

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Celebrate Recovery - Answers to Prayers . Lisa Peeling has joined the leadership team, she is a good addition. . Tuesday evening attendance is between 12 and 15, with 20 members total. . The Men's Open Share group & Men's/Women's Step Study will apply scripture to their lives. . Many attendees in PEC and Belleville are participating. . Praise God for positive strong morale, some giving their lives to Christ. . Many positive changes of attendees have been noticed by community leaders. Prayer Requests . God's protection, strength, encouragement, wisdom, and grace for the Leaders. . God's intervention in the lives of attendees to overcome anything that hinders their growth. . For the return of those who have stopped attending. . That God would bring new people to CR to face difficulties in a safe place.

"Never be content with your current grasp of the gospel. The gospel is the life-permeating, world-altering, universe-changing truth. It has more facets than a diamond. It's depths man will never exhaust." **C.J. Mahaney**

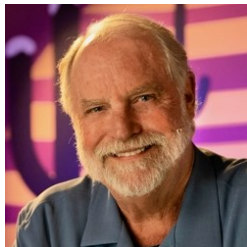
"The Bible is the book of my life. It's the book I live with, the book I live by, the book I want to die by." **N. T. Wright**

"small group ministry can also help a church become far more disciplined in its spiritual disciplines...Small groups take these important but not particularly urgent spiritual disciplines and make them urgent by putting them on the schedule." **Larry Osborne, Sticky Church**

"To be structured for spiritual growth, a church must have some sort of method in place to consistently connect people to both significant relationships and the Bible." **Larry Osborne**

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"Most Spiritual growth moments aren't linear and don't come from a program or curriculum, but from the result of life putting us in a need to know or grow situation. These situations are usually accompanied by a trial or stretching experience that calls for a deeper walk with God, when the two things we need most are the Bible and other Christians." **Larry Osborne, Sticky Church**



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Welcome to Emmanuel, Sunday, Sept 4 , 2022

Upcoming Events: (visit emmanuelife.com)

NO Sunday Night Bible Study Tonight

Celebrate Recovery - Every Tuesday Night 7pm

See Small Group, Bible Study & Ministry Group Signups at the back of the Sanctuary & Online!

Plan To Protect - Mandatory Training for all Awana, Emmanuel Kids, & Youth Workers. This Wednesday Sept 7th at 6:30pm

Men's Fish Fry Dinner. Sept 12th 6:30pm. Speaker: Bob Scrivens

Emmanuel Fall Ministry Kickoff - Sunday September 18th for our Fall Ministry Kickoff! Outdoor service at Lovesong, BBQ, Bouncy Castles,

AWANA & Youth Ministry Startup - Wednesday September 21st 7pm. Register online!

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#Emmanuelife - GROW

Acts 2:41-47

As Christians we are commanded & Expected to G_____

*Ephesians 4:15; 2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:10

Another word for Grow in the Bible is M_____

*Hebrews 6:1; Ephesians 4:13-14; Colossians 1:28; James 1:4

*Spiritual Maturity = Moral & Spiritual p_____

*Romans 8:28-30 - Foreknew → Predestined → Called → Justified →
Conformed (sanctification) → Glorified

The Church is not called to make converts but D_____

*Matthew 28:18-19

Requires being I_____

The essentials & Core V_____ of Spiritual growth & Discipleship:

i) The G_____ Acts 2:41

*Acts 2:14-40; Romans 1:16

*Admit...Believe...Call/Confess

ii) B_____ Acts 2:41

Matthew 28:19

iii) God's W_____ Acts 2:42

*Hebrews 4:12; Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20

*Duty → Discipline → D_____

iv) P_____ Acts 2:42

*Matthew 18:18-19; James 5:16;

v) Biblical C_____ Acts 2:41-47

*Genuine love and mutual care for one another. Expectation of Spiritual Growth and accountability to it. Mutual ministry in serving one another.

God's Word + Other believers + God = Spiritual G_____

We believe that Small G_____ can provide the best contest for genuine discipleship and spiritual growth to happen

Our Vision is to see every believer at Emmanuel participating in a small group, Bible Study or Ministry Group, where they are growing in their relationship with Jesus and experiencing Biblical Community.

Personal Study & Small Group Questions

1. Read 2 Peter 3:18. What are the ways that you would say you have experienced spiritual growth in your life since you became a Christian? What do you think has contributed most to this growth?

2. Read Ephesians 4:13-14. What would you say are some of the distinguishing marks of a mature Christian? What do you think Spiritual Maturity looks like?

3. Read Romans 8:28-30. What are the words Paul uses to describe our spiritual transformation? Do you understand all these words? Where would you put yourself in this process?

4. Read Matthew 28:18-19. Do you agree with the statement that the church is not called to make converts, but Disciples? Why or Why not? How would you define a Disciple?

5. Read Acts 2:41-47. What do you see in these verses that you think contributed to the church's spiritual health & growth? What might be missing from the church today?

6. From the five essentials / Core values listed in the notes, What ones do you identify with the most? What ones do you struggle with the most & why?

7. What is your response to the Vision of Emmanuel in relation to spiritual growth?

8. How do you need apply this message to your life? What is an action step you can take?

9. Is there anything else you saw or that God spoke to you about in this message or these verses?