

## Resources

### Luke 16:15 (NIV)

And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God."

## Student Ministries

Student Ministry information can be found at the Event Center or online at [emmanuelcommunity.org](http://emmanuelcommunity.org).

### End of the Summer Bash [Aug 21, 5:00 pm]

Join us for the End of Summer Bash this Sunday, August 21st. Meet the bus at the church at 5pm. We'll be back to the church parking lot by 8pm. You must have filled out and handed in a registration form to attend.

### Upcoming Stuff...

- Saturday, August 27 – Movement Seminar for all adult Youth Leaders – Interested students may also attend. Contact Brian or Matt by August 20th to register.
- Sunday, August 28 – Tin Caps Game

### First school-year meetings...

- Wednesday, September 7th – Ignite meetings begin
- Sunday, September 11th – Collide/Impact meetings begin
- School year event/meeting brochures coming soon!
- Parent Meeting on Sunday morning, September 11th at 11:00 am in the Crossing (upstairs of the FLC). Learn about the upcoming school year calendar, sign up to serve in different areas, discover the 5-1 approach, and meet and pray for our team of volunteer Youth Leaders.

Parents: Want to keep current with what's happening in Student Ministries? Email Kay at [khupperts@eccfw.org](mailto:khupperts@eccfw.org) to be put on our "5 Things..." weekly email.

## Worship Service Options



### Saturday at 6:30 pm (FLC Gym)

Worship in a casual atmosphere and enjoy the same sermon that is shared on Sunday.



### Sunday at 9:00 & 10:30 (Worship Center)

Inspiring worship with worship team and band... great message!



### Sunday at 9:00 & 10:30 (FLC Gym)

Relaxed, inviting worship... message via live video feed.

## Did you know?

**Community Time:** Join us for coffee and donuts in The Commons or the FLC Gym between worship services.

### Alternative giving options:

Text an amount to 260-370-6556, for credit/debit card visit our website, and ECC Direct Give (EFT) forms are available at the Event Center.

**Lost and found** is located above the mailboxes in the mail area by the Family Life Center gym.

### Hearing Impaired Units

can be found at our sound booth or by asking an usher.

Our **Prayer Room** is open during normal business hours and accessible upstairs in the Galatians Room.

**Subscribe online:** You can mark the back of your eCard to request to receive electronic updates, such as eNotes and Daily Scripture. You can sign up to join a LifeGroup on our website.

### Download Sermon Notes

using Emmanuel Guest wifi network. The password is joinquest.

### Church Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm,  
Fri 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 9:00 am & 10:30 am

## Stories and Parables

### The Shrewd Manager

Luke 16:1-16

Dennis Miller



## Today's Focus

Today we begin a section of Luke where there is one story or parable after another, and each one seems to contain a surprise twist. In each, we learn that God's way of viewing things is often different than man's. In this study, we look at one of the strangest parables in the Bible, which, when understood, has a powerful lesson.



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## Welcome to ECC

We're glad you chose to worship with us today! If you are new, please stop by our Welcome Center to pick up a Welcome Packet and gift.

### New Service Times Start Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 3rd we resume our 5:00 pm Saturday service along with the 6:30pm service. Beginning Sept. 4th our Sunday service times will be moving to 9:30 and 11:00 am.

### Midweek Programming is Coming!

Our weekly Wednesday night experience, Midweek, is kicking back off on September 7th! There is something for everyone. For a full description of what is being offered or to sign up, visit our website or stop by the Event Center. Adult classes fill quickly so don't delay!

### Tickets for sale - Tincaps Outing [August 28]

We will be sitting in the HU Picnic Pavilion and will have a full buffet available starting at 2:05 pm. The game will start at 3:05 pm. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids ages 2-7, free for kids under two. Stop by the Event Center today to purchase your tickets!

### Drummers Needed

We are looking for DRUMMERS to serve on our Worship Teams. If you play, please contact **Dan Friend** at [dfriend@eccfw.org](mailto:dfriend@eccfw.org) for an audition.

### Strides of Hope [Sept 17, 9:30 am]

A Hope Center conducts two major fundraisers each year. One is the fall walkathon at Shoaff Park, which provides fun, fellowship, and exercise. If you'd like to walk for LIFE, register online at [ahcfriends.org](http://ahcfriends.org) or call 422- 3544.



### New to ECC?

Stop by the Welcome Center in the main foyer outside of the Worship Center and someone will give you a tour of our facility and an overview of our church's programming.

### eConnect [September 4, Room 169, 10:30 am]

Whether you're new to ECC or you've been around a while, this one-hour session will help acquaint you with our ministry and is the first step to church membership.

### Membership Class [Sunday, Aug 21]

Prerequisite is eConnect. Please mark your **eCard** if you would like to attend.

### ECC Emergency Contacts:

If you have an emergency and need to reach a pastoral staff member outside of regular office hours, call 260-615-4602 or 260-494-8586.

### Follow us!

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His Word

### OASIS Senior Ministries

**OASIS Women's Prayer Coffee [Thur, Sept 15, 9:30 am]** Join us for a meaningful time of prayer at 13519 Pebble Run Court, FW 46814. Call Sylvia at 260-616-0751 for directions.

### OASIS Prayers for Our Nation [Wed, Aug 24, 1:30-2:00 pm; Galatians Room]

Join us for prayer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, and with the presence of the Holy Spirit, our ECC Prayer Room will become a "War Room" for God's glory!

### OASIS Lunch & Learn [Mon, Sept 12, The Commons, 12:00 pm]

The OASIS Lunch & Learn is a monthly gathering where we eat, enjoy each other's company, & listen to a great speaker. Please join us in The Commons and bring a dish to share!

### Children's Ministry Volunteers Wanted!

We are preparing for Saturday, Sunday and Midweek programming for our ECC kids. Whether you are a returning school year volunteer or have been thinking about being a part of the Kids' Walk Volunteer Team, we have a spot for you! Please mark your **eCard** to be a part of our 2016-2017 Team. Our fall training for all team members is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in The Commons.

NOTE: If you have any questions or perhaps some interest is stirring, please stop by Room 169 after Saturday service or between Sunday services for a Q&A time with Pastor Shandra and Pastor Michelle.

### Lafayette Meadows Volunteers

Each year we send volunteers to LME to participate in a number of service opportunities. Some of those opportunities have been: mulching, field day activities, food/cards for teachers, reading with students, and Christmas wrapping. If you'd like to be notified as needs come up, please mark your **eCard**.

### Eschatology Forum [Sunday, Sept 11th 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Luke/Mark room]

Join us for a discussion as we investigate biblical passages which some interpreters indicate are North America's role in the End Times. Our goal is to have an informed approach to our own faith walk in our time. While being offered by the Men's ministry, this event is open to men and women of all ages. There will not be any child care offered during this class. Sign up on your **eCard** to attend.

### Missions & Outreach

#### F4F Race to Rescue

Race to Rescue is an opportunity for us to raise money to rescue children from the sex trade through the ministry of Destiny Rescue. There are a variety of race options and we want to encourage you to participate in one and choose DR as your charity partner. Don't forget to purchase a Race to Rescue dri fit t-shirt to promote Destiny Rescue at Fort 4 Fitness! Shirts will be available at Reach Central during service times each weekend in August. Children's shirts cost \$15 and adult shirts cost \$20. Check out our website: **emmanuelcommunity.org/raceto rescue**

### Women's Ministry

#### Fall Kick-Off [Aug 29, 7:00 pm, The Commons]

Don't miss our 2016 Fall Women's Ministries kick-off! We will have a night of prayer, as we look forward to the coming year and how God might use us to deeply love others inside and outside the walls of our church. Come meet and connect with other women and participate in a night of meaningful worship. Mark your **eCard** to register.

### Volunteer Training [Aug 24, 7:00-8:30 pm, Mark/Luke]

If you would like to serve in women's ministries during the 2016/2017 year, please plan to attend our coffee and dessert volunteer training. Join us, whether you have served previously or are interested in being involved for the first time, and mark your **eCard** to RSVP. Email **Kim at kfish@eccfw.org** with questions or for more information.

### Fall Bible Studies

#### A Living Hope [Mondays, 7-8:30 pm]

Join us for this 9 week study starting Sept. 12th on Monday evenings. Leader Marilyn Miller will guide us through 1 Peter. Peter was a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ. Key themes of humility, submission, and identity in Christ guide the study. Books are \$13 and can be purchased at the Event Center.

#### Twelve Women of the Bible [Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am]

Join us for this 12 week study starting Sept. 7th on Wednesday mornings taught by Sue McCollum. Unearth fresh insights for your life from women who lived thousands of years ago. We will apply Biblical lessons to our own modern-day struggles. Books cost \$6 and can be purchased at the Event Center.

Mark your **eCard** to sign up for these studies! Both classes will meet in the Mark/Luke Rooms.

### Counseling Center

#### Interns:

Emmanuel has well trained, counseling interns who provide individual, family, or group counseling options. Instructions for scheduling your session with them can be found below.

#### Scheduling an Appointment:

Emmanuel provides several counseling options. To schedule an appointment with Bob Bruce, Kim Fish, or one of our interns, go to [www.emmanuelcommunity.org](http://www.emmanuelcommunity.org), select the Connect option, then the Counseling and Care page. Fill out the form located at the bottom of the page. If it is an emergency, call 260-615-4602.

#### Support Groups:

Bimonthly **Adoption** support group. We support families with adopted children by connecting them to community, celebrating adoption, and offering support for the unique needs of adoptive families.

Future Dates:

September 18  
November 20  
Contact **Sara Ward** for more information at **eccsara@mac.com**.

**Memory Cafe** takes place the 3rd Monday of each month, and is a place where individuals with memory loss and their caregivers can get together in a safe, supportive and engaging environment. It is a time and a place where people can interact, laugh, cry, find support, share concerns and celebrate without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood. The Cafe will center around socializing and support.

Our Walk