

Noticeboard

Clothes Swap 22 nd Nov @ EBC 7pm-9pm £3 entry (drink and cake included) Items in good condition to be dropped to church office 18th-21st November. See Kate bird or Rachael Pearce for further info	Food for Thought This Thurs 15th Nov. Guest Speaker is Charles Blizzard Starts at 2.30pm	Food Bank - Needs are <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non Dairy Milk• Carrier Bags• Sanitary Towels• Toilet Rolls• Tinned Potatoes• Toothbrushes• Cereal (not porridge)• Milk Long Life• Deodorants• Toothpaste• Nappies size 4, 5 & 6• Pasta Sauce• Drinking Chocolate• Washing up Liquid• Curry Sauces (Jars)• Fruit Juice• Sweets/Chocolate• Cat Food
Church Members Meeting To be held on Tuesday 27th November 7.30pm. Please make every effort to be there.		
Christmas Fun and Craft Fair Saturday 1st Dec 10am -2pm. Here at Emmanuel Craft Stalls, Indoor snow ball fight kids activities and café. Free entry		
Turning Tide Bereavement Café meet at The Huddle 5:30pm - 7:30pm on Wed 21st Nov. All ages welcome.	OASIS Groups Fri 16th Nov Is Club Night See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info	

Sunday 18th November

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

Main Door Hazel Evans

Inner Door Rick & Mel Cookman

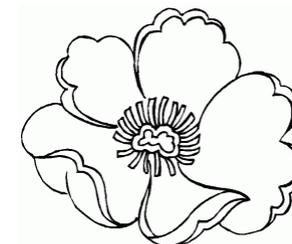
Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service Gordon & Doreen Fraser

After Service Mary Jones & Carrie Holmes



Emmanuel
Baptist Church



Sunday 11th November 2018

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Nippers: 2-4 years
Buzz: Reception - Year Five
Salt: Year Six - Year 13

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like prayer for any reason.

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon Outline notes: 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts'
Colossians 3:15

Introduction

In Colossians 3:15 Paul is not talking about peace of mind meaning internal tranquillity; he is talking about interpersonal relationships in a Christian fellowship. In verses 12–14 Paul describes the attitudes towards other Christians which keeping the peace requires. Then from verses 15–17 Paul details in more specific ways how keeping the peace will affect the corporate ministry of the local church.

- 1) General attitudes which contribute to keeping the peace –vs 12–14
 - There are three underlying vices in human nature which constantly give rise to conflict in society—indifference, pride, and resentment.
 - These anti-social vices must be stripped from our lives and a 'whole new wardrobe of virtue' must be put on in their place.
 - Notice particularly the last point in verse 13. We Christians are a reconciled people and we ought to mirror God's forgiveness to us by being equally generous towards the failure of others.
 - Verse 14 a better translation would be 'put on love which binds you all together in perfect unity' (see Ephesians 4: 1–6)

- 2) There are several things we can do to contribute to the keeping of the peace in a local church.
 - Make Bible study a high priority in our church life. Paul tells us to teach and admonish one another with the word of Christ. We are to do this with all wisdom - we must make sure our Bible study is of a high quality and we really get to grips with what the Bible means rather than what we'd like it to mean. All wisdom also implies a measure of sensitivity in the way we teach and admonish. Notice the emphasis Paul puts on a real experiential engagement with the Christian message - 'dwell in you richly'.
1. Do not forget the ministry of music
 - The second half of verse 16 is linked to the first half—teaching and admonishing can be done as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
Paul says something very similar in Ephesians 5:19. That is why our songs should have a strong biblical content because they are not merely vehicles for 'devotional ecstasy', they are instruments of instruction and exaltation.

- Cultivate a great sense of indebtedness to Christ in all church activities:
 - Verse 15 be thankful
 - Verse 16 sing with gratitude
 - Verse 17 giving thanks

'Paul knows that a discontented person is an ungrateful person. Discontentment is another word for ingratitude'.

Practical Considerations

- 1) The importance of being identified with a local Christian fellowship. The emphasis of the whole passage is on social virtues, a community context. Real spirituality has far more to do with relationships to other fellow believers, than it has to do with the 'spirituality of solitude', than to do with the intensity of your private devotions.
- 2) There is nothing more destructive than a 'nursed grievance' in a local fellowship. These verses speak particularly of forgiveness to one another and they speak powerfully of 'clothing' yourself with the character of Christ—compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; allowing the fruit of the Spirit to grow and be expressed.

Points to Ponder

- 1) What points stood out for you in the sermon? Why? Was anything said with which you disagreed?
- 2) Clothe yourselves and compassion etc.—how do we do that?
- 3) Bear with one another—what does Paul mean here? Think of concrete examples where you have had to do this in church life.