

Immanuel God with Us

Week one- *Wonderful Counselor*

*'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means "God is with us."'
(Matthew 1:23, New Living Translation 2nd Ed.)*

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us! The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!
(Isaiah 9:6, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

*We have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God.... This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. We will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
(Hebrews 4:14-16, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.
(Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

1) Look in the Bible to find wonderful counsel.

*The word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
(Hebrews 4:12, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

*Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.
(Romans 13:1, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

2) Ask men and women who love Jesus for wonderful counsel.

*Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.
(Proverbs 15:22, English Standard Version)*

3) Ask Jesus for his wonderful counsel.

*So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
(Hebrews 4:16, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. He is the [Holy] Spirit of truth. I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
(John 14:16 & 18, Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

When we know Jesus personally, then Jesus is truly Immanuel—God with us—because Jesus lives inside us in the form of the Holy Spirit.

*The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us... in harmony with God's own will.
(Romans 8:26-27, NLT 2nd Ed.)*

Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances. (Proverbs 11:14, The Message)

BCF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
Sunday, December 12th at 4:30PM — Worship Center
Topics include: Adoption of 2022 Ministry Plan, Nomination of Trustees and Nomination of New Senior Pastor