

# IMMANUEL LIGHT



## IN AUGUST

Sunday mornings August 6th and 13th , all adult Sunday School classes are invited to meet jointly in the chapel to hear Dr. Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Associate Professor of Religious Studies in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Middle Tennessee State University.

We have invited Dr. Gray-Hildenbrand to talk about contemporary topics in American religion, specifically new religious movements. On August 6th she will lead us in a discussion of "Cults and New Religious Movements in the U.S. : A Very Brief History" and on Aug 13th she will share with us some of her own research on the topic of "Christian Serpent Handling and Religious Freedom." Dr. Gray-Hildenbrand is happy to discuss your questions on these topics as well as her own findings.

## IN SEPTEMBER

The Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly will be held here at Immanuel September 15-16. This gathering will be our first in-person assembly since the onset of the pandemic. With our recent church vote to affiliate with national CBF and TN CBF, this meeting provides the perfect opportunity to get to know Tennessee CBF again or for the first time!

Registration is \$30 and scholarships are available for those under 30 years of age. Read more and register at [tncbf.org/nashvillega](http://tncbf.org/nashvillega).

Guest Speakers will include CBF Global Missions Coordinator, Laura Ayala and Jesse Sun, Assistant Professor of History of Christianity at Belmont.

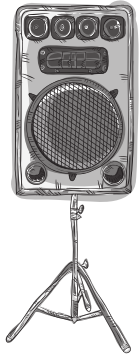
Worship will be led by our own Tim Sharp and Singer/Songwriter Walker Burroughs. Many thanks to Judy Skeen for her work with the planning team and to TCBF Field Coordinator, Rick Bennett, for arranging to bring the meeting to IBC.

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# New Speakers for Sanctuary



For several months, we have had temporary sound speakers in the sanctuary. The old speakers failed and we had them sent off in hopes they could be repaired. We have recently learned that these are not repairable, so we have sought bids to replace the speakers.

In addition, some upgrades to the current system are included. It is our expectation that these changes will improve the sound quality for our sanctuary and our live stream as well. Included will be some sound and microphone upgrades for the chapel and fellowship hall.

While it has not yet been determined which bid we will accept, the Stewardship Committee is asking the church at the July 30 business meeting to approve spending up to \$35,000 for the project.

The committee has identified a source from undesignated funds on hand to cover the cost but would welcome any "above and beyond" contributions that individual members might want to give toward the enhancement of our sound system.

Thank you,  
*Stewardship Committee*

# CBF General Assembly Report

Eight Immanuel members traveled to Atlanta June 28-30 for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly.

The assembly includes plenary sessions, organizational meals and receptions, and workshops on a variety of topics. It is a time to see old friends and to learn more about the ministries of other like-minded congregations and the work of CBF field personnel all over the globe.



Cliff Vaughn working at the Good Faith Media Booth



L-R Adam Brett, Pastor Stephanie, Chris O'Rear, Lynda O'Rear, Mary Vaughn, Claude Huguley, and Melanie Dover.

Members of IBC attended the TN CBF dinner together on Wednesday night (photo on left). Cliff Vaughn couldn't join the dinner because of his work responsibilities with Good Faith Media (see photo above).



## Immanuel Baptist Church

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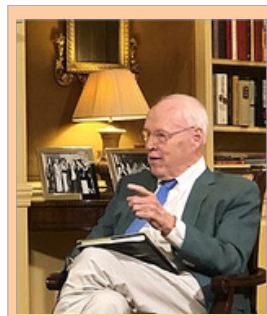
- Ann Conn, Secretary
- Jenny Dean, Financial Secretary
- Michelle Fernandes, Parents' Day Out Director

- Steven H. Meriwether, Pastor
- Stephanie Wyatt, Associate Pastor
- Tim Sharp, Minister of Music
- Richard C. Shadinger, Organist

Beryl Vick,  
Minister of Music Emeritus

# Lunch and Learn with Older Adults

Ridley Wills will headline the next Older Adult Lunch and Learn, which will take place at IBC on September 12th at 11am. Mr. Ridley will relate the stories of Nashvillians who fought in WWII, three of whom have survived. Come hear about this fascinating chapter in the history of Nashville at the U.S. This event is hosted by our older adult group, but anyone is welcome to join. Stay tuned for sign up information.



Ridley Wills in 2019



## AUGUST

**AUGUST 2**  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
PROGRAMMING  
RESUMES  
INTERGENERATIONAL  
GAME NIGHT 6PM

**AUGUST 6 & 13**  
COMBINED ADULT  
SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH  
DR. JENNA GRAY-  
HILDENBRAND ON NEW  
RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

**AUGUST 9**  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
RESUMES AT 5PM  
TCBF FIELD  
COORDINATOR RICK  
BENNETT LEADS ADULT  
PROGRAMMING  
6PM

**AUGUST 12**  
YOUTH SWIM PARTY  
AT KIHLEBERG'S

**AUGUST 13**  
WORSHIP FEATURING  
COLLEGE STUDENTS

**AUGUST 20**  
FIRST GRADE BIBLE  
PRESENTATION  
IN WORSHIP

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER

- The September issue of the
- *Immanuel Light* will feature a review
- of summer in pictures. If you have
- taken any photographs over the
- summer (especially of the church or
- at church events) that you would
- like to share, please send them to
- Pastor Stephanie at
- [swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org).

*Thank You*



Back  
to  
school



**AUGUST 5**

Margaret Cook

**AUGUST 9**

FRANK MARSHALL  
JACK SHAW

**AUGUST 14**

LARRY MAXWELL

**AUGUST 15**

CAROLYN BINKLEY  
LADDIE NEIL

**AUGUST 19**

MCCALL SELF

**AUGUST 21**

STEPHANIE BROWN  
JO JENKINS

**AUGUST 26**

SARAH WILKERSON

**AUGUST 28**

CHARLIE LUTZ  
FORREST MOOREHEAD

**AUGUST 29**

KAY JOHNSON

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



# Church Family News

## In Memoriam

Andrea (Andy) Brewer  
July 19, 2023



## Worship Attendance

June 25th - 94    July 16th - 80

July 9th - 95    July 23rd - 93



## Financials

(Through June 30, 2023)

Year-to-Date Budget

\$89,709.50

Year to Date Income

\$71,964.82

Year-to-Date Actual Expense

\$75,830.39

Year-to-Date Net Income

(\$3,865.57)

## August Sanctuary Flowers

August 6 - Bill & Penny Gregg

August 13 - Diane & Greg Sharpe

August 20- Grigsby Class

August 27- Dick & Nancy Short & Family



## Baby Dedication of Thomas James Page



June

25th



Top Picture (L-R) Grandparents, Claude & Nancy Huguley; Parents, Laralee & Adam Page with baby Thomas; Aunt & Uncle, Julia Wenzel-Huguley & Nathan Huguley with Cousin Benny.