



# The Immanuel Light

*For the Living of These Days*

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## A Season of Thankfulness

This year being thankful is moving toward a new normal. With Covid-19 as our constant companion last year we had to be grateful at a distance. Even though we are not back to pre-Covid ways, we have moved forward, and as this season of thanks approaches, Immanuel has a variety of ways to share our thankfulness with one another and with those in our community and our world.

**All Saints Day**, a service in which we will remember those who have completed their earthly journey this past year, is Sunday, November 7. (see **page 3** for more details).

We conclude the month of November with a service of thankfulness as we celebrate **Ingathering Sunday** on November 21. This year we are collecting Stovetop Stuffing and macaroni pasta. There will be baskets set up at the entrances to the sanctuary where you may place your donations. If you will not be attending Sunday morning in person, you may bring your contribution by the church office. There will be a donation box set up outside the church office. All of these donations will benefit Luke 14:12.

**The Boulevard Bolt** is virtual *again* this year. You may still register and receive a great t-shirt. More details about race registration can be found on **page 7**.

The **First Sunday of Advent** is November 28. Our Advent theme is "Light the Light . . . Fire of Life." Our daily Advent devotionals will begin Sunday, November 28.



## The Weather Report

Every year on the first Sunday of November, Immanuel Baptist Church sets aside the day as “All Saints’ Day.” This major feast day in the church calendar actually falls on the first of November. On whichever day it is observed, the time demands of us some consideration for those who have preceded us in death in the year past.

If you are like me, you did not grow up observing All Saints’. The church of my youth viewed saintly legends as the work of wild imaginations. Veneration of the saints was tabooed. When reading Paul’s doctrine of the body of Christ in which members had their particular office as “fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God,” little was made of “saints” as a designation for Christian believers regardless of their origins.<sup>1</sup>

All Saints’ Day has acquired much significance to me. In this season of autumn, energy is directed to the harvest of our lives. The last tomatoes of the season and the fruit of our lives are garnered and measured. As daylight wanes, we grow acutely aware of the passage of time. We take up the question of death itself and those who have passed into it. As the poet Wendell Berry put it, “You move now toward your partners, answering the music suddenly audible to you.”<sup>2</sup>

On Sunday, November 7, we will observe All Saints’ Day. Much thought has gone into the planning of worship for this Sunday. In addition to the Litany of Remembrance there will be an insert with photographs of those beloved brothers and sisters who passed into death this past year—a physical likeness of those deaths and lives that belong to us, beloved then, and always. As their names are read aloud, handbells will ring. Worship will conclude with the congregation recessing to a musical benediction of “O When the Saints Go Marching In.” A reception will be provided by the Food Services committee on the colonnade encompassed by the bright yellow of the ginkgo leaves in the courtyard.

On All Saints’ Day, the living find strength for their weak knees. The image of an unbroken chain of faith buoys our spirit. We find our second wind, and push on. The living realize now it is our turn to run the race of faith. We run, all the while mindful of the previous runners, i.e. those who have preceded us in death. They have taken their seats in the balcony and envelop us. The memorable words of the writer of Hebrews gladden us, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight...and let us run with perseverance the race before us.”

I will look for you in worship on All Saints’ Day!

AMEN

<sup>1</sup>Ephesians 2.19.

<sup>2</sup>Berry, Wendell. “Our Children Coming of Age,” Collected Poems 1957 – 1982. P.



### 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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# All Saints' Day

November 7, 2021

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us . . .”*

—Hebrews 12.1

Those church members we remember who have died since All Saints Day 2020:

Walton Conn  
Renald Eichler  
Charlsie Matthews  
Randy Dover  
Marvin Gregory

David George  
Sue Conn  
Jennie Mills  
Charles Woodall  
Sam Christopher

## Choose These Books During This Season of Gratitude:



*Everyday Gratitude: Inspiration for Living Life as a Gift*

*Giving Thanks: Poems, Prayers, and Praise Songs of Thanksgiving*

*God Gave Us Thankful Hearts* by Lisa Bergen

*Look and Be Grateful* by Tomie DePaola

*I'm Thankful Each Day* by P. K. Hallinan

*I am Peace* by Susan Verde

All of these books are available in the IBC Library.

## Room In The Inn

Room in the Inn starts NOW! Thank you, Charlie Lutz and Brandon Gnetz, for heading up Immanuel's RITI team again this year. Here are the dates we will be caring for guests this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the downstairs hallway across from the chapel:

November 4 and 18

December 2 and 16

January 6 and 20

February 3 and 17

March 3 and 17





# Harvest Hootenanny = FUN, FOOD, MUSIC and



More!





## Belmont Reunion at Immanuel

On October 3 there was a small Belmont reunion after the worship service. Doug and Terri Jones are new members of our choir. Doug was Tim Sharp's classmate at Belmont in the 70's. Jerry Warren and Richard Shadinger were teachers and mentors for both Tim and Doug. It is wonderful to have Doug and Terri as new choir members and to renew connections between students and faculty of Belmont.



Ingathering  
Sunday  
November 21

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

## Sharp House Dedication

The Adult Choir joined Pastor Steven and Pastor Stephanie as Tim, Jane, and Emma Sharp dedicated their beautiful new home!



". . . it was a picture-perfect day, with all the right elements--good food, good weather, good friends, good occasion, and good conversation."

# Church Family News

## PRAYER LIST

Belle Butler  
Marjorie Johnson

Suzanne Brandon  
Jaye Wagner

### *Welcome, New Members!*



**Chris and Lynda O'Rear** join by letter from First Baptist Nashville. Their deacon will be Susan Crownover.



**Carol Stephens** joined by letter from Weatherly Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, AL. Her deacon will be Kay Johnson.

## Sanctuary Flowers

**November 7-** given in honor of those in our church family we gratefully remember today.

**November 14 -** given in loving memory of Bob Patton by Billie and his loving children.

**November 21-** given by Becky Eagleton in loving memory of Elton and Jane Hinshaw. "May their many kindnesses and gifts to their church family be remembered today."

**November 28** given by Jimmy and Ann Conn in loving memory of their parents, Ed and Ethel Mary Tipton and Ruth and Louis Conn.

## Reminder:



**on November 7**

happy birthday to you! 🍂

### November 2

John Blackman  
Brandon Gnetz

### November 7

Emily Gnetz

### November 8

Aden Drolsum  
Yvonne Justis  
Virginia Neely

### November 9

Todd Maxwell  
Jane Sharp

### November 10

Judy Auer  
Evelyn Brandon

### November 13

Suzanne Brandon

### November 16

Vivian Vu  
Vickie Vu

### November 17

Peter Vu

### November 19

John Lykins

### November 21

Dennis Adcock  
Patricia Schlamp

### November 30

Georgina Businaro





# Calendar of Events

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

5:00 Children's Choir

5:00 Church Family Supper

6:00 Adult Programming

-Handbells/Brass rehearsals

-Children on Mission

-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 PDO

6:00 RITI

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Young Women's Retreat

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:15 Sunday School All Ages

10:30 All Saints' Day Worship

5:30 Youth Bonfire

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

5:00 Children's Choir

5:00 Church Family Supper

6:00 Adult Education Program

-Handbells/Brass rehearsals

-Children on Mission

-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 PDO

6:30 Stewardship ZOOM

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM Sacred Harp Singing

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:15 Sunday School All Ages

10:30 Worship/Lord's Supper and Fellowship Offering

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 Deacons' ZOOM mtg.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

5:00 Children's Choir

5:00 Church Family Supper

6:00 Adult Education Program

-Handbells/Brass rehearsals

-Children on Mission

-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 PDO

6:30 Stewardship ZOOM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:15 Sunday School All Ages

10:30 Worship/Ingathering  
Children's Church

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:00 Children's Choir

5:00 Church Family Supper

6:00 Adult Education Program

-Handbells/Brass rehearsals

-Children on Mission

-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Boulevard Bolt (Virtual)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:15 Sunday School All Ages

10:30 Worship

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:30 PDO



## 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



## BOULEVARD

## BOLT 2021

The 28th Annual Boulevard Bolt will be virtual again in 2021. **Registration is now open.** 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>