



EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

## SERMON NOTES

**Kingdom Connection: The Book of Matthew**  
**Matthew 21:12-17 // Advent: Prayer and Praise**

### The 2 Signs of Advent (Jesus' Coming)

1. Holy PRAYER
2. Childlike PRAISE

\*What we put up with and what we are bothered by reveal a lot about what is going on in our heart.

\*The Lord drives out pride and rejects passivity.

### Living UP in Prayer and Praise at Emmaus

A. Prayer and Praise are driven by Jesus' Sacrifice and Victory

B. Prayer and Praise are connected to the Word of God and to the "ordinances" (Baptism; Lord's Supper).

C. Prayer and Praise should be on-going and should overflow on Sunday morning. But just as often, the worship gathering helps us refocus.

- We refuse to show up simply to listen or consume.
- We sing not only to God, but also with & to one another.
- We look for chances to pray with others or praise God for His work in their life.
- We need others to help us pray and praise, especially when we don't feel like it or are weak and struggling.

### What can I do this month?

1. Focus on beginning of day, end of day, spaces in the day
2. Read a Bible passage, then simply pray the words back to God and praise Him for something you read.
3. Pray along and sing along with others

### Key Questions

1. To whom do I cry out in times of need?
2. To whom do I give thanks when things go well?
3. How do people around me perceive Jesus? Is He "off-limits" to those who are hurting or to children; or is He actually a source of hope for all people?

12.08.19

### SERVICE ORDER

*Preschool Choir*

**WELCOME**  
**BAPTISM**  
*Dixie Bay*

**ADVENT READING**  
*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

**OFFERING**  
*A King Like This*  
**MESSAGE**  
*Dr. Owen Nease*  
**LORD'S SUPPER**  
*Crown Him*

12.01.19

**ATTENDANCE**  
**576**  
**OFFERING**  
**\$44,708**

### TODAY

*Meal Bags Due Today*

### THIS WEEK

**TUE 10AM - Nest**

**WED 5:15PM** *Fellowship Meal*  
**6:30PM** *Business Meeting & Budget Vote*

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4. How can you prepare your heart for prayer/praise on Sunday morning?
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