



The Current

What's flowing through EYC?

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Happy Birthday to Whom?

12/1 – Nick Pawloski
12/1 - Jordan Strawbridge
12/2 – Samantha Brown
12/12 – Trey Kearse



Verse of the Month

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:12-13

Brag Box

Congrats to **Joshua Thomas** who auditioned for and was accepted into the Jazz Band at Hickory MS! Way to go, Stix!

Jake Sytsma hit a double at his last baseball game of the season! Swing away, Jake!

Major props to **Maggie Hallauer** who made All District Women's Chorus! She scored the highest of all VB high school students who auditioned. You're making us proud, Maggie!

David Maple and his fellow Boy Scouts of Troop 499 took first place at the 2014 *Pumpkin Chunkin'* at Pipsico this month. That's something to be proud of!

It's been a big month in the Rice family! **Jake** played "Fred" in Kellam HS's production of *Get Smart*, **Sarah's** soccer team won first in their division & went undefeated in the Norfolk Veteran's Day tournament; and most importantly, their dad, Mark Rice, returned from deployment! We are so thankful for his service and are so glad the family is whole again!

Lydia Meredith can now add "Kempsville HS Swim Team" to her résumé! Great job, Lydia!

David Brown has finished out his season of JV football for Salem HS. He has also been volunteering his time helping children as a member of the Leader's Club at the Indian River YMCA. David was also asked to instruct new club members at a weekend retreat. Way to be a leader, David!

Making waves on the soccer field, **Samantha Brown**, a 6th grader, started every game she played for Salem MS! Her Beach FC team, *Adrenaline*, finished their season in 1st place!

Jada Ramos has been attending Governor's School for the Arts and was recently granted a spot in a performing company! Additionally, she will be playing the role of a toy soldier in *The Nutcracker* at Chrysler Hall Dec. 12th & 13th!

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 6 – Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 14 (2nd Sunday) – Mission of the Holy Spirit
Jan. 9 – Lock – In @ EEC

Advent Season

During this season of preparation for the birth of Jesus, you will frequently hear themes of hope, love, joy, and peace. Last week, the EYC created Chrismon ornaments to be placed on the Advent Tree in the Narthex. Each Sunday, we will ask you and the congregation to write your prayers fitting the theme for the week and hang them on the tree. At the end of the Advent season, the tree will be full of Emmanuel's prayers as we enter in to the Christmas season.

The Advent wreath also echoes those themes. Each candle on the wreath is representative of hope, love, joy, and peace and as they are lit each week, we reflect upon those themes as they are woven through the scripture we hear during the course of the Advent season.

I hope that each of you takes some time to reflect on the "reason for the season" this month. Advent is very meaningful if you take the time slow down, listen, and embrace what you hear each Sunday.

~ Melissa Thomas

Announcements

~ Youth will be assisting with Breakfast with Santa on **Dec. 6th**. This is a fundraiser for our group so it's important to attend! Wear your pajamas!

~ For our 2nd Sunday activity, we will be assisting with the Mission of the Holy Spirit Christmas Dinner on **Dec. 14th**. Please come (nicely dressed) at 1:30pm prepared to help this wonderful community! This has been a long standing tradition at Emmanuel, led by our youth. Since our numbers are a bit small these days, our young adults will pitch in as well. They will be handling the meal and youth will handle set up, decorating and helping with childrens' activities during the meal.

~ You've been asking for a lock-in so we're going to give you one! **Friday, Jan. 9...**More details to come.

Honor Roll

David Brown
Samantha Brown
David Maple
Jake Sytsma
Jada Ramos
Joshua Thomas

Principal's List

Alaina Lusk
Lauren Sutton

Helpful Websites

Emmanuel Website – www.emmanuelvb.com
Diocesan Youth Page – www.diosova.org/youth/

Daily Devotions - <http://www.d365.org/todaysdevotion/>