

EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

THE EDGE

February 2019



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Ephesians 6:18

Interceding for God's Working Among Us...

By: Pastor Brad, Associate Pastor

Yesterday, my family and I were waiting on something in Silverton and decided to stroll through Ace Hardware. Tucked all the way in the back corner of the store is a decent-sized tool rental section. As we were passing this rental area, Everett and Gregory suddenly got really excited and desperately tried to direct Christine's and my attention to a posthole auger that sat right in the middle. Out of all of the interesting tools that they could have been excited about, why had they chosen the one that was nearly buried by the hundred or more tools surrounding it?

In order for you to understand Everett and Gregory's excitement, you need to know that we rented that exact auger last spring to drill a number of holes around our backyard. The reason the auger stood out to Everett and Gregory, among all of the other tools, was because **they knew its purpose!** They had seen it, used it, and were very familiar with what it was designed to do.

One of the tools at EBC that I (and I am guessing a few others) have not gotten very excited about is this paper you are holding, *The Edge* (our monthly newsletter). As I was reading some EBC policy recently, I came across a few things written about *The Edge* that made me realize I was not very familiar with the purpose of this tool. Let me share a bit of what I discovered...

First, the policy says, "*The purpose of The EDGE is primarily to be a communication tool for promoting/facilitating body life here at Emmanuel.*" As soon as I read this main purpose statement, I got more excited about this tool. I care a lot about body life here at EBC and am interested in anything that assists in promoting/facilitating it. However, it was the last sentence of the paragraph that really stood out to me. It says this, "*A major goal (of The Edge) will be to remind us to intercede for God's working among us.*" Wow, a prayer guide? I had never thought of using this newsletter for that.

What if we used *The Edge* as a prayer guide, toward the building up of the Body of Christ at EBC and beyond? What if we read the section featuring a few of our missionaries and then spent some time praying for them? What if we read about the featured EBC attendee and then spent some time interceding on their behalf? What if we used the birthday and anniversary calendar as a monthly prayer guide? What if we did this together in small groups, families, etc.? I am guessing a number of you have already figured this out and are doing things like this, but what if we all got on board?

This month, I can't wait for *The Edge* to arrive because I have a new understanding of its purpose!



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Upcoming Family Profiles. . .

- David Aitken Family -
[March]



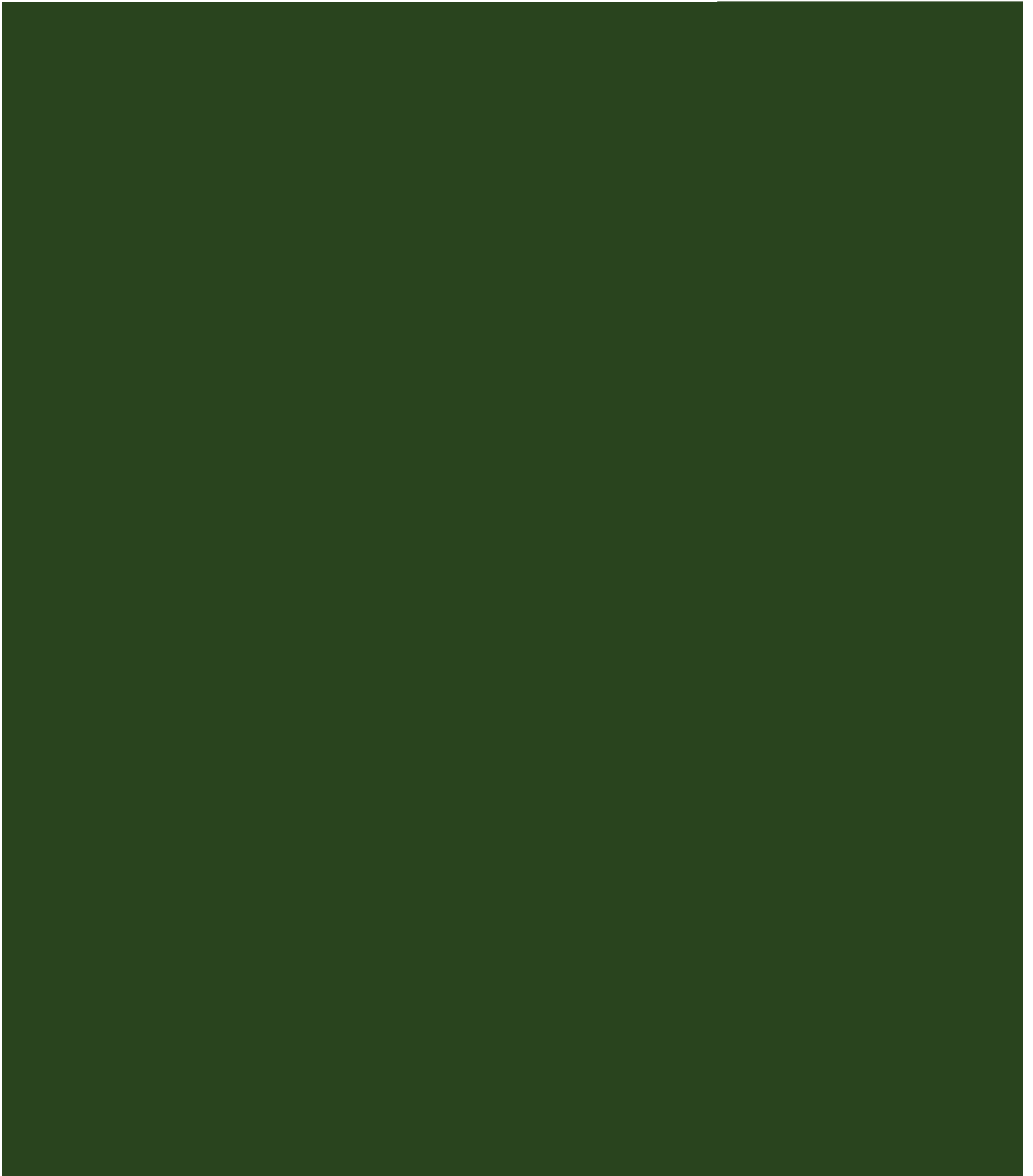
- Andy Miller Family -
[April]

- College and High School Graduates -
[May and June]

- Jerry & Glenda Plumb -
[July]



Going to Others. . .





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EVENT PAGE

THE HAPPENINGS AT EBC

Attention all EBC Women
Bite with Friends
 is coming March 4-9, 2019

What is it?

A week of fellowship opportunities for women to get together over a meal with a few friends. 'Bite with Friends' gatherings will be hosted through out the week at different times (breakfast/brunch, lunch, dinner or coffee) by a woman from EBC. These gatherings will either be hosted at a woman's home (either potluck style or as determined by the hostess) or be a gathering at a local restaurant (reserved table with each person responsible for her own meal).

Why?

To meet a 'new to you' woman from EBC and/or connect deeper with those you already know. Ultimately, to get to know our EBC church family better!

What do I have to do?

Sign up for a day and time that you would like to attend, and then the hostess will contact you if you need to bring a piece of the meal. Sign-ups are required and will occur at the ministry kiosk on February 10th, 17th, and 24th after the first service and before the second service.

How can I help?

Be a hostess. Host a breakfast, coffee time, lunch, or dinner at your home or a favorite restaurant once during the week. You set the date, time, type of meal, and how many you can host. Please contact Whitney Lierman if you are interested or have questions.

Thank you to everyone who gave towards the 2018 Missionary Women's Christmas gifts. Each woman missionary received a \$20 Amazon gift card along with a Christmas card from EBC women. Many missionaries have written thank yous to us saying this gift was very appreciated and they are thankful to have such a loving, supportive church family.

2019 Men's Retreat

February 22 – 24
 Twin Rocks

We as Christians live in between our salvation and future glory. It is a daily struggle to become more like Christ, and we can all relate to Paul's words when he says that
 "I have a desire to do good, but I cannot carry it out."

Men of EBC, if you desire to conduct your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel, and if you desire to honor and please the Lord in all that you do, please consider coming to the Men's Retreat this year. Our focus will be on living out the life that Christ intended for us to live – one of ever increasing obedience and dependence on the Lord.

In one of the great mysteries of our faith, we have

UNION WITH CHRIST

which is where we get our strength, our love, and our joy. It is this union with our Savior that sustains us and gives us the ability to accomplish His will. *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."* John 15:5

Teachers

Friday: Pastor Vladimir Mitsuk of Grace Bible Church
 Saturday: Tom Avinelis of Emmanuel Bible Church
 Sunday: Pastor Mark Idol of Emmanuel Bible Church

Sign-ups and more information are located in the foyer.

Cost is \$130.

If you need help with a payment plan please get in touch with:

Don Brown
 Kent Kaufman
 Brett Davisson

NEW COOKBOOK COMING!

-Recipes are due March 3rd to Annie Hoffman at anniegracehoffman@gmail.com or placed in Jordan and Annie Hoffman's west hallway foyer box. Each person can send in up to 12 recipes.

Also, to try and keep some of the old recipes we like from the red cookbook, you can submit up to 2 of your favorites to keep in the new cookbook (not your own recipes).

Please send in the name of the person who originally submitted the recipe and the page number in the red cookbook.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 02** Drew Gish, Marjorie Horning (**94**), Lydia Khieu,
Larry Nickel
- 04** Jan Mathis, Rosie Shetler
- 05** Ashlyn Davisson, Reese Johnston, Phillip Kelly,
- 06** Sue Giesbrecht, Alexis Haury, Roger King
- 07** Lauren Morrison
- 08** Everett Dettwyler, Lucas Mulkey, Harold Roth (**94**),
- 09** Alisha Wenger
- 10** Rennell Johnston, Tim Lundgren,
Craig Wenger
- 11** Bryan Rose
- 12** Adrian Kuenzi
- 13** Michael Klopfenstein, Jim Lane, Isaac Miller
- 14** Dan Fredrickson, Desmond Spalding, June Steffen
- 15** Casey Laudette
- 16** Mark Johnston, Gilbert Kuenzi
- 17** Leah Twede, Charlie Wilson
- 18** Fay Anderson (**93**), Nathan Gehring, Tirzah Mulkey,
- 18** Kamille Neukomm, Melissa Roth, Oliver Steffen
- 19** Chris Propeck
- 20** Sharon Mathis
- 21** Ann Gerig, Aaron Koch, Karen Martin,
Matthew Rogers
- 22** Grace Dettwyler
- 23** Finn Dunn, Sarah Folsom, Karen Friesen
- 24** Bonnie Nickel, Wes Robinson (**94**), Emma Stadel
- 25** AnnaRose Adams, Joseph Wilson
- 26** Mark Myers
- 27** Roger Duerksen, Sahalie Kuenzi, Tim Kuenzi,
- 28** Tesha Greenwood, Phyllis Meyer
- 29** Tyann Batson, Bonnie Kaufman, Ella Kuenzi

- 01** Neil and Kathy Beutler
- 04** Dennis and Lory Roth
- 09** Mike and Tiffany Baskett
- 12** Warren and Jody Haury, Gary and Sue Lorenzen
- 13** Ralph and Mary Pinkerton (**73**)
- 16** Loyal and Shellie Kuenzi
- 16** David and Madeline Ortega (**56**)
- 17** John and Sonja Tripp
- 18** Sam and Beth Wallace
- 18** Jim and Julie Morrison
- 22** Pat and Janie Twede

Library Corner

By: Pat Campbell, *Library Committee*

As you have listened to the recent sermons on prayer during our studies in Matthew 6, you may have wondered about your own prayer life. Do your public prayers reflect the humility that Jesus calls for? Or are you concerned about how to impress the other listeners? What about your private prayer life? Does it flourish or barely survive? Your EBC library has a section of books on prayer that can help you grow in this area of your spiritual life.

Prayer, Conversing with God by Rosalind Rinker could be considered a classic; it has been around for over 50 years. However, it should be mandatory reading for all new Christians and anyone nervous about praying in public. In addition, prayer meetings, small group sessions, and family devotional times can be transformed by the simple suggestions regarding conversational prayer that are found in this small book. The main portion of the book is only about 80 pages long and is written in a down-to-earth style, so there is no reason to be intimidated. Try it—and then let us know how it has changed your life.

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Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Services 8:00 & 10:45 AM

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The first 2019 S.O.S. is February 12th. Doors will open at 6:45 pm and it goes from 7-9 pm. Come get an introduction and overview of this year's study: the Attributes of God.

Sign-ups are not required but will be as a bulletin insert Jan. 27th, Feb. 3rd, & 10th.

This study is open to all women, high school graduates and up.