

LPC DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

We are a family of believers, glorifying God, welcoming new members from near and far, learning to love God and neighbor.

The following selection is Day 75 in Jonathan Cahn's book, THE BOOK OF MYSTERIES, published by Frontline, Charisma Media/Charisma House Book Group, c.2016.

EEM-ANU-EL

"I'm going to teach you how to speak Hebrew," said the teacher, "or at least one sentence."

"I'm ready."

"The Hebrew word for with is eem. And the word for us is anu."

"Eem...anu," I said.

"And the word for God is El."

"El."

"So how would you say 'With us is God'?" he asked.

"Eem...anu...El."

"Say it again."

"Eem...anu...El. Eem anu El...Immanuel!"

"Yes, Immanuel. So Isaiah prophesied of Messiah, 'A virgin shall conceive and give birth to a child and shall call Him Immanuel.'"

"The Name of Messiah."

"And more than a name. In Hebrew, it's a sentence. It's a declaration, a reality. It's the reality of Messiah. His very life on earth was this Hebrew sentence, a declaration in Hebrew-eem anu El."

"How was His life a sentence?" I asked.

"When He was sorrowful. Who was it who was sorrowful?"

"Immanuel."

"It was Immanuel in sorrow," said the teacher, "Eem anu El in sorrow. It forms a sentence: 'God is with us in sorrow'. And when He was in the boat on the Sea of Galilee in the midst of the storm, it was Immanuel in the storm. Eem anu El in the storm. It forms another sentence: 'God is with us in the storm'. And when He was despised and rejected of men, it was eem anu El in rejection."

"God is with us in rejection," I replied.

"When He hung on the cross in judgement, it was eem anu El in judgement."

"God is with us in judgement."

"And when He ascended to heaven, where He is, it is eem anu El forever."

"God is with us forever."

"Immanuel came into the world and to every circumstance of life, so that we could say, 'At all times, in all places, in every circumstance...eem anu El, God is with us...always.'"

THE MISSION: Today, practice the Hebrew of His name. In every circumstance speak and fathom the reality of eem anu El-God is with you, always.

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-25; Luke 8:22-25

Immanuel I-II

SPECIAL PRAYERS

*Our Church and its Members *Stanley White Church and its Members *Teresa Mallory
*Charlotte Aycock

*Charlotte's Son, Carl *Emily Williams *Emily's Cousin *L. H. Robinson *Harrison West
*Sharon West

*Ann See *Crawley Family *Wendy Brunk's Mother *John and Henrietta Williams *Allison
Gordan *Billie

Perkinson *Shelley Roberts *Kitty Perkinson *Anne Baker *Ann Broaddus *Al Thompson
*Susan Lloyd

*Susan's Brother, Bill *Betty Walker's Family *Michelle Moseley *Kristina Seward *Larry
Williams' Family

*Bessie Young *Kay and Keith Hamm's Family *Bellamy Alston *Jackie Bufalo's Family *The
Brunk Family

*Agnes Atkins *Mike Currin *Believers Around the World

*Our Service Folks Around the World *Our Country and its Leaders

NOVEMBER SESSION NOTES

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS: Board of Pensions (ENR 301) Clerk still needs to send the Financial Reports to the Board of Pensions regarding the request for hardship waiver on Vacancy Dues. Clerk reported receiving Request per capita (Ask Statement) from Presbytery of New Hope. Issue will be tabled until a later date.

MUSIC on SECOND SUNDAY: Clerk Wanda Clark reported discussions with Lynn Lesak and agreed to suspend second Sunday music until after the first of the year.

MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE: Elder John Clark reported he has contacted Philip Alston, Christie Seacrest, Lynn Lesak, John Skinner, Charlotte Aycock, and Nancy Lawler and all were receptive to serving on the Mission Study. He plans to meet before Christmas.

SALE of LOTS: Elder Henrietta Williams and Joanne Daniels reported the Deeds have been signed and returned to the lawyer's office. The final numbers are not available yet to determine if any money was made after commission, advertising, legal fees, and taxes.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES: Foundation- John Williams is still working on the foundation issue at the back of church./ Handrail support at bottom of rail- John Clark will work on this./ Portico for front of church- John Williams reported the portico is nearly complete and will contact Halifax County for inspection. JoAnne Daniels will order the brass plaque. John Williams (Williams Custom Builders) will send an invoice in the amount of \$8,000.00.

NEXT COMMUNION DATE: The Session agreed Communion will not be served on the first Sunday in December. The Session agreed to serve Holy Communion on Christmas Eve service. It was also agreed that the issue of how often Holy Communion would be celebrated would be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

STEW SALE BUILDING FUNDRAISER: It is scheduled for Nov. 19, 2016. Mary and Tommy Clark will cook a stew to raise money for the building. Quarts are priced at \$8.00, estimated 60 quarts.

PULPIT SUPPLY: Wally Spragins is scheduled for Nov. 20, Nov. 27, and Dec. 4. John Clark is scheduled for second Sundays. Clerk will contact Michelle Moseley to see if she is interested in Dec. 18 and one Sunday a month. It was agreed to have Christmas Eve Service with communion with Joe Sandoval at 7:00pm. The Session will poll the congregation for interest in service on Christmas, Dec. 25, 2016. Joe Sandoval is set for Jan. 15, 2017.

CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT and OPEN HOUSE: Elder Daniels will coordinate the annual Church Open House with cookies and refreshments on Sat. Dec. 3, 2016 during the parade. Philip Alston will coordinate the float.

PRAYER LIST CONCERNS: Teresa Malory, Emily Williams, Harrison West, Ann See, Crawley Family, LPC during transition, Anne Baker, Billie Perkinson, John and Henrietta Williams, Al Thompson, Susan Lloyd's

brother, Bill (heart issues), Betty Walker Family, Michelle Moseley and SWPC Family, the Brunk Family, Keith Hamm Family, Charlotte Aycock, Kitty Perkinson, Agnes Atkins, Mike Currin, and Carl Aycock.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Elder Wanda Clark made the motion seconded by Elder - to nominate Elder Daniels as Chairman of the Nominating Committee to select candidates for Session Elder seats. A Congregational Meeting will need to be held to announce the creation of a Nominating Committee. Joe Sandoval will seek approval from the Committee on Ministry to allow Wally Spragins to serve as moderator of the Congregational Meetings tentatively set for Nov. 27 ,2016 and Dec. 4, 2016. The meetings will be announced Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016.

UPCOMING DATES

SESSION MEETING: Dec. 12, 2016 at 6:30, Joe Sandoval moderating

COMMUNION: Christmas Eve Service

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Nov. 29, 2016 at 6:00pm

DECEMBER 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st: Christie Seacrest, Dispa Williford

5th: Cassidy Oreshack

15th: John Clark
Madeline Williford

31st:

VOLUNTEERS:

Flowers- Memorial Poissetias

Fellowship- Cookie Exchange

Ushers- ?

3 Sat. 10:00am Parade, LPC OpenHouse

4 Sun. 9:30am Worship, Guest Minister-Wally Spragins Congregational Meeting

11 Sun. 9:30am Worship Led By John Clark Cookie Exchange

12 Mon. 6:30pm LPC Session Meeting

18 Sun. 9:30am Worship

21 Wed. Winter Begins

24 Sat. 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service, Communion Guest Minister- Joe Sandoval

25 Sun. ?

Christmas

Hanukkah Begins (8 Days)

Kwanzaa Begins

31 Sat. Sunset Hanukkah Ends