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From The Desk of The Pastor

"Spiritual Warfare"

In our presentation so far on the subject of **Spiritual Warfare** we have discussed the **universal conflict** between good and evil; between **God and Satan**. We have discussed the **attributes** and the **names of God**. In this edition we will present information on **elect angels**, or good angels. The **two classifications** of angels in the Bible are **good** and **evil**. The good are called "**elect**" or "**holy**" (1 Timothy 5:11; Matthew 25:31). They worship and serve God with unwavering allegiance. The **evil angels** are called **demons**, and with their leader **Satan** they oppose God and His people. These **two armies** are engaged in a **cosmic warfare** beyond human comprehension, affecting the course of nations and the world (Matthew 25:41; 12:26-28). Let's answer some key questions about angels.

1. **What are they?** They are **personal spiritual beings** with **intelligence, will, and emotions** (Matthew 8:29; 1 Peter 1:12; Luke 2:13; 8:28-31). They are spirit beings **without physical bodies** (Hebrews 1:14). They sometimes reveal themselves to humans in human bodies (Genesis 18:3). 2. **What do they know?** They are not all-knowing like God (Matthew 24:36), but have **greater knowledge than humans**. They were created as **an order higher** than humans; they **know the Bible** and the world better than humans; they have gained knowledge by **watching** all of **human history** (James 2:19). 3. **Where did they come from?** Angels were all created by Christ simultaneously and innumerable (Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 12:22). 4. **What are their types?** As before stated there are two general categories, good and bad, elect and evil, **fallen** and **unfallen**.

Our focus, holy angels fall into special classes, with certain ones being named. **Michael** the archangel is likely the **head of the holy angels** (Daniel 10:21; 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7-10). **Gabriel** is the principal **messenger** of God (Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:18-19; Luke 1:26-38). Some angels are called **Cherubim**, and are living creatures who defend the holiness of God (Genesis 3:24; Exodus 25:18, 20; Ezekiel 1:1-18). **Seraphim** are another class mentioned in Isaiah 6:2-7. Their function is to praise God as His messengers on earth. Praise God for His ministering angels. **Throughout scripture** there are many instances where God's holy **angels protect and minister to God's people** on His behalf. There's no reason to believe that they have ceased in this function. However, nowhere in scripture does it say that believers can command angels or post angels where they want them. They get their instructions from God and not man. Ours is only to ask God for His divine protection and leave the details to Him and His holy angels.

Next time we will discuss **fallen angels** or demons, along with their leader **Satan**.

Shalom



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Bradford Burke is a native Californian who entered the U.S. Army in 1968 and was sent to Germany where he spent his entire tour of duty, being honorably discharged in September, 1971.

He met and married Brenda, the love of his life in 1971. They were married for 43-1/2 years and have 5 children.

He attended Southwest Community College, receiving his Certificate in Engineering Graphics; Santa Monica City College, and Cal State University Dominguez Hills, receiving a certification in American Production and Inventory Control (APICS).

He is trained in Shotokan Karate; possessing a black belt. He began teaching karate in 1976 and still teaches part-time.

Brad began his career as an engineering professional in 1979. He was originally employed with Hughes Aircraft Company which was acquired by The Boeing Company. He was promoted through the ranks as Draftsman, Designer, Sr. Designer, Associate Engineer, Engineering Supervisor, Function manager, Production Manager and Engineering Manager. He received various technical awards including 'Technical Excellence Awards' in 1994 and 1996. After 33 years of continuous service he retired in 2012 from his position as Solar Array Engineering Manager, Bus Products organization.

He has been a member of Emmanuel Community Church for more than 20 years, and is currently serving as one of the Small Group Study Leaders (Bible Study), and Director of Administrative Services (facilities manager). He has been the Director of "Boys for Unity in the Community" (B4UC), Emmanuel's boy's ministry program for 15 years. B4UC is a Christian organization aimed at assisting young men in their pursuit of authentic manhood with an emphasis on Christian values. The goal is to help develop Godly young men.

Mr. Bradford Burke you are in the spotlight!

Ongoing Events

- **Intercessory Prayer** - Tuesdays
6-7:30pm, Church Sanctuary.
- **Weekly Bible Study** - Correction for Christ's Church
- **Prayer Line, Monday-Friday, 5am**
1-605-475-3250, access code 604068#
- **F.A. (Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous)**
Sunday's, 7-8:30pm, Church Sanctuary
Life changing, life saving.
—Mary Dotie, Coordinator

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“Praise Out 2015”

“For where two or three gather in my name there I will be with them.”

Mathew 18:20



Every year Emmanuel Community Church spends the end of the current year together enjoying food, fellowship, praise, worship, fun and games. Lastly but not least we pray in the New Year together as a church family. If you missed it last year please join us this year.





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Solute to Law Enforcement



The Emmanuel Community Church family honors those who serve in law enforcement with awards every year on Law Enforcement Day. We appreciate and respect you for the sacrifice you and your families make to protect and serve.

Black History



Black History month is not the only time we celebrate our heritage but is one month out of the year that we pay special tribute to those who paved the way.

We express ourselves in dress and in character.



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Ministers Honored



Emmanuel Community Church's Minister's are unselfishly committed to serving God, church, families and community. Above we honored them for there commitment and service.

Mother's Day



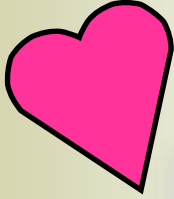
Pictured above are our beautiful Praise Dancer's after their Mother's Day dance tribute. These wonderful servants of God bless us every year with a routine especially choreographed just for the mom's.



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Minister Shirley



One of Emmanuel Community Church's Minister's Shirley Fort is blessed with gifts on her birthday. The women of Emmanuel wanted to show appreciation for her dedication and service.

Father's Day Praise Dance



Emmanuel Community church's Praise Dancers after their dance tribute for father's on Father's Day.



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Congratulations to **2016** Graduates

Vaughn Jelks, Tyler Jelks,
Skyler Gilmore-Estrada, Dominique Reynolds,
Anita Reynolds, and Amber Jones





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December 2015



happy anniversary





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Happy Birthday

January 2016



January & February 2016





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March 2016





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April 2016





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Happy Birthday

May 2016



happy anniversary





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Statement of Purpose

We are committed to teaching the inerrant Word of God to all the world, and communicating Jesus Christ as the only hope salvation to the lost. We accept the challenge of discipling those who have come to Christ toward spiritual maturity. We design corporate worship and fellowship for mutual edification of Christ's church.

