



# HANOVERDALE CHURCH

## Advent

### The Love of Immanuel, God with Us

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

**December 22, 2024**

This week we dig deeper into just how close Immanuel is to those of us who put our faith in Him.

#### **Monday: Matthew 1:18-25**

Why was Joseph upset with Mary? Were they married? What does betrothed mean? What was Joseph thinking of doing with Mary? Why didn't he just reject her outright? What did the angel tell Joseph to do regarding Mary being pregnant when he knew this child was not his own? Who was the father of the baby? Was Mary chaste? What does Immanuel mean? Today, thank God for giving us Jesus who is referred to as God who is with us.

#### **Tuesday: John 10:11-18**

Explain why it is important that a shepherd stays close to the sheep? Why would it not be a good thing for a shepherd to be far away from the sheep? What does that say to you about Immanuel, being with us? Why is it important to you that He is close by? Today, put your enemies in His way.

#### **Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Luke 15:1-7**

What does a shepherd named Immanuel do to help a wandering, lonely, scared sheep? How personally involved in finding the lost is Immanuel? What does Immanuel think about a wandering and lost sheep? What is the attitude in Heaven of someone who comes to faith in Jesus the Good Shepherd? Today get close to Immanuel so you don't become prone to wandering .

#### **Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:13-28**

Is Jesus just a typical man? How and why is He different? As Christ, what did He do that is different from the first man - Adam? How did He find us lost sheep? Once He was killed, did He really rise from the dead? Why is His resurrection so important? What would be true had He not risen from the dead? Today, give God praise for the resurrection.

#### **Friday: Matthew 1:23; Matthew 28:20; Psalm 139:7; Psalm 145:18**

God with us is a present tense. That means that God is present in your life. What does that mean to you? How are you feeling about life right now? What are you wrestling with

and feeling alone about? Today put your trust in God about that. Call on His name and watch just how close He will be.

**Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:14-17**

Why was Jesus arrested and put on trial? What had he done that incited a riot? Who was Alexander? Why was he upset at Paul? What happened at his trial? Why do you think the other Christians were not there to defend him? Who was there in his great need? What did Immanuel's presence do for Paul? What did that mean for Paul at his trial? Understand that when you are defending the faith before those who are antagonistic, God will show up. He will put words into your thoughts and mouth to stand for the truth of God and His Word.