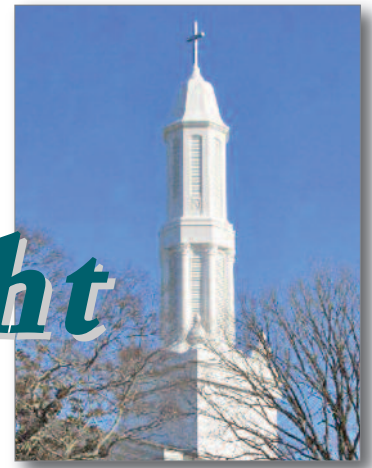


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Compassion

was at the heart of this year's **Family Vacation Bible School**. Children, parents, and grandparents learned about compassion through creative exploration of four passages of Scripture. Caroline Talbert guided the families to use instruments to create a soundtrack for the parable of the Good Samaritan. Diane Sharpe led the families to actively contemplate what the prophet Micah meant when he wrote:

"Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." Emily Cooper and Olivia Leu helped the families think about God's call to care for the immigrants in our midst. Elaine McKenna and Olivia Cooper and the families thought about ways we can show compassion for those who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, or in prison, just as Jesus taught us to do. Thanks to everyone who made this year's Family VBS a meaningful time for our young families.



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More VBS photos inside!

Nearly eleven years ago I made Tambi's acquaintance. Immanuel Baptist Church had been identified to be the host congregation for the annual meeting of the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in the spring of 2009. A planning committee was formed and we began our work in earnest in the fall of 2008. Tambi was a member of the planning committee.

The assembly was held the following April with good participation. At one point during the lunch break I headed to the kitchen to find trash can liners. There I ran into Tambi who was on an errand of her own. If my memory is correct, I segued from cleanup to her future in ministry. Since her graduation from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama in 2004, Tambi had worked in free-lance writing and served as a Leadership Development Specialist for the TNCBF. In the coming months, I found myself at lunch with Tambi exploring what ministry at Immanuel Baptist might look like for her and for us.

You know the rest of the story. Subsequent to that lunch meeting and after a succession of steps with appropriate church committees, Immanuel Baptist Church called Tambi as associate pastor in November of 2009. Soon Tambi, her husband Paul, and their son, Chaney, joined our church family. Although the scope of her ministry at Immanuel defies neat compartmentalization, a tranche of her work would include: ministry to young families, their youth and children; the extension of the church's ministry footprint into the city, region and overseas; the offering of retreats and Bible studies; and leadership in worship.

By now you have learned of Tambi's resignation. In the message she shared with the congregation in worship on Sunday,

May 26, she said, "Last year, I became aware of the Spirit's gentle nudge, urging me to pay attention. In subsequent months, that nudge became a persistent push. God was speaking to me, and I needed to listen." Tambi's last day as Associate Pastor is set for July 31. The concentric circles of her influence will ripple far and wide, and will affect others for seasons to come.

Inevitably, the departure of a beloved pastor generates sadness; such genuine feelings should be honored. Despite the grief, such transitions can be treated as an opportunity for emotional growth. How we say goodbye will inform how we say hello to a new partner in ministry.

Worship on Sunday, July 21 will be informed by the transition before our congregation. We will observe the time-honored ritual of the imposition of hands. In the New Testament there are a number of references to the laying on of hands in the early church. In our tradition this ritual is employed at the time of ordination. Scripturally, the predominant use of the gesture is a manner of blessing. Our Lord and Savior often laid his hands on those he healed and loved. All present in worship that Sunday will have the opportunity to participate in this ritual as we seek to bless Tambi for her faithful practice of the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.

Life as a child of God moves on a reliable principle of leaving a place and seeking and finding another. I am confident that God has already taken a long look ahead on Tambi's behalf and is providing for her future. I believe this holds for our congregation, too. Join me as we seek to express the terms of our endearment for God's servant Tambi Swiney. —Steven

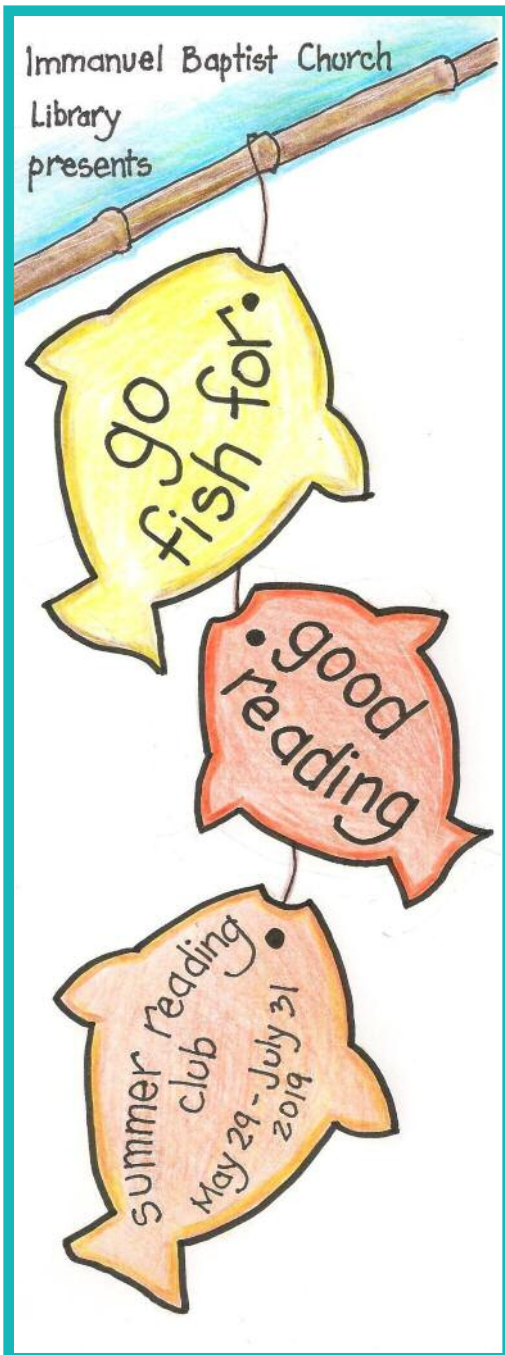
Reminders . . .

There will be NO senior adult meeting in July.

On August 6 at 10:30 AM Richard White will speak at the senior adult meeting and tell about the new Tennessee State Museum. Come learn more about this beautiful new structure that depicts the history of our state. It is located in downtown Nashville, near the Bicentennial Mall. Make your reservation for lunch by contacting Evelyn Brandon by August 2.



VBS 2019



Those fishing poles are filling up fast! Check out the bulletin board across from the Heritage Room and see how many books our young readers have already read!

Personnel Committee Update

Since May 28 the Personnel Committee has been planning for Pastor Tambi's departure. Our first task has been to plan something in recognition of her time at IBC. With the help of the Food Services and Social Activities Committee a reception will be held in honor of Pastor Tambi immediately following Worship on Sunday, July 21. We hope you will join us for the celebration.

During the past 10 years we have been blessed by Pastor Tambi who had chosen to take on a number of responsibilities and did a fantastic job with each of them. The Personnel Committee has been working to identify these essential roles that need to be filled and is preparing for the transition after July 31st. With assistance from the Educational Enlistment Committee and Pastor Tambi, we have been able to secure church members and committees to cover a few of these roles. The Committee, however, feels it is in the best interest of our youth, families, and church body to hire an interim Youth Minister to focus on the roles and responsibilities associated with youth programming.

Now that plans for interim and transition periods have been put in place, the Committee can move forward with our next task: evaluating the church's long-term needs and the position(s) of Associate Pastor, Children's Minister, and Youth Minister. The Committee wants to be very intentional about this step. We will consider the position(s) with respect to our Vision Statement, current membership, and growth of our church body. We will be seeking input from church members in the coming months. Upon completion, the Committee will put together a new job description(s) to define the position(s) according to our findings.

As the job description(s) is finalized, the Committee on Committees will work to fill the three additional spots of the Personnel Committee for the purpose of forming a Search Committee. Once established, the job(s) will be posted and the Committee will begin accepting resumes and interviewing candidates.

While it is hard to establish a timeline at this point, the Personnel Committee is dedicated to carrying out our responsibilities in a timely, thorough, and effective manner. We ask that you join us in praying for our church and the work of the Committee throughout this transition.

—The Personnel Committee

Laralee Huguley (Coordinator), Ray Scott, Jon Cooper, Charlie Lutz, Laurie Woods, Larry Maxwell, and Steven Meriwether (Staff Resource)

Reception Honoring Tambi Swiney

Sunday, July 21

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the Morning Worship Service

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION ~ JUNE 9, 2019



Praise the God of Israel.
He has redeemed his people.
Our savior was born.

We now are rescued.
He delivers us from sin.
We live without fear.

He prepared the way.
Our every sin is forgiven.
His mercy saves us.

Light replaces darkness.
The shadow of death recedes.
We now walk in peace.

Elton Hinshaw



On Sunday, June 9, following the morning worship, the congregation recessed to the area adjacent to the church office to dedicate the columbarium and to inter the ashes of Elton Hinshaw. After a hymn and Scripture reading, the project architect and Immanuel member Randy Dover explained the columbarium design and its symbolism.

Later this year a gray granite cross, Celtic in design, will be added on the Honeywood Avenue side (see picture below) of the columbarium. It will be approximately seven and one-half feet in height.

We have created this sacred space because we know that life is a gift from God, and we know that death is a part of life.

We now dedicate this columbarium to the glory of God, knowing that it provides a place where we honor both death and life.

—from the Litany of Dedication written by Charles Businaro with phrases adapted from Rev. Lee Hull Moses



Parking Lot Updates



Chris Dean Named Interim Youth Minister

Following Pastor Tambi's announcement of her resignation effective July 31, the Personnel Committee has been working on finding an interim youth minister. The committee is very pleased to report that Chris Dean has agreed to become youth minister on a part time basis. He will start on August 1.



There will be NO Wednesday evening supper or activities during the month of July.

The new Sunday School year begins Sunday, August 5.

Please make a note that we have made some changes to the church's parking lot.

There are now five parking spaces in the back of the church near the pavilion that are reserved for visitors.

In addition, the parking lot is now **ONE WAY ONLY**. These changes were implemented by the church after hearing safety concerns from both church members and from Parents' Day Out families.

When entering the church parking lot, please come in from Belle Meade Boulevard at the north (left) side of the church. Do **NOT** enter the south side of the parking lot off of Honeywood Drive. The area facing Honeywood will now only be used for exiting the parking lot (or going into the lower lot near the basketball goals).

Please help keep our precious children safe by following these new directions, slowing down, using your back-up camera and by never leaving your car running.

Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Lindsey Kathryn Atkinson and Jon Shotles, who were united in marriage at Immanuel June 1.

Immanuel Members Ordained or Commissioned for Full-time Christian Service

Richard Hall

ordained June 25, 1899

John W. Shepherd, Jr.

commissioned by the SBC to Japan 1952 or 1953

James Abston

ordained August, 1953

Ben Crane

commissioned to the ministry 1961

James W. Lewis, Jr.

ordained 1963

Martha Ann Blount

commissioned by the SBC to Brazil 1966

Mike Allen

ordained 1968

Scott Hudgins

ordained May 29, 1988

George D. Ingram, Jr.

ordained 1995
appointed by the SBC to Germany 2004

Laura Ingram Lemley

ordained 1996

Jacob Ngoc Vo

ordained 2001

Todd Helm

commissioned by CBF to Africa 2002

Tambi Brown Swiney

ordained 2010

Nathan Huguley

ordained 2017

NOTE: If you know someone that has been omitted, please contact Dorothy Steen.

The New Sanctuary Windows Are Installed!



Sanctuary Flowers

July 7 - given in loving memory of Jayson Downing, beloved son of Patricia Schlamp.

July 14 - given in loving memory of Bob and Elinor Lykins, Buzzie Hill, and Turetha Hiner by Patty Littlejohn.

July 21 - given by Charles and Judie Martin in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Martin, Jr. and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gaines R. Pezent.

July 28 - given by Laurie Woods in loving memory of her mother, Barbara Grace Andrus, and in honor of her granddaughter, Kaelyn Grace

Extended Session

July 7 - Lauren Baker, Sarah Wilkerson, Lissa Jarnigan, Savannah Horner

July 14 - Jenny Wilson, Elaine McKenna, Abigail Reynolds, Grace Norman-Wilson

July 21 - Stephanie Self, Cindy Lutz, Courtney Kihlberg, Anna Kihlberg

July 28 - Carol Boozer, Ellen Mundy, Laralee Huguley, Josiah Baker

Thank You!

The Hinshaw family wishes to thank the Columbarium Study Group for its time and research in the beautiful resulting Columbarium: Charles Businario, Randy Dover, Kay Johnson, Larry Maxwell, Steven Meriweather, and Ed Wasserman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 1
Passport Missions (July 1-6)
TUESDAY, JULY 2
 9:30 PDO
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
 NO Supper or activities at the church
THURSDAY, JULY 4
 OFFICE CLOSED
SUNDAY, JULY 7
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship/Communion
TUESDAY, JULY 9
 9:30 PDO
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10
 NO Supper or activities at the church
THURSDAY, JULY 11
 9:30 PDO
SUNDAY, JULY 14
 8:00 Personnel Committee
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
 NO Supper or activities at the church
SUNDAY, JULY 21
 9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship
 11:30 Church-wide reception
 Tambi Swiney
TUESDAY, JULY 23
 11:15 Luke 14:12
 6:15 Bolt Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
 9:30 Bordeaux visit
 NO Supper or activities at the church
SUNDAY, JULY 28
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

VBS 2019



Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking (Through May 2019)

YTD
 Fiscal Year Income
 \$ 41,396.17

YTD
 Fiscal Year Expense
 \$ 35,750.80

Net income:
 \$ 5,645.37

Attendance Report

Sunday School

June 2	98
June 9	102
June 16	105
June 23	103
June 30	NA

Worship Service

June 2	115
June 9	127
June 16	106
June 23	111
June 30	NA



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Happy Birthday to You!

July 1

Dot Warren

July 2

Josh McCloud

July 6

Yvonne Christopher

July 7

Cynthia Curtis

Charles Martin

July 10

Hagen Self

July 11

Jill Cooper

July 12

Lucas Gore

July 13

Lydia Burr

Paul Swiney

July 15

Steve Tate

July 19

Jim Auer

Barbara Lutz

Cynthia Leu

John Simpler

July 21

Dorothy Steen

July 22

Betty Fallis

July 23

Christy Fields

Mark Vick

Haley Gall

July 30

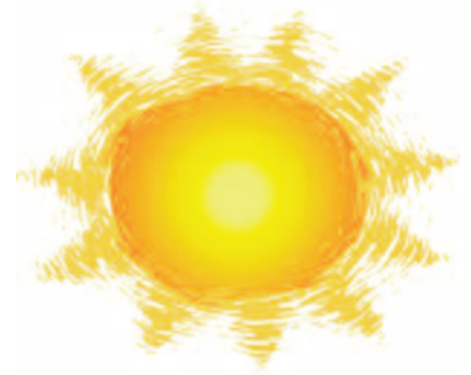
Bill Fleming

July 31

Andrea Brewer

Jon Cooper

Adam Maxwell



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