



# The Immanuel Light

*For the Living of These Days*

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## Harvest Hootenanny

**Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 4pm till dark**

**Grammarist:** A **Hootenanny** is an informal gathering where folk music is played in a party-like atmosphere. ... **Hootenanny** is a Scottish word for party or celebration. Originally, Americans used the word **Hootenanny** as a placeholder name, in the same manner one would use the words doohickey or thingamajig.

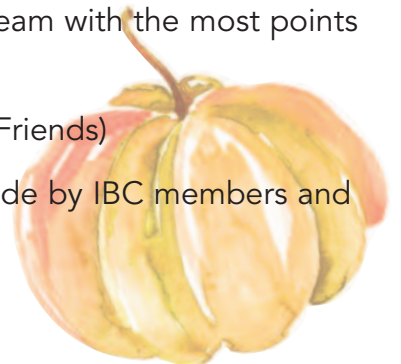
**Details:** BYOP – Bring your own picnic dinner and lawn chairs. Church will provide drinks and desserts.

**Intergenerational Carnival Game Tournament** – sign-up with group members from multiple age groups and get ready to throw some beanbags, toss some rings, etc. Team with the most points wins! Ribbons will be awarded. Crafts for children of ALL ages!

**Music by the Holy Pickers** (Pastor Steven Meriwether, Tim Sharp, and Friends)

**Missions Raffle** – \$1.00 per ticket. Winners get to take home prizes made by IBC members and friends.

**Come have some fun!!**



## The Weather Report

As the New Year began, we were awash in uncertainty. The pandemic had tattooed the fabric of our lives. The statistics were staggering. A pang of shock was released each time a relative or friend turned out to have fallen ill. Almost every American knew of someone who had died.

In the darkness, a light did shine. Perhaps more like a flicker, but nonetheless light. Strides were made in the race to manufacture an effective vaccine. The prospects of a shield of protection emboldened our spirits. By February, the Federal Drug Administration had green-lighted three vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, respectively. I liken the experience to January thaw. An unusual patch of warmer days mid-winter when we tell ourselves this year, maybe, the weather will not be so bad.

With the onset of summer, optimism flourished. Mask mandates were relaxed, if not tabled. The growing number of vaccinated Americans began to re-engage with renewed confidence. Cherished activities restricted by social distancing were resumed. The light at the end of the tunnel was growing larger.

Last week marked the onset of autumn. The anticipation of the brilliant color of changing leaves and cooler temperatures is enlivening after summer's heat and humidity. Yet, the surge in new Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations acts as a drag on our emotions. Some have said and most have thought, "There is just no end to this!" The grief we live with just keeps going.

Trouble that stays past its welcome exacts a great price. Fatigue fuels irritation. Many a pessimist, among other things, is tired. Exhaustion leads to bad decisions. I have overheard more than one person of late describe being wearied by the pandemic. A century ago the philosopher Nietzsche said, "When we are tired, we are attacked by ideas we conquered long ago." Temptation besets us. We are prone to place our no end grief at the center of our lives.

As people of faith, we practice the discipline of centering. We believe that only God can safely, wisely, and lovingly be at the center of our lives. To replace God with anything else is idolatry. The late Wayne Oates wrote, "Anyone or anything which is less than God and which is placed at the center begins to exercise possessive power over us."<sup>1</sup> That includes our emotions.

The pandemic has proven to be a marathon, not a sprint. The writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews acknowledged the drain of the race of faith, saying, "Therefore lift up your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed."<sup>2</sup> The trouble that besets us is real. No good comes from denial. The way is through the trouble. Will we find our second wind?

The presence of God is close. The fiery colors of the autumn landscape speak of this Presence as being touchable in its impending nearness. The Psalmist leaves us with the invitation, "Taste, then, and see the Lord is good."<sup>3</sup> The Lord is close to those whose spirit is fatigued. In this new season, scan the horizon and cherish small signs that announce the Lord is close.

—Steven

<sup>1</sup>Oates, Wayne E. Your Particular Grief. P.85.

<sup>2</sup>Hebrews 12.12.

<sup>3</sup>Psalms 34.8.



### Immanuel Baptist Church

The mission of Immanuel Baptist Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to deepen our love for God and others, to fully engage our neighbor, and to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.

*God is calling Immanuel Baptist Church to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.*

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## Wednesdays in October



October 6 – Vespers



October 13 – Nashville Food Project with C. J. Sentell

October 20 – Assembling Christmas Boxes for Appalachia

We will be preparing Christmas boxes again this year for children in Appalachia. Boxes will be collected and disbursed by Olive Branch Ministries, administered by Scarlett Jasper, CBF field personnel. Stay tuned to your email for a list of items to collect and contribute. Wrapping paper and supplies will be provided. **All boxes must be completed and delivered to the church by Sunday, October 24.**

October 27 – Business Meeting

## Room In The Inn

Room in the Inn starts in November! Thank you, Charlie Lutz and Brandon Gnetz, for heading up Immanuel's RITI team again this year. Watch for more details in the November newsletter. Here are the dates we will be caring for guests this year:

November 4 and 18

December 2 and 16

January 6 and 20

February 3 and 17

March 3 and 17



## BOULEVARD BOLT 2021

The 28th Annual Boulevard Bolt will be virtual again in 2021. Registration will open in early October. Shirts will be mailed to those who register. Help us continue this wonderful IBC tradition by registering and/or donating to help serve those who are homeless in our community! More information about the Bolt can be found at <https://www.boulevardbolt.org>

## Welcome, New Members!



**Jane and Tim Sharp** have been with us quite a while, but we are now officially welcoming them! Tim is our Minister of Music. Susan Hawkins is their deacon.

# Music and Worship in the Days Ahead

The Fall and coming Advent season cycle great times of celebration and remembrance into our worship, so the next three months are great opportunities for our music offerings at Immanuel Baptist Church.

**The first Sunday in October** we observe World



Communion Sunday, which gives our singers and instrumentalists a chance to celebrate the music of the world. Look forward to fresh new sounds from

other continents, along with words that freight the faith of our brothers and sisters of other nationalities and faith expressions. World Communion Sunday is October 3.

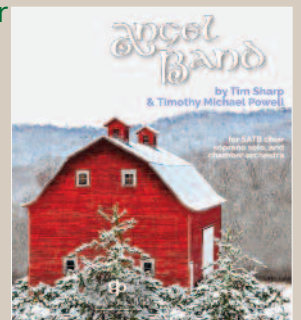
**On the first Sunday in November**, we remember the loved ones, friends and acquaintances in faith that have died and joined the heavenly band of saints. On All Saints Sunday, November 7, we remember through music and the Word. This year as we continue to struggle with the Covid pandemic, we are particularly mindful of those we have lost. We will reflect on the saints in our lives and their blessed memory in a special way through music.



We conclude the month of November with a service of thankfulness as we celebrate through music and the word on **Sunday, November 21**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This "Ingathering Sunday" will offer our best songs of praise and thanksgiving.

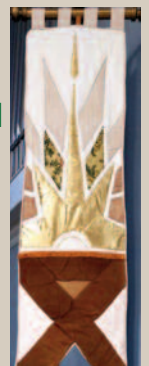


**Then in December**, we look toward the coming of Light into the world through the birth of the Christ child during Advent and the Celebration of Christmas. On **Thursday evening, December 9**, we welcome the choirs and orchestra of Hillwood High School who will give their final concert of the term at Immanuel Baptist Church. We will welcome all the Hillwood musicians with a light dinner and then enjoy their musical program in our Sanctuary. The next highlight of December will be the presentation by all of our Immanuel musicians and our musical guests of an Advent Choral Evensong on **Sunday, December 12**, at 3:30 pm. This event will feature our children singers, soloists, instrumentalists, our pastoral staff, and our adult choir. The music we are presenting is bundled in a collection called "Angel Band", a fusion of music ranging from medieval tunes to contemporary bluegrass, all centered around the music of the shape-note and mountain ballad tradition. Singers and orchestra will combine for a delightful evening, and the congregation will sing and read along with the musicians.



Finally, we conclude the year with **our annual Christmas Eve celebration** at 4:30 pm on December 24, a service filled with music of the season. This is a very special church family tradition, highlighted by music and scripture lessons, along with our own reflections.

I hope you will mark these special Sundays on your own calendar, make them a priority, and even share them with friends and colleagues that might join our celebration.



—Tim

# Children's Church



Immanuel Children in grades 1–6 took part in Children's Church for the first time on Sunday, September 19th. Our theme was "All God's Creatures." We learned the worship skill of setting up our worship space and decorating our altar (a multi-tiered bookcase) with thematic elements, like pictures of our pets and our favorite stuffed animals. During Sunday School children made miniature birdhouses and learned about St. Francis' love of the Sermon on the Mount passage, "Consider the birds . . ." (Matt 6:26).

## CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Halloween is on Sunday this year, so children are invited to wear their costumes to church. We will start at 9:15am in Sunday School with worship

planning and activities for the season.

Children's Church will take place at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Following worship we will gather in the picnic/playground area for a cookout, pumpkin hunt, and halloween games.



**Call for Candy Donations:** We request your help again this year with donations of candy for the children's pumpkin hunt. Please bring donations to church during the month of October and drop them off in designated boxes on the pews across from the kitchen.

# Church Family News

## PRAYER LIST

Belle Butler  
Marjorie Johnson  
Jaye Wagner  
Nephew of Adam and Laralee Page

### IN MEMORIAM

JENNIE MILLS

1 March 1939 ~ 31 August 2021  
Joined Immanuel 20 January 1963

### IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES BAKER WOODALL

28 August 1958 ~ 12 September 2021  
Joined Immanuel 6 January 1986

### IN MEMORIAM

SAM CHRISTOPHER

27 November 1930 ~ 23 September 2021  
Joined Immanuel 11 May 1975

## Sanctuary Flowers

**October 3-** given by Jim Hawkins in loving memory of his sisters, Dr. Linda Kay and Jane Brown.

**October 10-** given by Dwight and Jaye Wagner in loving memory of Guy and Ann Wagner and John Wagner, father, mother, and brother of Dwight; and Dean and Jeanette Whited, father and mother of Jaye.

**October 17-** given by Martha Winston in loving memory of her husband, Nat, and in honor of her son, John, on his birthday, October 15.

**October 24-** given by Sam and Yvonne Christopher in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Buford M. White.

**October 31** - given by Al and Patty Brown in loving memory of Clara Copeland and Aunt Loretta Obermiller.

Help Immanuel provide 600 individually wrapped desserts for our ministry partners at Luke 14:12.

Dessert options include cookies, brownies, pastries or other items. **Our October collection date will be Sunday, October 24.** Drop off your desserts in the church kitchen (or let us know if you need to bring them the week before.)



# happy birthday to you!

### October 2

Brad Harris

### October 3

Ellie Fitzpatrick

### October 4

Billie Patton

Jenny Wilson

### October 6

Becky Atkinson

Myra Marshall

### October 7

Barbara Mitchell

Shirley Montgomery

### October 8

Catherine West

### October 9

Bethann Easterly

### October 10

Dwight Wagner

### October 11

Jean Sharpe

### October 12

Libby Nicholson

### October 13

Lindy Drolsum

### October 15

Anna Kihlberg

Cynthia Odle

John Winston

### October 16

Ellen Newman

Al Brown

### October 20

Jenny Vo

### October 21

Andrew George

### October 25

Judie Martin

Jaye Wagner

### October 28

John Brandon

### October 30

Nancy Adcock

Ann Conn



# Calendar of Events

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship/World Communion  
Day/Fellowship Offering

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

9:30 PDO  
3:00 Jennie Mills Memorial Service

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

9:30 PDO

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Vespers  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

9:30 PDO

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

6:30 Deacons' ZOOM mtg.

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper

6:00 Nashville Food Project  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

6:30 Stewardship ZOOM

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship  
Children's Church

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**

9:30 PDO

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

9:30 PDO

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Christmas Boxes for Appalachia  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21**

9:30 PDO

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**

9:15 Sunday School All Ages

10:30 Worship

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**

9:30 PDO

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

9:30 PDO

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Business Meeting  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28**

9:30 PDO

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship  
Children's Church  
11:45 Children's Halloween Party



## **Young Women's Retreat - Nov. 5-6**

Theme: What Story Does Your Heart Tell?

Arrive: Friday between 6 pm & 7 pm – dinner at 7 pm

Departure: Saturday by 4pm

Cost: \$21.00 online (Check Events on your Realm account)

Cash or check discount: \$20.00 (please give to Pastor Stephanie)

Location: Susan Crownover's Lake House  
798 Magnolia Dr.  
Winchester, TN 37398

## **PASSPORT**

Passportkids Camp  
Berea College in Berea, KY  
June 21 – 24, 2022  
Cost: \$350.00

PASSPORTkids is a 4-day, 3-night children's camp filled with fun faith-building programming and hands-on missions education for students who have completed 3rd – 6th grade. Please contact Pastor Stephanie (swyatt@ibcnashville) for further information.



## Library Memorials

Older children and middle school students will be excited to know that these books have been added to the library collection:

*Down to Earth* by Betty Culley – a meteorite falls on the family farm and suddenly the water dries up...amateur geologist Henry to the rescue!

*Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate – “screechers,” “hummingbears” and stuffed animals come to life.

*I Am Courage* by Susan Verde – courage comes from feeling scared and facing challenges anyway.

*Breathe: a Child's Guide to Ascension, Pentecost and the Growing Time* by Laura Alary – guides children to wonder about and watch for the work of the Holy Spirit.

Ten Who Was...What Is... books:

*Who Is Derek Jeter?*,

*Who Is Pele?*,

*Who Was Marie Antoinette?*

*Who Was Jacques Cousteau?*,

*Who Was Roald Dahl?*

*Who Was Henry VIII?*

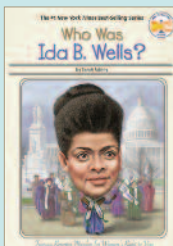
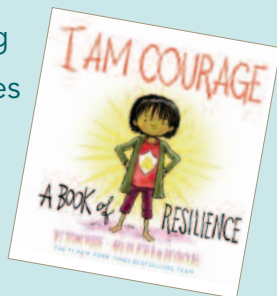
*Who Was Helen Keller?*

*Who Was Ida*

*B. Wells?*

*What Is the Stanley Cup?*

*What Is LEGO?*



## October IBC Book Club

The Immanuel Book Club will meet via ZOOM on Sunday October 25 at 5:00 PM. The group will be reading a new book entitled *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. This book challenges Christians to think about the many ways we relate to Jesus (friend, teacher, savior, to name a few).

There is a copy in the church library and it is affordably available in a Kindle format.

Any who would like to be added to our email list for the Zoom link can contact Richard Shadinger ([richard.shadinger@gmail.com](mailto:richard.shadinger@gmail.com))

## Save the date!

### Saint Nick's Night Out for Parents

Open to Children from Pre-School to 6th Grade

Friday, December 3rd from 5pm to 8pm



Parents – take a break while we entertain the kiddos!

St Nicholas themed songs, crafts, skits, treats and more

Contact Pastor Stephanie ([swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org)) for more info

## Ingathering Sunday

November 21

This year for Luke 14:12 we will be collecting Stovetop Stuffing and macaroni pasta.