EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH · CTY MINISTRY

CTY Family Update: November 2026



A season of thanks! Here's what's ahead for our CTY family this month.

College & HS Prep

Choir Sings Nov 29

Photo Notice Inside

A Note from Ms. Courtney

Hi families! November is my favorite kind of month. It gives us all a reason to slow down and say thank you, and I have so much to be thankful for when I look at this ministry.

Thank you for the way you show up for your children, week after week. Our kids are learning, serving, singing, and growing, and none of that happens without you getting them here and cheering them on at home.

This month our choir ministers on the 5th Sunday, Sister Lynet' is leading a college and high school prep series for our students, and we are praying over some upcoming baptisms. There is room for your family in every one of those.

One housekeeping note inside: we take a lot of photos in CTY, so please read the photo section on page 3 and let me know if you would like to opt your child out.

With joy,
Ms. Courtney



November 2026 at a Glance

Everything happening in CTY this month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Fun Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 CTY Classes	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 CTY Classes	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 CTY Classes	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Choir Sings	30					

Nov 1: Fall Family Fun Day
Thank you to everyone who came out and served!

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day
Enjoy the day with your families

Nov 29: CTY Choir Sings
5th Sunday · in the main service

Every Sunday
CTY classes · 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM



Thank You, CTY Family

Looking back at Fall Family Fun Day



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY · NOVEMBER 1

You Showed Up for Our Kids.

Thank you to every family who came out, and to every volunteer who gave up a Sunday morning to set up, serve, clean up, and love on our children. Days like this take a whole church, and our church showed up.

Watching our kids play, laugh, and just get to be kids together is one of the best parts of this ministry. Thank you for making it possible.

- **Jump Houses**
- **Game Truck**
- **Bingo & Raffle**
- **Treats**

About All Those Photos

Please read this one, and let me know if you need to opt out

We take a lot of pictures in CTY!

We love capturing our kids and students learning, serving, singing, and having fun together, and those photos may be **posted and shared** in our church communications and on our ministry social media.

✅ **If your child participates in CTY, we will assume photos are okay** unless you tell me otherwise.

🚫 **Would you rather your child not be photographed?** Please let me know and I will get you an opt-out form to sign.

No explanation needed, and opting out changes nothing about how your child participates. I just need to know so our whole team knows. Please, please tell me either way so we can honor your family's wishes.



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November Happenings

Three ways to take a next step this month

College & High School Prep

Sister Lynet' is leading a prep series for our students this month! She will walk them through what is ahead, what to start thinking about now, and how to get ready for the next step. If you have a student looking toward high school or college, please sign them up.

✍️ **Sign up with Ms. Courtney · dates coming soon**

Thinking About Baptism?

We have families preparing for baptism, and we would love to walk alongside yours too. If your child has been asking questions about following Jesus, or you think they may be ready for this step, please reach out and we will talk through it together. There is no pressure and no rush.

💬 **Email or catch me after service**

We Need You! Volunteer Call

We are looking for a few more hands in CTY. Classroom helpers, check-in, choir support, and Sunday morning teachers are all welcome. You do not need any experience, just a willing heart and a love for our kids. Come see where you fit!

📍 **Find Ms. Courtney any Sunday**



CTY Choir Sings the 5th Sunday

Our kids & youth lead the congregation in worship

Sunday, November 29

THE 5TH SUNDAY

Our CTY Choir is back in the main service! Coming right off of Thanksgiving, our children and youth will lead our whole church family in a morning of praise and gratitude. It is always one of the sweetest Sundays of the year.

This Month's Song

Being finalized now

Pastor Jaz and our worship team are putting the finishing touches on a Thanksgiving selection. I will send it out as soon as it is set so our kids can start practicing at home.

Rehearsals

Dates coming soon

Rehearsals will be on the Sundays leading up to the 29th. Watch your email and our text alerts, and please make every effort to have your child there.

Who Can Join

Every CTY child and youth is welcome. No audition, no experience needed.

What to Wear

Attire will go out with the rehearsal schedule.

A note for parents: Our children always show up ready to sing, they just need **you** to get them to rehearsal. If your child wants to sing on the 29th, let me know and I will make sure you have every date and detail as soon as we have them.



This Month's Series

What your child is learning in November

ELEMENTARY • 252 KIDS & PRETEEN

The Great Gratitude Challenge

Thanking God for every good thing.

Verses on this theme to learn together as a family:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 · Colossians 3:17 · Psalm 107:1 · Ephesians 5:20 · Psalm 100:4 · Psalm 118:24 · Psalm 136:1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Social Cues

Trading loneliness for community.

MEMORY VERSE
"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed." **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NLT**

1. **Hebrews 12:1** · Run your race with the right friends, because God designed you to go farther together.
2. **Hebrews 4:15** · If you want better friendships with people, start by building a real friendship with Jesus.
3. **Matthew 5:9** · Become the kind of person who brings peace into friendships.
4. **Ecclesiastes 3:1** · Not every friend is meant to go the distance, but the right ones are worth everything.

HIGH SCHOOL

Camera Roll

Church Words: slowing down to remember God's faithfulness.

MEMORY VERSE
"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1 NIV

1. **Joshua 4:4-7** · Create a snapshot of God's faithfulness so you can carry His goodness into your future.
2. **John 12:3** · What you repeat shapes what you remember.
3. **Ecclesiastes 12:1 & Psalm 90:12** · Number your days so your life remembers what matters.
4. **Luke 22:19-20** · Communion trains us to remember Jesus with our whole lives.

The Drive-Home Questions

Skip the "how was church?" Try these gratitude conversation starters

Kids
The Great Gratitude Challenge

"What is one good thing that happened today that you want to thank God for?"

Middle School
Social Cues

"Who is a friend that makes you better, and have you ever told them that?"

High School
Camera Roll

"What is one moment from this year you never want to forget God showing up in?"



Your Digital Ministry Hub

Stay connected all month long

Emmanuel Text Alerts

Watch your email! You will **NOT** be signed up automatically, so you must actively opt in via the email link.

Opt-In

YouVersion Devotions

Daily devotions are live. Search for our church directly in the YouVersion Bible App.

Live

Pushpay Giving

Emmanuel's online giving now runs on **Pushpay**. If you haven't yet, please update your giving profile.

Update

A Thanksgiving idea: Go around the table and have everyone name one thing they are thankful for, but make it something that happened **this week**, not just the big obvious things. You will be surprised what your kids notice.

Give Thanks.

I am so thankful for every one of our CTY families. However you spend this season, I hope it is full of rest, good food, and people you love.

Questions about the choir, baptism, or serving in CTY? Please reach out, I would love to hear from you.

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