Parish Visitor February 2025



# Emmanuel Church

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# Blessings from Carmi Emmanuel Church



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Emmanuel Church Growing Generations in Christ

As we step into February, a month often associated with relationships and connection, it's the perfect time to reflect on the importance of community in our walk with Christ. At Emmanuel Church, we believe spiritual growth happens best in the context of intentional relationships. That's why I'm excited to share that two new small groups in the style of a classic Wesley Band, will be launching this month!

The early church thrived on gathering in smaller groups. Acts 2:46-47 (NIV) says, "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Wesley Bands provide a space to deepen relationships, study God's Word, and grow in faith together in intentionally smaller covenantal groupings.

In a world that often feels isolating, small groups offer:

- Support: A community to share life's challenges and joys.
- Growth: Opportunities to dig deeper into Scripture and apply it to daily living.
- **Accountability**: Brothers and sisters in Christ who encourage us to stay faithful in our walk.

A Wesley Band takes small groups a step further than a typical small group. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, emphasized the importance of accountability and intentional discipleship. Bands are smaller, gender-specific groups (usually 3-5 people) where members:

- Confess sins and struggles to one another (James 5:16).
- Pray fervently for each other. (Romans 1:9)
- Urge one another along toward holiness (Hebrews 10:24).

These groups are designed to foster vulnerability, honesty, and deep spiritual growth. In a Wesley Band, there's no hiding behind surface-level discussions—it's about walking closely with Christ and with one another.

This February, we're launching two groups designed to help you grow in your faith:

- 1. **Small Group Study**: A weekly gathering focused on Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. This group will meet on **Tuesdays at Noon**. All are welcome, whether you're new to small groups or have been part of one for years.
- 2. **Wesley Band**: For those ready to dive deeper, this group will meet on **Tuesdays at 5:15 pm**. Spots are limited to keep the group small and focused, so be sure to sign up soon.

If you've ever felt stuck in your faith or longed for deeper connections with others in the church, this is your opportunity. These groups are not just programs—they're pathways to transformation. Sign up by contacting pastor Shane or using the sign-up page on the church website.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the church family for hearing our needs and helping so many others this past year. Recently we helped provide Hurricane Relief to the Northwestern Carolinas, the Antique Angel Tree, the Advent food and hygiene boxes and a new scooter for Robert. God Bless

you for caring! **Also,** Outreach would like to thank Doug & Nancy Winter for the gala proceeds of \$2978.00. That is very very kind of you.

For this year (2025), we will be sending monthly donations to the following missions and charities:

Cunningham Childrens' Home

White County Senior Citizens

Cobden Jesus El Senor Arro

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

Safe Haven
Arrows

The Guardian Center
United Methodist Childrens' Home
Carmi Compassion Center
Red Bird Mission



January 19th was Sanctity of Life Sunday. We are currently in a campaign to fill baby bottles with coins and other forms of money to be given to the Pregnancy Help Center here in Carmi. We ask that you please return your filled bottles by February 23rd.



#### **Donations in memory of Dike Behler:**

Roger & Kathey Bolerjack
Jeff & Paula Bohleber

#### **Donations in memory of Gary Keck:**

Roger & Kathey Bolerjack Barbara Whybark Connie Simmons



Join Pastor Shane on Wednesdays for this study. This is a more in depth study of the Sermon on the Mount so please plan on joining us on Wednesdays at 6pm.



Corrections for the directory - our apologies that the following information and people were inadvertantly omitted from the 2025 directory.

**Beals, Jerry & Tammy (Bolerjack)**, 160 Louis Woolsey Lane, Calhoun, KY 42327 - Tammy: 270-903-2656 Jerry: 270-993-1463

Wood, Robert & Debbie, 705 Co Rd 1435 N Carmi

**Wolff, Michael & Rosetta**, 598 Jennifer Ave, Carmi, wolffrr4@hotmail.com Mike: 618-384-7123 Rosetta: 618-384-7124 Carmi, IL 62821

Don Garrett was errantly omitted from the Scholarship Committee



Thank you so much for the gift bag and the youth caroling to my brother, Richard Winter. He really enjoyed it and felt very special. Emmanuel is special to him. - Sheila Westfall

Thank you for the monetary gift that I received for doing the janitorial job for the past several months. This church and the people in it make it so special. - Sheila Westfall

Thank you for helping keeping our Kids a little fuller. We appreciate all you do!
-Lincoln Attendance Center

#### We invite you to Worship with us!

203 Edgewood Lane, Carmi, Illinois 62821 Sunday School - 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study - 6 PM

> carmiemmanuel@gmail.com Office Phone: (618) 382-2436 Pastor's Office Hours: M - TH 8:00 AM to 12 Noon Church Office Hours: M - TH - 7:30 - 12:30

Check out our Website at
Carmiemmanuel.com and FACEBOOK PAGE:
Emmanuel Church

We celebrate the baptism of Ashley Alzate. Pastor Shane had the privilege of baptizing her at the Arrows church service on 1/26!



#### January Attendance

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NEED a RIDE to a CHURCH event? Simply call the church office at (618) 382-2436 by Thursday noon to arrange for SUNDAY pick-up.



## **Financial Information**

#### General Fund

11/30/24 Checking Balance

\$87,457.27

Offerings:

Regular Morning/SS offering \$36,235.76
Specially Designated Offerings \$1,420.00
Outreach offerings \$6,747.00
Misc. Income/Funeral Dinner \$138.00

\$44,540.76

Beginning Balance Plus Receipts

\$131,998.03

Cash Disbursed:

Interfund Chg

Operating Expenses \$18,974.87

Prior Mo

Current

-\$756.35

- \$756.35

Trustees Clearing Acct

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Liabilities

\$3,408.64 \$2,265.58

\$1,143.06

Change

**Total Expenses:** 

\$20,117.93

12/31/2024 Checking Balance

\$111,880.10

#### Trustee General Fund Account

Beginning Balance 11/30/2024 \$63,660.53

Deposits

\$10,091.50

Disbursements

\$ 1,353.03

Checking Balance CD Balance 12/31/2024

\$72,399.00

12/31/2024

\$50,000.00

Debt Checking Balance

12/31/2024

\$14,978.54

(this will be transferred to Trustees for Pavilion/Prayer Garden Project)



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11



#### Nursery

2nd - Ellie Orr

9th - Sam Sisco

16th - Niah Haley

#### **Stewards**

Jeff & Lynn Cantrell

9th - Lynn Cantrell

2nd - Sheila Westfall

16th - Barb Whybark

23rd - Jo Haley

**Pianists** 

#### Sunday School - PreK - 5th

23rd - Brenda Ware-Roge

Raley Attebury

2nd - Paula Bohleber

9th - Judy Lamp

16th - Jo Haley

23rd - Sandy Orr

#### **Children's Message**

2nd - Brian Orr 9th - Holly Davis

16th - Doug Hays 23rd - Tina Mosier

#### Ushers

Amy Dixon Sarah Haley Robin Nichols

Jessica Williams

Lisa Wolff

# February scheduled committee meetings

2/2 - Scholarship - 9:40am

2/10 - Admin - 5:30pm

2/10 - Finance - 5:00pm 2/11 - SPRC - 6:00pm



### For all treasurers:

We need you to turn in your financial books for years 2023 and 2024 as soon as possible to the church office to be audited. We appreciate your help with this.



# 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 6pm			
Scholarship Mtg - 9:40am Worship Co Mtg - 1:00pm	3	4	5	6	NOT ALONE Widows 7 Party - 6pm here  Tammy Beals	8 Claire Simmons
9 Grant Gee	FINANCE - 5:00pm ADMIN COUNCIL - 5:30 pn Alex Cribbs	SPRC - 6:00pm	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY  Sandy Orr	13	Valentine's DAY  DAY	15
16		Payton Dixon Cassie Smith		20	21	22
23	24	25	Dale Raney	27		
			Mary Beth Hetzman		Olivia Bohleber	

## Please always remember in your prayers:

<u>Col</u>	<u>lege</u>	Stud	<u>lents</u>

Brianna Anderson Cataline Baker Ryan Bartley Olivia Bohleber Bryce Conner Ian Mosier
Payton Dixon Annaleise Shorb
Trey Dixon Jessica Smith
Landen Elliott

# Servicemen

Jaxen Albright
Dylan McPherson
Blake Pollard

#### Shut-ins

Jean Bolerjack Marjorie Fechtig Joyce Garner Connie Garrison Frances Whetstone Richard Winter

