



Men's BYOM Tailgate Thursday, August 24 6:30pm

Please join us for a great time of fellowship at the church for the third annual Men's BYOM (Bring your own meat) Tailgate. **Thursday, August 24 at 6:30 pm.** We will have grills set up and ready. We will eat outside if it is a nice night but if it is hot we will eat inside. Do not worry if you can not bring any meat we will have extra for you. We will have beans, potato salad and ice cream. We want all men and boys of all ages to come and join in. Signup will be in the east hallway. We will have sharing, testimonies and discuss future events. Bring a chair in case we set outside. We challenge each man to bring a friend that has not attended before.

**Contact Kevin Harris or
Brian Emig for further details.
Kevin's cell is 785-479-0490.**



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

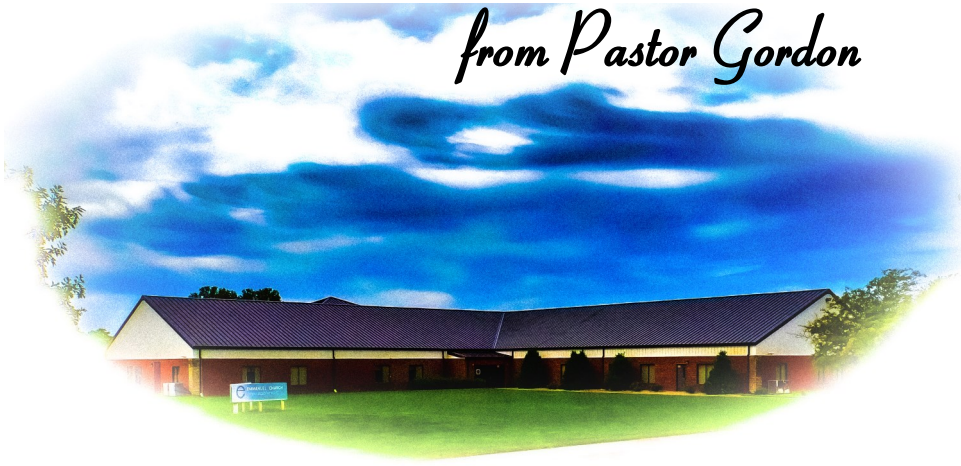
OUR MISSION

TO SEE THE TRANSFORMATION
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FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THE
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Our Core Values:

Love
Grace
Worship
Truth

from Pastor Gordon



Hello Emmanuel Church!

It's hard to believe that the wheels of summer are beginning to grind to a halt with school starting up and the fair concluding. I hope you've been able to get some time together with family this summer before the rhythms of the school year kick in soon.

Our August series was designed by Pastor Stewart, our Youth Pastor. It's entitled "Grow Up!" and will challenge us to look inward at our maturity (or lack of) in Jesus. We want to challenge our church to continue to grow in their faith and their relationship with Jesus as they continue to make Him Lord of their lives. We are called to keep growing in the Lord once we're saved and we hope this series will encourage you to do so.

Here are some things happening in August that I'd like to highlight, but you can find info about other events and such elsewhere in the Acts and Facts:

August 1—Setup Fair Tent

*sign up to help at the sign up board

August 7—Take down Fair Tent

*sign up to help at the sign up board

Aug. 10-12-Freshman Retreat

*contact Pastor Stewart for more information

August 13—Adult BLAST Class signup begins

*sign ups will be available at the sign up boards

August 13-Nehemiah Project Sign Ups begin in lounge area

August 15—MomLife Kickoff at Eisenhower Park

August 20—Volunteer Safety Training (Children's and Youth Ministry)

August 24—Men's Tailgate (Men's Ministry)

August 27-BLAST Youth Parents Lunch Meeting after second service

*contact Pastor Stewart for more details

Our church is very active and healthy so there are plenty of ways to get connected in some way. You might wish to consider getting involved in one of our Discipleship modes: Life Groups, Discipleship Classes, or Triads. This is a great time of year to step into one of these points of connection that help our people grow in their relationship with the Lord and each other.

It's my hope as the fall months approach that you will renew your commitment to attend church on Sundays. Being in fellowship is one of the ways we worship God. It's also a great way to be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. The enemy has an ancient tactic of trying to isolate Christ followers from other Christ followers. Like a wolf that separates a sheep out of the flock, the sheep becomes easy prey. So, it is with us as we follow the Lord. It's my desire to see everyone who calls Emmanuel home connected not only to Sunday morning service, but also to a smaller sized point of connection so they can live the Jesus life together.

I look forward to worshiping with you this Sunday!! Blessings!!

Pastor Gordon



Stay Connected:

Instagram:
momentumyouthabilene

Facebook:
Momentum-Youth

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



Upcoming events:

- ♦ Youth Discipleship Hour Sundays 10A.M.

Hello everyone! We hope you have been enjoying a great Summer! We had a blessed July that involved some Disc Golf, Paintball and Life Groups, in addition to our Youth Discipleship Hour, when we learned from God's Word about the topic of wisdom. In August we are going to have a Youth Blast Parents Meeting Lunch on August 27 at 12:30pm. We are going to go over this upcoming Fall semester of Blast. We will talk about the upcoming expectations, the Fall calendar, and a couple of guest speakers that will be coming as well. Parents and students are encouraged to attend as we will be going over important information regarding this upcoming season. We are also having a Freshmen Retreat August 10-12 for those transitioning into High School. This will be at Camp Cutteru and should be a great time for all upcoming 9th graders. We will be going over essentials of the faith and hope to help the transition into High School as well. We also have Youth Life Groups that are continuing through the Summer. If you are interested in a Youth Life Group let us know. Join us Sunday's mornings during our Youth discipleship hour as well. This month we will be going through a series called "Overcoming Doubt" We will learn what to do when we have doubts in our lives. Look forward to seeing you soon. Blessings! -Pastor Stewart



ONLINE PLATFORM – Although it's been a year with our new Online Church Platform, I still get questions about YouTube. As a reminder, **we've stopped using YouTube as a livestream option.** You can watch our broadcast LIVE in one of two places: the Emmanuel Church FaceBook Page (with limited commentary by our online host), and our Church Online Platform. You can find the online platform at: <https://emmanuelchurchabilene.online.church> . You can watch the sermon on Monday on the FaceBook page, or on our website (ecabilene.org). I hope this clears up any confusion.

Concert of Prayer – August 27, 3:30pm. Mark your calendar!

UPCOMING SERIES:

<p>August: Grow Up</p>	<p>September: Belteshazzar (the book of Daniel)</p>
<p>October: SENT (Missions Focus)</p>	<p>November: The "S" Word</p>



Stay Connected:

Instagram: @emmanuelkidsabilene

Facebook: Emmanuel-Kids

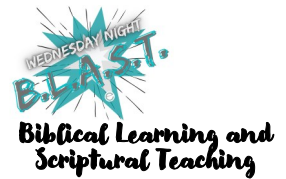


OCC collection

We are collecting an item each month to use for a packing party in November. This month we will be collecting school supplies! This is a perfect opportunity to share with your kids about the needs kids have who receive shoe boxes in other countries. Examples include pencils, pens, markers, crayons, scissors, rulers, calculators, etc) Please bring by the church office.

Vacation Bible School: We had an amazing Vacation Bible School this year! Thank you to all who helped with donations, serving, and praying. On Friday night, we had over 25 make a decision to follow Jesus! Praise God!

BLAST Wednesday Nights: Our BLAST (Biblical Learning and Spiritual Teaching) classes for all ages will be starting Wednesday, September 6, and we need people to love and spend time with our kids each week. There are spots available for nursery, preschool, elementary helpers, And 15-minute mentors (or small group leaders). Nursery, preschool, and elementary helpers can be once a month or more. 15-minute mentors is a weekly commitment, but will only be the last 15 minutes of the night. If interested in serving, please sign up at the Kids Bulletin Board!



Kids Ministry Training

We will be having a kids ministry training on Sunday, August 20 after the 2nd service. If you work with kids in children's church specifically, this is for you! Lunch will be provided so please sign up at the Kids Bulletin Board if you will be attending. Childcare can be provided on an as needed basis.

Kids Christmas Musical

On Sunday evening, December 3 at 6 pm, the kids will be presenting their annual Christmas Musical. If your child is K-5th and interested in this musical, practices will begin Wednesday, September 6.



Kids Leadership Team

Kids Leadership Team is a team of 3rd-5th graders who meet together to learn how to serve and lead in children's ministry. They assist Pastor Rachel with BLAST lessons, leading worship during children's church, and are eligible to serve in other ways in the church. Meetings would be Wednesdays after school before Christmas musical practice.

If your child is interested, have them sign up at the kids' bulletin board.

Fall Kids Class Kick Off

Kids will be moving up to new discipleship classes on Sunday, September 10. We will be kicking off our new classes that day as well! If you are interested in teaching or getting your child involved in our 10:00am discipleship classes, please see Pastor Rachel.



DID YOU KNOW—



The church office will be closed
for the
Central Kansas Free Fair Parade
on Thursday, August 3 at 3pm



Service Project at Salina Rescue Mission 1716 Summers Rd- Monday, August 7 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?



"Press On Café"

Place your orders Sunday
via this QR code.



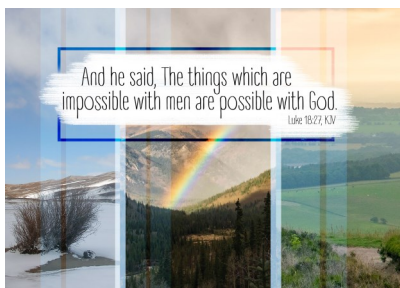
We have expanded the ability to pay for drinks at the Cafe using the QR code that you can also use to order your drinks.



On **Tue., Aug. 15**, 5pm at Eisenhower Park, MomLife will be hosting a Kick Off event for the upcoming season. Attendees can pay \$3 for a hotdog meal. There will also be a bake sale with goodies available for purchase. Come join for a time of fellowship!



Don and Pat Berkley will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on **Wednesday, August 16**. Please remember them on this special occasion by sending them a card and note to 911 N Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410.



DID YOU KNOW—

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.

Join us on Thursday, August 24



Concert of Prayer will be led by our Prayer Ministry Team at 3:30pm in room 205 on **Sunday, August 27**.

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



Emmanuel Church, Inc. is pleased to announce the following scholarship awards for the 2023-2024 school year from the Post High School Ministry Scholarship from Emmanuel Church.

Aidyn Waldrop, daughter of Jody and Sheila Waldrop, was awarded \$1,000.00. Aidyn will be a freshman at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas and plans to pursue a degree in Adaptive Ministry Leadership with a minor in Music Ministry.

Claire Weishaar, daughter of Toby and Julie Weishaar, was awarded \$1,000.00. Claire will study at Hillsong College in Sydney, Australia to pursue songwriting and musical worship.



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 <https://emmanuel.fellowshiponego.com/external/form/26boe164-b50e-4402-8513-130a1df4039c>



Monday, September 4, 2023
Church Office Closed

DID YOU KNOW—

MARK YOUR CALENDAR COMING SOON

September 4—Labor Day—Church Office Closed
 September 6—Kids Leadership Team Resumes
 September 6—BLAST Resumes
 September 6—Kids Musical Rehearsal
 September 9—Vow Renewal—2:30pm
 September 10—Discipleship Sunday
 September 12—Nehemiah Project Volunteer Orientation—6pm
 September 15—17—Nehemiah Project
 September 17—Nehemiah Project Reveal—6pm
 September 28—Picnic in the Park
 October 8—Pastor James Murunga Service
 October 14—Fall Festival—11am-2pm
 October 21—Men's Trap shoot (Men's Ministry)
 October 22—Operation Christmas Child Kickoff
 October 22—Emmanuel Partners Class—12:15pm
 October 29—Heritage Sunday
 October 29—Bon Fire (Men's Ministry)



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS WITH SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:

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
 Mother of Geoff Lang (Geoff is the son-in-law of Ray &
 Belinda Cardwell)
 Chris Fulgham (brother of Kathey Sheppard)
 Bill Hubnik (father of Pat Hubnik)
 Matt Langdon (son of Chuck & Dorann Clemence)
 Eric Skilling (son of Joyce Watson)
 Melissa (Kreigbaum) Fuller
 John Sheets (son-in-law of Jean Britt)
 Loney Riffel (wife of Bev Riffel; father of Tracy Ediger)
 Mike Ponton (brother of Greg Ponton)
 Elva Elliott (wife of Lloyd Elliott; mother of Becky Fry)
 Deon Parsons (mother of Marc Parsons)
 Ryan Tweady (brother of Tad Tweady)
 Russ Carney (father of Teresa Black; grandfather of
 Andrew Black)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER REQUESTS

PRaise & PRayers:

Praise & Thank you: Thank you for your prayers for my nephew, Matt Barnes—**Connie Franklin**; **Praise** Greg's internal bleeding has stopped—**Debbie Davis**; **Thankful** for the rain—**Curtis & Peggy Stoffer**; **Praise** for prayers on Rod's behalf—**Sherry Osland**; **Praise God**,

healing, Don Berkley in miraculous bounds! - **Jim & Jacque Webb**; **Thank you** for your prayers for Ryder, Alaina & Brandon Perez—Ryder was born July 11 at 7 pounds 5 ounces—**Rod & Sherry Osland**; **Thank you** for all the prayers concerning my brother, Chris Cramer. He is doing well. Praise God. Amen.—**Carla Rankin**

Pray for: Alaina Perez, Don Berkley, Bradley Steffen's family, kid's decisions, Carter, Jody Sammons, Danielle & Shirley Klein, Boy Scout Troop 40, Kelly Blake, Dan, Greg Ferris, Madelene Barnes, Ryder Perez, Chris Cramer, Colton & Abby Teague, Jaxon Armendariz, Jared Clark,

PRAYER FOR WORLD/NATIONAL CONCERNS-

President Biden
 Israel
 U.S. Military and their families
 Persecuted Christians in Cameroon
 Unity in our nation, families and church
 Law and Order
 Country of Colombia
 Revival
 State of Arizona
 Fair
 Start of a new school year—Teachers, students and staff
 Justice and righteousness in our country and world
 Safety for our children
 Jail Ministry

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
 Aramowicz, Cynthia
 Armstrong, Megan
 Bathurst, Charity
 Bathurst, Jeff
 Bishop, Thomas
 Brown, Denise
 Brown, Greg
 Casteel, Jennifer
 Cornell, Amanda
 Demars, Nicole
 Ediger, Laura

Free, Katie
 Fry, Gavin
 Gfeller, Stephanie
 Goldsmith, Jill
 Hedstrom, Sherri
 Heidorn, Debbie
 Hirsch, Abigail
 Kohman, Kelli
 Koop, Mona
 Lady, Megan
 Liby, Colten
 Lucas, Zach
 McClure, Amy

McCook, Andrea
 Nely, Shonna
 Newton, Brent
 Nyquist, Becki
 Pekarek, Brian
 Pekarek, Robyn
 Prater, Christie
 Reimer, Kennedy
 Reimer, Tyson
 Riegel, Dwyne
 Rock, Anne
 Rogers, Traci
 Roth, Brian

Roth, Deb
 Scherberger, Christina
 Schultze, Michelle
 Signer, Erin
 Sims, Tanya
 Spohn, Michael
 Stroud, Christina
 Turnbull, Lisa
 White, Wesley
 Womochil, Paige

AUGUST 2023

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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 September Acts & Facts Newsletter, please have the article to the church no later than the 20th of August. 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
Gavin Hanna (son-in-law of Krista Johnson) US Air Force
Cameron Hoskins (son-in-law of Krista Johnson) US Army
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.**