement surgery early in 2026. (12/7)
Rachel Water, Sara Taylor's cousin, has been having some medical tests. Pray for healing and peace. (12/21)
Brenda Wheeler has been diagnosed with macular degeneration. She is having on-going eye tests. (11/2)

Cancer Prayer Concerns:

Cancer prayer concerns can be found as an insert in the bulletin the first Sunday of each month. Please consider sending a card of support to anyone with an address listed.

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

The family & friends of **Sandy Ann Stapleton**, mother of Kathi Beatty, who passed away on 12/26. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 10th at 3pm at Leavitt Funeral Home. Cards can be sent to Kathi at: 472 Jefferson Dr. Mineral Wells, WV 26150



January 4, 2026
"God is Love"

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." ~ 1 John 3:16-18
"This is the day the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it." ~ Psalm 118:24

Announcements and Ministry Opportunities
Call to Worship "Blessed Be your Name"
"You Are My King/ Amazing Love"
Praise Team
Musical Meditation "Always Remember Me"
David Enoch, Organ
Introit "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Chancel Choir

***Responsive Reading: Psalm 18**
Leader: "I love you, Lord, my strength."
People: "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."
Leader: "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me."
People: "He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me."
Leader: "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light."
People: "As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him."
Leader: "It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure."
People: "The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!"



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***Hymn No. 1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**
***Opening Prayer with Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)**
Greeting One Another "God So Loved the World"
Children's Moment
Ministry Moment WVBC Annual Training Event
Offertory Ministry Video
***Doxology**
Praises & Pastoral Prayer
Choir Anthem "By Our Love" Chancel Choir
Message: "LIFE: Loving God & Sharing the Gospel" Pastor Kurt Busiek
Scripture Passage: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
"Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."
***Hymn No. 66 "To God Be The Glory"**
Celebration of Communion Apostle's Creed
(All who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the Lord's Supper)
***Benediction Hymn No. 286 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**
"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."
~ A deacon will be available at the front of the church if you have a question or need prayer. ~
Postlude "Morning, Joyous Dawning" David Enoch, Organ
~ Before you leave, greet someone you do not know. ~



If you are a Guest at Emmanuel,
we want to welcome you
to our church!

If you're a Guest with us today: If you would like to know more about Emmanuel or if you have questions about the Christian faith, please contact our Guest Coordinator, Terry Ash at 910.547.4474 or Pastor Kurt Busiek 304.485.5171 or kurt@ebcwv.com. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card then pass the card along to the Pastor, or place the card in the offering plate. Pastor Busiek offers a LIFE Sunday School class (Sundays at 9:40 am) for guests who want to know more about Emmanuel and the Christian faith.

Last Week

Stewardship Report - December 28

Does Not Include On-Line Giving

General	\$ 9,408.96
Missions	1,069.20
Maintenance Fund	<u>213.84</u>
Total	\$ 10,692.00
Use of Building	200.00

Designated Funds:	
Benevolence Help Fund	550.00
Necessity Closet	460.00
RMMO	45.00

Giving Options

You can give online at www.ebcwv.com or
you can mail your check to:
EBC, 1710 23rd Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101

Attendance - December 24

Service In-Person	192
On-Line Attendance	961

Attendance - December 28

8:30 a.m. Service In-Person	32
10:45 a.m. Service In-Person	131
On-Line Attendance	798

Deacon of the Month for January

Rich Shawver

Service Leader Today:

Judy Jones

Greeters:

Bob & Judy Langkamer
Phil & Cynda O'Brien
Sarah Stephens
Melissa Davis
Rick & Tammy Cline



Calendar

Today - January 4

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services in the Sanctuary,
FB or You Tube Live at 10:45 a.m.
Find service links at www.ebcwv.com
9:30 a.m. Sunday School:
LIFE Class: Parlor (The Purpose Driven Life)
Seekers: Rm 201 (Psalms)
Encouragers: Rm 224 (Acts)
Youth Sunday School: Rm 203

Monday - January 5

12:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study: Conference Room
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting: Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - January 6 Epiphany

9:30 a.m. MomCo.: Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study: Conf. Room & Zoom
(<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738>, Code 087181)
Loving God With All Your Heart
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Board of Ministry: Conference Room

Wednesday - January 7

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting: Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Voice Lessons by Donna
5:00 p.m. Dinner: Fellowship Hall (menu & sign-up in
today's bulletin insert)
6:00 p.m. Bible Study: Conference Room & Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/87185860738> Code: 087181
Loving God With All Your Heart
Awana, Choir, & Youth

Thursday - January 8

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch: Olive Garden
5:15 p.m. Temple Challenge: Fellowship Hall

Saturday - January 10

10:00 a.m. EBC Annual Planning Meeting: Conference Rm
Scrapbooking: Encouragers Classroom

Happy Birthday to:

Jan. 6 Rhonda Johnston
7 Conner Busiek
Rob Johnston
8 Jeff Beatty
10 Tim Jamison
11 Miranda Beatty
Mark Blouir
Madi Butterfield
Mia Butterfield
Kim Constantino



Salvation Army Meal Schedule:

January 4 ~ MOV Fellowship Home
January 11 ~ EBC Youth

Announcements

Children's Ministry (PreK-5th):

- AWANA: Wednesdays at 6pm resumes Jan. 7th

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12):

- Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6pm in the Upside Down (Hope House) for recreation, snacks, games, and a lesson.
- Snow Camp January 16-18: Registration is open! If you want the church to cover your registration, let Joe know you're planning to go.

General Announcements:

- Necessity Closet: On Dec. 23rd, we helped 10 families (4 new) and gave out 23 emergency bags for a total of 56 people helped. **Donations for the month of Jan. is Disinfectant Wipes.**
- 2026 EBC Calendars: Extra calendars are available to be picked up in the narthex.
- Help the A/V Team: Do you have any smart phones you are not using anymore? Donate them to the EBC A/V Ministry. Drop off in the church office. Please put your name on the devices you donate.
- Childcare Coordinator Needed: The 2026 Marriage Course is looking for a childcare coordinator for 7 Fridays beginning Jan. 23rd. Interested? Contact Eileen Mayer.
- Baptism Service: If you or someone you know is interested in baptism, then please contact Pastor Kurt.
- Giving Envelopes - If you use giving envelopes and would like to have some made, email: jessica@ebcwv.com or call the office at (304) 485-5171. We can make them weekly, monthly, with or without monthly capital campaign and/or special mission offerings. Stamps are available if you prefer to mail in your offerings.
- Right Now Media: Emmanuel subscribes to the Right Now Media Video library which has 1000s of helpful Christian speakers and Bible studies. You can access this library using the church log in. Call the office for information. Right Now also many good seasonal studies for Easter and Christmas.
- January LIFE Series: In January we'll look at our LIFE mission statement combined with the four "G"s of our identity: Emmanuel seeks to offer LIFE to the world: Loving God: gospel. Including others: grace. Finding Connection: gratitude. Engaging Community: generosity.
- Special Christmas Manger Video Series: The Nativity Series shown during Sunday worship is available to watch by following the link: <https://u.pcloud.link/publink/show?code=kZk5px5ZAGxqzOMfwx7af3pPI9AsCki7tOo7> Email info@ebcwv.com or call the office to get the link emailed to you.
- Annual Reports: We are asking for your annual reports ASAP. Address and phone number changes are also needed for the directory, which is included with the report.

Board of Ministry members, Sunday School Classes, Staff, Circles, choirs, EBWM, etc. should turn in reports to jessica@ebcwv.com.

- Annual Planning Meeting: On **Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10am**, BOM, Deacons, staff and any interested members are invited to gather in the Conference Room for a time of prayer and planning of the main ministry events for 2026.
- Caregiver Support: This group will meet on **Monday, Jan. 12th at 2pm** in the Parlor. This support group is open to anyone in the community who is caring for an ailing spouse, family member or friend.
- Deacon's Meeting: A meeting of the deacons will take place on **Saturday, Jan. 17 at 10am** in the Conference Room.
- Music Team Meeting: The music team will meet on **Sunday, Jan. 18th** after the 10:45am worship service at Olive Garden. Please contact Donna Marcinko to RSVP.
- Finance Team Meeting: The finance team will meet on **Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 12pm** in the Conference Room.
- Annual Business Meeting: **Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6pm** in the Conference Room.
- Life Line Health Screening: EBC is once again hosting this low cost community health screening. See the insert for information on scheduling your appt. on **Thursday, Jan. 22 9am-4:30pm**.
- The Marriage Course: Begins on **Friday, Jan. 23** and runs for 7 weeks. The team still needs anchor couples and childcare volunteers. Contact Eileen Mayer at 304.834.2563 for details or see the insert.
- DivorceCare: DivorceCare support group will begin a new 13 week session beginning **Tuesday, Jan.27** from 6pm-8pm in the Parlor. Contact Melanie Whited at 304.834.8637 or divorcecare.com for more information
- WVBC Annual Training Event: Please consider attending this annual training event sponsored by the WV Baptist Convention on **Saturday, Feb. 7** if you serve in a leadership role or are considering a leadership role at Emmanuel. **Registration is due by Jan. 24** and forms can be found in the narthex. See insert for details.
- Loss of a Spouse Workshop: Join us on **Saturday, Feb. 7** from **10am-12pm** in the Seeker's Classroom. Consider this workshop if you or someone you know feel extreme loneliness, wonder what to do with your spouse's belongings, feel like your brain is in a fog, or are unsure of how you'll go on. At this workshop you'll discover: other people understand and have found ways to make it through, why it won't always hurt so much, reasons for hope, and practical tips for coping with the death of a spouse.