Religion B

The 19th-century Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard identified two kinds of religion - Religion A and Religion B. The first is "faith" in name only (2 Tim. 3:5). It's the practice of attending church without genuine faith in the living Lord. Religion B, on the other hand, is a life-transforming, destiny-changing experience. It's a definite commitment to the crucified and risen Savior, which establishes an ongoing personal relationship between a forgiven sinner and a gracious God.

This difference explains why for many years British author C.S. Lewis had such great difficulty in becoming a Christian. Religion A had blinded him to Religion B. According to his brother Warren, his conversion was "no sudden plunge into a new life, but rather a slow, steady convalescence from a deep- seated spiritual illness - an illness that had its origins in our childhood, in the dry husks of religion offered by the semi-political church going of Ulster, and the similar dull emptiness of compulsory church during our school days."

In John 14, the disciple Philip asked to see God the Father. Jesus responded by saying, "***Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*** (John 14:9). So many struggle with religion because for so long they had to put up with "Religion A". However, when we discover true faith through personal relationship with the risen Savior there is nothing quite like it. Religion comes alive. It is a life-transforming, destiny-changing experience.

CHRISTIANITY:

NOT A RELIGION, A RELATIONSHIP

Confronting Christianity Week #4

EMMANUEL
Baptist Church

What about Other Religions ??

John 14:1-11

Sunday, March 15th, 2020

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL

This morning: What About Other Religions? John 14:1-11 (Peter Spragg)
Tonight: Bible Study: The Nature of Love. 1Corinthians 13 (Peter Spragg)

VISITORS
If you are visiting with us today, thank you for coming. We would like to give you a welcome package and gift before you leave. Please visit the welcome desk in the foyer.
Also: If you could fill out a connection card, we would really appreciate it, as it will enable us to keep you in touch with events going on at Emmanuel.
LIVE STREAM This service is live streamed and recorded to the internet. If you wish for your children not to be televised on-camera, please keep them seated with you and not at the front during children's story time. Thank you!
HEARING IMPAIRED Audio systems are available at the audio desk.

EMMANUEL KIDS

Pre-School to Grade 5
Kids stay in the service for the first few songs and a children's story, then head downstairs to enjoy time hanging out together and learning about the Bible.
FUSION (Grade 6-8) During the 11am service students are dismissed after the children's message and head downstairs for Bible teaching and handout time.
NURSERY (Birth -Toddler) Located at the back of the church towards the library, this space is attended by a nursery volunteer part-way through the service. Parents are welcome to stay to help their children settle in.

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FINANCIAL REPORT
Received last week: $11,389.00
Our weekly need to meet
our 2020 budget: $13,682.85
In addition, we received $1243.00 in givings for specified charities.
Ways to give: E-transfer.
Cash or cheque at the offering time.
Debit machine at the welcome desk.
Online through our website.
Pre-authorized - direct deposit.
Prayer Teams
This wk: Team 3 at 9am, 4 at 11am
Next wk: Team 5 at 9am, 6 at 11am

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Puggles Ages 2-3 | Cubbies Ages 3-5 | Sparks SK-Gr2 | T&T Gr 3-6

GET READY TO RACE!!

Saturday, April 4th is RACE DAY!! @ 10;00 am—Come enjoy some friendly competition, and some yummy food!!

FUSION
Faith • Life • United

Grades 6-8
Every Friday - 6:30pm

Come have fun, make new friends, and learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We play games, we get to know each other, and we study God's Word. Call Tania Craig for more information (613) 919-1699.

SURGE
Gr.9-12
STUDENT MINISTRIES

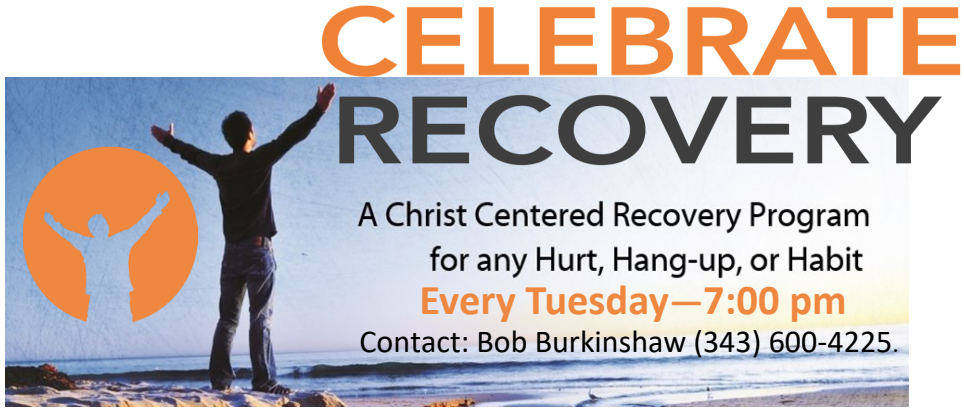
Grades 9-12
Every Thursday - 7:00-9:00pm

High School students gather at Surge to have fun, study the Word of God, be encouraged in their faith, and make friendships that will help them walk with Jesus. Call Dan Dayton for more details (613) 813-4723.

SMALL GROUPS

Why Small Groups? **OUR KEY PURPOSE** for Small groups is Discipleship, to be making lifelong followers of Jesus Christ in all nations, who are living obediently, growing in maturity, bearing fruit, being transformed into the character of Christ, and serving in the body of Christ with their Spiritual gifting. **OUR GOAL** in small groups is to relationally connect people in such a way that it encourages them to be growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and continuing to take steps forward in their faith relationship with Christ while growing in their relationship with other believers, and serving in the body of Christ.

The Secondary purpose of our small groups at Emmanuel is **Caring**. We believe that small groups can also provide the best context for people to be **cared** for and to **care** for others in the body of Christ. We are called to love and meet the needs of one another, especially as we go through difficult times in our lives and faith, which are inevitable.



Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues controlling our lives.

GET INVOLVED AND BE CONNECTED

THIS WEEK

Sunday March 15th
6:00 pm Bible Study
Monday, March 16th
Spring Break...
Tuesday March 17th
7:00 pm CELEBRATE RECOVERY
Wednesday March 18th
1:30 pm BIBLE STUDY (the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12) - led by Peter Spragg
3:00 pm HOUR OF PRAYER
6:30 pm AWANA (postponed due to March Break)
6:30 pm Emmanuel Prayer Night
Thursday March 19th
7:00 pm SURGE (Grades 9-12) (postponed due to March Break)
Friday March 20th
6:30 pm FUSION (Grades 6-8) (postponed due to March Break)

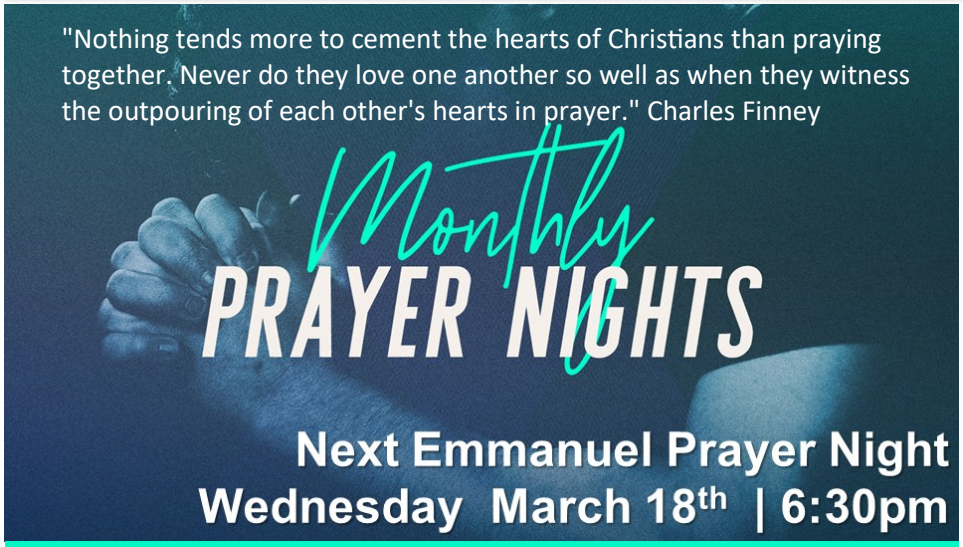
NURSING HOME SERVICES

If you are able to assist, it is greatly appreciated. This includes helping residents find their places in the Bible and hymn books, visiting, etc.
Tuesday, March 24th—Westlake Terrace (Shawn) 10:00 am
Tuesday, March 24th—Hallowell (Shawn) 3:30 pm
Wednesday, March 25th — McFarland (Dan) 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 26th — Kentwood Park (Peter) 2:00 pm

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM "Bible 101"

Every Sunday morning there is a Bible study downstairs, led by Lloyd Crowe, finishing at 10:30 so everyone can attend the 11am service. Currently studying the Book of Acts. Lloyd: 613-813-0842

GENERAL : Upcoming Events



All are welcome and encouraged to come as we seek God, through Prayer, to work for His Glory through the ministries of our Church, in our County, and for our World.

On Wednesday March 25th from 6:00-8:30pm we are having our next "20/20 Vision All for Jesus" Workshop at Emmanuel.
Professional counselor and former pastor Marc Hoogstad will be here to host a workshop on "Mental Health & The Christian Journey".
The goal will be to provide you with the encouragement, tools and starting place to face this barrier in your life from growing in Christ.
Sign up online or at the connect table at the back of the auditorium.

GENERAL continued...

Dan and Danielle Macaulay (recording artist/ author/speakers) bring music and laughter, including a fun medley of love songs, funny things kids say (set to music), a hilarious couple's game, and more. It's a night that every couple will thoroughly enjoy! It lasts 3 hours, including a 20-minute intermission. See emmanuellife.com for tickets or sign up at the connect table at the back of the auditorium.