

In the study of that Divine Word I learned that, to obtain successful labourers, not elaborate appeals for help, but, first, earnest prayer to GOD to thrust forth labourers, and, second, the deepening of the spiritual life of the church, so that men should be unable to stay at home, were what was needed.

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# The God Who Commissions and Empowers

**Scripture for Meditation**  
*Acts 1:8*

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

# Call to Worship

## *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

George Askins, 1817

Brethren, we have met to worship  
And adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power,  
While we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
Of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you  
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving,  
Can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers,  
And our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us?  
Moses' sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
Who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior,  
Tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,  
Let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners,  
Till our God makes all things new.

Then He'll call us home to heaven,  
At His table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us  
With sweet manna all around.

## Offertory Hymn of Praise *O for a Thousand Tongues*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad  
The honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

## Prayer of Blessing

Charles Wesley,  
1707-1788

## Scripture Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:12-14*

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

**Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”**

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’

**Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”**

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to

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understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

**All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.**

## Hymn of Confession

### *We Rest on Thee*

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!  
We go not forth alone against the foe;  
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,  
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go;  
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,  
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.

Yes, in thy name, O Captain of salvation!  
In thy dear name, all other names above:  
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,  
Our Prince of glory and our King of love,  
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,  
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

*Edith Gilling Cherry,  
1872-1897*

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,  
And needing more each day thy grace to know:  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go”;  
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,  
“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

We rest on thee, our Shield and our Defender!  
Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise;  
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,  
Victors, we rest with thee, through endless days;  
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,  
Victors, we rest with thee, through endless days.

## Prayer of Corporate Confession

## Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

## Assurance of Pardon

### *Luke 24:46b-47*

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of Pardon

### *Facing a Task Unfinished*

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees

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A need that, undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee  
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee  
Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night.

*Refrain:*

*We go to all the world  
With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ the Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers.

*Refrain*

O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired

Saviour, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake.

*Refrain*

## **Hymn of Triumph** *By Faith*

By faith, we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design;  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith, our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*Refrain:*

*We will stand as children of the promise,  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith, the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

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By faith, the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
In every corner of the earth.

*Refrain*

By faith, this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.

*Refrain*

## **Ministry of the Word**



# Announcements

## JUNE

3rd | Wednesday Night Study

7th–14th | Plant Camp Atlanta

10th | Wednesday Night Study

17th | Wednesday Night Study

24th | Last Wednesday Night Study and Ice Cream  
Social

## MINISTERS

The congregation at large

## PASTORS

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Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

Brad Baugham, *Teaching Pastor*

## Sunday Service Times

**9:15 am** — Corporate Prayer Service

**10:30 am** — Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at [ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com](http://ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com)*