

August Updates

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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For the Living of These Days

Library Automation System Recommended

In recent months during the COVID-19 pandemic, local libraries were closed and library books were not accessible. The church library team realized that our church library could be available for members to check out books. Several people took advantage of this opportunity, including parents/grandparents needing resources for guiding at-home schooling.

Recently church members participated in a survey about the use of the IBC library and 30 members replied. 84% of those indicated that they would be likely to browse the library collection if it were available online.

As a result of a generous contribution from the Ray Scott estate, there are funds available to purchase a web-based automated system, accessible through the church website. The Library team is recommending Atrium Express Automation, from Book Systems, Inc. in Huntsville, AL. Church members would have instant access to the entire IBC catalog online, check for new additions to the library, reserve a book or confirm the number of books checked out and dates due.

The cost to initiate the automated system is \$4,065 with an annual maintenance fee of \$652. Over the next five years, a decreasing amount of the Scott memorial money will be applied toward the annual maintenance fee with the balance budgeted each year.

The recommendation for the purchase of this web-based system has been approved by the Stewardship Committee and will be presented at the church business meeting on Sunday morning, August 30, 2020.

If this recommendation is approved, our library will arrive in the 21st century! We won't need the card catalog or a date stamp. Scan the book and go! The new system should be operational by the end of the year.

*Georgina Businaro
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Church Family News

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Sanctuary Flowers

August 23: given to welcome Stephanie and Adam.

August 30: given by Laddie Neil in loving memory of her sisters-in-law, Josephine Neil Jones and Jane Neil Jackson.

THANK YOU!

Friends and Family of Immanuel,

As many of you likely know, I am currently a student at Belmont University majoring in Computer Science. Being a student at Belmont has afforded me many opportunities, I have found a wonderful supportive group of friends. I really enjoy taking advantage of the Rock Wall on campus. My studies have included classes on Programming, Calculus, and the Old Testament. Come Fall, I will begin courses furthering these new skills, as well as a study on the New Testament. There is so much that has happened in my first year at Belmont that I am extremely grateful for. All of this is only possible because I have been fortunate enough to be able to use the scholarships provided by our church. I want to thank everyone at our church for making all of this possible for me by maintaining these scholarships.

Your Friend,
Peter Vu

THE MARTIN and FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Floyd Houston Martin Scholarship (Martin Scholarship) to Belmont University was established from the estate of Mrs. Clata Ree Brent through a trust with The Southern Baptist Foundation. The generous scholarship was established in memory of Mrs. Brent's mother.

The Friendship Scholarship to Belmont University was established by the former Friendship Sunday School Senior Ladies Class through an investment trust held by Belmont University.

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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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The scholarship(s) is(are) awarded each year to member(s) of the Immanuel Baptist Church family, selected by the Church Council and is(are) based on the candidate(s)' character, prior academic achievement, and need for financial assistance.

The scholarships vary each year, depending on the income through the trust(s). The scholarship may be used to cover tuition, fees, books, and in some cases reasonable living expenses.

Students should first apply to Belmont University for university admission as well as apply through Belmont Financial Aid for assistance they may need before they apply for the Martin and Friendship Scholarships. Candidates need to apply annually in January through the church office. Notice of when it is time to apply will be posted in the church newsletter. (No provision is made for funds during Summer terms at Belmont.) The information will be given to the Church Council who then makes the decision recommending student(s) for the scholarships.

Business Meeting August 30

The August business meeting will be held following morning worship on Sunday, August 30.

Items on the agenda include:

- a recommendation from the Committee on Committees
- a recommendation regarding the purchase of a web-based system for our library (see article on page 1)
- a report on revisions made to the Committee Manual

LABOR DAY PICNIC REMINDER

Out of concern for the health and safety of our church family, the deacon body has made the difficult decision to cancel the Labor Day Picnic this year. We know that these short-term sacrifices are necessary as we do our part to reduce the spread of the virus. Take care of yourself and each other.

