

The Immanuel *Light*

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Christmas at Immanuel



Called Business Meetings

There will be called business meetings on Sunday, January 26, 2020, following morning worship (Denominational Relations Committee recommendation, see last page of this newsletter) and again on Sunday, February 2, also following morning worship (Recommendation from Outreach and Welcome Committee, see December 2019 *Immanuel Light*.)

A Stewardship Moment:

The A. J. Wheeler Charitable Trust

Early Immanuel members, Albert Johnson Wheeler and Mary Belle Wheeler, contributed significantly to missions activities. In his book, *A History of Immanuel Baptist Church: 1887-1986*, Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen writes that, in 1872, Mr. Wheeler helped establish a neighboring mission to the Immanuel Mission. Mrs. Wheeler served as president of the Tennessee Women's Missionary Union for thirteen years from 1902 until 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and their children were members of Immanuel when the 1913 building was built. Their names were included on the list of members that was enclosed in the cornerstone box of that building. That list, as well as the box, are displayed in the Heritage Room.

Mrs. Wheeler's missionary spirit was greatly admired by her family. A charitable trust was established in Mrs. Wheeler's memory after her death, naming Immanuel as one of three recipients. A. J. Wheeler's will of 1924 states:

"Twenty shares of the Gulf States Steel Co's stock are to be set aside as a permanent gift to God and the first one hundred dollars (100.00) of dividends to be given to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee as an annual gift of Mrs. Mary Belle Wheeler to the reservoir of oil for the Lamp of God to send His rays into the darker recesses of the world."

As soon as the trust had sufficient funds, Immanuel began receiving this \$100 annual gift with the money going to the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering, the Annie Armstrong Home Missions Offering and later, also to the Golden State Missions Offering. The trust will soon be closed since all of the money has been dispersed.

We are grateful for forward-looking members such as the Wheelers who have contributed to missions around the world. How remarkable that Immanuel has received this missions contribution for 95 years!



Georgina Businaro



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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Senior Adult Activities

January 2020 Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Come hear Jeremy Finley, Channel 4 investigative reporter and author of *The Darkest Time of Night*.

If you are not on the standing lunch reservation list, contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, January 2, to make your reservation.

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM

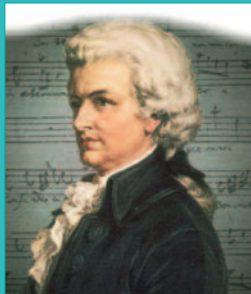
Come enjoy singer, songwriter Les Kerr, who combines blues, New Orleans music, Zydeco, rock and bluegrass for a very fun program. Contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, January 31, to make your reservation.

Senior Adult Excursions

Mozart Birthday Concert

Friday, January 17 at 12 noon

St. George's Episcopal featuring original works by Nashville Symphony musician Roger Weismeyer



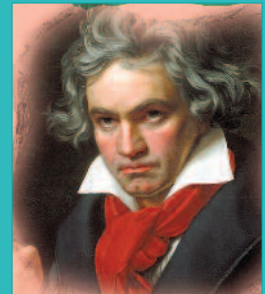
(Lunch following the concert)

Beethoven's Birthday Bash

Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 PM

Nashville Symphony
Depart Immanuel
by van

Lunch at the Omni
before the concert
Cost: \$35 per person



Movie Night at Immanuel!!

January 13, 7:30 PM

On January 13, 2020, Immanuel will host internationally known organist Peter Krasinski as he plays organ accompaniment to the silent film "The Ten Commandments" from the 1920's. Peter Krasinski has played concerts across the country and throughout Europe. He has appeared locally at Nashville's Schermerhorn Symphony Center playing for films on the Schoenstein organ.

This concert is jointly sponsored by the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University and the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is open to the public at no charge. Plan to attend and invite friends. This will be a great way to hear our Moller organ played in a dramatic and different way.

Lord's Supper Dates for 2020

Sunday, February 2 (seated)

Sunday, March 1 (altar)

Maundy Thursday, April 9
(seated)

Sunday, May 3 (altar)

Sunday, June 7 (seated)

Sunday, July 5 (altar)

Sunday, August 2 (seated)

Sunday, September 6 (altar)

Sunday, October 4 (seated)

Sunday, November 1 (altar)

Christmas Eve (altar)

Time to Apply for the Martin Scholarship

Any church member planning to attend Belmont University as an undergraduate in the fall of 2020 may apply for the Martin Scholarship now. For more information, contact Jenny Dean.

Annual Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip

March 27-29 • Jefferson City, TN

In September 2010, Immanuel sent a team of nine adults to East Tennessee to work with Appalachian Outreach doing home repair work. In 2014, youth began serving alongside adults on the annual Appalachian Outreach mission trip. The following year, for the first time, a child worked alongside teenagers and adults in Jefferson City. In 2019, we sent our largest team to date to serve with Appalachian Outreach: 32 volunteers ranging in age from preschool to senior adult! Our congregation can now count 76 women, men, teenagers and children who have worked with this poverty-relief ministry in East Tennessee.

Our annual Appalachian Outreach mission trip is scheduled for March 27-29. We will be staying in a hotel near Jefferson City on Friday and Saturday nights, working with Appalachian Outreach on Saturday, and worshipping at First Baptist Church in Jefferson City on Sunday morning. Our tasks have not yet been finalized, but we will likely be sorting donations at A.O.'s warehouse, cleaning the Samaritan House, and hosting dinner along with an Easter egg hunt for the guests of the Samaritan House.

Susan Crownover and Emily Gnetz will be coordinating the A.O. trip plans this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan or Emily. Volunteers will be responsible for the hotel costs and two meals.



January 2 and 16
February 6 and 20
March 5 and 19

Sign up to help on the bulletin board
across from the parlor.



Family Reconciliation Center

Five members of Immanuel visited Family Reconciliation and provided dinner one Saturday in December. This ministry provides free lodging to family members visiting loved ones incarcerated in one of Nashville's prisons.

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—Mission Statement of Immanuel Baptist Church, adopted June 2015

Deacon Nomination Process Begins

The three-week period for nominating deacons to replace those completing their current terms begins January 19. During that time all Immanuel members will have the opportunity to nominate up to five members to “assist the church in the accomplishment of its total mission.”

• **Deacon Role and Function:** Collecting the offering, serving the Lord’s Supper, and looking after a deacon care group may be the most noticeable services they perform, but according to our Bylaws, the active deacons also work with the pastor and staff “with the goal of guiding the church and its members in worship, in service and ministry, and in effective use of the church’s personal and corporate resources.” They also serve “as advisors to the congregation, pastor, and staff in all areas of the church’s life. They plan, review, evaluate, and recommend to the congregation proposals for improving the effectiveness of the church’s worship, witness, education, ministry, and fellowship.”

• **Nomination forms (ballots):** Shortly before January 19, deacon nomination forms will be distributed at church and by email. Anyone who needs to have a form sent by mail should contact the church office. For quick reference, a list of resident church members who, as of January 19, are eligible to serve as deacon will be distributed with the nomination forms. The same list will be posted on the bulletin board beside the library. (For a more complete discussion of qualifications, see Article III Section 6 of the Bylaws at right.)

• **Nomination period:** Nominations may be submitted anytime from Sunday, January 19, through Sunday noon, February 9. After prayerful consideration, all members are asked to recommend up to five people they believe to be best qualified. Each member should fold the unsigned nomination form, place it in an envelope, then seal the envelope, print his/her name on the outside, and drop it in one of the two ballot boxes (near the church office and near the library), place it in the Sunday morning offering plate, or mail it to the church office in time to be received no later than Friday, February 7. Forms may also be submitted on Sunday, February 9, until noon.

• **And then:** A tabulating committee composed of outgoing deacons will check names to be sure the voter is a member, separate ballots from envelopes so that privacy is ensured, then unfold ballots and prepare a list of nominees ranked according to number of nominations received. The church administrative staff will pass the

resulting list of nominees to the Committee on Deacons. The Committee on Deacons will contact the nominees, in order of nominations received, asking them to consider serving for three years beginning May 1, and inviting them to meet with the Committee before accepting or declining. A slate of five nominees who have accepted the call to serve will be presented for approval at the annual business meeting in April.

• **Now:** Please pray for God’s guidance as we join together in this significant church-life process.

—Committee on Deacons

Claude Huguley, Debbie Maxwell, Jeanie Reynolds

Article III, Section 6 of Bylaws

Eligibility and Qualification of Deacons. To be eligible for service as a deacon of Immanuel Baptist Church, persons at the time the deacon ballots are distributed pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of these bylaws shall: (1) be a resident member of Immanuel Baptist Church; (2) be at least twenty-five years of age; (3) have been a member of Immanuel Baptist Church for at least one year; (4) have actively participated in the life of the church, by being a member of a church committee or being elected to a church office (i.e., treasurer, Sunday School teacher, etc.), at some point within the three years preceding their nomination; and (5) have financially supported the church, either personally or through their family giving unit, during each year of their membership or during each of the three years preceding their nomination, whichever period of time is shorter. Deacons should reflect those qualities that the church expects of its members including regular church attendance and financial support of the church. Persons nominated to serve as deacons should also agree to commit their time to serve a deacon care group, to attend deacons’ meetings regularly, and to study carefully the teachings of scripture before agreeing to serve. They also should examine the church covenant as an expression of what the church calls each of its members to be and to do.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

IN MEMORIAM

RUTH WILSON RAMSAY

6 September 1926 ~

4 December 2019

Joined Immanuel

11 February 1968

IN MEMORIAM

SUSAN CARPENTER

15 December 2019

Joined Immanuel

26 February 2014

Hearthsiders Time!

It's time to sign up for Hearthsiders! Join us for dinner parties on January 25 and March 7. The host(s) will provide the main course, and the other guests will bring the rest of the meal. Most groups are eight people. Forms are available in the Sunday School boxes and on the dinner tables on Wednesday nights. Or you can also email Abigail Reynolds (reynoldsabigail@gmail.com) with the name(s) of those signing up, date(s) you wish to participate, and if you would be available to host. The deadline for signing up is January 8.



Our youth and children visited Laddie Neil before Christmas—and of course, had fun!!

THANK YOU to everyone for another successful Boulevard Bolt! We had over 50 volunteers from IBC plus many others who ran or walked the race. Our volunteers ranged in age from 4 to 95! We will be giving away the money raised on January 14. Thank you for continuing to support this wonderful event!

IBC Boulevard Bolt Steering Committee
Susan Crossover, Brandon Jarnigan, Abigail Reynolds



Sanctuary Flowers

January 5 given in honor of Richard and Marilyn Shadinger.

January 12 given by the Grigsby Sunday School Class in loving memory of Sara Grigsby.

January 19 given by Stephen and Ashley Payne in loving memory of Ashley's parents Cary Alton and Catherine Hood Phillips.

January 26 - given by Mary Louise Murphy in loving memory of Wayne Murphy.

Extended Session

January 5 - Lauren Baker, Jill Cooper, Courtney Kihlberg, Anna Kihlberg.

January 12 - Debbie Maxwell, Cindy Lutz, Abigail Reynolds, Savannah Horner

January 19 - Ellen Mundy, Elaine McKenna, Stephanie Self, Samuel Baker

January 26 - Carol Boozer, Laralee Huguley, Jenny Wilson, Olivia Cooper

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED

No supper or activities at church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

5:00 Room in the Inn (RITI)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 PDO

10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Adult Study

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30 PDO

6:30 AGO Dinner

7:30 The Ten Commandments
(movie)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 PDO

6:00 Boulevard Bolt reception

7:00 Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Adult Study

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 PDO

5:30 RITI

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 Youth Lock-In

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30 PDO

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Adult Study

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Adult Study

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

9:30 PDO



January 1

Cathy Fleming

January 2

Betty Kay Wasserman

Bill Vo

January 4

Ralph Atkinson

January 6

Mark Ring

January 7

Martha Bomboy

January 12

David George

Martha Winston

Jerry Warren

January 15

Tim Reynolds

January 17

Sims Crownover

January 18

Charlie Newman

Marie Burr

January 22

Jonah Wilkerson

January 27

Laurie Woods

Ian Jarnigan

Randy Dover

January 28

Maddie Gore

Jackie Easterling

January 29

Susie Belew

January 31

Grace Norman-Wilson

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking (Through November 2019)

YTD
Fiscal Year Income
\$ 292,513.00
YTD
Fiscal Year Expense
\$ 253,272.34
Net income:
\$ 39,240.66

Attendance Report

Sunday School

December 1	84
December 8	101
December 15	104
December 22	74
December 29	NA

Worship Service

December 1	104
December 8	108
December 15	136
December 22	94
December 29	NA

Wednesdays in January

January 8

Lamentations – “The Tears Of The World,” Part 1

January 15

“The Tears Of The World,” Part 2

January 22

Business Meeting

January 29

“Living in the Bible Belt,” Part 1
Carol Bucy



IBC BOOKCLUB

will meet on Sunday, January 26 at 5:00 PM to discuss reading suggestions for the winter months.

Come join us!

RECOMMENDATION from Denominational Relations Committee

Given the findings described above and in keeping with historic Baptist principles, the DRC recommends that effective May 1, 2020:

1. IBC exercise its autonomy as a local church by withdrawing as a collective body from any formal association with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Southern Baptist Convention, and their state and local affiliates (i.e. Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Nashville Baptist Association).
2. Members of IBC exercise their priesthood as a believer in choosing whether or not to financially support the work of any Baptist organization, program, or institution through their direct funding of that entity.*
3. IBC budgeted missions will include only those local, regional, national, and international ministries recommended by the Missions Committee and approved by the church.

*Instructions for how individual members may do this can be provided.



Coloring by Kaelyn Newton

*Thank you to all
who made
Christmas at Immanuel
so special
in 2019!*

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