

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

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January 2022



Happening at Emmanuel in January 2022

Sunday January 2nd - 10 am Worship and Sunday School
Sunday January 9th - 10 am Worship and Sunday School
Tuesday January 12th - 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting
Sunday January 16th - 10 am Worship and Sunday School
Tuesday January 18th - 6:30 pm Administrative Board Meeting
Sunday January 23rd - 10 am Worship and Sunday School
Sunday January 30th - 10 am Worship and Sunday School

Pastor's Corner

SERVING GOD

"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire." (Heb 12:28,29) One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities that Christians have is that of serving God. As soon as conversion takes place, there is an immediate awareness in the heart of the converted, that we must be about our Father's business. That was the experience of the Apostle Paul. As soon as he was converted on the road to Damascus, he desired to know and do God's will.

There exists in the minds of many a wrong concept concerning serving God Many have the idea that only those who are in so-called Christian service are serving God. Nothing could be further from the truth. A very wise man once said, "For the Christian, there is no difference between the sacred and secular, for the Christian everything is sacred." Charles Wesley in his commentary on the book of Proverbs wrote: "The motive determines the act. The man who plows the soil, acknowledging God in his work, and seeking his strength and blessing does it acceptably to the glory of God. It is essentially a religious action. But the wicked who does the same work without any regard to God, his work is sin. The substance of his act is good. But the corrupt principle defiles the best of actions." That same principle is stated in: Titus 1:15 "To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled."

Our whole life is to be service to God. We are to serve God in carrying out our various family duties. We are to serve God in the work place. The hymn writer expresses it in these words: "Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise, that my whole being may proclaim, Thy being and thy ways. So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free, but all my life, in every step, be fellowship with Thee." It is true that God gives some as special gifts to His church. Eph 4:11 "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers...." Those whom God calls to serve in these capacities, take on themselves a unique level of responsibility and accountability. But those who are not set apart for these duties are nonetheless servants of God. They also have a great level of responsibility and accountability. Let

us seek to serve God in such a way that on the final day of judgment, when we must give an account to God, we will hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

God Bless,

Pastor Mark.

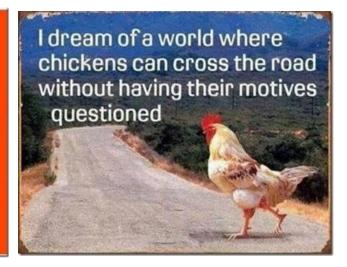
Prayer Concerns for January

Donna Knarr, Catherine Lenhart, Nancy O'Rourke, Carole Sanders, Glenn Sanders, Kathy Stetka, Pat Tracy

Smiles for January 2022

We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room!!

And then I remembered "We live in a duplex..."



Two women in a bus fighting bitterly over the last available seat.

The conductor had already tried unsuccessfully to intervene when the bus driver shouted to the conductor, "Let the ugly one take the seat"

Both women stood for the rest of the journey



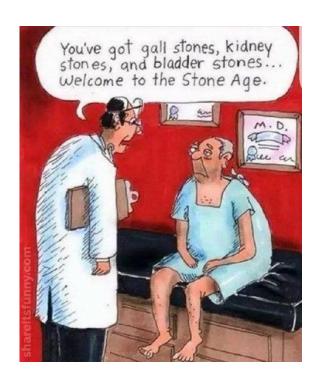
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OF SALAD & IT
GETS ALL BROWN
& SOGGY?

COOKIES DON'T DO THAT



That's All Folks!

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