

# IMMANUEL LIGHT



## Pentecost & Ingathering June 5th

On Sunday June 5th during morning worship (10:30am), We will celebrate Pentecost. Each year we remember that after Jesus ascended to heaven post-resurrection, the Holy Spirit arrived to unite Jesus' followers once he could no longer be physically present with them on earth. Pentecost takes place 50 days (seven Sundays) after Easter.

**You are invited to wear the colors of flames on Pentecost Sunday (red, orange, or yellow/gold) to commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to these early Christians.**

In keeping with the harvest origins of the holiday in Judaism, whereby the faithful would bring the first fruits of their labor as offerings to the temple, we will be collecting food items for our spring ingathering this Pentecost.

**We invite you to bring crushed tomatoes (red for Pentecost!) and whole wheat penne pasta. Our collection will benefit the Nashville Food Project.** For those of you unfamiliar with this Immanuel tradition, bring your donations into the sanctuary with you. At a designated time you will be invited to bring your items forward to place in baskets at the altar.

*"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.*

*Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."*

*Acts 2:17-18*

## ***FROM THE HARRIS FAMILY***

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for Immanuel's love and support throughout Ike's illness and his passing.

The words of encouragement in your calls and cards were very comforting and greatly appreciated and your kindness to us will never be forgotten.

~Mina Harris and family



## ***NOTE FROM DEBBIE MAXWELL***

Dear Immanuel family,

After much prayer and consideration, I have decided it is time for me to retire as secretary/editor, effective June 30. Working at Immanuel has been a total pleasure. I can honestly say I have always enjoyed coming to work. The staff I have worked with during my time here are a part of my family, as all of you are.

But it's time for a new chapter in my life, one I hope that

**LOOKING  
AHEAD**

**SUMMER PDO**  
JUNE 7-JULY 14

**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**  
JULY 12-14

**FALL WEDNESDAYS  
BEGIN**  
AUGUST 3

**TCBF GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY**  
SEPTEMBER 16-17

will lead to more spontaneity in what Larry and I can do, and to time for interests and hobbies I hope to pursue.

I plan to still be around on Sundays and Wednesdays and volunteer in any way I can.

Thank you for all the love, support, and kindness you have given to me through these years.

Blessings,  
Debbie Maxwell

## **Recognition of Debbie Maxwell**

*We will recognize Debbie's years of service in worship on Sunday, June 26.*

*You are invited to write cards to express your appreciation for Debbie. Please bring them to the church office or drop them in the box on the piano side entrance to the sanctuary on June 26.*



## June Birthdays

**JUNE 2**

CAROLYN EASTERLY

**JUNE 3**

LYLA GNETZ

**JUNE 4**

BOB BELEW

**JUNE 7**

AN TRAN

**JUNE 13**

LYNDA O'REAR

**JUNE 14**

CAROLINE NEWMAN

**JUNE 17**

TAMMY DROLSUM  
EDMOND JARNIGAN

**JUNE 21**

CAROLYN CAMPBELL

**JUNE 23**

MICHAEL NGUYEN

**JUNE 25**

JACK VAUGHN

**JUNE 28**

SIDNEY MADDOX

**JUNE 29**

BECKY GORE  
FAYE ROBERTS  
LAUREN CLOUSE



## DESSERTS PLEASE

According to the Executive Director of Luke 14:12, Amy Dodson-Watts, Immanuel brings more desserts each month than any other church in Nashville!

Each month IBC contributes personal-sized desserts and individually wraps each one. Dessert options may include cookies, brownies, pastries, or anything else along these lines.

Please wrap the desserts in plastic bags or plastic wrap

and write the number of desserts you are contributing on the bag or box you deliver them in. Our goal is to provide a week's worth of desserts, 600 in total.

**Please bring your desserts by Sunday, June 26th and drop them off in the kitchen.** To sign up or to ask questions contact Pastor Stephanie at [swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org) or 615-297-5356 . *Thank you!*

A limited number of in-person **volunteering opportunities** are now available with Luke 14:12. Please contact Melanie Dover at [mmd78@bellsouth.net](mailto:mmd78@bellsouth.net) for more information.



## June Dates to Note

### JUNE 1ST & 8TH

ADAM D.J. BRETT  
WILL SPEAK ON  
HOW A SERIES OF PAPAL  
BULLS BECAME  
FOUNDATIONAL FOR  
U.S. LAW  
IN THE CHAPEL @ 6PM

### JUNE 5TH

SUNDAY MORNING  
WORSHIP  
PENTECOST (WEAR RED)  
SPRING INGATHERING  
10:30 AM

### JUNE 12TH

SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP  
DEACON'S MEETING  
LUNCH PROVIDED  
11:45AM

### JUNE 13-14

YOUTH MISSION TRIP  
TO BREMEN, KY

### JUNE 15TH

LAST WEDNESDAY  
ACTIVITIES TILL FALL  
5PM-7PM

### JUNE 22ND

LAST CHOIR REHEARSAL  
TILL FALL  
7PM

### JUNE 21ST-24TH

PASSPORTKIDS CAMP  
BEREA, KY



## YOUTH BONFIRE @ KIHBERGS



**APRIL  
30TH**

*The youth gathered at the Kihlberg's home, "The Woods," in Kingston Springs for a bonfire party on April 30th. Thanks to the Kihlbergs for hosting!*

Group photo above – Back Row L-R: Vivian Vu, Erik Kihlberg, Jonah Wilkerson.  
Front Row L-R: Samuel Baker, Anna Kihlberg, Vickie Vu, Olivia Cooper, Maddie Vaughn, and Jack Vaughn. Jill Cooper and Stephanie Brown, who came to help, are also in candid shots.

# Our Higher Education Graduates



Katy Clouse, M.S.W.

Katy Clouse is pictured here with her spouse, Troy, and daughters, Melissa (left) and Lauren (right).

Katy graduated in May from MTSU with her Master's in Social Work.

Katy is now the Executive Director of The Arc Williamson County, an organization that empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to actively participate in the community through advocacy, research, education and quality of life services.

Adam DJ Brett, Ph.D.

Adam DJ Brett defended his dissertation successfully this past March at Syracuse University.

Adam is a scholar of religion in the Americas. You can hear more about Adam's work in two upcoming Wednesday night presentations (June 1st & 8th).

Adam is married to Pastor Stephanie. You can find him many Sundays in the balcony working with the livestream.



Peter Vu, B.S.

Peter Vu graduated this May from Belmont University with his B.S. in Computer Science.

Along with his sisters, Vickie and Vivian, he will be working with Passport Camps this summer.

We also celebrate with grandmothers Billie Patton, whose grandson, Jack Patton, received his bachelor's degree this spring from Transylvania University and Judy Parker, whose grandson, Carson Shacklett, recently graduated with his bachelor's degree from Belmont University.

# Under Construction



## PARDON THE INCONVENIENCE

### From the Building & Grounds Committee

As a result of a recent settlement with our insurance carrier, work will begin sometime in June to replace the roofs on all areas of the church building. The duration of the ongoing work is indeterminate, likely several months, depending on availability of materials and weather conditions.

The bulk of the damaged areas was the result of several hail events in recent years. The cost of the shingled roof replacement is covered by the settlement.

Additionally, the church has approved replacement of the aging flat roof areas as part of the project. This work will be funded using a portion of our reserve funds.

While accomplishing this needed work is good news, such a large undertaking will likely cause interruptions to ingress and egress to certain entrances and parking areas at times. We will coordinate with the contractor to minimize the disruptions to the extent reasonable.

Your patience is requested.



## HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

This past school year the IBC Choir had the opportunity to partner with the music students at Hillwood High School and director Tyler Meredith to support their program.

The IBC Choir provided dinner for Hillwood choirs before their fall and spring concerts at the high school. Dinners were funded through IBC missions funding. IBC Choir members made the food arrangements and served dinner to the students.

Tim Sharp and Tyler Meredith worked together to provide this support for these local student musicians, along with arranging to host the HHS Chamber Choir in our worship service on April 24.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Our theme for children's church in May was "A Whole Lot of Fish!" We focused on the story of Jesus' post-resurrection appearance and multiplication of fish in John 21. We acted out the story together, played fishing related games, and looked at artwork from across the centuries depicting this story to see how artists from different times and places have illustrated the story differently.

### Top Picture

Back Row (L-R) – Hagen Self, Campbell Gnetz, Bennett Jarnigan, Edmond Jarnigan  
Front Row (L-R) – Lauren Clouse, Geneva Wilkerson, and Lyla Gnetz.

**Lower Picture** features the Jarnigan brothers with the puzzle we thought we would never finish in the 4th-6th grade Sunday School class. Teacher Carol Boozer couldn't be more proud!

