

SERMON NOTES

# Emmanuel Baptist Church

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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EMMANUEL EXISTS AS A REACHING MINISTRY:  
REACHING UP TO GOD IN WORSHIP, REACHING IN TO ONE  
ANOTHER FOR EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT,  
REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

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*"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."*

*Proverbs 16:3*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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SUNDAY 9:30AM PRAYER TIME DOWNSTAIRS • 10:00AM WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY

**TODAY'S MESSAGE:** Welcome to Emmanuel; where we look to the Lord as our Builder and Watchman. The Lord puts the 'Happy' in 'Happy New Year' because He gives us what makes life truly worthwhile, what truly matters. It is wise to work hard, but it is wiser to do so having sought God's blessing. If the Lord can build His church across the centuries in a way that hell cannot defeat, don't you think He can handle your project, too? Committing your work to the Lord is very practical. We can fall asleep tonight and wake to a new year, thanking Him for the sleep He gives to us as His beloved, and letting Him care for the morrow, having given it to us as a brand new gift.

**PIANIST:** Diane Lindstrom  
**VIOLINIST:** Mike Nelson

### WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN NO. 125** "Joy to the World!"

**HYMN NO. 128** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAISE & PRAYER

*Our time as a church to share brief prayer requests, as well as praises and updates from answered prayers.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Peter 2:1-10

**HYMN NO. 567** "Another Year Is Dawning"

**MESSAGE** Psalms 127:1-5

*Unless the Lord Builds the House*

**HYMN NO. 465** "In His Time"

### CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

**NEXT WEEK'S TEXT:** John 1:1-5

### UPCOMING EVENTS

1 <sup>st</sup> Thu of Month	4:30pm	Union Gospel Mission
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu of Month	1:30pm	Missions Meeting
12/31	6:00pm	NYE Fellowship & Potluck
1/9	6:30pm	Leadership Meeting

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Bible Study will resume on January 3, 2024!

Our Facebook page has reached 540+ friends! Please use it to share our church events with your friends and neighbors.

We will have a leadership meeting on Tuesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 downstairs at church. Please let Loren know if you are unable to come.

Please stay tuned for more information on the March for Life at the State Capitol on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to one. Save the date to attend!

You will find tracts on the back table. Please take them if you will pass them out.

Offering plate(s) are available at sanctuary entrance after the service.

### MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Pastor Ken Danielson and his wife Linda serve as Missionaries to Native families around the Lake of the Woods area of Minnesota and Canada. The ministry is twofold: A church plant in Warroad, MN, serves the Native and local community with Bible study, worship, and prayer. The second involves Bible Study, Bible School, and door-to-door evangelism on Canadian reserves on Lake of the Woods. Please pray for continued favor and opportunities for God's Word and love to save and change lives. Please pray Native elders and pastors will be raised up to preach and declare freedom in Christ to others.

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Please **email** all bulletin announcements by noon on Wednesday. *If you do not have email*, you may call the church office with your message.

A calendar is posted outside Pastor's office. Please record any planned meetings so there is no double-booking of events. Thank you.