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March Newsletter

# Emmanuel Church

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## The God We Serve

How would you describe God? Our imagining can bring up concepts that are accurate or inaccurate. There is so much mystery to man about God's vastness that we will need to wait until we reach heaven to know more. The Scriptures however, do give us a description that is awesome and amazing. Let's look at some of His characteristics. –

- ❖ God knows everything (Psalm 139:1-4)
- ❖ He is present everywhere (Psalm 139:7-12)
- ❖ The power of God is unlimited (Job 42:1; Gen. 18:14; Jer. 32:17)
- ❖ God is just (Zechariah 9:9; Acts 22:14; II Timothy 4:8)
- ❖ He exists as a Unity of One (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- ❖ But also exists as One in three Persons (Matthew 28:19)
- ❖ Our God is holy (Leviticus 11:44-45; Psalm 99:9)
- ❖ God is also love (I John 4:7-11)
- ❖ Eternal, with no beginning or ending (Psalm 90:2; 93:2)
- ❖ Not only eternal, but unchanging (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; James 1:17)
- ❖ He is a Spirit (John 4:24)
- ❖ God is a Parent also. While almost always referred to in masculine terms (Matthew 5:45; 6:8-9; 6:32), God is so perfectly complete that He is a Parent in all aspects (Isaiah 66:13).

What is my response to all this? To feel a sense of awe and desire to worship. Our God is truly great!      Have a great March

- Dean

## THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

One of the most powerful things one person can share with another is encouragement. Encouragement can stop a suicide, a divorce, and countless other tragedies. A word of encouragement can heal someone who is broken and wounded. It can give someone the courage to keep trying.

Our world is full of negative, bitter, uncaring people who can't say anything good about anyone or anything. The people of God should be a radiant contrast to the people of the world. We should bubble over with the joy of the Holy Spirit. We should find it easy to be positive and uplifting. Are you an encouragement to those around you? Don't let someone die from neglect and lack of encouragement. Share your Christian joy by encouraging those around you on a regular basis!

## *March*

March likes to tease and make us think  
That spring's around the bend;  
The winds are soft and gently  
Like a little lamb and then  
Before we know what's happening  
The winds are harsh and cold;  
We know that winter's still around  
We are not really fooled.  
March is so unpredictable,  
It can't make up its mind  
But we need a little patience  
And one day we will find  
That there are little catkins'  
On the pussy willow trees;  
Spring is just around the corner  
And the wind is just a breeze.

-Edna C. Lovelace

**Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 2-19-17):** 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, Matt and Emily Webb, Ted Koechel; Evan's six year old daughter, family of Ayla Woolyung; Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki; Ray Carroll; Sue Sloane; Ann Conrad; Susan Knecht; Kevin Swords, LeeAnne Johnson; Skinner family; Deb Derr; Ray Bostick; Chris & Ronda; Karen Mejia; the Porter family; Amy K's Aunt Virginia, Arlene & Bill Johnson



**Bible Study:**

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Thursdays of the month (2nd, 16th, 30th), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in!**

**Ash Wednesday:**

Wednesday, March 1st, the pastor will console all those in need with the ashes and oil, starting at 6:00pm

Sunday, March 5th we will have a carry-in lunch in honor of those friends we have and hold dear. Just after the service, you and your friends are invited to stay and eat with us.

Sunday March 19th, just after the service, the board will meet and discuss the air conditioner quotes and how to cool the building.

**Coming up:**

Sunday, April 13th, Love Feast, 6:30pm  
Sunday, April 16th, Easter Breakfast 9:30am  
Sunday April 23rd, Church Council after services.

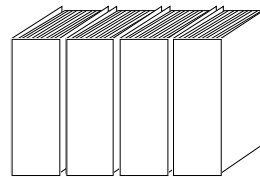
**Local News:**

Donations have started for the AC units, stewards are getting several estimates to present March 19th.

Dean Garrett transferred his membership to our church on February 19th, was welcomed as a member by our board chair and all the congregation.

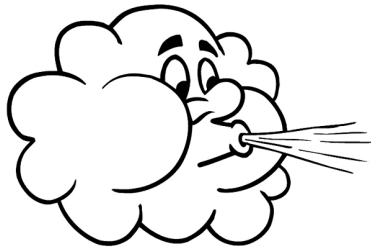
**Our new Pastor:**

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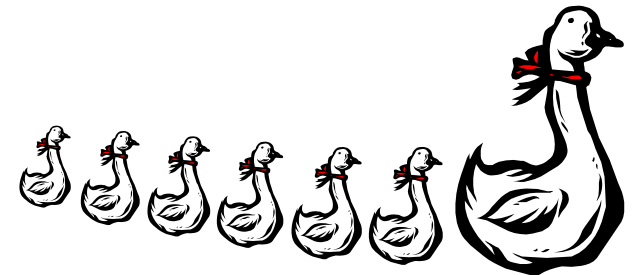


**Brethren Heritage Center**

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](mailto:amack1708@brethrenheritagecenter.org) to schedule a visit.



# March 2017



| Sunday  | Monday                         | Tuesday        | Wednesday                                | Thursday                   | Friday   | Saturday        |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
|   |                                |                | 1<br><b>Ash<br/>Wednesday<br/>6:00pm</b> | 2<br>Jason & Amy<br>Ballew | 3  | 4               |
| Debi Brown 5<br><b>Bring a Friend<br/>Carry-in!</b> | 6                              | Kevin Ballew 7 | Jennifer Myers 8<br>Nicolas Brown        | 9                          | 10   | 11              |
| 12<br><b>Spring<br/>Forward!</b>                    | 13                             | 14             | Donna Horn 15                            | 16                         | 17   | Susan Knecht 18 |
| 19<br><b>Board<br/>12:00pm</b>                      | 20                             | 21             | 22                                       | 23                         | Jay Schneider <sup>24</sup><br>Bill Vaughn<br>Chad Brown | 25              |
| 26  | 27<br>Ernest & Peggy<br>Vaughn | Keith Brown 28 | Juanita 29<br>Deardorff                  | 30                         | 31<br>Craig & Teresa<br>Horn                             |                 |