

# IMMANUEL LIGHT

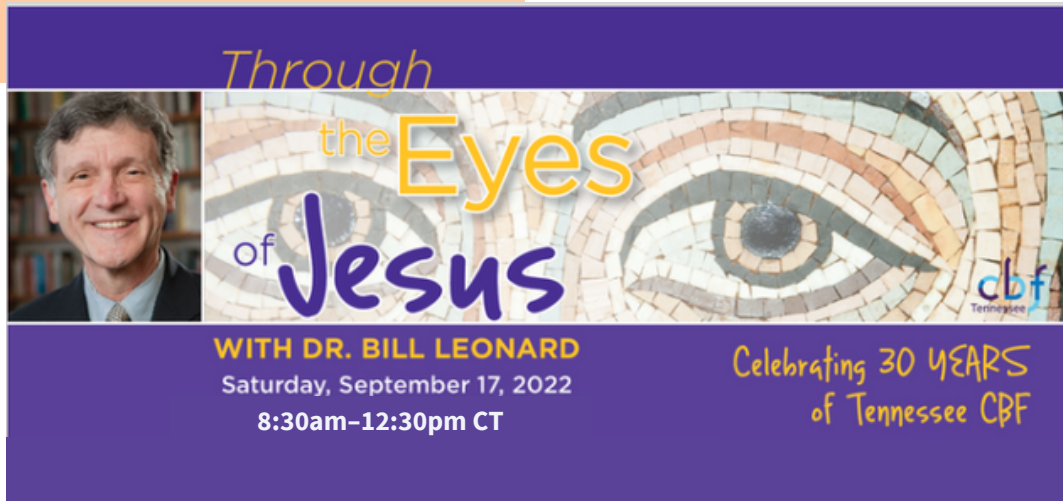


*Our deer visitors Sunday, August 14, 2022. Photo by Abigail Reynolds.*

The IBC Deacons Invite You to a  
*Fall Picnic*  
Sunday, Sept. 25th at 4pm

You are invited to bring your grill and set up your own “Boulevard BBQ” station or simply pack a picnic. We will have some organized games and activities as well as time to simply enjoy one another’s company.

# Change of Plans for TCBF GA



## Event Outline

**September 17**  
8:30am-12:30pm CT

**8:30** Welcome, Introductions & Instructions

**8:45 Session One**  
Courage Then? Courage Now!

Dialogue/Break

**9:45 Session Two**  
Before Asking "Is Our Church Growing?," Ask If It's Thriving

Dialogue/Break

**11:20 Session Three**  
Your Church's Identity: Is It Clear to the Congregation & the Community?



Due to COVID-related reasons, the TCBF General Assembly will no longer be held in person at Immanuel in September. Instead, The Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (TCBF) cordially invites you to participate in its ONLINE General Assembly, **Through the Eyes of Jesus with Dr. Bill Leonard on Saturday morning, September 17, 8:30am-12:30pm CT on Zoom.**

The event is a gift from Cooperative Baptists in Tennessee to our global Baptist community in recognition of our 30th anniversary. Registration is complimentary but necessary. To register for the new event on Saturday, September 17, please go to [tncbf.org/eyesofjesus](https://tncbf.org/eyesofjesus). Any registration fees already paid will be refunded.

Baptist historian Dr. Bill Leonard will guide our exploration of our theme. Dr. Leonard is founding dean and professor of Baptist studies and church history emeritus at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. The author or editor of 25 books, he is a native Texan, who now resides in Winston-Salem with his wife, Candyce, and their daughter, Stephanie. Dr. Leonard is a frequent writer and contributor of articles to Baptist News Global and provides a highly respected perspective on the past, present, and future.

## GAME Night PHOTOS

Fall Wednesday night activities began on August 10th. Folks who attended that night's program offering enjoyed an intergenerational game night. Thanks Adam Brett and Lissa Jarnigan for providing such a wonderful selection of games for us to choose from.



*Top Left: (L-R) Geneva Wilkerson, Meredith Crossover, and Carolyn Easterly playing a balancing game. Top Left (Clockwise): Adam Brett (in mask), Claude Hugley, Sims Crossover, Georgina Businaro, Jack Newman, and Carol Boozer in an intense game of Ticket to Ride. Bottom Left: (L-R) Carolyn Easterly, Meredith Crossover, and Charles Businaro playing Jenga. Bottom Right: (Clockwise): Sarah Wilkerson (blue shirt), Debbie Maxwell, Betty Kay Wasserman, Susan Crossover, Tim Stewart, and Lucinda Stewart playing Yahtzee.*

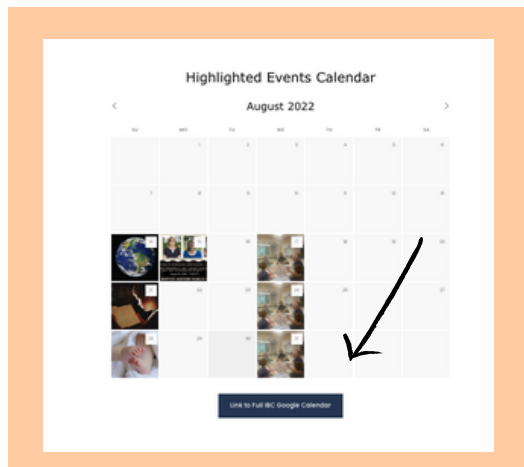
## Accessing the Online Church Calendar via the Website

If you would like to know what the church has scheduled on a given day, you can do so via the IBC website: [ibcnashville.org](http://ibcnashville.org)

From the menu bar at the top of the homepage, go to "News," then select "Calendar." There you will find a highlighted events calendar. If you hover over or click on a day with a picture, you can read further details about events on that day. If you click on the bar at the bottom of the page (marked in the screen shot below with an arrow), you can access the full IBC calendar, which lists day-to-day operations as well as church-wide events.

You can also see a quick view of upcoming events by clicking the "Events" tab under the "News" menu item. You can find more detailed descriptions of upcoming events there.

The staff tries to enter all dates on the website as soon as the information becomes available. If you would like to schedule church space for a meeting or event, please contact Pastor Steven ([smeriwether@ibcnashville.org](mailto:smeriwether@ibcnashville.org)).



## Patience Please as we Transition

Following the retirement of Debbie Maxwell, we have interviewed several potential administrative assistants to support many of the day-to-day communication tasks that keep us all informed.

At this time, we are still searching for the right candidate for this position. In the meantime Marilyn Shadinger and Pastor Stephanie are attending to as many of these tasks as possible. Please have patience with us as we juggle multiple responsibilities.

Because we are short staffed at present, we also ask that you call ahead to the office (615-297-5356) or email us individually if you are stopping by the church office unexpectedly. We want to make sure someone is here to receive you! Thanks for your understanding.

### ***LOOKING AHEAD***

#### **OCTOBER 1**

WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY WITH  
BILDAD MICHAEL

#### **OCTOBER 23**

BOOK CLUB  
5PM

#### **OCTOBER 30**

5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP  
& CHILDREN'S  
PUMPKIN HUNT



## Announcements

### **SEPTEMBER 5**

LABOR DAY  
OFFICE CLOSED

### **SEPTEMBER 6**

PDO FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

### **SEPTEMBER 11**

RITI LEADERS MEETING  
11:45AM

### **SEPTEMBER 13**

ZOOM DEACON'S MTG  
6:30PM

### **SEPTEMBER 17**

TCBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
WITH BILL LEONARD  
ON ZOOM  
8:30-12:30 CT

### **SEPTEMBER 18**

DENOMINATION RELATIONS  
MTG 11:45AM

### **SEPTEMBER 25**

FALL PICNIC  
4PM



# Milestone Moments



## September Birthdays

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
SAVANNAH HORNER

**SEPTEMBER 3**  
WILLIAM VO

**SEPTEMBER 5**  
MARILYN SHADINGER

**SEPTEMBER 8**  
SONIA HIGDON  
STEVEN MERIWETHER

**SEPTEMBER 14**  
BRANDON JARNIGAN  
PETER KIHMBERG

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
VAL EVANS  
CAMPBELL GNETZ  
JIM HAWKINS

**SEPTEMBER 18**  
EMILY COOPER

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
MICKEY TINSLEY  
MEG WINSTON

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
LANE EASTERLY



## First Grade Bible Presentation

On Sunday August 21st, Pastor Steven presented Charlie Newman (looking up at Pastor Steven) with his first Children's Study Bible from the congregation.

Parents Ellen and Scott and siblings Jack and Caroline were also part of the celebration. Proud grandparents are Charles and Georgina Businaro.

The beginning of a child's first grade year marks his or her transition from extended session care to sanctuary worship. To assist with this transition, first graders receive a canvas bag with Bible related activity books and crayons to help them with the adjustment.



## Baby Dedication

On Sunday August 28th, Pastor Steven led the congregation in welcoming and dedicating Everett Warren Dover Wilson to the congregation. Everett's parents are Jacob and Rebecca Wilson (pictured center). Proud Grandmother is Melanie Dover.

Judy Skeen (pictured far right) led the congregation in a prayer of blessing for Everett. Each child dedicated receives a small New Testament Bible ("Tiny Testament") and a certificate to mark the occasion. The IBC kids created a sign in Sunday School to welcome the newest member of their group.



Chris and Lynda O'Rear's daughter, Jessie O'Rear, married Mitchell Wensman on August 14th in Montana.





**UPDATE:** We are once again volunteering with Luke 14:12 on the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning October 25th. Please contact Melanie Dover at [mmd78@bellsouth.net](mailto:mmd78@bellsouth.net) for more information.



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Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our dessert baking ministry to Luke 14:12. For the month of August we baked **830 desserts!** *Thank you!*

Please bring your individually wrapped desserts by **Sunday, September 25th** and drop them off in the kitchen.

Remember to write the number of desserts you prepared on the bag or box you deliver them in. To sign up or to ask questions contact Pastor Stephanie at [swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org) or 615-297-5356.

# BAKED FRESH



## Want to Volunteer with IBC?

In addition to Luke 14:12, IBC partners with a variety of community ministries to fulfill our mission to "fully engage our neighbor, and wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society." During COVID, we pulled back from many of our in-person volunteering efforts for safety reasons.

There are many ways you can be involved in hands-on ministry if you feel comfortable doing so. Gather a group of friends or your Sunday School class and make a plan. Pastor Stephanie is happy to help you get acquainted with how to access a variety of ministry opportunities.

Contact Pastor Stephanie at [swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org) or call the church 615-297-5356 for more information. Some of the many community organizations we work with are listed below .



Ann Conn, Secretary  
Jenny Dean, Financial Secretary  
Michelle Fernandes,  
Parents' Day Out Director

Steven H. Meriwether, Pastor

Stephanie Wyatt,  
Associate Pastor

Tim Sharp, Minister of Music

Richard C. Shadinger, Organist

Beryl Vick,  
Minister of Music Emeritus



(L-R) Ed Jarnigan, Jonah Wilkerson, Campbell Gnetz, and Erik Kihlberg



Olivia Cooper (L) & Anna Kihlberg (R)



On your mark!



Strike a pose!



Hit the water!



Clockwise from Bottom Left Corner: Ed Jarnigan, Anna Kihlberg, Olivia Cooper, Erik Kihlberg, Pastor Steven, Jonah Wilkerson, and Campbell Gnetz.



Youth Pool Party  
August 19, 2022

**The youth group held their first gathering on August 19th at the Kihlberg's Kingston Springs home and welcomed two new members, 7th graders Campbell Gnetz and Ed Jarnigan! Ed wasn't able to go into the water due to an injury, but he still managed to take part and join in the photo fun. Looks like a great start to a new school year!**

# IBC Kids

Upcoming Children's Church Dates:  
September 25th & November 7th



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

August 28th was our first children's church of the fall semester. Because some of the children have expressed interest in baptism, we spent the morning remembering the story of Jesus' baptism, learning about symbols of baptism (dove, shell, ark or boat, lamp or candle), and making paper doves. We read a book that taught us about the many different types of baptism that Christians practice, "Baptized in water, covered by God's grace. We are God's sons and daughters, in every time and place."

Front (L-R) Nora Beth Humphries, Harper Jenkins, (slightly behind) Geneva Wilkerson. Back (L-R) Finley Gale, Melissa Clouse, Kaelyn Newman, Lauren Clouse, Lola Gale, Meredith Crownover, Hagen Self, Sims Crownover, and Jack Newman.

## SUMMER READING CLUB

This summer, 15 children participated in the Summer Reading Club sponsored by the library. In total the children read 104 books. Hagen Self won the top prize with a total of 15 books read!

The theme was "I Spy a Reader" to coordinate with SPY VBS in July. The librarians ordered a number of fun fiction and non-fiction spy books for the children to enjoy (one favorite is the InvestiGators series about mystery solving alligators!).



Left side of bulletin board (L-R) Lauren Clouse and Jack Newman. Front Row (L-R) Harper Jenkins and Kaelyn Newman. Middle Row (L-R) Nora Beth Humphries and Meredith Crownover. Back Row (L-R) Melissa Clouse, Geneva Wilkerson, Lyla Gnetz, and Hagen Self.