

# The Good news of My Emanuel

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7<sup>th</sup> edition

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1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" 3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" (Mark 1:1-3 NIV)

## Praise the Lord for all things!

Praise the Lord! We are growing and the Lord continues to bless us with everything that we could ever need to provide in His holy wonderful name! This week we have added a new "outreach" section where we will post different things we have going on in the community as well as what you can do to help My Emanuel touch more lives! Also this week we created the My Emanuel Prayer Team page on Facebook! The prayer team is open to anyone who would like to be apart of the army of the Lord! You can see what the prayer team is all about and "like" the Facebook page to receive prayer request in your Facebook news-feed at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/My-Emanuel-Prayer-Team/214203368666951>.

We pray that the Lord will continue to allow us to provide anything we can to touch you and provide us the words and wisdom to strengthen your walk with the Lord! We hope that you would feel free to share The Good news of My Emanuel anyway you can to glorify the name of the Lord!

We ask that you would keep My Emanuel in your prayers that the Lord would provide us all the things we need to praise and glorify His holy name! That He would bless us in abundance to reach those in need and that we could remind everyone that the Lord can turn anyone into a powerful tool for His use! Please pray that we may continue to touch those that the Lord has blessed us to share His wonderful, powerful, true words with and that we can continue to grow and bring glory to His name in all we do!



## Sections

The Good news of My Emanuel is split up into several sections to make what you are looking for easy to find! The sections of our newsletter are:

- Weekly sermon (red)
- Weekly life impacting scripture (blue)
- Testimony (green)
- Outreach (cyan)
- Prayer and praise request (yellow)
- Reviews and newly found ministries (pink)

This color coded section should allow you to gain quick access to any portion of this newsletter, we know that some days you will have time to read all the way through, other days you will want to jump directly to something in the newsletter.

## Get involved!

Become a warrior for the Lord by joining the My Emanuel prayer team! Simply "like" the My Emanuel Prayer team page on Facebook and remember those lifted up in your prayers everyday! Post any prayer request that are on your heart and truly believe that the Lord is true and powerful and He will answer all our prayers! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/My-Emanuel-Prayer-Team/214203368666951>

Remember to check out [www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html](http://www.myemanuel.com/getinvolved.html) for more information!

**31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 31-33 NIV)**

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# Weekly Sermon

Timothy Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

## True power comes only from the Lord

You are the smartest. You're the strongest. You know decisive pieces of information. You've seen things that have taught you so many lessons. You have learned from all the elders around you. You fight tooth and claw for everything you have. Nothing can defeat you, you have to be the best. Even if you aren't affected by alcohol and drugs, you can drive normally, function normally. You can't have any addictions, you're too strong! You do good deeds for others and the whole world sees! You have everything figured out, a plan for every situation, and you will take your reward by pure will power. You've worked so hard that you deserve everything you have!

Then someone comes along and they are not a genius, they aren't the strongest, they don't have all the information, they know they have weakness and they embrace the fact. They know they aren't perfect and they know they have been blessed abundantly. When they can't do something they admit it and ask God for help. They try to be righteous and for the Lord. Then they are blessed so much it makes even your head spin. They get that promotion you thought you deserved. They have a nicer house, nicer cars, a happy family, but they work less and have less money... But they ask the Lord for his help and go to him in prayer!

No matter how hard you work, how long you run, even if you cheat and steal; someone somewhere will have abundant blessings and joy their circumstances don't seem to warrant. Have you ever heard money can't buy happiness? This is true as well as the saying you can't buy your way into heaven!

What's the one difference between these people? One gives his pride power, the other gives the power unto the Lord. Things that shouldn't be possible can happen with the Lord.

### **Luke 18:26-27 KJV**

**26**And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? **27**And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Brothers and sisters if it wasn't for God who then could be saved? Because no one deserves the blessings and salvation we have received!

### **Romans 3:10 KJV**

**10**As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one

But God wills no man to be eternally damned! He loves us so much that he sent His son to die in our place on the cross! Because the punishment for sin is death!

### **2 Peter 3:9 KJV**

**9**The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

### **John 3:16 KJV**

**16**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

No man can earn his way into heaven, but we have been given a way to be free of sin and to go to heaven!!

### **John 14:6 KJV**

**6**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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## Life impacting scripture

Daniel Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

**34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew Chapter 25 verse 34-36 NIV)**

Remember that when you refuse to help those in need and you turn your back on your brothers and sisters that you are turning your back on the Lord! For truly the Lord requires that all of us who walk with Him to do everything we can to provide for those around us! Regardless of your circumstances you are blessed and you must share whatever you can! Sharing clothes, shoes, food, money, words, a open heart and ear, whatever the Lord has blessed you with glorifies His holy name!

For those of you who think “its not my fault your poor” or “you can afford this, or you can afford that and yet your out begging” or “I am to busy or I don’t have enough to go around” I challenge you to truly look at yourself in the mirror! Ask yourself every time you pass up a chance to help a brother or sister in need, if I was standing in front of the Lord what would I say to Him if he asked me about this? The old phrase “What would Jesus do?” is so amazing because the truth is the Lord does everything that we ask in prayer! The Lord has given us so many blessings including the greatest gift ever! Eternal life and forgiveness of sins! How dare you not provide for those in need!

Provide for your brothers and sisters and do so to glorify the name of the Lord! Never do anything to glorify yourself or your organization, do it from the love in your heart for the Lord knowing that whatever you do for the least of His kingdom you are doing to Him!! Think before you act, pray before you speak, reflect before you follow through, and glorify and praise the Lord as you are doing!! Thank the Lord for allowing us to share with any He sees fit!

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## Testimony

Timothy Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>

*Do you have a testimony that you would like to share with our readers? We would love to hear what the Lord has done in your life that has provided you with a testimony to glorify his name! Please contact us at [dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!*

My name is Timothy Higginbotham.

Late one night this week me and my brother Daniel were talking and I felt grieved. I had been becoming confused on certain things, I couldn't understand some things that were going on. So we both decided I needed to take a walk and pray unto the lord. I went outside and felt immediately led to a corner of a practice football field. I went to the edge wondering what I was doing here and then I noticed an illusion of two power lines that make a very tall cross or crucifix. I got the urge to walk past this "cross" to another one a good ways in the woods behind it. Let me set the stage, its dark, wet, and 10 o'clock at night, there are woods on both sides of this clearing. I begin to walk through to the cross and realized there was nothing but thorns and a lot of them. I walked through them and they begin to grab at me and the thin athletic pants I was wearing. They grabbed but didn't really hurt at all. But I got scared and began to try to turn around. Immediately the thorns begin to grab, puncture and cut my skin. I allowed my flesh to scare me and keep me from good things. There will be days when it wont be thorns grabbing us but people! But we have to have faith!

### **Matthew 8:26 KJV**

**26And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.**

After this I felt led to another field and I went past this field to a two path junction. One was to my left across a safe looking bridge, and the other was to my right into the creepiest stretch of marshy and muddy forest I have ever been. The voice in my head said go to the left but I felt as if my spirit was leading me to the right. I really didn't want to go but was willing to trust in Jesus. I began to become very frightened, I thought of everything from snakes to spiders, to dogs to crazy hobo men.... but what kept reoccurring was the thought and fear of snakes. My spirit said keep walking and praising, at this point Im singing our god is greater at the top of my lungs, but DO NOT LOOK DOWN. So you can imagine that scared me a little. But I kept walking until I got to a river of mud and standing water, and got the urge to turn around, I was scared at how far I had come but kept singing. I eventually went out of the woods, and guess what... I was still alive, not hurt, just scared. Believe brothers and sisters if he could part the Red Sea, and could heal the worse diseases. What can and will he do if we only trust Him!

**Trust in God!!**

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## Outreach

Daniel Higginbotham – My Emanuel – <http://www.myemanuel.com>



This week we would like to praise the Lord for allowing us to find brothers in need in Dalton, Georgia. The picture to the left is a picture from a “tent city” in Dalton where as many as 10 men are living with far less than any of us could ever imagine! I have had the great pleasure of meeting two of the men here, Ron and Thomas. It is amazing to me that even know the devil has done his best to tear them down they still praise the Lord!

This week we would like to let you know that these men are in need and pray that if you can do anything to provide that the Lord would put it on your heart to do so! These men are in need of shoes, clothes, and

much more! Please pray for these men that the Lord would provide them with all they need and that these men would continue to turn to the Lord in prayer and praise His holy name regardless of the circumstances!

Also praise the Lord for providing donations that allowed Timothy to provide 45 dozen eggs to families in need as part of Mt. Holly Church in Carrollton Georgia!! Praise the Lord for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Carrollton and please pray that the Lord would allow their ministry to grow and that the spirit will continue to move through the congregation! <http://www.mounthollychurch.com/>

If you would like to provide any donations for this men please contact us at [dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) or at 678-956-1005. Please remain in prayer for these men and that the Lord would allow us to share whatever He blesses us with them and all those in need! Please feel free to contact us if you know anyone in need in the North Georgia area, or anywhere for that matter and we will do our best to provide anything that we can! To glorify the name of the holy Lord! Thank you Lord for allowing us the honor of meeting these men and may you increase their faith and love of you!

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## Prayer and praise request!

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*The “reviews” and “newly found ministries” sections have been combined in order to provide a new section to share prayer request from brothers and sisters, readers of The Good News of My Emanuel as well as to post praise request to glorify our Heavenly Father and give him praise for answering our prayers! Please contact us at [dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) with a prayer or praise request as well as on the Emanuel Connect feature at <http://www.myemanuel.com/emanuelconnect/index.php> under “Prayer request” or “Praise request”.*

**Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not to temptation but deliver us from evil, for the glory and the power of Your heavenly kingdom. Father we pray that you would lift up these prayer request and allow all who seek answers in prayer to receive You, for truly we know Father if we ask we shall receive. We ask that you would allow all those who read these words and prayers to pray for their brothers and sisters in Christ. Father we glorify and praise your name for these praise request and know that just as you answer our prayers we glorify your name even in the dark places! Praise you Father! In Jesus Christ beautiful name we pray, Amen.**

Tonight we continue to be in prayer for our sister in Christ Gayle. Gayle is battling cancer and the Lord has brought her through a lot of pain, terror, and tears. Pray that the Lord will continue to lift her up and bless her and her family! May he give her family peace to accept whatever He wills!

Tonight we pray for Gavin, we pray that Gavin's leg/knee will be healed and that the Lord will deliver him from his afflictions! May the Lord heal this child's body and allow his parents to truly see the power of the Lord at work in their home! Pray that these brothers and sisters in Christ remain faithfully in prayer for their child and that the Lord would bless them with healing for their son!

Tonight we ask that you continue to be in prayer for My Emanuel Christian Ministries that the Lord would allow us wisdom and discernment about the things He would have us do! That we would remain steadfast in our walk and that the Lord would continue to bless us with His wonderful, amazing, true prescience!

Tonight we praise you Father in heaven for we truly know that you will answer these prayers and we know that your power is power over all things! Praise you Lord for answering these prayers! Amen.

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## Reviews and newly found ministries

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*Are you a leader or member of a God fearing ministry that puts the Lord Jesus Christ first in all they do? Do you have a website or blog that you post Christian messages or provide any type of ministry? Contact us at [dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com](mailto:dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com) to request that we add you to our bi-weekly newsletter.*

### **Music:**

Here is some new music that we think you may like!

Love come to life- Big Daddy Weave

We are- Kari Jobe

Leaving Eden- Brandon Heath

Glory to god Forever-Fee

I can only imagine- Mercy Me

Revelation Song- Phillips, Craig and Dean

### **Books:**

12 Month Guide to better prayer- E.M Bounds and other assorted authors

### **Tips:**

Try to read a verse of the bible a day! It really helps. Start of small and ask God for a hunger for the word. Buy gold, its becoming a 'hot' commodity, and its more stable then money.

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