

# Acts & Facts Newsletter

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# **Spring Gathering!**

Ladies, do you feel overwhelmed and long for peace? Join us **April 21-22, 2023**as we look at Exodus 14:14
"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

There will be a time of fellowship, worship, prayer, and growing together in God's Word.

Friday evening, April 21 we will meet from 7-9 pm and Saturday April 22 from 8:30-11:30 am. Sign up using the QR code or on the bulletin board in the east hallway.

For more information contact Tina at (785) 770-7545.

If you need child care please let us know.

#### Emmanuel Communications Reminder—

The two main modes of communication that we use are the Emmanuel Facebook Page and the eNews that comes in the form of an email almost weekly. The Acts and Facts is issued once a month and also includes great information, but for communication of unforeseen changes and important information, please be sure that we have your email and also that you are following our Facebook page. Thanks for staying connected through these modes of communication.

# Our Vision.

to Reach the lost to Disciple Believers and Equip all for ministry

## **OUR MISSION**

TO SEE THE TRANSFORMATION
OF PEOPLE AND THE BUILDING OF
FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THE
LOVE, GRACE, WORSHIP, AND
TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST

## **Our Core Values:**

Love

Grace

**W**orship

**7**ruth



Hello Emmanuel Family!

April will be welcomed this year by Palm Sunday on the first Sunday of the month then Easter on the second Sunday. It's always a great time of celebration of the resurrection of our King! This year we'll have special messages for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday then will launch a three-week series called "Why?" that will take a look at the Book of Job from the Old Testament. It will be a great follow up to our Easter season as we look at the sovereignty of God.

As the weather warms up, we start to engage in more and new activities in the life of the Church. Please consider participating in the following and please make sure to check out the weekly eNews and our Facebook page for even more ways to get connected to God and each other.

Sun., April 2 Palm Sunday Celebration

Fri., April 7 Reflections on Good Friday/Holy Communion 6pm-8pm

This is a great family event or put together a group of friends for this

experiential time of reflecting on Good Friday that concludes with a time of

**Holy Communion** 

Sun., April 9 Easter Sunday Celebration

Join the Easter Choir and Praise Team as we celebrate the resurrection of our

Lord and Savior at both identical services.

Kids Easter Egg Hunt 10am

Wed., April 12 Last Wednesday BLAST for the spring

Sat., April 15 Men's Breakfast 8am

Sun., April 16 Emmanuel Partner's Class 12:15pm

If you're new to Emmanuel, this is a great time to learn more about Emmanuel

Church, our history, and our vision. Lunch and childcare provided.

April 21-22 Women's Gathering

I hope you'll consider getting involved in the life of Emmanuel Church through participation in events and serving. It's really a great way to stay connected to Jesus and the church family. Blessings!

Pastor Gordon





Stay connected on our Momentum Youth Facebook page: Momentum-youth

Momentum Youth updates can be found on the Youth bulletin board as well.

Upcoming events:

◆ Youth Discipleship Hour Sundays 10A.M.

B.L.A.S.T. Wednesdays at 5:30 P.M. (Ends Wed., April 12, see you next fall!)

Youth Life groups meet throughout the week. Let us know if you are interested in joining a group.

Happy April everyone! Hope everyone is enjoying their Spring so far. It's a great time of the year when we can get out more and enjoy the nice weather. It is also a blessed time of year as we get closer to Easter. It is the time of year that we get to enjoy celebrating what Jesus did for us on the cross. Such a blessing! This month for the Youth discipleship hour, and this month for Blast, we will be looking at salvation and how great the story of the cross is. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. This will always be a great time of year because we can celebrate the story of the cross. We will also be continuing our Youth life groups. If you are interested in a life group and have not been attending yet, just let us know. We look forward to many blessings this month. Hope you all have a blessed April, as we enjoy Easter, Spring, and many other blessings as well. -Pastor Stewart

He was ... raised to life for our justification.



**Reflections on Good Friday** — We will host a Good Friday event from 6-8pm on Friday, April 7. This intimate, interactive, self-reflective, and self-directed experience will cause you to focus on the significance of the work of the cross. Please plan to come and consider bringing your family and a non-believing friend.

**He is Risen** – **Easter Sunday** – Sunday, April 9 is Easter Sunday. If you are in town, make plans to attend our regularly scheduled services (8:45am and 11am). We will have an Easter Choir helping us in worship. Come celebrate our Risen King with us!

Planning Center Block Out Dates – Worship and Tech teams: Pastor Marc will be scheduling May through August after Easter. Please take time to enter your block out dates into Planning Center.





**Easter Sunday:** Emmanuel Kids will be celebrating Easter Sunday, April 9 with a special service in between services at 10:00am with an egg hunt, craft and special Easter lesson included for all ages. Please plan for your child to bring some sort of Easter basket. We are also encouraging families to enjoy the Easter service together and will only be providing nursery for children 2 and under. We are also looking for donations of eggs, candy, or small toys, or filled eggs with candy or small toys that can be brought in by Sunday, April 2. Please bring by the church office or give them to Pastor Rachel. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this service!

**Palm Sunday:** On Sunday, April 2, if your child, 5th grade on down, would like to wave palm leaves during the 1st worship song of the service, please have them meet in Room 104 at 8:30am and 10:45am. After the palm parade, they will be dismissed to the back of the worship center so please meet your child there. If your child is 2 and under, please plan to accompany your child in the parade. Children will be dismissed to children's church at regular time.



**VBS:** Vacation Bible School is coming up! The dates are July 10-14 in the evenings. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Pastor Rachel know! Child registration will begin May 1.



**Preschool Enrollment:** We are still accepting applications for children ages 3-5 yrs to attend Emmanuel's Preschool in the 2023-2024 school year. Please stop by the church office to pick up a packet for more information.





#### **OCC** collection

We are collecting an item each month to use for a packing party in November. This month we will be collecting small shoebox sized stuffed animals. Please bring donations to the office.





**Kids Camp:** Emmanuel Kids is heading to camp this summer June 25-28! Applications can be picked up from Pastor Rachel! Camp will be for kids entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to leaving 5<sup>th</sup> grade and they will be attending Wheat State Camp in Augusta, KS.





Vacation Bible School Work Days, please come help us out on both or one of the following times as we prepare for 2023 VBS. **Thur., April 13** from 1pm-4pm-Snack provided, please sign up so we know how many to anticipate. **Sun., April 30**, 12:15pm right after Church until 4pm, Lunch provided, please sign up so we know how much food we need.

Any question contact Meagan Parsons at 785.263.5483.



## DID YOU KNOW—



#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**, **April 2**—Palm Sunday Palm Parade (Children's Ministry)

**Wednesday, April 5**— Easter Choir Rehearsal—7:45pm

Friday, April 7—Good Friday Good Friday Service—6pm (Holy Communion)

**Saturday, April 8**—Easter Choir Dress Rehearsal—9:30am

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday
7:45am Easter Choir Warmup
8:45am Worship Service
10am Discipleship Classes
10:00am Easter Egg Hunt (Children's Ministry)
11am Worship Service

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Care 4 Next 4 is a ministry to Emmanuel youth in their first four years following high school graduation. The goal of this ministry is to show love, care and support to these young adults as they transition to becoming independent young adults whether they are in postsecondary schools or the work force. The main outreach of Care 4 Next 4 is sending 'care packages' two times a year-typically in the weeks prior to fall and spring finals.

How can you help?

- Prayer: Praying for these young adults. Pray they would have God in the center of their lives and in their decisions and choices.
- 2. Shoeboxes- We are always in need of medium size shoeboxes for sending items to the recipients.
- Donating small packaged snacks: Care packages include prepackaged food items. Collection will begin Sunday, April 2 and end Sunday, April 23. Items may be left in the kitchen in a tub labeled 'Care for Next 4.'
- 4. Card Signing:- Cards for each individual receiving a package will be on tables in the lounge area two Sundays, **April 16 and April 23** for the church family to sign.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping with packaging of shoeboxes please Contact Dwynne Riegel at 785.307.0742.

## DID YOU KNOW—



Service Project at Salina Rescue Mission 1716 Summers Rd-Monday, April 3 meet at the Mission at 5:45PM. We need four

servers, others for serving desserts and as many as possible for visiting and attending chapel service. Contact Brad Steffen at 785.452.5012 for more info.

Please check the list of items needed at the Salina Rescue Mission. The list is posted on the bulletin board in the east hallway. This list is updated each month. Won't you see if you can help in any way?

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Biblical Learning Scriptural Teaching

Join us for our **Wednesday** night ministries for the spring semester. We will begin with a meal at 5:30pm followed by ministries for Kids, Youth and Adults, so bring the whole family!

Last B.L.A.S.T. Wednesday, April 12 See you next fall!!!

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Men' Ministry is having a Men's Breakfast on Saturday April 15 at 8 am in the Worship center. Our guest speaker will be Brandon Swarts from

Abilene giving his testimony and teaching from the book of Romans. We will serve pancakes and sausage. Come out for a great time of fellowship and powerful teaching. Signup on the bulletin board in the east hallway, or scan this QR code.

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Emmanuel Partners class is an opportunity to learn about Emmanuel Church, the ministries we have and how you can be a part of serving here by using your Spiritual gifts. Join us on **Sun.**, **April 16** at 12:15pm in room 205. You'll also have an opportunity to become an Emmanuel partner if you desire. We will provide lunch and childcare. Signup on the bulletin board in the east hallway or use this QR code.

## DID YOU KNOW—



# Scholarship for the year 2023-2024

Wilma Green, a long time active member of Emmanuel, established the Wilma and Lester Green Memorial Scholarship. A scholarship totaling up to

\$2,500.00 is available for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Green set up the following criteria for the Wilma and Lester Green Memorial Scholarship:

- 1. Applicants must reside in Dickinson County, Kansas, with a preference for youth active in a Dickinson County church and/or newspaper carriers from the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle.
- 2. Applicants must attend one of the following schools: Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas; McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas; Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas; Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas; Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas; Any vocational or community college located in Kansas
- 3. Scholarship recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student as determined by the institution of higher education.

4. Scholarship recipients can apply in successive years for the scholarship, assuming that they meet all other criteria.

5. Applicants must show a financial need for the scholarships.

Applications may be obtained at the church Office or the Abilene High School website, and returned by Monday, April 17, 2023.



Concert of Prayer will be led by our Prayer Ministry Team at 3:30pm in room 205 on Sunday, April 23.

Join us for a time of prayer as we focus on praying for the church and this month's sermons series topic.

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# PICNIC in the PARK Outreach - 4th Thursdays



On the 4th Thursday of each month at **5:30p**, we will prepare and serve a FREE MEAL to the hungry in our community at **Eisenhower Park** (west of the play area). We will also be sharing Jesus through conversation, printed information, and other ways. Pass the word. Invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker. For more info, contact Becki at 785-210-6313.

# DID YOU KNOW—



Memorial Service of Light On Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate the "Memorial Service of Light" and will honor the memory of those who we've lost in our families. If you've had a family member

pass since our service last May, and you'd like to honor them, please contact Rita in the church office.

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Cathy Cosby Block Party Planner-Need help planning your Block Party with the Neighboring Trailer? Cathy will help you with all of the details, invitations, and planning so that your outreach to your neighborhood will go

smoothly. Contact Cathy to begin the process or

use the online form through the Emmanuel website by following this link <a href="https://">https://</a>

emmanuel.fellowshiponego.com/ external/form/26boe164-b50e-4402-8513-130a1df4039c



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Security Measures in Place Please be reminded that during the Discipleship Hour the west double doors will be secured from 10:10am to 10:45am Worship Service. This is in keeping with our approach to

security during Sunday morning activities. Access to the building will be through the south, north, and west double doors prior to all services. Limiting building entrances helps us create a safe environment and a protection from those who may wish to do harm. In addition, an

Usher monitors the hallways during services. Thanks for your understanding as we strive to keep our worshipers safe.

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The 'Have's — Need's' Board, located in the east hallway, is a place that you can post a NEED you have; i.e. I need a stove, a clothes dryers, someone to mow my lawn, a baby-sitter, etc OR you can post something that you HAVE to give away, trade,

service to offer, sale, etc.. All communication/transactions will be between the parties and the church will have no involvement. This is a self-serve type of board.



## **CONGREGATION SUBMISSIONS**

#### Song of ascents . . .

By John Cook-April 25, 2020

The road stretched on ... and on ... and on.

My early-teen spirit was impatient. We were en route to a non-family vacation destination for the first time in my experience. The folks had somehow obtained a week's rental of an older, small house in a mountain town, a town I already knew was up, about 8,500 feet, in the Colorado Rockies.

I'd never seen a mountain until an hour or so earlier as we approached the front range and I could see them in the distance. But now, Dad was driving through what seemed to be an unending, topless tunnel; the several lane road stretching out between rock walls with a small stream to our right. Occasionally, a small homestead would be carved out of the rock ... just to break up the monotony. But it wasn't going anywhere I could see, just on.

Finally I asked Dad when we'd start going up the mountains. "Look back," he said.

Perhaps it is a common illusion, this "not climbing" feeling, but what I saw, looking through the rear window of the car, was far different from my perception while watching the passing scenery. We were steadily moving upward on a fairly steep grade that, once my attention was directed to it, was evidenced by the straining of the car's motor.

That experience came to mind this morning as Cody's church worship team sang "Song of Ascent." And then I moved quickly on to my recent preoccupation on my day-to-day physical abilities as compared to those of a year ago, when I was straining to recover from a back surgery that was the most recent in a string of surgical interventions. The daily aches, pains and frustrations of life mark the steps from day-to-day, and only a pause to look back reflects my progress in tiny increments along the path. That progress may not be anything out of the ordinary, but to me seems exceptional.

Unchecked though, I tend to watch the grains as they fall through the hourglass and fail to recognize that the bottom chamber is filling while the upper empties, for preoccupation with the individual grains -- until someone or something stops me for a moment and directs my attention to the greater picture.

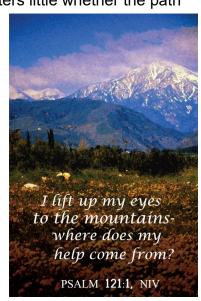
That mountain road was designed by an engineer whose primary preoccupation was building a road that would safely get those who travel it to their destinations. The same is true of the surgeons who corrected my ailments and prescribed the follow-up treatment that built on their work to greatly improve my quality of life. I need to reflect faith in their ability to faithfully do their work.

Reminders of spiritual truths lie in those realities, just as they do in much of everyday life, if we'll only stop and understand. Someone has planned my path, and if I carefully follow the plan, and be equally careful in obedience, I will in time arrive at my destination, even if it doesn't happen to be the end of the road. The day-to-day "grains" of life will deceive me if they are my focus. I must remember that faith in the Master who designed my pathway will lead me securely to my goal, and that eternally, it matters little whether the path rises or falls when He is my guide.

The chorus of Hillsong's "Highlands," says,
"So I will praise You on the mountain
And I will praise You when the mountain's in my way
You're the summit when my feet are
So I will praise You in the valleys all the same
No less God within the shadows
No less faithful when the night leads me astray
You're the heaven where my heart is
In the highlands and the heartache all the same."

His part is the leading; mine is the praise!

"Highlands" words and music by Joel Houston and Benjamin Hastings, copyright 2018 Hillsong Music Publishing



## DID YOU KNOW—

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR COMING SOON

May 4—National Day of Prayer

May 7—Honor High School Grads

May 14—Mother's Day

May 14-Salina Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign Starts

May 15—Kids Camp Applications Due

May 17—Last Day of Emmanuel Preschool

May 18—Emmanuel Preschool Graduation & Program

May 25—Picnic in the Park

May 28—Memorial Service of Light

May 29 - Memorial Day Observed-Church Office Closed

June 5-9—High School Extreme Kansas Camp

June 9—Nominations for Nehemiah Project Ends

June 12-16—Middle School Extreme Kansas Camp

June 14—Emmanuel Partners Class

June 18—Father's Day

June 18-Salina Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign Ends

June 22—Picnic in the Park

June 25-28—Kids Camp—Wheatstate

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# **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

#### WITH SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Betsi Jackson (niece of John Cook)

Wilma Bradley (wife of OB Bradley)

Hazel (mother of Christopher Stroda; sister of Danise

Auldridge

Vernon Fouse (cousin of Lynette Shrader)

Darlene (Brehm) Sexton (stepmother of Lynette Shrader)

Kenny Livingston

Barbara Brown (mother of Greg Brown)

Audrey McGrath (mother of Danise Auldridge;

grandmother of Christopher Stroda)

Verda Mae Gay (sister of Shirley Klein)

Elaine Strobel (mother of Sheila Waldrop; grandmother of

Isaac, Elijah, Caedmon, Aidyn, Naomi

Glenda Burdolsky (sister of John & Linda Cooks daughter-in-law)

Rebecca (mother-in-law of Sherry Egyir)

Linda Thomas (friend of Russ & Leann Johnson)

Rosa Schultz

# **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**



#### **PRAISE & PRAYERS:**

Praise & Thank you: Praising God for the birth of our grandson, Jason!! - Tom & Tina Price; Thank you for all your prayers my radiation treatments went well, will go back in 3-months for a cat

scan—Arden Peterson; Thank you for praying for Ember & family, they are all better! Praise God!
- Brian & Linda Emig; Praise birth of grandson

on March 11—Danielle Klein:

**Pray for:** Henry, Connie Covington, Steve Cox, Celebrate Recovery ministry, Rex, Jimmie, Jeff, Ashlie, Troy, Tina, Susan & family, Daisy, Dale Pulkrabek, Jesus for my family, Jaxon Armendariz, Bud, Loney Riffel, Riley Myers, Katie Bacon, Ciera Miranda, Mike Eaton, Joel, Brittany, Brad Steffen, Tim Bliss, teachers, Tim & Norene Klein, Colton Liby,

#### PRAYER FOR WORLD/NATIONAL CONCERNS-

President Biden

U.S. Military and Their Families

Country of Chad

Supreme Court decisions

Persecuted Christians in Benin

**Attorney Generals** 

Congress

Revival across the Nation & World

Truth to prevail

Governor Kelly

Israel—Peace & Salvation

#### PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERSHIP-

Pastor Gordon McClure

Pastor Marc Riegel

Rachel Bishop

Stewart Baker

Call the church office (785.263.3342) if you have a prayer request. Your need will be prayed for by 50 Prayer Chain volunteers. In addition, all prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks.

#### Keep our Administrators, Teachers & Support Staff in your prayers -

Andres, Jacob Andres, Jennifer Armstrong, Megan Bathurst, Charity Bathurst, Jeff Bishop, Thomas Brown, Denise Brown, Greg Cornell, Amanda Demars, Nicole Diercks, Heidi Ediger, Laura Egyir, Sherry Gfeller, Stephanie Goldsmith, Jill Graves, Brooke Hedstrom, Sherri Heidorn, Debbie Klein, Kennedy Kohman, Kelli Koop, Mona Lady, Megan Little, Pat Lucas, Zach McClure, Amy McCook, Andrea Nely, Shonna Newton, Brent Pekarek, Brian Pekarek, Robyn Prater, Christie Riegel, Dwynne Rogers, Traci Roth, Brian Roth, Deb Russell, Carol Scherberger, Christina Signer, Erin Sims, Tanya Smith, Shari

Stroud, Christina Summers, Mindy Tompkins, Aaron Turnbull, Lisa White, Wesley Womochil, Paige



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It's important for people to know their pastors are available when someone has a question, needs some help, or just wants to talk for awhile. Our office coordinator, Rita Macy, will be happy to receive your office visits, telephone calls, text and email messages. We work diligently to use the communication resources available, such as voice mail and cell phones, to be available most of the time for questions. Our pledge to the congregation is to respond in a timely and courteous manner. When someone calls and says, "It's urgent," we will be contacted by the quickest means possible. The pastors are often out of the building for a variety of ministry tasks. They are available to schedule an appointment with you at your convenience. Please contact us if we can be of help to you. We want to be available to serve you!

#### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

If you are wanting to put an article into the May Acts & Facts Newsletter, please have the article to the church no later than the 20th of April. You may either put it in Office Coordinators slot in the wooden boxes hanging on the wall in the tower entrance, or e-mail it to the Office Coordinator at rmacy@ecabilene.org; please indicate that it is for Acts and Facts. Articles may be edited.

Following are names of active servicemen connected to Emmanuel. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. If there are others connected to our church that are presently serving, please get their name to the church office.

**MILITARY SERVICE** 

Lucas Cole (husband of Taylor Cole) US Army
Dale Cornelison (husband of the granddaughter of Chuck & Dorann Clemence) US Navy
Travis Gregg (nephew of Sherry Osland) US Navy

Cameron Hoskins (son-in-law of Krista Johnson) US Army Gavin Hanna (son-in-law of Krista Johnson) US Air Force Kyle Jones (husband of Megan Jones) US Army Reserve Trevon Snyder (son of Shadd & Janice Snyder) US Army

Stop by the tower entrance display and pick up a prayer list of those serving our country.