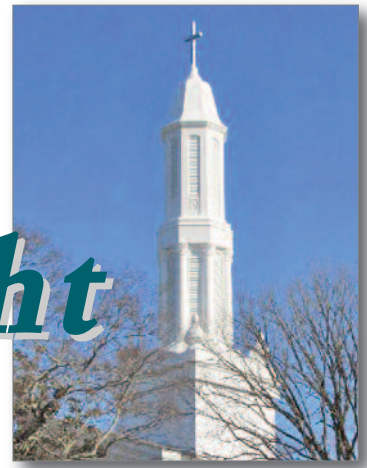


# The Immanuel *Light*

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## New Education Year Begins August 4

A new Sunday School year at Immanuel begins on Sunday, August 4. Children on Mission resumes on Wednesday, August 7, and Children and Music resumes on Wednesday, August 14. The Education Enlistment Committee is delighted to report that all teaching slots for the coming year have been filled. The committee thanks all those who have volunteered to serve.



### Grigsby Class

Teachers: Marie Burr, Lerma Hearn,  
and Barbara Lutz  
Outreach: Judy Parker

### Mills Class

Director/Outreach: Suzanne Brandon  
Teachers: David George, Don Jones, and Tim  
Reynolds, Steven Meriwether

### Friendship II Class

Teacher: Kenny Cooper  
Outreach: Georgina Businaro, Susan Hawkins,  
and Betty Kay Wasserman

### Young Professionals Class

Teachers: Steve and Miriam Tate  
Outreach: Ellen Mundy

### Young Families Class

Teacher: Craig Self  
Outreach: Lissa Jarnigan

### 7th-12th Grade Class

Teacher: Chris Dean

### 4th-6th Grade Class

Director: Patty Littlejohn  
Teachers: Carol Boozer and Jeanie Reynolds

### 1st-3rd Grade Class

Teachers: Grover Baker and Melanie Dover

### Fours-Kindergarten Class

Director: Debbie Maxwell  
Teacher: Jill Cooper

### Babies-Threes Class

Director: Betty Kay Wasserman  
Teachers: Cindy Lutz and Laurie Woods

### Wednesday Night Leaders

Children and Music - Lauren Baker and Marilyn  
Shadinger  
Children on Mission - Diane Sharpe and Chris  
Dean  
Youth Group - Jimmy and Ann Conn

Sunday Morning Greeters: Susan Hawkins, Felix  
Montgomery, Ed Wasserman  
Extended Session Coordinator: Patty Brown  
Childcare Coordinator: Laralee Huguley

## FROM TAMBI

To My Immanuel Family,

Where do I begin? How can I express the depth of my gratitude to this congregation that has loved me so well and nurtured my faith? My heart is overflowing with joy as I reflect on the encouraging words and extravagant gifts you have offered as I prepare to leave the security of Immanuel to step out in faith into the unknown. I will treasure the memories of all the farewell events - the field day with the Immanuel Youth planned by the Youth Committee, the worship service planned by Pastor Steven, and the reception planned by the Personnel Committee and the Food Service and Social Activities Committee.

I am pondering where to hang the national parks poster given to me by the Immanuel Youth, the personalized word search created by Jimmy and Ann Conn and the Wednesday night youth crew, and the sketch of the church building that I received at the reception. The video featuring the children and youth of Immanuel that was expertly edited by Brandon Gnetz is a priceless gift, one that I will watch anytime I am feeling down. Paul and I are absolutely overwhelmed by the generous love offering from the congregation. You won't be surprised to learn that we plan to use these funds to travel!

As I reflect on my tenure as your associate pastor, the memories of our shared experiences of worship, study, fellowship, and service are reminders of God's faithfulness. I am fond of making lists, so here are some of the experiences that were spiritually transformative for me, by the numbers: 14 Passport camps, 10 Appalachian Outreach mission trips, 5 mission trips to Haiti, 18 retreats (women, youth, deacons), 10 Vacation Bible Schools, 10 observances of Operation Inasmuch, and 36 Conversational English classes. Of course, our shared journey through 10 cycles of the seasons of the church year have also shaped me in more ways than I can count.

Thank you for taking a chance on me. When the Personnel Committee interviewed me 10 years ago, I lacked the resume that some may have felt was appropriate to be a staff member at Immanuel. You took a leap of faith when you called me to be your associate pastor, and for this I will be eternally grateful. You empowered me to use my gifts. You challenged me to step out of my comfort zone, time and time again. You affirmed me as I exercised my spiritual gifts in creative ways that brought me great joy. You taught me by your faithful examples as you practiced the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ. You encouraged me with your words and actions. You labored alongside me as we sought to carry out our mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ, deepen our love for God and others, fully engage our neighbor, and wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.

Many of you know that Philippians is my favorite epistle, and words from the first chapter of Paul's letter communicate exactly what I am feeling as I write this thank you letter: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this: that the One who began a good work in you will be faithful to carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. . . . And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11).

—Pastor Tambi



### 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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## Immanuel Baptist Labor Day Weekend Picnic

Sunday, September 1 from 3:30 PM-???

- *Gaga ball, Volleyball, and Corn Hole start at 3:30 PM*
- *Bikes, scooters, big wheels, etc!*
- *Bring a blanket or chair.*
- *Potluck dinner will be served at 5:00 PM*  
(Bring enough for your family plus extra to share. If your items contain nuts or shellfish, please label clearly or use one of the labels we will provide.)
- *We will have some tents for shade in addition to the pavilion.*

**Invite Your Friends and Family!**

## IBC!

It is good to be home! I am excited to get reinvested in the life of Immanuel. I cannot say enough about the impact you all had on me and my calling into ministry. During this interim period, I am leading Sundays with the youth and working alongside Diane Sharpe on Wednesday nights for Children on Mission. There is no question the impact that Pastor Tambi has had on the children, youth, and the entire congregation. I realize I have some big shoes to fill, but I look forward to working with you all during the transition. Feel free to get in contact with me anytime! My new email address is [cdean@ibc-nashville.org](mailto:cdean@ibc-nashville.org).

Peace,  
Chris

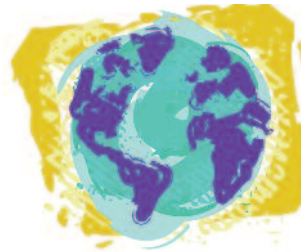
On August 6 at 10:30 AM Richard White, curator of 18th and 19th Century Tennessee History at the Tennessee State Museum, will speak at the senior adult meeting and tell about the new State Museum. Come learn more about this beautiful new structure that depicts the history of our state. It is located in downtown Nashville, near the Bicentennial Mall. Make your reservation for lunch by contacting Evelyn Brandon by August 2.



## Senior Adult August Meeting

(No Senior Adult Meeting in September)

## Children on Mission and Children on Music Resume!



### Children on Mission

begins August 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Missions Room  
Leaders: Diane Sharpe and Chris Dean

### Children and Music

begins August 14 at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.  
Leaders: Marilyn Shadinger and Lauren Baker



# FEARLESS

STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

At Passport camps this summer, Immanuel's older children and youth explored what it means to fear less and love more through worship, Bible study, devotions, church group times, and mission activities. One of our youth commented that Passport keeps getting better and better, and I believe she is correct. This year's theme was timely and relatable for all of our campers and chaperones. Our children and youth drew closer to God, to one another, and to students from other churches. Undoubtedly, the spiritual seeds that were planted at camp this summer will bear much fruit.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to this year's Passport chaperones - Larry Maxwell, Abigail Reynolds, and Jimmy Conn. Their active, compassionate presence in the lives of our campers was a blessing to us all. What a treat it was to see Immanuel's own Peter Vu, fresh off of high school graduation, serving as a Passport Kids staffer. Peter was among the first group of campers that I took to Passport Kids Camp in the summer of 2011, and his journey from camper to staffer has been a joy to behold. Thank you, congregation, for making it possible for our older children and youth to participate in Passport camps each summer. Lives have been transformed by Passport. Mine is one of them.

— Pastor Tambi



Passport Kids Camp at Cumberland University



Passport Missions at Furman University

## Balcony Pews Available

There are several pews from our balcony which are now available to the church family. For a donation to the sanctuary renovation project, you may obtain one.

If you are interested, contact Charles Businaro.



# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Those among our family of faith who are facing moments of crisis and celebration.*

### IN MEMORIAM

Jane Simpson Hinshaw  
15 June 1936 ~ 11 July 2019

Joined Immanuel  
28 September 1958

### IN MEMORIAM

Betty Bellis Sanford  
6 February 1924 ~ 20 July 2019

Joined Immanuel  
8 July 1951

## Thank You!

How can we thank you, our church family? These are some of the ways you have shown your love and care to us through the beautiful cards and messages, phone calls and visits and the wonderful food provided. We have missed being at church and hope to return soon.

Faye and Jack Shaw

## BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Faye Shaw on the recent death of her sister, Jodie, who died July 21 in Coco, Florida.

## Extended Session

**August 4**-Katy Clouse, Kay Johnson, Patty Littlejohn, Samuel Baker

**August 11** - Emily Gnetz, Susan Crownover, Jeanie Reynolds, Olivia Cooper

**August 18**- Ashley and Stephen Payne, Lissa Jarnigan, Vickie Yu

**August 25**- Diane Sharpe, Melanie Dover, Jimmy Conn, Malcolm Horner

## Sanctuary Flowers

**August 4**- given by Penni and Bill Gregg in loving memory of Jane Hinshaw.

**August 11** - given by John Blackman in loving memory of his parents, Eleanor and John Blackman, Sr and his cousin, Anne Keith Pearce.

**August 18** - given by the Grigsby Sunday School Class in loving memory of Sue Senter on her birthday.

**August 25** - given by Patty and Al Brown in loving memory of Patty's great aunt, Loretta A. J. Obermiller and in honor of Clara Copeland.

## Celebrating Our Young Fishers!!

As you can see, we have some **very full** fishing poles, representing books our children have read this summer! **They have caught a lot of fish!**

On Wednesday evening, August 7, join us as we recognize all those who have participated in the Summer Reading Club this year.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship/Communion  
 11:30 Preschool Committee  
 4:00 Youth Hello-Goodbye Pool Party

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:50 Church Family Time  
 6:00 Adult Study  
 6:00 Children on Mission  
 6:00 Immanuel Youth  
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 Brass rehearsal

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

12:00 Denominational Relations Committee

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 Stewardship Committee

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:00 Children and Music  
 5:50 Church Family Time  
 6:00 Adult Study  
 6:00 Children on Mission  
 6:00 Immanuel Youth  
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 Brass rehearsal

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00 Handbell retreat

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship/First Grade Bible presentation

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

11:15 Luke 14:12

6:15 Bolt Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

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



### August 1

Judy Wilson

### August

Henry Gaither

### August 3

Susan Witherington

Lofton Greek

### August 5

Margaret Cook

### August 7

Hannah Harmsen

### August 8

Sebastien George

### August 9

Jack Shaw

### August 12

Ben Leathers

### August 14

Bill Bailey

Larry Maxwell

### August 15

Laddie Neil

### August 19

McCall Self

Caroline Talbert

### August 21

Stephanie Brown

Jo Jenkins

### August 22

Michael George

Tambi Swiney

### August 23

Suzanne Dillard

### August 26

Sarah Wilkerson

### August 28

Charles Lutz

Forrest Moorehead

Charlie Woodall

### August 29

Kay Johnson

Mary Kirk

## Facts and Figures

### Financially Speaking

(Through June 2019)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income

\$ 103,837.83

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense

\$ 76,803.61

Net income:

\$ 27,034.22

### Attendance Report

#### Sunday School

July 7	91
July 14	87
July 21	88
July 28	NA

#### Worship Service

July 7	108
July 14	90
July 21	120
July 28	144

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