



*The INAUGURATION of*  
**DR. RONALD GLENN WHITE**  
*the 9th PRESIDENT of EMMANUEL COLLEGE*

*The fear of the Lord is the  
beginning of knowledge...  
—Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)*

*The* EMMANUEL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
welcomes you to

*The* INAUGURATION of  
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FRIDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER

Two thousand fifteen

At two o'clock in the afternoon

*in the*

JOHN W. SWAILS CENTER

Franklin Springs, Georgia

# INAUGURATION PROGRAM

## PRELUDE

Dr. Emma Pettyjohn  
*Professor of Music*

## \*PROCESSIONAL

Visiting College and University Delegates  
Representatives of Educational and Professional Organizations  
Faculty  
Administration  
Platform Party  
Former Presidents of the College  
President of the College

## INVOCATION

Thomas McGhee  
*Executive Director, Discipleship Ministries, IPHC*  
*IPHC Corporate Treasurer*

## WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Linda Thomas  
*Board of Trustees, Chair*

## \*HYMN

Dr. Deborah Herring  
*Professor of Music*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* ..... Thomas O. Chisholm

## SCRIPTURE READING

Chris Maxwell  
*Campus Pastor*

## CHORALE

Dr. Anne Brittain  
*Chorale Director*

*Praise the Lord* ..... Handel

## GREETINGS TO THE PRESIDENT

Students – Emmanuel Robinson, *School of Christian Ministries, senior*  
Staff – Becki Moore, *Residence Director*  
Faculty – Dr. Rihana Mason, *Associate Professor of Psychology*  
Alumni – Robert Roberson, *David Allen Company, Chairman*  
Community – Dr. Ruth O’dell, *Superintendent, Franklin County Schools*  
Church – Dr. A.D. Beacham, Jr., *General Superintendent and Presiding Bishop, IPHC*

## CEREMONY OF INVESTITURE

Linda Thomas  
*Board of Trustees, Chair*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dr. A.D. Beacham, Jr.  
*General Superintendent and Presiding Bishop, IPHC*

## PARTICIPANTS

Dr. David Hopkins	Dr. Michael Stewart	Thomas McGhee	Linda Thomas
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Past President</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>Chair</i>
<i>1983-2005</i>	<i>2005-2014</i>	<i>Discipleship Ministries, IPHC</i>	<i>Board of Trustees</i>

## CHORALE

Dr. Anne Brittain  
*Chorale Director*

*Prayer of St. Francis* ..... Claussen

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS

### NOW MORE THAN EVER

## \*ALMA MATER

Dr. Deborah Herring  
*Professor of Music*

## \*BENEDICTION

Greg Hearn  
*Executive Vice President, CFO*

## \*RECESSIONAL

## \*POSTLUDE

Dr. Emma Pettyjohn  
*Professor of Music*

\* Audience standing

\* Audience standing

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.



REFRAIN:

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!



Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.



Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

—*Joshua 1:8-9 (NIV)*

## ALMA MATER

In the great, warm heart of Georgia  
Towering o’er the hills  
Stands Emmanuel in her splendor  
God with her doth dwell.

Wave her banner high to heaven  
Loud her praises swell.  
Unto thee, our Alma Mater,  
Hail Emmanuel.

To the heights she calls us daily,  
More of truth to see.  
Living symbols of Christ’s teaching,  
We will strive to be.

Wave her banner high to heaven  
Loud her praises swell.  
Unto thee, our Alma Mater,  
Hail Emmanuel!



## DR. RONALD GLENN WHITE

### *Biography*

Ron White's career in higher education spans 38 years. After graduating from Emmanuel College with an A.A. Degree in 1969, he came back to the College in 1980 to serve as the Director of Financial Aid under the sixth president, Dr. Culbreth Melton. The seventh president, Dr. David Hopkins, appointed him as the Dean of Students in 1984 and then as Dean of Enrollment Management in 1991. After twenty-two years of service to the College, he moved on to become the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Columbia College. On September 2, 2014, he was appointed the ninth president of Emmanuel College.

Dr. White has spent an equal amount of time in music ministry. Music has always been a passion of his and an avocation as well. He directed the Emmanuel Singers for 15 years while serving in other full-time positions at the College. He has also served a number of congregations as part-time minister of music.

For the last twenty years he has developed and implemented training programs for business and education, leading workshops and seminars on topics such as leadership, teamwork, emotional intelligence, and the DISC Dimensions of Behavior. He is a popular speaker and presenter at national and regional conferences across the nation. He has also taught at the graduate level for more than a decade at three graduate

schools: Bay Path University, Columbia College, and Capella University.

He completed a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in counseling, and a doctorate in higher education, all from the University of Georgia. He is married to Carol, his wife of 43 years, and they have two adult sons and three grandchildren. Seth and Ashley Brady White and grandson Jackson live in the Atlanta area. Britt and Melissa Yeatts White and granddaughters Emily and Reagan live near Savannah.



*Dr. and Mrs. Ron White*

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## PRESIDENTS OF EMMANUEL COLLEGE

George F. Taylor  
1919-1926  
1929-1931

Arthur M. Taylor  
1926-1927

Byon A. Jones  
1927-1929

Thomas L. Aaron  
1933-1951

Woodard G. Drum  
1951-1970

Dr. Culbreth Y. Melton  
1970-1983

Dr. David R. Hopkins  
1983-2005

Dr. Michael S. Stewart  
2005-2014

## HISTORY

Emmanuel College first opened on January 1, 1919, under the name of Franklin Springs Institute. The founder of the school was the Reverend George Floyd Taylor, a North Carolinian who had long desired to begin such an institution. For over a century the campus had been used as a health resort centered around several mineral springs. G. F. Taylor was president from 1919-1926 and again from 1929-1931. During 1926-1929, two men served briefly as president, first, Reverend A. M. Taylor and then Reverend B. A. Jones. Because of the Great Depression, the school closed temporarily in 1931.

In 1933 the school was reopened as a high school and junior college, with the Reverend Thomas Lee Aaron as president. Under President Aaron's leadership, the school gradually progressed from a small community school to a modern, influential junior college. In 1939, the name of the institution was changed to Emmanuel, meaning "God with us." Upon Reverend Aaron's death in January 1951, Mr. Woodard Glenn Drum, former dean of the college, became president.

The administration of President Drum saw the completion of the present campus quadrangle, the recruitment of an excellent faculty, and the achievement of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 1967. The high school department, which had earlier been accredited by the Southern Association, was discontinued in 1963. With the retirement of President Drum in January 1970, Dr. Culbreth Young Melton became the sixth president of the institution.

Under Dr. Melton's administration a four-year School of Christian Ministries was established and accredited by the American Association of Bible Colleges. A new Learning Resources Center was constructed, and the overall quality of the institution was improved. Upon Dr. Melton's retirement, Dr. David Roger Hopkins became the seventh president in June 1983.

Many campus improvements are credited to Dr. Hopkins' leadership, including construction of two new residence halls and the Wellons Science Resources Center, as well as the acquisition and renovation of John W. Swails Convocation Center. Major changes in curricular offerings also accompanied accreditation as a four-year institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Upon Dr. Hopkins' retirement in 2005, the Rev. Michael S. Stewart was inaugurated as the eighth president of Emmanuel College. During his administration, significant efforts were made to enhance the campus by expanding academic and athletic programs and by improving the quality of campus life through new residence halls and athletic facilities.

In October 2014, Dr. Ronald G. White became the ninth president of Emmanuel College after being named interim president only a month before. A 1969 graduate of Emmanuel, President White previously worked at the college in several roles from 1980 to 2002 including Director of Financial Aid, Dean of Students and Dean of Enrollment Management.

At the foundation of the many changes and progress over the years remains the paramount emphasis on Christ-centered values. The lives of EC alumni speak of the quality of the academic opportunities they have received. Through its program of Christian higher education, Emmanuel College has provided students with academic and spiritual values that will enrich their lives and lead them to enrich the lives of others.

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## PHILOSOPHY

Emmanuel College is dedicated to intellectual, physical and spiritual growth within the context of a liberal arts education and an environment of Christian concern. We believe God is the personal Creator and Ruler of all time, space and matter, and a true understanding of all things must involve knowledge of His revealed purposes. We further believe the fullest information about God comes from the person of Jesus Christ and the relation of His redemptive works as recorded in the Holy Bible through inspiration of the Holy Spirit. All creation derives value and significance from God revealed in Jesus Christ. Christians are able to live as redeemed, regenerated and cleansed members of society through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

We believe education based on these principles is the best possible method of preparing students for and involving them in lasting service to God and others – service noted for integrity, intelligence and devotion. We further believe a college experience in a Christian environment will enable students to develop lifelong spiritual and social values. We believe all truth is God's truth, and opportunities should be provided students to integrate faith and learning and synthesize their understanding of God's purpose in Christ with one's view of the worth of persons and worth of the scientific method in improving life.

## FAITH, LEARNING, AND LIVING

We value **FAITH** in Christ and the necessity of spiritual formation, especially during the young adult years. Students at Emmanuel are challenged to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with other believers. From these experiences, they develop Christian principles for life accessible to them regardless of their career choices.

We value **LEARNING** including academic, social and emotional development. We believe in educating the whole person, not just the mind. Students need to acquire knowledge, but they also need to know how to work with people using social skills and emotional intelligence. We also value learning that comes from outside the classroom. Students need real-world experience to gain practical application of lessons learned. Combining knowledge and experience is a win/win that helps students excel in their chosen professions.

We value **LIVING** a balanced life that includes both work and service. Sometimes one's profession has service at its core. At other times, a lifelong pattern of volunteer service accompanies one's career track. Either way, we believe it is important to give back to God and mankind from the bounty of our Christian experience and education.



## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Much interest is always occasioned by an academic procession because of the colorful dress worn for the ceremonies by the faculty and the graduates. In general, the gown indicates the level of the highest degree held: for associates the royal blue gown; for bachelors, the black gown with flowing sleeves; for masters, the black gown with sleeves that are slit midway for the arms and the sleeve bottom closed flat; for doctorates, the flowing closed robe with sleeves closed at the wrist, decorated with chevrons of velvet, most often black on black, but occasionally with chevrons of another color indicating the general field of study.

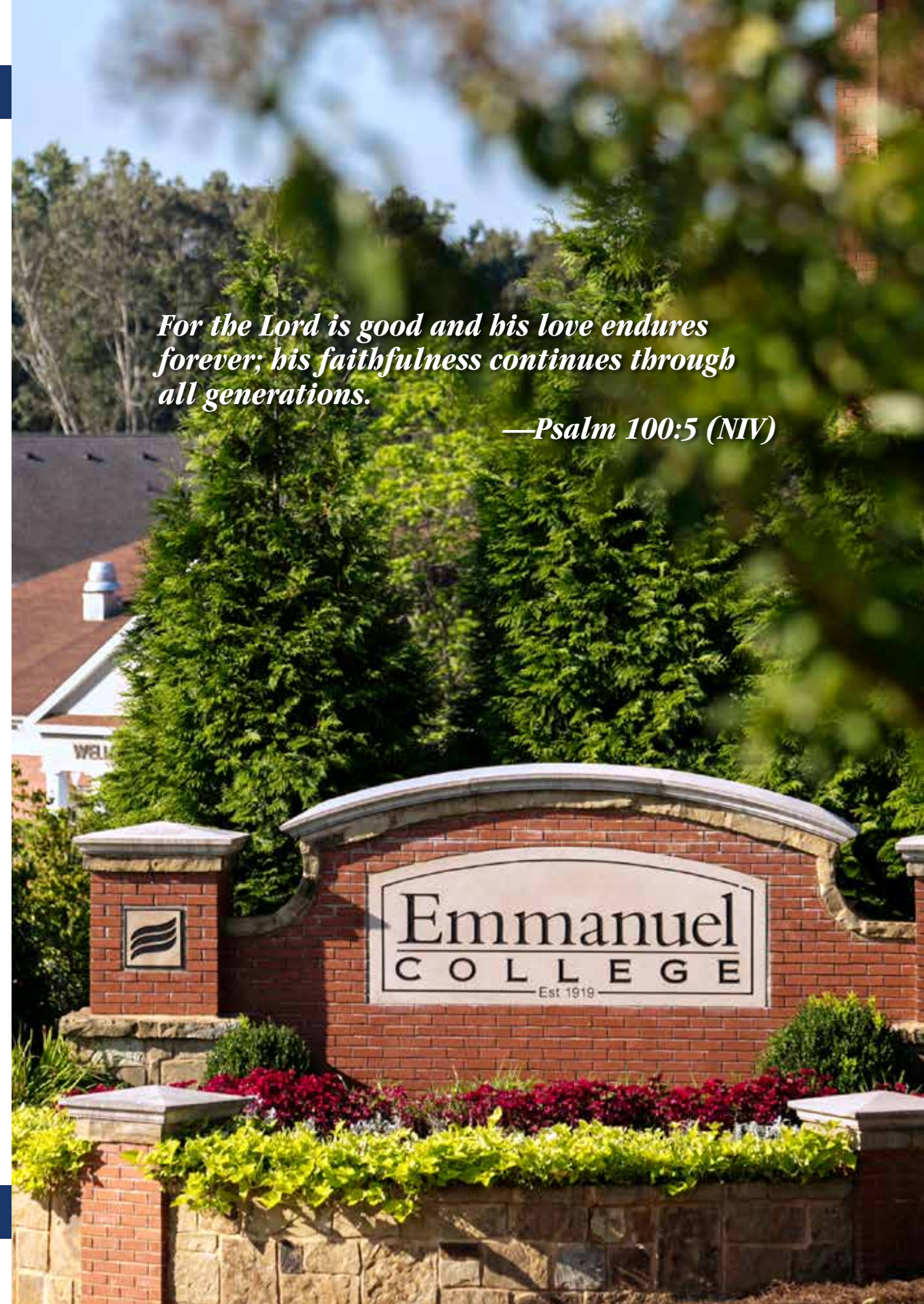
Most identification is contained in the hoods. The velvet edging of the hood indicates the subject matter in which the wearer's degree was earned. The lining of the hood is a precise code identifying the institution of the degree's origin. Caps are nearly uniform, gold tassels indicating the doctorate, black tassels the lower degrees. At Emmanuel College, the gold tassels on the caps of associate degree graduates indicate that they are honor graduates. Tassels on the caps of bachelor degree graduates indicate the school from which their degree is being granted: Light Blue—School of Education; Red—School of Christian Ministries; Drab (Brown)—School of Business; White—School of Arts and Sciences.

Cords and stoles that are worn indicate various honors and honor societies that the students may have attained. The solid gold cord worn by the bachelor degree graduates indicates that they are honor graduates. Honors Program graduates have white stoles with gold lettering. The Valedictorian from each degree level wears an Emmanuel College Valedictorian medallion with a blue and gold ribbon.

Blue and Green ribbons with gold medallions indicate membership in *Alpha Chi*-National Honor Society for Juniors and Seniors. Royal blue and white cords indicate membership in *Pi Gamma Mu*-International Honor Society for the Social Sciences. Green and gold cords indicate membership in *Sigma Beta Delta*-International Honor Society for Business Students. Red and black cords indicate membership in *Sigma Tau Delta*-Honor Society for English Majors. Three twisted cords of White, Black and Blue indicate membership in *Omicron Delta Kappa*-National Leadership Honor Society. Red and green cords indicate membership in *Beta Beta Beta*-Biological Honor Society.

*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

*—Psalm 100:5 (NIV)*







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## INSTITUTIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

Emmanuel College is a Christ-centered liberal arts institution that strives to prepare students to become Christlike disciples who integrate faith, learning and living for effective careers, scholarship and service.

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