

**CHURCH GOVERNMENT** Our constitution states:

**BY-LAW 2 Section 1: Meetings of Membership:** The government of this Church and the oversight of its affairs shall be by the Elders, with the consensus of the active membership/partners.  
In addition, our "Letters Patent", as not-for-profit Corporation, indicates that the board is to be made up of 5 Elders.

Our current elders are: Herman Prinzen (Chairman), Bob Scrivens and Gerry King (Who will be stepping down from active role on the board). We therefore need to appoint 3 Elders to the board. It is the recommendation of the Elders to nominate the following candidates:

### **APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS**

#### **Ben Ens**

Ben and Heather, and their two children, Elise and Thomas, starting attending Emmanuel just over 12 years ago. Ben has been involved in various ministries during that time and led small groups for a number of years. For the last 4 years Ben has been on the board of Emmanuel, and became chairman of the Deacon Board about 2 years ago.

#### **Paul Robinson**

Paul and Janice are devout Christians who love the Lord with all their heart. Paul has been involved in prison ministry for many years, going into prisons in Kingston and Warkworth, to minister to the inmates. Paul was also recently appointed chaplain to the Wellington Dukes. Paul has a great heart for God and people, especially youth and people who are struggling in life.

#### **John Uings**

John and Anne came to the County from Montreal, about 5 years ago, and started attending Emmanuel about that time. John and Anne have been involved in the marriage ministry for some time. John is a man of spiritual insight and integrity, who loves God works well with others as a team player. Early in his Christian life he was involved with the Navigators, taking the Gospel into Eastern Europe.

### **APPOINTING A LAWYER to lead us through ONCA2020**

We were made aware by Dave McComiskey of Governance Solutions Inc., that starting in 2020, the government is introducing new rules with regards to Not-for-Profit Corporations. In order to make sure we comply with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA 2020), we have been advised to hire a lawyer familiar with the act.

The Fellowship have recommended: Mr. Sheldon Wood. Sheldon is a christian, and is Special Counsel to the district offices of a number of national religious denominations.

### **APPOINTING AN AUDITOR**

We were also made aware by Dave McComiskey of Governance Solutions Inc., that all Charitable Corporations are required to be audited, if their income is above \$100,000 pa.

# Emmanuel

## Quarterly Meeting



**Wednesday Nov. 21st 2018**

**6.30 - 8.00pm**



## Quarterly Meeting - Nov 23rd 2018

### AGENDA

- Welcome & Prayer 6:30-6:40
- New Ministry: Celebrate Recovery 6:35-6:40
- Quinte Celebration of Hope 6:40-6:45
- New Appointment: Doreen Kuipers - Bookkeeper 6:45-6:50
- Financial Report 6.50-7.00
- Prayer 7:00-7:05
- Change to Constitution: Membership / Baptism 7:05-7:20
- Appointment of Elders 7:20-7:45
- Appointing a Lawyer 7:45-7:50
- Appointing an Auditor 7:50-7:55
- Closing prayer 7:55-8:00

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered 12 step program for those who are ready to embark on a journey of real and lasting change.

CR is a programme to help people become free from addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God and others. As we progress through the program we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power - Jesus Christ, the one and only true Higher Power.

### QUINTE CELEBRATION OF HOPE

The Quinte Celebration of Hope is a three-day evangelistic outreach and concert event taking place on October 4-6th 2019. The Celebration will feature a children's event, Christian musicians and other artists, dynamic video testimonies, and Gospel presentations by Will Graham, grandson of Billy Graham, who will invite attendees to commit their lives to Christ.

The Celebration is not just an event. The event is the catalyst to mobilise churches throughout the year leading up to the event, and following the event, in the areas of evangelism, discipleship and prayer.

### BOOKKEEPING

Lucy Myderwyk is amazing. We are so blessed to have had Lucy keep our books over the last little while. She has done a terrific job. Unfortunately, due to her health, she has had to step down.

Doreen Kuipers has been hired to replace her. Lucy has been training her over the last little while. We are thrilled to welcome Doreen to our team.

## CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches, to which we are affiliated, requires that members of affiliated churches must have been baptized by immersion before becoming members. Exceptions are made when, for reasons of health or other extenuating circumstances, immersion is not possible.

Our constitution states that membership is offered to all who are born again Christians, and agree with the doctrine and practices of Emmanuel Baptist church. Baptism is strongly encouraged, but is a heart issue, and not a requirement for membership.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the board of Elders to change the following item in our constitution:

### Current: By-Law 1

**Section 1: Qualifications:** Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, may be received into membership provided there is acceptance of our Statement of faith and principles of EBC.

**Article 1:** All applicants for membership shall be examined by 2 Elders as to their Christian experience and doctrinal beliefs and shall be received into membership on the recommendation of the Elders, (after having attended for at least 6 months).

### Proposed: By-Law 1

**Section 1: Qualifications:** Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and bearing testimony to their salvation through baptism by immersion, may be received into membership provided there is acceptance of our Statement of faith and principles of EBC.

**Article 1:** All applicants for membership shall be examined by 2 Elders as to their Christian experience and doctrinal beliefs and shall be received into membership on the recommendation of the Elders, (after having attended for at least 6 months).

(Note: The underlining is purely to show the change being proposed)

Please note that the vote is being taken with the following understandings:

1. All existing members who have not been baptized by immersion will not be required to be re-baptised in order to keep their membership status at Emmanuel.
2. All who desire to become members between now and the vote at the 2019 AGM, can be considered for membership in accordance with the existing Emmanuel constitution and will be grandfathered in as members.
3. Assuming the vote at the AGM is in favour of the change, future membership in Emmanuel, after the February 2019 AGM, will require baptism by immersion - as per the amended constitution.

**Note:** The membership of Emmanuel will vote on this motion at the 2019 AGM, next February.

**Also:** The Fellowship has advised us that this change would be acceptable.