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March Newsletter

# Emmanuel Church

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## Worried? Take it to Him!

It's time for another memory verse. Some Scriptures teach us about God, others tell us how to serve Him, still others provide encouragement and hope. That is what the lesson of Philippians 4:6 - 7 is about. This is one of my favorites, although how do we have favorites when it comes to the Bible? These particular verses came to life for me at a time when I had an extended period of ten months without employment. The encouragement that it gave was that when the road of life gets tough, ask God for help and He can take care of your worries for you.

It says: "Be anxious over nothing, but in every situation by prayer and supplication bring your requests to God; and the peace of God which goes beyond understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

As the message of one hymn says, "take it to the Lord in prayer."

When going about the activity of finding verses to commit to memory, look for balance by claiming a variety of Scriptures. Claim verses that teach and encourage, and at the same time look for verses that inspire and lay an obligation for Christian growth as well.

**Suggested memory verse: Philippians 4:6 - 7**

It's March...spring is on its way!

Pastor Dean



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## A PRAYER IN SPRING

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

by Robert Frost

## THE BLESSINGS OF SPRING

There are many blessings,  
that each new Spring brings  
you can see it bloom about  
and hear the song it sings.

With winter's bleakness over,  
and brighter days ahead  
comes promises of new life  
Springtime loves to spread.

As God unfolds the flowers,  
and their buds begin to show  
He gives to us the assurance  
grace in our hearts will grow.

He sends us the robin's song,  
with the promise to provide  
a shelter under His mighty wing  
where in His love we can abide.

He melts the snowy covers,  
and sends the refreshing rain  
sprinkling us with His mercies  
to heal winter's ache and pain.

God's given to all His Son,  
to shed upon us a new light  
and the real blessing of Spring...  
is keeping Jesus in our sight!

Deborah Ann Belka

Latest Prayer List (from Bulletin 2-18-18): Katie Engel, Ronald Allan Scribbsen Sr, Vivian Hutchinson, Ed Cromwell, Jeanette Cook, Cathy Coldwell, Hannah Smith, Angie Porter, Mason Pierri, David Hackett, Rene Majia, Joshua & Becky Pentecost; Jaffeth Saucedo; Nora Storer, Jay Johnson, Gloria Shearer, Joan Lewis, Bob Smith, Nikki; Ray Carroll; Sue Sloane; Ann Conrad; Karen Mejia; Virginia Donahue; Paul Conrad; Allie; Sue Timbrook; Kim Walker, Harper Knecht; Shirley Gooch; Charlotte Paugh; Matt & Trish; Gareth Snyder; Faye Tyler; LeeAnne's son; Jo Pierce; John Pierce; Suzy E; Jackie; Becky's brother; Bill Pentecost; Janelle Ingram; Regina Smith; Lillian and Josh; Chuck; Darren Ginter; Marsha Lyle; Margie Swigart; Angie; Claire Rexrode; Kay Deekman; Adam; Nathan; Amy K

### **Bring a Friend Carry-In:**

March 4th, just after the service we will have lunch and fellowship. Bring a covered dish and desserts to share.

### **Board Meeting:**

March 18th, just after the service we will have the board meet for the first time this year.

### **Love Feast:**

March 29th, 6:30pm at the church.



### **Bible Study:**

The pastor will be coming at 6:00pm, for the first, third, fifth Wednesdays of the month (7th, 21st), to study the Bible. You are welcome to **drop in. Call the pastor for the location!**

### **Coming up:**

April 1st, Easter Breakfast & Service.  
April 22nd, Council Carry-in after church.  
May 13th, Mother's Day Breakfast.

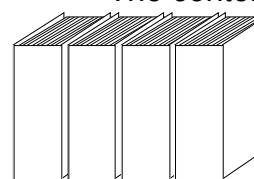
### **Local News:**

Easter is coming up, Amy and Susan are looking for volunteers to help.

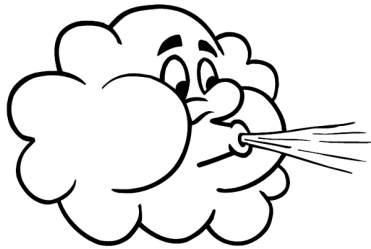
### **Our new Pastor:**

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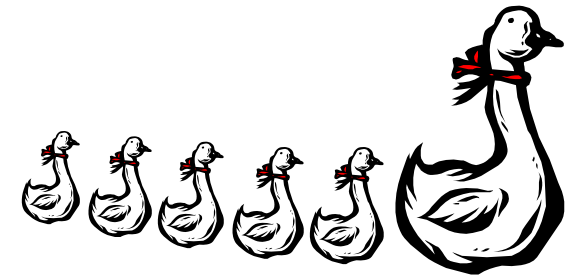
### **Brethren Heritage Center**



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 2018



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