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MARCH NEWSLETTER



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	11:00 a.m.
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.


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He
satisfieth
the
longing
soul.

Psalm 107:9a

**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bulletin for Sunday, March 2, 2025
& March 2025 Newsletter**

MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.						1
2 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship w/Communion Chili feed after worship	3 Pastor Brett out of Office 3/3 - 3/9	4	5 	6 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group	7	8
9 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship Daylight Saving Time Starts – set clocks ahead 1 hour	10 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	11 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	12 Pastor Brett 9:00am-1:00pm	13 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 6:30 pm Fun & Fellowship	14	15 9:00 am Iron Men
16 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship	17	18	19 Pastor Brett 9:00am-1:00pm	20 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men’s Bible Study 6:30 pm Church Improvement Ministry Team Meeting	21 2:00 pm UGM Lamplighters	22
23 9:15 am Prayer 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Quarterly Business Meeting	24	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 Pastor Brett 9:00am-1:00pm Online Bible Study posted in the p.m.	27 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group	28	29
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TODAY is the official last Sunday for Pastor Brett as Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church
 Please join us in helping us wish him well with a Chili dinner and fellowship following the worship service.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT—The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. It shall seek to attain this end through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, corporate and individual prayer, consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor, and Christian education.

Order of Worship

March 2, 2025

Please mute your electronic devices.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Offering**

- *“Heaven Came Down” #510
- * “Doxology” #815
- * Dedication Prayer

Hymn: * “God Is So Good” #193

Congregational Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-25 pg. 1821

Message: “Your Only Hope”

The Lord’s Supper

*Call to Communion “Come to the Table” #464

Hymn: “Glory Be to the Father” #812

***Benediction**

Postlude

Deacon Offering

*Please stand, if you are able.

Fellowship & chili following the church service

THIS WEEK ON OUR CALENDAR

March 6	11:00 am	Nehemiah Prayer Group
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS— SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HR		
March 9	9:15 am	Prayer
	9:30 am	Worship
March 10	6:00 pm	Advisory Board Meeting

Offerings to Date

Average Weekly Donations through **02/23/25**: \$ 3,319.01*

* This figure includes only offerings for our General Fund; it does not include offerings for Special Missions, Memorial Fund, Transfers, or gifts to cover Non-Budgeted Expenses.

Our 2025 budget is \$136,628 ÷ 52 weeks = \$2,647.46 average per week.

Heaven Came Down #510

1. O what a wonderful, wonderful day - day I will never forget;
After I'd wandered in darkness away, Jesus my Savior I met.
O what a tender, compassionate friend
He met the need of my heart;
Shadows dispelling, With joy I am telling,
He made all the darkness depart.
Chorus:
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away -
And my night was turned to day -
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!
2. Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's fam'ly divine,
Justified fully thru Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made
When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace He did proffer -
He saved me, O praise His dear name! **Chorus**
3. Now I've a hope that will surely endure After the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received. **Chorus**



THANK YOU Pastor Brett for your visits and prayers and to my Emmanuel family for your prayers and cards. May the Lord bless each of us as we serve the Lord.

-Helen Peters-



SCAM ALERT—BEWARE!

If you get any emails or text messages saying it's from Pastor Brett and/or anyone for that matter requesting money, gift cards or favors

DO NOT REPLY—DELETE THE MESSAGE!

Please use caution as scammers are phishing for your money or personal information.



Please note that we are proposing fundraisers for the parking lot. Any donations made at those events we will use the gifted money to match the donated amount. Up to a \$5000 limit, per event. Questions or concerns, please contact someone from the Church Improvement Ministry Team:

Austin & Melanie Wheeler
Paulette Daggett, Al Parliament

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

MONTHLY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
02/02	36	21	\$3,508.00
02/9	35	18	\$1,461.00
02/16	36	12	\$4,604.07
02/23	40	11	\$2,080.00

2025 Year to Date received: \$26,552.07

2025 Budgeted Amount: \$21,019.68

Amount Needed Per Sunday: *\$2,627.46

***These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.**

	MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
1	Marla Reynolds	Summer Hessamfar
3	Taylor Anne Gardner	25 Bridget Van't Hof
5	Dylan Gilk	Breanna (Van't Hof) Peterson
6	Jackie Williams	30 Val Thompson
10	Carole Mathieu	MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
13	Barb Horton	2 Marv & Becky Thorstenson
17	Denny Horton	5 Dwayne & Jackie Williams
20	Harvey Lee Brewer	18 Duane and Doris Carlson
21	Chris Paul	
23	Ellen Hawes	
	Dan Van't Hof	

PASTOR	Rev. Brett Best
PIANIST	Dawn Thie
USHERS	Gary O'Connell & Al Parliament
GREETER	Sharon Hoover
VIDEO TECHNICIAN	James Best
AUDIO TECHNICIANS	Steve Stutson & Aiden Thie

God Is So Good #193

1. God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!
2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me!
3. He loves me so, He loves me so,
He loves me so, He's so good to me!
4. God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!

Public Domain

Come To the Table #464

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from His nail-scarred hand
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb. Repeat

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Glory Be to the Father #812

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Message Notes

Colossians 1:24-2:5 – “Your Only Hope”
Jesus Christ IN YOU is your only hope.

1. Paul found telling the Good News a pursuit worthy of his suffering. (1:24)

A. I AM _____ WHEN I SUFFER FOR YOU IN MY BODY.

B. Because I AM PARTICIPATING IN THE _____ SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST FOR THE CHURCH.

2. The Good News is hope in Christ. (1:25-29)

A. Paul was commissioned to be a messenger of _____.

B. Paul was commissioned to tell God’s _____.

C. Paul _____ and _____ to fulfill his commission.

3. The church in Laodicea as an example. (2:1-5)

A. Paul _____ in his efforts to build up the church.

B. This hope as four stages of _____ in Christ.



For Your Information

A **schedule of services** for the remainder of 2025 is included in the March newsletter.

- This schedule is based on my new role as Interim Pastor. It will be interrupted at any point by the installation of a new pastor.
- Our constitution does not have any instructions on the selection of an Interim Pastor. The closest thing we could find was the Advisory Board’s responsibility to make arrangements for Pulpit Supply. However, as living memory said that past Search Committees had selected an interim, the Advisory Board clarified the situation. They empowered the Search Committee to select an Interim Pastor while they retained the responsibility of finding Pulpit Supply as needed.
- Our contract for services as an Interim Pastor is essentially a one-quarter time job, working what amounts to three weeks out of four. During this “retirement” transition, I’m a fulltime student and parttime preacher and teacher.
- A calendar depicting time spent in ministry hangs on the wall outside my office door.
- Prayer Chain calls and other kinds of regular correspondence should be addressed to the office. (See the calendar for office hours.)
- As we move forward in this process, prayer, patience, and unity will be more important than ever. Your ongoing support of our ministry is vitally important for the future of Emmanuel.

**Daylight Saving
Time Starts**

March 9, 2025

On behalf of the Search Committee we ask that you provide us with input on what you desire in a new pastor.

Please prayerfully select the ministry areas you feel are most necessary for effective pastoral leadership in our church at this time by putting your top five choices in numerical order.

Once completed, return them to the office, or a member of the committee.

___ Develop and maintain programs and activities for enlarging the membership and/or the vision and ministry for the church.

___ Resolve conflict situations with persons or groups for the sake of the church's ministry.

___ Provide by word and presence an empathetic understanding and concern for persons in the routine joys as well as the crises and transitions of life, giving assistance where appropriate and feasible, support healing relationships with pastoral counseling.

___ Provide a teaching ministry that is based on theology, education, and historical foundations, communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology in terms relevant to a person's lives.

___ Make formal and informal connections with church members or others in their homes, at work or in other settings.

___ Participate actively in worship, offering feedback and suggestions for greater participation and effectiveness in the expression of praise, thanksgiving and devotion to God.

___ Develop and lead a ministry with adolescents which nurtures youth toward Christian faith.

___ Provide opportunities for members to understand and enhance their spiritual gifts by motivating and supporting them in discovering and using their gifts for ministry and in their daily lives for the glory of God.

___ Attempt to turn vision into reality and sustain it in the church.

___ Encourage members to use their personal gifts, skills and finances to support our church financially.

Committee Members: Dawn Thie, Kevin Skogstad, Victor Solo, Brad and Beth Thoreson, Steve and Shelly Stutson

Church Improvement Ministry Suggestion Form

Name/Phone Number/Email Address:

Suggestions:

Please return your ideas/suggestions to the church office or give to one of the ministry team members.

Ministry Team Members:

Austin Wheeler	Melanie Wheeler
Al Parliament	Paulette Daggett
Richard Rose	Shelly Stutson

**Contract for Preaching and Teaching Services (March 3 to December 31, 2025)
Between Rev. Brett Best and Emmanuel Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, SD**

Rev. Best will...

- 1) Work 32 weeks and have 11 weeks off (see below). The work week runs from Monday to Sunday, a minimum of ten hours of work per week. Required office hours shall be from 9-1 on Wednesday.
- 2) Each work week shall include these minimum services.
 - One visit.
 - One class.
 - One Sunday worship service.(Any additional services will be voluntary without salary.)
- 3) He shall have NO administrative duties, save a written report at the end of each month showing that his minimum services (item #2, above) have been met. A request to attend a meeting must be made in writing at least 48 hours in advance, except for genuine emergencies.
- 4) Costs for providing services (gas, books, etc.) are the responsibility of the contractor.
- 5) Attendance at church events is voluntary unless the contractor is leading the event.
- 6) Officiating funerals must be negotiated with the contractor receiving an honorarium. He will not officiate weddings.

Emmanuel Baptist Church will...

- 1) Pay \$600 per work week, with pay due when the contractor's monthly report is turned in to the Moderator and the Treasurer. Payment by check.
- 2) Respect the contractor's time, especially time off, with consideration given to true emergencies.
- 3) Recognize the contractor is a part-time employee; expectations need to be adjusted accordingly.
- 4) Pray for and support the contractor in the exercise of his ministry.

THIS CONTRACT MAY BE VOIDED ...if the contractor gives two weeks' notice to resign. OR ...if the congregation votes (at a legally called meeting) to terminate the contract. (See EBC constitution for termination rules.)

THIS CONTRACT IS VOIDED when EBC calls a new permanent pastor.

Rev. Brett Best, February 16, 2025
(Rev. Best's Signature and Date)

Mr. Steve Studson, February 16, 2025
(EBC Representative and Date)

Schedule: (# = number of weeks)

March 3-9 = Off (1)

March 5 = Lent Begins

March 10-April 20 = Work (6)

March 11 = Adult Bible Study

March 20 = Men's Bible Study

March 26 = Online Bible Study

April 1 = Adult Bible Study

April 10 = Men's Bible Study

April 13 = Palm Sunday

April 16 = Online Bible Study

April 18 = Good Friday Service

April 20 = Easter Sunday

April 21-May 4 = Off (2)

April 27 = Camp Judson Offering

May 5- June 1 = Work (4)

May 6 = Adult Bible Study

May 15 = Men's Bible Study

May 21 = Online Bible Study

May 27 = Adult Bible Study

June 2-8 = Off (1)

June 9-22 = Work (2)

June 12 = Men's Bible Study

June 18 = Online Bible study

June 22 + 29 = One Great Hour of

Sharing Offering

June 23-July 6 = Off (2)

July 7-August 17 = Work (6)

July 8 = Adult Bible Study

July 17 = Men's Bible Study

July 23 = Online Bible Study

July 29 = Adult Bible Study

August 7 = Men's Bible Study

August 13 = Online Bible Study

August 18-24 = Off (1)

August 25-September 14 (3)

August 26 = Adult Bible Study

September 4 = Men's Bible Study

September 10 = Online Bible Study

September 14+21 = World

Mission Off.

September 15-21 = Off (1)

Sept. 22-October 12 Work (3)

September 23 = Adult Bible Study

October 2 = Men's Bible Study

October 8 = Online Bible Study

October 13-19 = Off (1)

Oct. 20-November 9 = Work (3)

October 21 = Adult Bible Study

October 30 = Men's Bible Study

November 5 = Online Bible Study

November 10-23 = Off (2)

Nov. 24-December 28 = Work (5)

November 25 = Adult Bible Study

November 30 = Advent Begins

Red Sock Offering

December 4 = Men's Bible Study

December 10 = Online Bible Study

December 18 = Men's Bible Study

December 21+28 = Retired

Ministers and Missionaries

Offering

December 23 = Adult Bible Study

December 24 = Christmas Eve

December 31 = Contract Ends

Bible Studies:

- Adult Bible Studies are on

Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

- Men's Bible Studies are held on

Thursdays at 1:30 pm.

- Online Bible Studies are posted

on YouTube Wednesday

afternoons.