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EBC update. Send an email If you want something included next week (emmanuelmsu@gmail.com).

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I. Did you Know?

VBS Update

We will have a zoom meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 4 PM to discuss planning for VBS at EBC. This meeting will address any issues/concerns you may have about VBS for this summer. Please be prepared to ask questions and give ideas about moving forward. The current date for VBS is June 1-5, 2020. To sign into the meeting, go to emmanuelmsu.org and click on "join the prayer meeting."

VBS Update post from Daniel Thompson on bookface (13 April 2020)

Good morning all. It is time to consider rearranging VBS (either move the date, figure out ways to do it with social distancing, or changing modes and methods--wait that's all of the above--HA!).

Any ideas for when/how to do this would be appreciated. I spoke with Dr. McKibben yesterday and he thinks we can still expect some sort of social distancing through the summer. Unfortunately, the service time began and we had to cut our conversation short.

My thoughts: 1) push to end of July for one week VBS (Still may have to change depending on circumstances). 2) possibly a Friday and Saturday (small--whatever that means) VBS. 3) wait and see and have everything prepared for our original date (June 1-5) and return to look towards middle of May. 4) push it off to the fall in hopes of doing a weekend VBS. 5) Something totally new and different that would send shock waves throughout the North American Continent and around the world.

We are already battling the loss of AWANA. I don't know that kids are complaining or have a clue that it's not going on, but it is a major part of our children's ministry. VBS could be spectacular this year in regards to having to think outside the box and allowing the Holy Spirit to have complete control so that we don't "do it like we always have done it."

What I'm saying/asking, is for all of us to be in prayer about this particular ministry and work towards a unified goal of reaching kids with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some parents may still be uneasy about sending their child into public, so we also want to have measures of "comfort" set up for the parents (wiping down counters, door knobs, etc. and practicing distancing to whatever extent possible).
These are different times and we cannot stop ministry, so let's change and adapt to our surroundings.

Are you up for the challenge? Let me hear from you.

--Daniel

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II. Ministry updates:
*Current announcements/bulletin are also available in app under “welcome”.

There are four livestreamed services: Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Sunday 10 and 11 a.m. Sunday night EDGE. The links for these events are on our homepage (emmanuelmsu@gmail.com).

Daniel Thompson’s podcast, “Open Corners” is available on Google Play, Apple Store and our app/website. Topics include: Social Distancing, Meditation, Rest in the Lord, What in the World is Going on?. Podcasts are typically <30 min.

**Wednesday livestreamed prayer meetings @ EBC @ 6:30 p.m.!**
Daniel Thompson leads live-streamed/interactive prayer meetings @ 6:30 p.m.! Be sure to join in! Stay tuned for information prior to the event. You may interact using zoom, zoom chat or send a text directly to Daniel (662-418-6424). Brief explanation of livestream links on website: https://storage.snappages.site/JHX9PQ/assets/files/EBC-Wed.-Night-Prayer-Meeting-25-March-2-42.pdf

**Adult Bible Study led by Dr. McKibben, Sundays @ 10 a.m. live-streamed and interactive!**
You may watch via YouTube this Sunday or Zoom! The links are on the homepage of our website (https://emmanuelmsu.org). Our Sunday morning study is a three-year through the Bible study. We are in the Gospels and soon to be in Acts. We read and discuss selected passages as we slowly work our way through the Bible with the goal of seeing the big picture of God’s redemption provided to humanity through the person of Jesus Christ. Led by Dr. Everett McKibben. You can interact by using zoom or you may also comment on our YouTube channel or send your prayer requests in via email (emmanuelmsu@gmail.com). Brief explanation of livestream links on website: https://storage.snappages.site/JHX9PQ/assets/files/EBC-Wed.-Night-Prayer-Meeting-25-March-2-42.pdf

**Sunday service @ 11 a.m. is live-streamed!**
Please join us for our Sunday Praise & Worship and verse-by-verse presentation of the Bible! Pastor Kenny will be preaching this Sunday! We will have a pre-recorded Praise & Worship again this Sunday!
EDGE meets @ 5:30 p.m. on Zoom this Sunday!
Please contact Robert for information or go to the EDGE Facebook page for more information.

III. Prayer/Help/Events

Please pray for all the people going through financial difficulties and many that are dealing with depression. Praise God for watching over all of us and blessing us in ways that we sometimes do not recognize.

There is a gofundme account setup for Jason Minor and his family. If you would like to contribute it is found here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/jason-minor-gofund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR26g8YRuUR_jh3_pds9W_IL9GxRATLsJBea05htwdpB452lvbt8vQOJor4

Another way to help the Minors is to participate in delivering them meals. You can do that by following this link: https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kllw2d

Jacquelyn Nemeth’s Shower/Nemeth-Vaughn Wedding. Reminder to the hostesses of Jacquelyn’s shower need to pay Laure Bell if they have not. The hostess gift was purchased weeks ago. Also, the registries for Jacquelyn Nemeth and Luke Vaughn wedding are at Bed Bath & Beyond; Knick’s in Grenada, MS; MSU Florist; and Fresh Ink in Jackson, MS. You can find the information online. Their wedding is tentatively scheduled in early June.

Please pray for our leaders globally, nationally, and locally that they make Godly/wise decisions regarding our future.

IV. General information:

There is a new section on the website to get updates that is cleverly disguised under the heading: “EBC Updates”.

If you want anything broadcast on our EBC twitter and/or Instagram accounts just email it to emmanuelmsu@gmail.com.

You can get the app by texting “freegrace” to 206-859-9405.

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