

## 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).

### Weekly Meetings...

- **Ignite** meets this Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the FLC Gym.
- **Collide/Impact** meetings this Sunday from 6:00-7:30 pm. Meet inside door #3.

### Upcoming Events...

- September 28th, before school – Student-led "See You at the Pole" events at local schools
- October 12th – Fields of Faith Event at Homestead Football Stadium
- October 23rd—Rake-n-Run from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Participating students will need to bring a completed permission form (available online), along with a rake and a flashlight. We will end the evening at the fire pit.
- 2016-2017 school year event/meeting brochures are available now at the church's Event Center, or on our website!

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 5:00 and 6:30 pm (FLC Gym)

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



### Sunday at 9:30 & 11:00 am (Worship Center)

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



### Sunday at 9:30 & 11:00 am (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 [jouguest](http://jouguest).

### Church Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,  
Fri 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Stories & Parables

Persistent Waiting

Luke 18 : 1- 8

Steve Fish

## Today's Focus

Have you ever felt like quitting? In light of the hardships His disciples faced, Jesus anticipated that they might feel like giving up. He offered today's parable to remind all of us who God is, how He responds to His own, and to pray in belief as we wait on Him.



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Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 5:00 & 6:30 pm  
Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 9:30 am & 11:00 am



## 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.

### Mums and Yums!

We will be selling Mums and Asters (\$15), along with Shigs In Pit lunches, to raise funds for our team headed to Thailand in Oct. Buy pre-sale tickets for the lunches at the Event Center. Pulled Pork is \$9 and 1/2 chicken is \$10 and both will be served with Baked Beans and Green Chile Mac-n-Cheese. Pre-sale is a must; we will have very limited walk-up orders available. Pick up your food & buy plants Oct 1&2 between services or after last service.

### Adult & Children's Baptism and Class

On Nov. 20th we will be baptizing both adults and children (ages Kindergarten - 5th grade) who have already accepted Christ as their Savior.

**Both groups must attend a preparation class this Sunday, Sept 25th, immediately following second service to prepare for this celebration.**

Then, on Nov. 20th children's baptism service will be held at 2:00pm. The adults will be baptized in service. Interested? Sign up on your **eCard**. Direct questions about adult baptism to **Steve** at [sfish@eccfw.org](mailto:sfish@eccfw.org), children's to **Shandra** at [shathaway@eccfw.org](mailto:shathaway@eccfw.org).

### Race2Rescue Shirts: Last Chance!

This weekend is the last chance to buy race shirts at Reach Central to support DR in the Fort4Fitness! Adult: \$20, Youth: \$15. Not racing? Come join the cheer section with noise makers, muffins, and coffee at 7:00am on the corner of Fairfield and Petit. For more info, please email **Jennifer** at [jenniferbennett2@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferbennett2@comcast.net).



**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**

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.

Join us the first full weekend of each month for this class on the first Saturday at 6:30pm in the Matthew room, and Sunday at 11:00am in Room 169.

**Membership Class [Wednesday, Oct 19]**

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.

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**OASIS Senior Ministries**  
**OASIS Women's Prayer Coffee [Thur, Oct. 20, 9:30 am]** Join us for a meaningful time of prayer at 13519 Pebble Run Court, FW 46814. Call Sylvia at 260-413-7625 for directions.

**OASIS Prayers for Our Nation [Wed, Sept 28, 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, Oct. 10, 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!

**Kids' Walk Welcome Team**  
We are looking for a few friendly people to assist with check-in on Sunday mornings in the Kid's Walk area. No experience necessary and you would not be committing to every week. Mark your **eCard** if interested.

**Baby Dedication Celebration [Oct. 9, 2:00 pm]**  
Our next baby dedication is approaching! A required parent meeting will be held on Sept. 25th at 11:00am in Room 169. To participate, mark your **eCard**. Questions? Email **Pastor Shandra** at [shathaway@eccfw.org](mailto:shathaway@eccfw.org).

**Kids' Walk Hospitality Team**  
Do you have the gift of hospitality, serving, and enjoy decorating? We are forming a team of volunteers to help us prepare for 5 children's ministries receptions a year. If this is a way you could share your gift, please mark your **eCard**.

**GriefShare**  
If you are grieving the death of a spouse, extended family member, or friend and would be interested in participating in a grief support group, sign up on your **eCard** or contact **Pastor Bob** at [bbruce@eccfw.org](mailto:bbruce@eccfw.org). The group will meet for 13 weeks beginning Sunday, October 2 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the John Room.

**Eschatology Forum [Oct. 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm]**  
Join us for our second discussion as we investigate biblical passages which some interpreters indicate the rise of one world government. Our goal is to have an informed approach to our own faith walk in our time. The forum is sponsored by Man Matters but open to all adults. There will be no nursery or childcare offered during this meeting. Mark your **eCard** to attend.

**Missions & Outreach**  
**SAFE: Clean the Green [Sept 29, 4:00 - 6:00pm]**  
Connect with students from Smith Academy (a charter school for at risk urban males) as we help them clean up a section of the downtown greenway and then enjoy a snack and games together afterwards. If you're interested in participating, please mark your **eCard**. Day of, meet at 725 W.Washington Blvd.

**Meet the Founder [Oct. 2, County Line Church]**  
Destiny Rescue Founder, Tony Kiran will share about the global child sexual exploitation and slavery situation, his undercover work, how DR is making a difference, and how the Church can too! Reserve seats online at [www.classy.org/tonytalks2016](http://www.classy.org/tonytalks2016)

**Youth For Christ Rally [Oct. 25, 6:30 pm]**  
Celebrate the ministry of YFC at their upcoming rally! You'll hear stories of impact and be entertained by author and speaker Bob Goff. Doors open at 6:30. Mark your **eCard** to attend.

**Women's Ministries**  
**REFRESH [Oct. 3, 7-8:30pm, The Commons]**  
Come check out our inter-generational women's event! You will be encouraged and challenged as you connect with other women and hear Dr. Sherilyn Emberton, Huntington University's President speak. If you have been to REFRESH in the past, who can you invite to join you? Mark your **eCard** to register; see you there!

**Women's Newcomer Group**  
We are excited to launch a new group this fall for ladies who have recently moved to the area or for those who have experienced a move and want to encourage others. Please mark your **eCard** if you would like to be contacted to join a small group meeting each month to discuss the book *After the Boxes Are Unpacked*. We hope this setting will provide a time of reflection, encouragement and growth for all experiencing a season of change.

**Sewing Day [Oct. 8, 9 am- 1:00 pm, Mark/Luke]**  
Join us as we make dresses and shorts to help children in need. Bring your sewing machine, or come and help cut and iron fabric. There will be instruction if you have never made one of these items before. Email Kris Hittler for more information at [khitt@krishittlerinsurance.com](mailto:khitt@krishittlerinsurance.com). Mark your **eCard** to let us know you're coming!

**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:  
November 20  
Contact **Sara Ward** for more information at [eccsara@mac.com](mailto: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.