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Points to Ponder

UNSHAKEABLE FAITH

Romans 1:17 - For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: *“The righteous will live by faith.”*

This passage centers on one of the most transformative moments in Christian history: Martin Luther’s realization of the meaning of Romans 1:17—“the righteous will live by faith.” Whether this insight came while climbing steps in Rome or studying in Wittenberg, it marked a pivotal moment that reshaped his understanding of salvation. Prior to this, Luther had pursued righteousness through extreme devotion (giving away possessions, enduring physical hardship, and obsessively confessing sins) in an effort to earn God’s favor. However, his epiphany revealed that righteousness is not achieved through works but through faith alone.

This discovery sparked the Protestant Reformation, a movement that challenged the authority of the Catholic Church and spread across Europe, eventually becoming entangled in political conflict. Yet for Luther, its essence was spiritual: salvation comes not through the church, human effort, or financial means, but solely through faith in Jesus Christ.

The passage emphasizes that this principle—salvation by grace through faith—is central to the gospel, even though many struggle to truly accept it. People often default to a works-based mindset, believing their eternal destiny depends on moral performance—doing good and avoiding bad. This can reduce faith to a checklist of behaviors rather than a transformative relationship with God.

Drawing from the Book of Romans, the text underscores that salvation is entirely a gift of God’s grace. It cannot be earned or undone by human actions. However, this does not justify sinful living. Sin, while forgiven by God, brings real-life consequences—damaging relationships, emotional health, and overall well-being. It is portrayed as destructive, leading to “death” in a practical sense now, as well as eternal destruction.

The gospel, as explained by the Apostle Paul, is the power of God for salvation to all who believe. Salvation is both immediate and future: believers are forgiven now and will ultimately be freed completely from sin. It involves not just pardon, but transformation into Christ’s likeness. Ultimately, salvation means trusting God to provide forgiveness, strength, and hope, leading to a life defined not by works, but by faith. It is this kind of faith that sustains us through the uncertainties of this life, like sickness, tragedy, and world upheaval. The righteous, those trusting in and following Christ, can live by their faith.

Rev. Joe Pritchett

The Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament



The Tony Jernigan Memorial Golf Tournament is a long-standing tradition of the ministry of Camp Dixie. For many years, this tournament has helped raise funds for camper scholarships, pool renovations, gym improvements, bunk beds, and other vital needs of the camp.

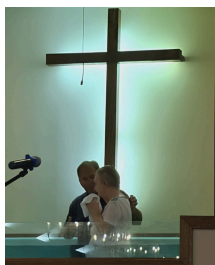
Tony Jernigan was an innovator and a tireless servant of Camp Dixie until his untimely passing in 1993. This tournament continues as an ongoing tribute to Tony's legacy and faithful service, while also honoring his family—Lana, Ryan, and Ross.

Join us on May 8th, 2026 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course.....Register [HERE!](#)

Holly Grove Baptizes Ten

A big shout out Easter Praise on Sunday, April 5th!

Holly Grove Advent Christian Church, Benson, NC, held a Sunrise Service, had breakfast, did Resurrection Eggs, and had a Resurrection Easter Service with 170 in attendance and 10 BAPTISMS!! What a wonderful Easter Sunday!



Emmanuel Ministries: A Story of God’s Faithfulness

Emmanuel Ministries began as a small gathering on March 10, 2019, meeting inside Mount Pleasant Advent Christian Church. When the pandemic disrupted our rhythm, it became clear that God was calling us to replant – to begin again so we could continue reaching the Hispanic community of Johnston County.

For two years, Hickory Grove Church graciously opened the doors of their old building to us. Those years became a season of rebuilding, praying, and trusting that God was preparing the next step. On March 31, 2024, we held our first service at our new home at 2595 Lassiter Rd in Four Oaks, a moment that reminded us how faithfully God provides.

As ordained ministers of the Advent Christian Conference of Eastern North Carolina, we – Manuel Mora and Yordanka Garcia – remain committed to the mission Jesus gave in Matthew 28:19–20. Our desire is simple: to preach the Gospel, disciple new believers, baptize those who come to faith, and serve the growing Hispanic community around us.

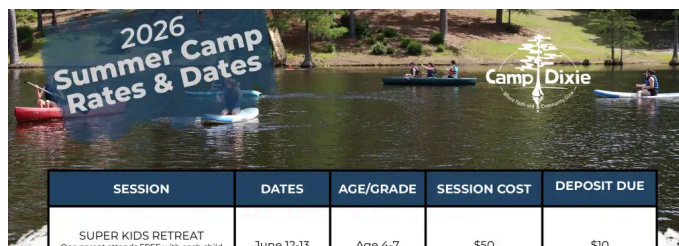


Manuel Mora and Yordanka Garcia

Each week, we gather for Sunday school at 11:00 AM and Friday discipleship and Bible study at 7:00 PM, continuing the work God began in us – trusting Him to reach many more lives through Emmanuel Ministries.

Submitted by Emmanuel Ministries

Summer Camp - 2026



SESSION	DATES	AGE/GRADE	SESSION COST	DEPOSIT DUE
SUPER KIDS RETREAT <small>One parent attends FREE with each child and will receive a FREE t-shirt!</small>	June 12-13	Age 4-7	\$50	\$10
Grade levels are based on Grade entering Fall of 2026				
HIGH SCHOOL CAMP	June 14-19	Grades 9-12	\$425	\$40
KIDS' CAMP #1	June 21-26	Grades 2-4	\$425	\$40
KIDS' CAMP #2 (EARLY SESSION)	June 21-26	Grades 5-6	\$425	\$40
KIDS' CAMP #2	June 28-July 3	Grades 4-6	\$425	\$40
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP	July 5-10	Grades 7-9	\$425	\$40
Kids' Camp Options & Information:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kid's Camp #2E session enrollment is limited to 56 campers - Hilltop Lodging Only • Rising 4th graders may attend Kids' Camp #1 and/or Kids' Camp #2 • Rising 5th & 6th graders may attend Kids' Camp #2E and/or Kids' Camp #2 • If camper attends two sessions, a \$40 discount will be applied. 				
Teen Camp Options:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rising 9th graders may attend Junior High Camp or High School Camp, but not both 				

General Information:

- 10% Military Discount for campers with a parent on active duty! Discounts apply to total registration cost upon verification and do not include extras.
- A deposit is required to reserve your spot for each session. Total deposit paid will be deducted from the total cost of your camp session.
- For further information and to register, visit CampDixie.com.
- Register early to begin making monthly installments on your camper account. Ex. Camper #1 registers for Kid's Camp #1 in November for a total of \$425. After an initial deposit of \$40, the 6 monthly payments would be approximately \$71 beginning December 1st.

Extras:

- **BANK MONEY:** Kids' Camp campers are required to keep all money in the camp bank. Junior High and High School campers are recommended to put all money in the camp bank as well.
- **CABIN PHOTO:** A digital copy is included with each registration for FREE!
- **SUMMER CAMP THEME T-SHIRT:** Included with each registration for FREE!

WELCOME TO Camp Suwannee

A ministry of the Florida Conference of Advent Christian Churches

(Held at Camp Suwannee at the Advent Christian Village)
 Welcome to Camp Suwannee, a place where faith, fun, and friendship come together in the heart of God's creation. At Camp Suwannee, we provide a unique Christian camp experience that nurtures spiritual growth, builds lifelong friendships, and creates unforgettable memories. Our serene setting along the Suwannee River offers a perfect backdrop for engaging activities, inspiring worship, and personal reflection. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another season, we invite you to explore, discover, and grow in your faith with our loving and supportive community. Come and be part of the Camp Suwannee family, where every moment is an opportunity to experience God's love and grace.

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Summer Camp Dates

Junior Camp July 5-11 (Ages 7-12)

Senior Camp July 12-18 (Ages 13-18)



Questions?

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Coming Events. . .

April 12	Power of Camp Sunday
April 24-25	“The Pastors” Golf Tournament, Loganville, GA
May	Prayer Emphasis
May 3	Berkshire Christian College Sunday
May 31	Advent Christian Village Sunday

Philippians 1:4-6

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.