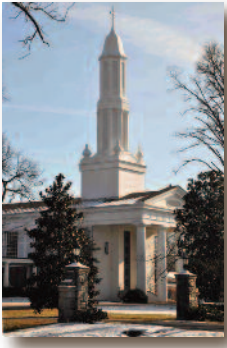


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# The Immanuel Light *Abridged*

*For the Living of These Days*



## *Homecomings*

Greetings, Immanuel Baptist Church! I am so pleased to be writing to you for the first time as your Associate Pastor. As I expressed in my previous visit, I feel that coming to Immanuel is a homecoming for me in many ways. I was born here in Nashville, but grew up in my parent's hometown of Knoxville. I lived in Nashville again in my 20s while pursuing an M.A. in Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt. I visited many times over the years as my sister and her husband made their home in Murfreesboro in 2007 and then my parents moved to be near their grandkids a few years ago. In addition to this immediate family, my spouse, Adam DJ Brett, and I have many friends and professional connections in Nashville and in Murfreesboro, so we already feel as though we are part of the fabric of Middle Tennessee.

It has been a joy already as I have received notes, gifts, welcome emails, and Facebook friend requests from you. Adam and I are particularly enjoying the church's gift of local food items in a Nashville Batch gift set. I find that the local strawberry jam tastes particularly good on Betty Kay's homemade bread, which arrived accompanied by original artwork from Lyla Gnetz. Your hospitality in this time of social distancing has meant a great deal to us, knowing it may still be a while until we can shake hands and share hugs with you.

Adam and I are currently in phase three of a three-part move that has involved moving items from our home in Syracuse, NY; transporting furniture from my mother's house in Murfreesboro; and picking up items in storage in Knoxville (Monday and Tuesday of this week).

I will be participating in worship this Sunday (June 21st) and will begin to set my office up later this week. I will be with you again for worship next week (June 28th) and will begin a regular schedule in the office Monday, June 29th. I will preach for the first time on July 5th. You can reach me at the church by phone (615-297-5356 ext 16) and by email at [swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org) (which I am checking regularly). I am open to various ways for us to connect that allow us to get to know each other while also observing healthy social distancing. I particularly like outdoor eating as a way to be together safely and I'm open to your ideas as well!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Steph-*

## PRAYER LIST

- Steve Tate
- Lee Ann and Kevin Craft (Lee Ann is the niece of Miriam Tate)
- Sarah Miller, sister of Charles Martin, Grove Hill, Alabama

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers on June 28 are given in loving memory of Don Johnson by Kay Johnson, Courtney, Peter, Anna and Erik Kihlberg and Benjamin, Tatum, and Dixon Johnson.

Please participate!

## IBC Library Survey

Immanuel is researching an option to convert our library to an automated format. Patrons could browse the collection online through the church's website, see which books are recent acquisitions and scan the books at check-out – no more cards and date stamps!

Click on the link below to fill out your survey!

<https://forms.gle/EkouqWwAYVUNtdF68>



## 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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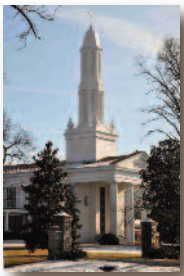
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**The Immanuel Light Abridged** has been sent weekly since Covid-19 began. There have been very few planned activities or events to highlight, so a much smaller, yet more frequent newsletter, has worked well. For now, we will continue with this concept, but on an every other week basis. We will also continue to send **Coming This Sunday and More**, as well as Church Family News, on a weekly basis.