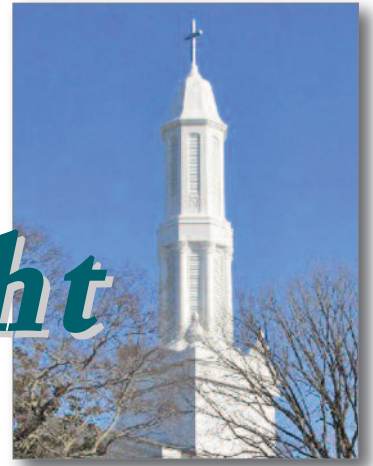


# The Immanuel *Light*

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**INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE  
LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.  
—JESUS**

**This year Immanuel's weeklong observance of Operation Inasmuch will be on March 20-27. Here are the events:**

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**Wednesday, March 20** - guest speaker from The Nashville Food Project

**Thursday, March 21** - host Room in the Inn for the final time this winter

**Saturday, March 23** - distribute gifts to the staff and patients at Nashville Community Care & Rehabilitation Center at Bordeaux or volunteer at The Nashville Food Project

**Sunday, March 24** - Ingathering Sunday to collect bags of noodles for Luke 14:12; family ministry project in Fellowship Hall after worship to prepare Easter bags for Appalachian Outreach

**Tuesday, March 26** - serve lunch at Luke 14:12

**Wednesday, March 27** - share stories from OIAM after the Business Meeting

**Registration will begin on Sunday, February 24.**

## THE WEATHER REPORT

In his book *The Children*, David Halberstam tells the story of eight young black college students whose vision led to change. They came to Nashville to attend Fisk, A&I (Tennessee State) and American Baptist College in the late 1950s. Soon thereafter their courage, dignity and inner strength found a common goal and unfurled.

A reporter at the *Nashville Tennessean* at the time, Halberstam covered the story of the first sit-in, in February 1960. The aim of the students was to integrate the lunch counters in Nashville's downtown shopping center. Unbeknownst to the students, this was the start of the civil rights movement in Nashville. In *The Children*, Halberstam artfully shows how people make history.

The student of history is soon pressed to appreciate the difference between describing 'how' and explaining 'why.' What is the difference? The former entails chronology and list of participants with an eye for reconstructing the series of events that led from one point to another. The latter involves mulling and stewing over the occurrence of events that did not have to be, but that occurred for identifiable reasons to the exclusion of others. Historian Noah Harari keenly observes, "The better you know a particular historical period, the harder it becomes to explain why things happened one way or another."<sup>1</sup>

The strength of Halberstam's work is that he asks and answers both questions. This is no small accomplishment. History is more than chronology or we would not be fond of it. However, the commonsensical John Meier reminds us, "There can be no history without chronology serving as one of its bases."<sup>2</sup>

The description of "how" resonated with me. The students began organizing for the first sit-in the year I was born, 1959. As a child I shopped with my mother in downtown shopping centers like Harveys. As a youth I read the comic and sports sections of the *Nashville Banner*. The names of places, streets and people were recognizable and aided me in reconstructing the events that led from the first sit-in to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

I was not surprised by what I learned from the content of the story *The Children*. Books that matter are books that teach us and provide takeaways. But we also read with an eye for becoming, I think. Who do I become in the course of listening to a given story? For example, as a child listening to the story of David and Goliath I became braver than before, willing to face formidable foes, at least in my imagination. Listening to the story of the lad who gave his lunch to Jesus, I became willing to share. Reading the stories of these students who risked ridicule and physical harm for what they deemed a more just society, I found myself wondering if I could do likewise. The book afforded me the opportunity to think about the story I wish to tell of myself.

What looks inevitable to me today, i.e. the injustice of segregation, was far from obvious in 1959. I gain little from judging past generations. It has been said that the study of history always implies a study of its alternative. In *The Children*, I was afforded an opportunity to hear the story of young people who lived the alternative to segregation. I stepped aboard the endangered but still seaworthy idea that the story could have gone another way. —*Steven*

<sup>1</sup>Harari, Yuval Noah. *Sapiens*. P.238.

<sup>2</sup>Meier, John P. *A Marginal Jew: The Roots Of The Problem And The Person*, Volume One. P.352.

## Reminders . . .

**Tim Fields will present "Issues of the Eye as We Age"** at the February Senior Adult meeting on February 5 at 10:30 AM. Plan to stay for lunch by making your reservation with Evelyn Brandon (make your reservation by February 1).

**"Walking an Ancient Pilgrimage Route, The Camino De Santiago"** will be presented March 5 at 10:30 AM in the Chapel by Father Mark Beckham of St. Henry Catholic Church. Father Beckham has walked the centuries old "Way of St. James" in northern Spain. If you would like to stay for lunch, contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, March 1, to make your reservation.



**Thank you, Luke 14:12 volunteers, for serving lunch faithfully each month!**

## Proposal From Stewardship Committee

Our Immanuel community has much for which to be grateful. Each week we gather at 222 Belle Meade Boulevard to be the body of Christ to one another and to the wider world. We fellowship together, we learn together, we worship together, we serve together, and we nurture our faith together. We all benefit from the multiple levels of support given and received. Through God's grace, this community is far more than the sum of her parts.

One of the gifts of our community is our sanctuary

space. The large windows on the sides bring an openness to the outside world that speak both to the majesty of God's nature around us and a reminder of our mission to the wider world. There is one drawback—over time outside weather does its work. After over fifty

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### Lenten Bible Study on

## Philippians

During the season of Lent, Pastor Steven and Pastor Tambi will be leading a six-week Bible study focused on Philippians. The Bible study group will meet in the Youth Room at noon on Mondays beginning on March 11. The group will be using Max Vincent's book *Because of This I Rejoice: Reading Philippians During Lent*; the cost of the book is \$12. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch if desired. Let Pastor Tambi know if you will be attending so that she can order you a copy of the book.

### Faith and Culture Symposium 2019

## Belmont University

February 4-8, 2019

### The Jane Hinshaw Lecture

Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 PM

Janet Ayers Academic Center, 4th Floor  
Light reception prior to the program

Courtney Ariel, a Nashville-based folk singer-songwriter, is the guest speaker

The public is invited to attend.

### Spring Women's Retreat

Theme:

## The Hats We Wear

Date: March 9

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Kay Johnson's Lake House



## Pray for our Haiti Mission Team

On Valentine's Day, 10 members of Immanuel will fly to Haiti to serve in partnership with The Joseph School. During their time in Cabaret, Haiti, the team will interact with the students and the staff at the school, build bookshelves for the school's new library, visit a student's home, and worship with a Haitian congregation. Our mission team members are: Emily Cooper, Emily Gnetz, Lissa Jarnigan, Olivia Leu, Steven Meriwether, Grace Norman-Wilson, Craig Self, Paul Swiney, Tambi Swiney, and Peter Vu. Will you pray for this mission team and The Joseph School?

**Ask God** to protect the team as they travel.

**Pray** that the team members will remain in good health throughout the 5-day trip.

**Pray** for our four high school seniors as they serve on their first international mission team.

**Pray** that the team members will be receptive to the lessons they can learn from their sisters and brothers in Haiti.

**Pray** for The Joseph School's 120 students, 15 teachers, and 2 administrators.



## Room in the Inn

**We have four more opportunities to host Room in the Inn this winter: February 7, February 21, March 7, and March 21. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the parlor.**

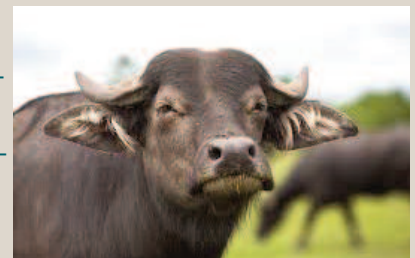
**We are collecting new and gently used backpacks to have on hand to distribute when our Room in the Inn guests request them. If you would like to donate a backpack, let Charlie Lutz or Paul Swiney know.**



## A Gift to Heifer International

During Advent, Immanuel's Sanctuary Choir made a donation of \$310.00 to Heifer International.

This is no ordinary gift. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Their gift purchased a water buffalo, 20 chicks, 20 geese, and 20 ducks for families in need of a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food, and a sustainable livelihood.



# HAPPENINGS

## How the DRC Questionnaire Was Tabulated

As a member of the Denominational Relations Committee, I have been asked to explain how I tabulated the responses to the questionnaire that was distributed to the congregation recently. The committee received 69 returned questionnaires. Forty-six were signed, and 23 were unsigned. We also received one handwritten response to the questions which did not use questionnaire form, so it could not be tabulated. I set up a spreadsheet, alphabetized the signed questionnaires, added the unsigned questionnaires to bottom of the list, and numbered all of them.

Since question #1 asked for an open-ended response to what the term “Baptist” represents in our church name, Immanuel Baptist Church, these responses could not be tabulated. In general, these responses included comments about traditional Baptist principles (e. g., baptism and the priesthood of believers), denominational issues (e.g., SBC versus CBF), church life (e. g., service and missions), and some were left blank.

I organized the spreadsheet into 6 columns based on the question, “How significant is it that our congregation maintain a relationship with each of the following”: Nashville Baptist Association, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Baptist World Alliance. In the 7th column I recorded responses to the question about the importance of identifying as Baptist. For each questionnaire, I recorded the number of each response in the appropriate column. If the question mark was circled, I recorded that. If no response was circled, I listed it as “N/A”. Then I totaled each column and recorded the totals. I listed the total number of responses for each column. No question had a response on all of the questionnaires. I divided the total for each column by the number of responses for that column to arrive at a mean average response for each question. The results are listed below.

	NBA	TBC	SBC	TCBF	CBF	BWA	Identifying as Baptist
TOTALS	359	200	167	514	544	425	455
ENTRIES	61	65	66	63	57	60	66
AVERAGE	5.89	3.08	2.53	8.16	9.54	7.08	6.89

These results were reported to the Deacons at the January meeting. They will be reported to the congregation on a date to be determined. —Tim Reynolds

## Submit Deacon Nominations by noon February 10!

Ballots, eligibility lists, and envelopes can be found across from the library and outside the church office.

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years, our upper windows need to be replaced—some urgently.

Based on estimates and recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee and a Sanctuary Study Group (SSG), the Stewardship Committee is proposing that the church initiate a capital campaign to raise \$200,000 to fund the replacement windows and other needed projects related to the sanctuary area.

The Sanctuary Study Group (SSG) will present a brief overview of the project at the end of worship on February 10 with further presentation and discussion on Wednesday, February 13. On Sunday February 17, there will be a special called business meeting at the conclusion of worship in order to vote on the proposal and related capital campaign. While it is possible that beginning the project in a timely manner might require obtaining a line of credit or the church’s tapping into short-term sources of funding, it is the hope of the Stewardship Committee that quicker funding of pledges to the capital campaign can make that unnecessary. We trust that our gratitude for the ongoing ministries of our church will be reflected in our giving.



The Immanuel Youth enjoyed their recent field trip to the Frist Art Museum!

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

## BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Sue Jones on the death of her brother, Bob McConnell, who died December 29, 2018, in Atlanta.

## Extended Session

**February 3** - Melanie Dover, Ellen Newman, Courtney Kihlberg, Olivia Cooper

**February 10** - Lauren Baker, Diane Sharpe, Jimmy Conn, Anna Kihlberg

**February 17** - Jenny Wilson, Susan Crownover, Jeanie Reynolds, Samuel Baker

**February 24** - Kay Johnson, Elaine McKenna, Paul Swiney, Vickie Yu

## IN MEMORIAM

PETER BUGEL  
12 December 1944 ~  
14 January 2019

Joined Immanuel  
19 June 1960

## BIRTH

Congratulations to LaNieve Coles on the birth of her great-grandson, William Grayson Andrews, who was born December 20, 2018.

Congratulations to Chris and Allison Conn on the birth of their second son, Brooks Jason, who was born January 13 in Tampa, Florida. New grandparents are Jimmy and Ann Conn.

## Welcome, New Members!



**Peter Vu.** Peter is a senior at LaVergne High School and joins by baptism. His deacon is Jenny Wilson.



**Sharon Johnson.** Sharon joins by statement. Her deacon is Laurie Woods.



**Brad Bates.** Brad joins by statement. His deacon is Laurie Woods.

## Check Out What's New in the Library!

New books in the Library include two for children by Susan Verde:

*I Am Human, a Book of Empathy*, pointing out that it is okay to make mistakes while emphasizing the power of making good choices, and *I am Human, a Book of Mindfulness*, showing ways to find peace in a chaotic world.

Also two new books for adults:

*Faith*, Jimmy Carter explains how faith has sustained him through happiness and disappointment.

*The Best Cook in the World: Tales from My Momma's Table*. Rick Bragg's food memoir with a tribute to his mother's cooking.



## Sanctuary Flowers

**February 3** - given in memory of Millie and Ed Rice.

**February 10** - given by Ellen and Scott Newman in memory of their grandparents: Kenneth and Norma Newman, Charles and Jane Gambs, Harvey and Mildred Phillips, and Henry and Hazel Businaro.

**February 17** - given in loving memory of Nell Roeder Lipham by her daughter, Dorothy Lipham Steen, and her grandchildren, Warren Steen, Annell Steen Fields, and Lucinda Steen Stewart.

**February 24** - given by Sam and Elaine McKenna in loving memory of their parents, Bill and Mary Ann McKenna and John and Chris Henry.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship  
 11:45 Haiti Mission Team  
 11:45 Worship Committee  
 4:30 Youth Super Bowl Party

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30 PDO  
 10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30 PDO  
 5:00 Room in the Inn

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 Youth Lock-In

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 PDO  
 7:00 Stewardship Committee

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:00 Children and Music  
 5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 TBA  
 6:00 Children on Mission  
 6:00 Immanuel Youth  
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### Haiti Mission Trip (Feb. 14-18)

9:30 PDO

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship  
 11:30 Called Business Meeting

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30 PDO  
 6:30 Deacons' Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 PDO  
 5:00 Room in the Inn

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

### Hearthsiders

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:30 PDO  
 11:15 Luke 14:12

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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, FEBRUARY 28



## Hearthsider Groups

Meet on  
February 23

### 2018 Boulevard Bolt Report

*Another  
Successful Run!*

**Number of participants:  
7085**

**Number of recipient agencies  
47**

**Money given in 2018  
\$330,000**

**Total money given (25 years)  
\$3,722,100**

## Facts and Figures

### Financially Speaking (Through December 2018)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income  
\$ 365,688.58

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense  
\$ 299,708.84

Net income: \$ 65,979.74

### Attendance Report

#### Sunday School

January 6	98
January 13	107
January 20	NA
January 27	111

#### Worship Service

January 6	125
January 13	117
January 20	NA
January 27	147

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# Happy Birthday to You!

## February 2

John Griswold

## February 3

Nancy Huguley  
Stephen Wilkerson

## February 5

Scotty Dean  
Anne Severance

## February 6

Susan Crownover  
Betty Sanford

## February 7

Meredith Crownover

## February 10

Troy Clouse  
Peggy George  
Stephen Payne

## February 11

Dave Hiner  
Geneva Wilkerson

## February 12

Kaelyn Newton  
Gary Witzgall

## February 13

Matthew Atkinson  
Robbie Mitchell

Jeanie Reynolds

## February 14

Beth Ring

## February 16

Elaine Fleming  
Olivia Leu

## February 17

Linda Fields  
Joyce Peterson

Janet Parker  
Ashley Payne

## February 20

Pat Vick

## February 21

Flo Clark

## February 22

Ellen Mundy



# February

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