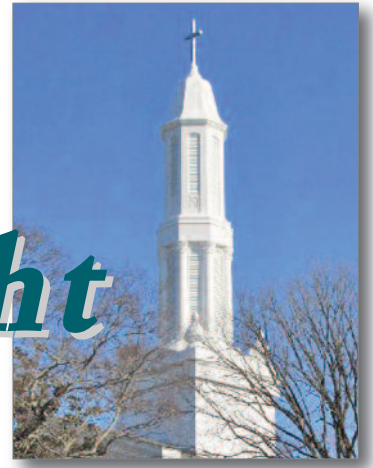


The Immanuel *Light*

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Holy Week

Family Supper
Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 18

Church Family Supper will be served at 5:00 PM followed by the worship service at 6:00 PM in the Chapel (No Wednesday supper or activities on April 17)

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19 at 6:00 PM
in the Chapel

Easter Sunday

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

(Be sure and bring flowers on Easter Sunday to help flower the cross at the columbarium.)

THE WEATHER REPORT

After worship last Sunday, a group of volunteers counted bags of egg noodles. Worshippers were invited to bring the noodles forward during the offertory and place them in bushel baskets by the altar. The noodles will be used by the non-profit soup kitchen Luke 14.12 in their ministry of providing meals to the homeless of Nashville. Our congregation supports this ministry financially and through serving lunch one Tuesday a month.

A total of 150 pounds of noodles were given. *Counting* is giving attention to numbers. Practicing the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ calls for such. Jesus said, “If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn’t you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine if you have enough money to complete it?”¹ And on the occasion of the miraculous feeding of the multitude, known to most as the “The Feeding of the Five Thousand,” someone counted heads.

Despite the need to count, doing so can become a challenge. Counting often leads to conversations about resources. Questions such as “How many?” are asked and often prompt conversations about scarcity. “Do we have enough?” heightens our attention and the mood becomes serious. Seriousness is more than an attitude. If unbridled, it can become a way of thinking embedded in chronic anxiety. The paradox of seriousness is that it leads to chronic worry.

Counting’s opposite is *measuring*. Measuring gives attention to change. Gil Randle writes, “When measuring, the question is not ‘How many?’ but rather ‘How far?’”² Such questioning requires that one go up to the balcony for a bird’s-eye view. Rendle writes, “Measuring pushes us to ask, ‘How far have we come, over the past year, toward our goal?’”³ A

balcony perspective allows a congregation to observe the difference it has made.

Soon you will receive in the mail a letter from the Stewardship Committee inviting your prayerful participation in funding our ministry plan for the church year May 2019 – April 2020. A copy of the proposed spending plan and a pledge card will be enclosed. During worship on Sunday April 14, you will have the opportunity to place your pledge card on the altar during the offertory. This act of worship is an important step in our preparing for a new year of ministry.

As you prayerfully discern your level of participation in funding the ministry of Immanuel Baptist Church next year, perhaps an exercise in measuring would be beneficial. Remember, measuring focuses on outcomes. From my balcony perspective I observe an increase in children participating as leaders in worship and mission. I observe the maturing of our youth as evidenced last August on Youth Sunday. I observe a growing leadership presence among our young adults as evidenced in the class of deacons listed in this issue of the newsletter. Ninety one individuals have agreed to serve on committees in the new church year and more than one hundred individuals participated in ministry opportunities last year, i.e. RITI and Luke 14.12, some multiple times.

Anticipating the change to the corner of the kingdom of God given to Immanuel Baptist Church, may we be faithful stewards of the resources God has given us.

—Steven

¹Luke 14.28.

²Rendle, Gil. *Doing the Math of Mission*. P.14.

³Rendle, Gil. *Ibid*. P.14.

Reminders . . .

Grammy nominated songwriter Tim Menzies will present “The Word and Song” on Tuesday, April 2, at 10:30 AM at Immanuel. Many famous artists, including George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Kenny Rogers, Reba McEntire and Trisha Yearwood have recorded songs written by Menzies. Join others for a special morning with the remarkably talented Menzies as he shares his story through “The Word and Song.” Invite a friend to join you for this memorable event! If you would like to

stay for lunch after the performance, contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, March 29, to make your reservation.

The Silver Notes will present a variety of musical numbers on Sunday, May 5, following morning worship. Lunch will be available for those who make a reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Thursday, May 2.

There will be NO Immanuel Book Club meeting in April.

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Church Officer Election on April 14

In accordance with the revised deacon nomination/election process, four nominees have accepted the call to serve and will be presented for approval on Sunday, April 14. Those four are Brandon Gnetz, Laralee Huguley, Charlie Lutz, and Larry Maxwell.

The Committee on Committees recommends that the following be elected as officers for the 2019-2020 church year, beginning May 1, 2019:

Directors—Charles Businaro, Melanie Dover, Claude Huguley, Brandon Jarnigan, Barbara Lutz, Larry Maxwell, Scott Newman

Treasurer—Kenny Cooper

Clerk—Pat Vick

Associational Representative—Kenny Cooper

Parliamentarian—Jon Cooper

Alternate Parliamentarian—Kenny Cooper

Church Historian—Charles Businaro

Agent of Record—Larry Maxwell

Senior Adult Directors—Beryl and Pat Vick



Making Palm Crosses

For centuries Christians have incorporated palm fronds in observance of Palm Sunday. On Wednesday evening, April 10, following dinner, the Worship Committee will lead adults in making crosses from palms. Help will be available for this meaningful activity. Crosses will then be available for our worshipping congregation on Palm Sunday.

Give to the Volunteer State Missions Offering

Caring for people living in the margins of society is a mission of Immanuel Baptist and of the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The call to be the presence of Christ in the world means we are intentional about serving “the least of these.” To that end, the Volunteer State Missions Offering (formerly called the Elizabeth Richards Offering) is being emphasized in the month of April.

The offering supports six partner ministries across the state, representing the diversity of TCBF’s mission to serve. Olive Branch ministries in Scott County is part of a CBF initiative to minister in the poorest counties in the country. Samaritan Ministry, headquartered in Knoxville, is an HIV/AIDS service organization that reaches people across the state. The Neverfail Ministry reaches out to needy neighbors living on the Cumberland Plateau. The Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association is an organization that unites people in community service in Memphis. The Next Door in Nashville shares the love of Christ with women battling addiction, suffering from mental illness or coming out of prison. Appalachian Outreach is a poverty relief ministry equipped to serve families in the Appalachian region.

Please consider giving to the state missions offering. Envelopes are included in your giving packet. To learn more about the ministries of the TCBF, come to a special program on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:00 PM in the chapel. You can also find more information about the Volunteer State Missions Offering at tncbf.org.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20
10:30-11:30 AM



How many eggs will you find?

HAPPENINGS



Thank You!

Over the last five months, our church hosted 100 guests - ten men on ten Thursday evenings - through participation in the Room In The Inn ministry. Thank you to the many adults, youth and children who helped set up Fellowship Hall to receive our guests, prepared snack bags and meals, drove the van, spent the night, offered fellowship, donated clothing, backpacks and toiletries, and made donations to purchase supplies. Our support of this ministry is just one of many ways we “wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.” Thank you for being a part of this vital ministry in our community.



APPALACHIAN OUTREACH

Immanuel’s 10th annual Appalachian Outreach mission trip will take place on April 5-7. Please be in prayer for this mission team as they work in partnership with Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City: Ann Conn, Jimmy Conn, Emily Cooper, Olivia Cooper, Meredith Crossover, Sims Crossover, Susan Crossover, Linda Fields, Tim Fields, Campbell Gnetz, Emily Gnetz, Lyla Gnetz, Malcolm Homer, Savannah Homer, Anna Kihlberg, Erik Kihlberg, Patty Littlejohn, Debbie Maxwell, Larry Maxwell, Craig Self, Hagen Self, Tambi Swiney, Peter Vu, Vickie Vu, Vivian Vu, Geneva Wilkerson, Jonah Wilkerson, Sarah Wilkerson, and Stephen Wilkerson.

HAPPENINGS



Ingathering Sunday 2019



On Sunday, April 26, Tim Fields and Kenny Cooper will lead a car clinic for the Immanuel Youth. The students will learn the basics of car care from the masters. The clinic will be held at Tim's home, and Tim and Linda will treat the youth to dinner.



learning to love like God

Family Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 15

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Sr. Adults to Visit the Frist



Tuesday, April 9

Frist Art Museum

Impressionistic Art Exhibit

The Mellon Collection of French Art

\$10 Museum Fee
Depart Immanuel at 10:30
Lunch afterward

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Fay Frost Roberts on the death of her sister, Dorothy Frost Kelly, who died March 9.

THANK YOU

The Hinshaw family will be forever grateful for the prayers, concern, support, cards and expressions of love expressed by the members of Immanuel during Elton's illness and death. We are very grateful for them and continue to find them a source of comfort. Thank you.

Extended Session

April 7 - Ashley and Stephen Payne, Kay Johnson, Samuel Baker

April 14 - Cindy Lutz, Ellen Newman, Ann Conn, Emily Cooper

April 21 - Courtney Kihlberg,, Katy Clouse, Patty Littlejohn, Olivia Cooper

April 28 - Elaine McKenna, Diane Sharpe, Jeanie Reynolds, Josiah Baker

Sanctuary Flowers

April 7 - given by the Decorations Committee

April 14 - given by the Decorations Committee

April 21 - given by Betty Kay and Ed Wasserman in loving memory of their parents, Edward Pritz and Sarah Geneva Wasserman and Gaye and Mary Catherine McGlothlen.

April 28 - given by the Ben Rowan family in loving memory of Jenny Rowan.

Library News

Four books of local interest have recently been added to the library:

With This Pledge by Tamara Alexander, historical fiction about Carnton Plantation in Franklin

Indianapolis by Lynn Vincent and Sara Vladic, the story of the worse sea disaster in U.S. Naval history

Dark Midnight When I Rise by Andrew Ward, the story of the Fisk Jubilee singers

Nashville Pikes Vol. Five by Ridley Wills, 150 years along Buena Vista, Whites Creek, Brick Church and Dickerson Pikes



At the spring women's retreat, these lovely ladies decorated hats to reflect all the hats they wear as women. Thanks to Kay Johnson for hosting this memorable retreat!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 PDO
12:00 Philippians Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 PDO
10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 TNCBF Volunteer Missions Offering
6:00 Children on Mission
6:00 Immanuel Youth
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 PDO
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip
April 5-7

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 8

9:30 PDO
12:00 Philippians Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 PDO
10:30 Trip to the Frist

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 Assemble Palm Crosses
6:00 Children on Mission
6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 PDO
SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Palm Sunday
9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship
5:00 Youth Dinner at the Wilkersons' home

MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:30 PDO
12:00 Philippians Bible Study

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 Deacons' Meeting
9:30 PDO
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

No activities/supper at church

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 PDO
5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
8:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

5:00 Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:30 Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Sunday
9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 PDO
11:15 Luke 14:12

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

9:30 Bordeaux visit
5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 Business Meeting
6:00 Children on Mission
6:00 Immanuel Youth
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:30 PDO
FRIDAY, APRIL 26

TN CBF General Assembly

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship
5:00 Youth Car Clinic

MONDAY, APRIL 29

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:30 PDO
9:30 PDO



Save the Date!

Join us at a Luncheon Honoring
our High School Seniors
Emily Cooper, Olivia Leu, Grace
Norman-Wilson, and Peter Yu
Sunday, May 19
11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Key Budget Dates

First Week of April - Proposed budget and pledge cards distributed
April 14 - Commitment Sunday, pledge cards presented during worship
April 24 - Business meeting, vote on 2019-20 budget

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking

(Through February 2019)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income
\$ 430,460.42

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense
\$ 381,366.31

Net income: \$ 49,094.11

Attendance Report

Sunday School

March 3	NA
March 10	98
March 17	104
March 24	113

Worship Service

March 3	129
March 10	130
March 17	97
March 24	160

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Happy Birthday to You!

April 1

Cindy Lutz

April 6

Helen Auer

April 9

Jeremy Saal

April 12

Craig Self

Richard White

April 13

Josiah Baker

Houston Vick

April 15

Jimmy Conn

April 17

Kate Winston

April 20

Patty Littlejohn

Gregg Matthews

April 21

Jack Newman

April 22

Allen Tuten

April 24

Jim Brewer

April 25

Olivia Cooper

Lissa Jarnigan

April 26

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April 27

Katy Clouse

April 28

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April 29

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April 30

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