

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

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Morning Worship: In morning worship, we have been walking through Psalms 3-10 in a series called "How to Fall Apart Without Falling Apart." So far, these Psalms have included cries to God, complaints about the speaker's situation, and professions of continuing trust. Psalm 8 has a completely different tone: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." This morning we'll look at this declaration of praise tucked in the middle of our series of Psalms of Lament. How does this Psalm keep God in the picture when the scenes are dark?

Evening Worship: Having just navigated (only with the LORD's intervention) his escape from Laban's hostile force that overtook his traveling party, Jacob faces another potentially hostile force. He sends servants to prepare his brother, Esau, for his arrival. Esau responds with a welcoming part of 400. How will the LORD keep his covenant promises and protect Jacob again? How is the LORD forming Jacob to be the leader of this covenant family?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KidsFest 2025 is right around the corner!

- **Leader/Helper Training:** KidsFest activity leaders, Bible leaders, and helpers – make plans to attend leader training @ Immanuel either TODAY at 11:00 a.m. or Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Help is needed** by serving meals nightly and also a variety of help is needed for the block party. Sign-up sheets are on the Connections table.
- **Fruit & Veggies Needed:** We will once again be offering a meal to families and volunteers before KidsFest each evening. Along with the main course, we could use donations of fresh veggies or fruits as well as cookies. Maybe you have a garden that is overproducing! Fruit and veggies can be brought to Immanuel kitchen on Sunday, August 10. Or maybe you like to bake! Sign up to bring 3 dozen cookies on the Connections table. Label container with your name and mark it for KidsFest. Cookies may be dropped off and put in Immanuel's freezer after August 1.

Shop With a Cop is this week and more volunteers are still needed to shop with a child for new school clothes! Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, August 5 and Wednesday, August 6 from approximately 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please call 712-324-9707 or email linda@sheldon-loveinc.org for more information!

Summer study on the LORD's Prayer will meet in the council room Thursday, August 7 @ 7:00 p.m. We will be considering the requests, "Your kingdom come," and "Your will be done." Newcomers are welcome.

NEEDED: GEMS Counselors! The Sheldon GEMS have a few counselor openings that need to be filled. Help girls (4th – 8th grade) grow in their faith and learn valuable life skills. Talk to Melissa Wiersma for more info (712-348-5567).

Summer Teen Bible Study & Hangout: The area youth directors are inviting teens to a Bible study and hangout time on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Breu Haus. If you are entering the 7th – 12th grade, and are available to come, show up for a short Bible study and games to follow! August 13 will be the final meeting.

SAVE THE DATE! Church Night at Hills Park in Sheldon on Sunday, August 17. Afternoon activities include a disc golf tournament starting at 3:00 p.m., followed by a time of worship, and ending with a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. More details will be coming!

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pray for our mission team in Newton working with Raceway Ministries at this weekend's NASCAR races. Thank you to many who have provided cookies as a tool to open conversation. Pray that as the team members serve that they may have opportunities to shine their light, share the love and kindness of Jesus to those they come in contact with, and encourage many in their walk with Christ.

From Cort & Trudy Victoria: *We praise and thank God for His loving care. Thank you to our Immanuel church family for your prayers, visits, and concern for us while we were in the hospital. We are so blessed!"*