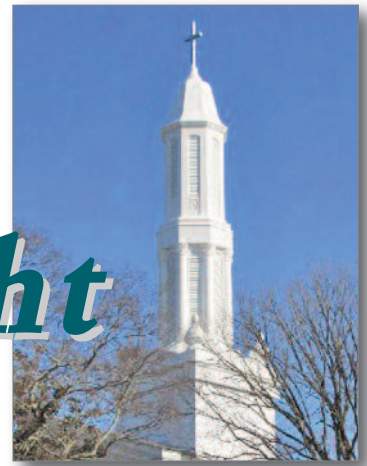


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Family Vacation Bible School: Living a Compassionate Life

Long gone are the days when it was convenient for moms to drop off their children at the church at 9:00 a.m. and pick them up at noon on five consecutive summer days. Long gone are the days when the majority of women did not work outside the home, thus making it easy for them to serve as VBS volunteers on five consecutive mornings. Immanuel's Preschool & Children's Committee has responded to the changing needs within our congregation by providing a different VBS model where families learn and play and grow spiritually together. After all, spiritual formation should be centered in the home, with the church serving as a partner, equipping parents and grandparents to nurture their children's spiritual growth.

This summer Immanuel's Family Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Families will enjoy donuts and juice as they arrive, and then they will dig into four Bible stories that highlight God's call to live compassionate lives. Families will experience these stories through art, music, role play, and other creative activities. Immanuel's Family VBS is designed for 4-year-olds through 6th graders - all children must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. Childcare will be provided for babies through 3-year-olds. Reservations are required; the deadline is Monday, June 10. Let Pastor Tambi know if your family will be joining us this year for Family VBS.

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THE WEATHER REPORT

At the May meeting of the Stewardship committee, the fiscal year May 2018 – April 2019 was reviewed. The data were presented regarding Immanuel Baptist Church's stewardship. Through faithful giving, the church fully funded its ministry plan for the year!

Perhaps a quick reminder of the particulars of last year's ministry plan is a good first step. In April of 2018 the church approved a spending plan of \$473,150 for the church year beginning in May. This plan was created by committees and church staff in the months prior. For the first time in some years, the spending plan matched anticipated pledges and commitments to giving.

Faithful commitment to stewardship by the congregation resulted in generous giving. Total gifts and income received by the church exceeded \$512,000. After all the gifts and expenditures were tabulated a net income for the year was determined to be \$51,644.

The church's giving exceeded the ministry plan. The members of the Stewardship committee and deacons at their subsequent meeting received this report with grateful hearts. Some wondered aloud when the church last exceeded the budget in giving. I am interested in transforming the numbers into information... a message.

Transforming such data into a message requires some intentional work. One logical step might be "comparing" as expressed in a question like, "When last did the church's stewardship exceed the budget?" Working with the numbers also allows for the connection of our giving to outcomes. Gil Rendle defines an outcome as the difference a congregation

believes it is called by God to make over the next three to five years.¹

In September 2014, the congregation adopted its present Vision Statement. Our church discerned a call to "practice the radical, compassionate discipleship as taught by Jesus Christ." The following summer the church adopted a companion Mission Statement that outlined the vision in action. The commitment to practice discipleship would be measured by "sharing the good news of Jesus Christ," "deepening our love for God and others," "engaging our neighbor," and "serving those on the margins of society."

Transforming the numbers into a message can be accomplished in a number of ways. Initially, one might talk about all we do when we are busy. But being busy and doing what God wants us to do are not always identical. The former can result in burn out and a lack of interest; the latter allows for participation and the experience of the deep satisfaction derived from faithfulness.

I write to commend all the saints at Immanuel Baptist Church who were faithful in stewardship this past year. From my perch, we, by God's grace, made a distinctive impact, relative to our resources. Generous giving is required if a given congregation wishes to accomplish a mission outcome. The message I draw from the data? The intentional focus of this church on purpose and possibility over five years ago has placed us in the midst of what God dreams for us. —Steven

¹Rendle, Gil. Doing *The Math Of Mission: Fruits, Faithfulness, and Metrics*. P.63

Reminders . . .

John Neely Davis, author and storyteller extraordinaire, will be guest speaker on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30 PM. His most recent book, *The Chapman Legacy*, released last year, was #2 on Parnassus Top Ten list of fiction. Be prepared for an evening of lighthearted entertainment by a master storyteller. For more information, go to johnneely-davisauthor.com. Contact Evelyn Brandon to make your supper reservation(s) by Friday, May 31.

Columbarium Dedication

Sunday, June 9, 2019



Our high school graduates were honored at a church-wide luncheon on May 19.

Exploring the Qualified Charitable Distribution: A Simple, Tax-Smart Way to Give

I would venture to guess that as a congregation, tax planning doesn't often factor into our giving decisions here at Immanuel Baptist Church. Savings on taxes is a welcome peripheral benefit, but it's not at the core of why we give. I find that sentiment to be true in my financial planning practice as well. With that said, it's nice to be aware of tax-smart options when it comes to giving.

Did you know that beginning at 70½ years old the IRS compels individuals to withdraw funds from their IRAs? These withdrawals are known as Required Minimum Distributions. Why does the IRS have this rule? The answer is simple - taxes! In most cases, the funds inside an IRA have never been subject to federal or state income taxes. Once the account owner begins taking withdrawals, however, the distributions are taxable. Also, starting in 2018 with the implementation of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, many taxpayers are no longer eligible to itemize their tax deductions, including deductions for charitable giving, because of the increase to the standard deduction.

Enter the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is a great way for individuals (age 70½ +) with an

IRA and a need to withdraw funds to satisfy a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to make a charitable contribution to Immanuel Baptist Church. The money contributed using a QCD is not included as taxable income on an individual's tax return, which is a better option than listing the donation as charitable contribution.

Qualified Charitable Distribution benefits include:

- Giving using pre-tax dollars from the IRA
- Exclusion of the gift amount from taxable income
- Application of the gift towards the donor's minimum distribution requirements

Basic requirements and limitations for a Qualified Charitable Distribution include:

- The donor must be at least 70½ years old at the time of the distribution
- The distribution must be made directly from the account administrator to a qualifying charity, like Immanuel Baptist Church
 - Qualified Charitable Distributions are limited to \$100,000 per individual per year (a spouse who qualifies may give a similar amount from his/her IRA)

To make an IRA qualified charitable distribution to the church a donor should:

- Notify your IRA custodian that you wish to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution, and instruct them to make a check payable to Immanuel Baptist Church and send the check addressed as follows:

Immanuel Baptist Church
222 Belle Meade Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37205

- Notify the Church Office by phone at 615-297-5356 or email Jenny Dean at jdean@ibcnashville.org that the distribution is being made. Include the donor's name, name of IRA administrator, and amount contributed. This will help ensure that the donation is credited properly.

- Keep records of the transaction for your tax preparer for accurate tax reporting.

If you have questions, you should contact your financial advisor, accountant, or tax preparer for guidance.

The foregoing is intended as general information only and is not legal, tax, or other professional advice. Donors and others should consult their own tax professional(s) for specific legal or tax advice on this matter.

—Jenny Wilson

SING-A-LONG-A
SOUND OF MUSIC

Franklin Theater
Sunday June 30th
3 p.m.
\$17.00
See Carolyn Easterly

FEARLESS

STAY AWAKE. STAND FIRM. BE BRAVE. LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

This summer our older children and youth will be challenged to be fearless at Passport camps. In a world when our children and youth regularly hear messages to fear more and love others less, we need to be reminded that Jesus calls us to an alternative way of living. Our lives can be radically changed as we notice God at work around us, continue to grow our faith, gather our strength from God, and let love permeate all that we do.

Our children will attend Passport Kids Camp at Cumberland College in Lebanon on June 24-27; Larry Maxwell will be joining me as a chaperone on the trip. Our youth will attend Passport Missions at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, on July 1-6; Jimmy Conn and Abigail Reynolds will be joining me as chaperones. Be in prayer for our children and youth as they worship with campers from across the Southeast, study God's Word with new friends, learn about Refuge and Hope International (a refugee ministry in Uganda), and participate in Super Hero Training Camp. Pray that we all will be willing to accept the challenge to be fearless!

— *Pastor Tambi*

HAPPENINGS

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

Immanuel Baptist Church
Library
presents



Children's
Worship Service
May 22, 2019

THANK YOU

Dear Immanuel Church Family, Please know how deeply we appreciate the prayers and loving concern, shown in so many ways, during Christy's recent surgery and ongoing recovery.
—Christy and Brent McGarr family and Bill and Penni Gregg

BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Steve Tate on the death of his mother, Doris Tate, who died April 30; to Cosette Baker on the death of her cousin, Mary Emery, of Powell, TN, who died May 28.

IN MEMORIAM

TURETHA HINER
24 June 1025 ~ 16 May 2019

Joined Immanuel
8 June 2015

Sanctuary Flowers

June 2 - given in honor of Mary Kirk and in memory of Art Kirk, Bill Reynolds, and Mary Lou Reynolds by Jeanie and Tim Reynolds. The flowers in the baptistry are in honor of Lindsey Kathryn Atkinson and Jon Harrel Shokes, who were married at Immanuel on June 1, 2019.

June 9 - given in loving memory of Bobbie Lockmiller by Don and Sue Lockmiller..

June 16 - given by John and Evelyn Brandon in loving memory of Elton Hinshaw.

June 23 - given in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Don Johnson, by Kay, Courtney, Peter, Anna, Erik, Benjamin, Tatum, and Dixon.

June 30 - given in loving memory of Sara and Wallace Holleman by the Holleman family.

Extended Session

June 2 -Debbie Maxwell, Betty Kay Wasserman, Jeanie Reynolds, Grace Norman-Wilson

June 9 - Emily Gnetz, Susan Crossover, Lissa Jarnigan, Samuel Baker

June 16 - Ashley and Stephen Payne, Jimmy Conn, Emily Cooper

June 23 - Ellen Mundy, Ellen Newman, Ann Conn, Olivia Cooper

June 30 - Melanie Dover, Diane Sharpe, Paul Swiney, Vickie Vu

PDO Had a Picnic!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship/Communion
 4:00 Egg hunt and Youth Dinner
 at the Deans' home

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

9:30 PDO
 12:00 Galatians Bible Study

5:00 Senior Adult BBQ

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

4:45 Education Enlistment
 5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 TBD
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

9:30 PDO
 12:00 Galatians Bible Study
 7:00 Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 TBD
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 Family VBS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

9:30 PDO
 12:00 Galatians Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

6:30 Deacons' Meeting
 CBF General Assembly in
 Birmingham (June 19-21)

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 TBD

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

5:00 Youth Dinner at Kenny and
 Sherry Cooper's home

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Passport Kids Camp June 24-27

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

11:15 Luke 14:12
 12:00 Galatians Bible Study

6:15 Bolt Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:30 Bordeaux visit
 5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 TBD
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship

Welcome, Ann Conn!

Ann Conn has recently begun working in the church office one day a week. She will be doing a variety of office work and will generally be at church on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Welcome, Ann! We are happy to have you on board!

Pledging Update

(As of May 28, 2019)

2019-20 Budget

\$ 365,790

54 giving units

Sanctuary Renovation

\$ 131,660

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking

(Through April 2019)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income

\$ 512,053.02

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense

\$ 460,409.02

Net income: \$ 51,644.00

Attendance Report

Sunday School

May 5	NA
May 12	89
May 19	106
May 26	91

Worship Service

May 5	NA
May 12	102
May 19	153
May 26	105

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The church office is closed on Fridays.

Happy Birthday to You!

June 2

Carolyn Easterly

Sandy Garrett

June 3

Lyla Gnetz

June 4

Bob Belew

June 6

Donna Greek

June 7

Elizabeth Sanford

An Tran

June 12

Sue Conn

June 14

Caroline Newman

June 15

Jane Hinshaw

June 17

Edmond Jarnigan

Tammy Drolsum

June 21

Carolyn Campbell

June 23

Michael Nguyen

June 25

Rebecca Dean

June 28

Jennifer Ervin

Sidney Maddox

Andy Witherington

June 29

Lauren Clouse

Becky Gore

Faye Roberts



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or call 615.297.5356 ext. 11 with questions.

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