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January Newsletter

# Emmanuel Church

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## What Are Your Convictions?

This past year, I have tried to cater the newsletter essay to the specific season of the year (February for Valentine's Day for instance). Each year I want to do something different so that it doesn't always look the same. This year we look at Bible belief topics. This approach can examine convictions of Christianity, while giving a sample of what I would cover if we had a regular membership class.

One of the first things to address if I were writing a systematic theology is why Bible doctrine is valuable. Have you ever asked yourself what you believe and why you believe it? It's a good thing to know what our faith is about. Bible doctrine (teaching) is important because:

1. It can recapture the early Christian vision (Acts 2:41-42).
2. It is part of living out Christ's last command (Matthew 28:20).
3. It provides freedom from latching on to false notions that are in the world (I Timothy 4:13; II Timothy 3:14 and 4:1-5; Titus 1:9).
4. It reminds us not to let our values slip away (Hebrews 2:1).
5. It affects how we behave / live (I Timothy 4:6-9).

Other relevant Scriptures: Romans 16:17; II Thessalonians 2:15; Titus 2:1; Jude verses 3-4.

So as you approach a new year, dig in to the word and be nourished on spiritual food.

Happy New Year!

- Dean

## AT WINTER'S EDGE

I stand at winter's edge,  
behind, lies Spring,  
lush and lovely spring,  
budding flowers, sudden showers,  
days of promise,  
nights of dreams.

Tread lightly, heart,  
for summer comes apace  
with sunny days  
and starry nights  
where hopes become realities  
and dreams grow ripe.

Walk softly, heart,  
into the fall,  
its somber loveliness,  
the red and gold  
of sleeping fires  
that crackle underfoot  
like fallen leaves.

I stand at winter's edge  
and catch a glimpse  
of sculptured ice,  
of diadems of falling snow,  
a naked world of of pristine charm.

Walk proudly, heart,  
there's beauty yet to come.

*Winifred Brand*

## A NEW YEAR

A new year hath dawned, and what shall it be,  
A year lived for God, or a year lived for "me"?  
A year with hours wasted in foolish regretting  
O'er all the mistakes I have made,  
Or a year, like a garment, made useful by mending  
That the rents may no further be frayed?

The past year is gone, it can never return,  
Opportunities gone, with my chances to learn  
But shall I sit grieving, my eyes fully blinded  
To visions of service ahead?

There are numberless folk needing food of soul-comfort  
From God's store of the true Living Bread.

No! Forgetting those things which today lie behind,  
I shall reach forth to new things with heart and with mind.  
Grasping new opportunities lying before me,  
I shall run in true patience the race,  
Pressing on toward the mark for the prize in Christ Jesus,  
Till BY HIM, I'm made perfect through grace.

*Grace B. Renfrow*

**Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 12-18-16):** Thelma Crumrine, Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribbs Sr, Vivian Hutchinson, Ed Cromwell, Jeanette Cook, Cathy Coldwell, Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, Donna, Edith Dyne, Adrianna Blackburn, Mason Pierri, David Hackett, Rene Majia, Richard Alyea, Joshua & Becky Pentecost; Jaffeth Saucedo; Nora Storer, Jay Johnson, Ellen McClurg, Shelly Paul, Gloria Shearer, Vicki Page, Chris Ludwick, Beverly Pierce, Eileen Tobias, Matt and Emily Webb, Ted Koechel, Evan's six year old daughter, Kathi Mull; family of Ayla Woolyung; Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki, Ray Carroll, Sue Sloane, Ann Conrad, Hope Appelbaum, Susan Knecht, Kevin Swords, the Holbrook family.



**Bible Study:**

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Thursdays of the month (5th, 19th), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in!**

**Council Carry-in:**

Sunday, January 15th, we will have a carry-in dinner after services and then the business meeting, which you are invited to attend. Bring a covered dish, we usually have plenty of food to share.

**Coming up:**

**Valentine Pizza:**

Sunday, February 12th, we will have pizza and snacks after church services, to celebrate Valentine's day. You can get your photo taken, with your sweetie.

Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday, 6:00pm

**Local News:**

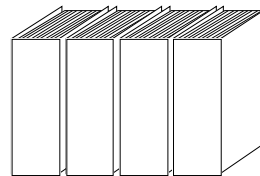
The kids from Junior Church sang last week, with angelic voices.

The stewards have replaced two windows, are looking into getting air conditioning for the church ( by spring).

Donations accepted!

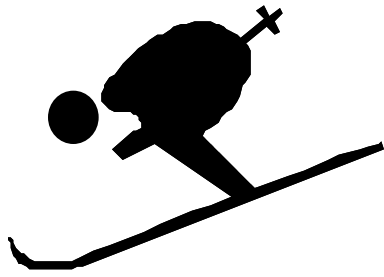
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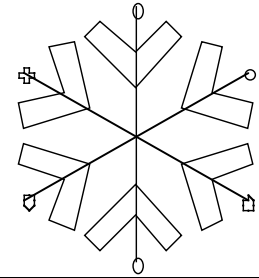


**Brethren Heritage Center**

The center is open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays, usually 10:00am to 4:00pm. Contact them at 937-833-5222 or email amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org to schedule a visit.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	Daryl Douple 2	3	Mary Jo Pierce 4	5	6	7
8	Dana Deardorff 9	10	11	Nora Storer 12	John Pierce 13	14
Colton 15 <b>Carry-In Council (Budget)</b>	16	Byrl Shaver 17	18	Roger Oren 19	20	21
22	23	24	25	Faye Tyler 26	Daryl Oren 27 Kyle Hope	28
Vivian Hutchinson 29	Craig Horn 30 Wilber Holbrook	31				