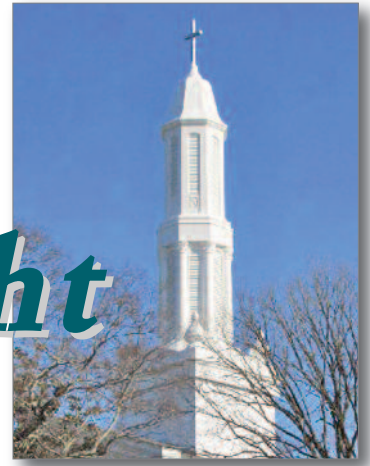


# The Immanuel *Light*

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## Church Votes to Initiate Capital Campaign

Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Spring Forward!



begins  
March 10



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At a called business meeting on Sunday, February 17, the church approved initiating a capital campaign to raise \$200,000 to fund the replacement of the upper windows in the sanctuary, as well as other needed projects related to the sanctuary area.

Due to the significant deterioration of the upper windows, their replacement will be the first project addressed. This will include removal of the exterior shutters. In addition, window sills of the lower windows will be repaired.

Painting of some areas, plaster repairs, carpet and pew cleaning,

replacement of some light fixtures, and removal of several pews are other projects this campaign will address.

# Civil Rights Road Trip to Alabama



On the day that the Haiti mission trip was cancelled due to civil unrest, Pastor Steven and Pastor Tambi began planning an alternative trip for our four high school seniors, who were disappointed that they would not be able to travel to Haiti. The result was a two-day Civil Rights Road Trip to Alabama. On this memorable trip, the group visited the enlightening Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, walked across the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, and toured the powerful Legacy Museum and the moving National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery.

## Reminders . . .

“Walking an Ancient Pilgrimage Route, The Camino De Santiago” will be presented March 5 at 10:30 AM in the Chapel by Father Mark Beckham of St. Henry Catholic Church. Father Beckham has walked the centuries old “Way of St. James” in northern Spain. If you would like to stay for lunch, contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, March 1, to make your reservation.

Local writer Ken Abraham will speak at the April Senior Adults on April 2 at 10:30 AM. If you would like to stay for lunch after the meeting, contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, March 29, to make your reservation.

Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. as we mark the beginning of the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. Our guest preacher that evening will be Kelly Moreland Jones, who is working on her Master of Divinity through Central Baptist Theological Seminary’s Women’s Leadership Initiative. Pastor Steven will conduct the imposition of the ashes. Childcare will be provided for preschoolers; children and youth will join the adults in this special service.



*Rescheduled from October!*



## Blakeford Classics and Coffee Series **Spanish Nights**

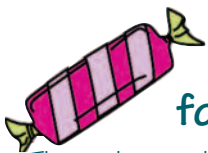
Friday, March 22, 10:30 AM  
at The Schermerhorn

(This is a reminder for those who had tickets  
for the October event.)

### Lenten Bible Study:

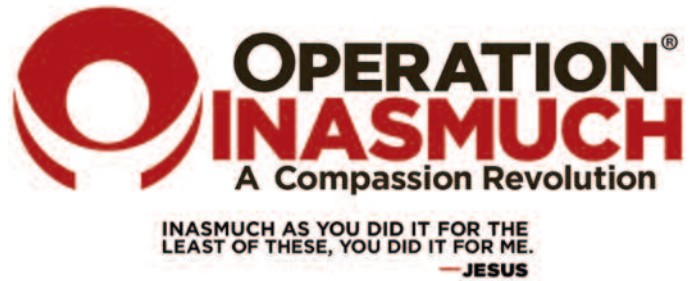
## *Philippians*

During the season of Lent, Pastor Steven and Pastor Tambi will be leading a six-week Bible study using Max Vincent's book *Because of This I Rejoice: Reading Philippians During Lent*. The Bible study group will meet in the Youth Room at noon on Mondays beginning on March 11. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch if desired. The cost of the book is \$12; let Pastor Tambi know if you will be attending so that she can order a copy of the book for you. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 3.



## **We Need Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt!**

Throughout the month of March we are collecting Easter candy that will be used to fill the plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 20. Fruit snacks, stickers, and small toys are also desirable. The candy should be individually wrapped - **please do not donate chocolate candy, which melts quickly in the plastic eggs**. You may place your donations in the Easter basket on the desk outside the office.



## Operation Inasmuch Registration is Underway

This year Immanuel's weeklong observance of Operation Inasmuch will be on March 20-27. Here are the events:

**Wednesday, March 20** - guest speaker from The Nashville Food Project in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21** - host Room in the Inn for the final time this winter

**Saturday, March 23** - distribute gifts and snacks to the staff and patients at Nashville Community Care & Rehabilitation Center at Bordeaux in the morning or volunteer at The Nashville Food Project from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 24** - Ingathering Sunday to collect bags of noodles for Luke 14:12; family ministry project in Fellowship Hall after worship to prepare Easter bags for Appalachian Outreach

**Tuesday, March 26** - serve lunch at Luke 14:12 from 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 27** - share stories from OIAM after the Business Meeting

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the parlor. Space is limited on certain projects. The Nashville Food Project work is limited to those ages 12 and up. The deadline to sign up for all of the projects is Sunday, March 17.

## **Denominational Relations Committee to Meet with Congregation**

The Denominational Relations Committee will meet with the congregation during Sunday School on March 31 to share information from their survey conducted last October. They also will be seeking input regarding denominational organizations and how their values and missions compare to those of Immanuel.

# UPDATE ON THE HAITI MISSION TRIP

The week before we were scheduled to fly to Haiti, our mission team was registered with the U.S. State Department. Shortly thereafter, we began to receive security alerts regarding scattered demonstrations in Haiti. The number of email alerts rapidly escalated, as Haitians took to the streets to demand the resignation of their president. The protests turned violent as young people expressed their discontent with the ongoing economic crisis and evi-

dence of political corruption.

Two days before our planned departure, our partners at The Joseph School called off the trip due to safety concerns. No mission trip is without risk, but the risk in Haiti in mid-February was far too high. The ten of us had been anticipating this mission trip for months, and our disappointment was palpable. Four duffel bags full of school supplies would remain at the church; the tools we had gathered to construct bookshelves for the school would go unused.

We have tentatively rescheduled the mission trip for May 2-6; we will be monitoring the situation in Haiti over the next few months to ensure that such a trip is viable. If you are interested in being a part of this team, let Pastor Steven or me know.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to pray for the students and staff at The Joseph School. Our mission team was able to avoid placing ourselves in harm's way by simply cancelling our flights; these precious children and their devoted teachers



### Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly "This is Our Story"

April 26-27, 2019

West Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN

You are invited to join a group of Immanuel members who are traveling to Knoxville on Friday, April 26 to attend the annual TCBF General Assembly. God is at work doing miraculous things all around us, if only we will have eyes to see and ears to hear. In these two days of storytelling, we will gather with others from around our state to hear about the good work God is doing in and through our Tennessee CBF family. Together we will "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8) as we learn from each other's experiences. We hope to be inspired and equipped to find our place in the story and to share what God is doing in the world!

New CBF Executive Coordinator Paul Baxley will be there and will be preaching at the Saturday morning worship service. Field personnel (missionaries), Scarlette Jasper (CBF Rural Poverty Initiatives in McCreary County, KY and Scott County, TN), Kim and Marc Wyatt (Internationals Ministry in Raleigh, NC) and Cindy Hood (Director of Welcome House in Knoxville) will also be in attendance.

If you have questions, please contact Melanie Dover, 615-945-8554. You can register and find more detailed information at [tncbf.org/cbf-general-assembly](http://tncbf.org/cbf-general-assembly).

must continue to go about their daily lives in the midst of this crisis.

The current situation in Haiti underscores the importance of The Joseph School's mission: to educate and empower Haitian children to become the next servant leaders of their country. Will you pray for The Joseph School and the country of Haiti?  
—Pastor Tambi

### Room in the Inn

We only have two more times to host Room in the Inn this winter: March 7 and March 21. The second date falls during our weeklong observance of Operation Inasmuch. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the parlor. Thanks to everyone who has already helped our church extend hospitality to our homeless neighbors this winter.

### Would You Like to Say "Goodbye" to Writing Checks and Save a Little Postage?

Use Online Bill Pay to make a weekly, monthly, or yearly contribution to Immanuel Baptist Church. You can schedule your contribution and select the date or dates you would like IBC to receive your contribution. It can be on the same day each month, week, or year!

*Here's how you do it:*

1) Go to the tab labeled **Payments** on your online banking website.

2) Select **Pay Bill** (This is not how IBC sees your contribution, but for a bank it is considered a bill!)

3) The bank will ask you to add a company or a person. Click on that tab and select **Charities**.

The company name: Immanuel Baptist Church

Acct #: Charitable Donation

Address: 222 Belle Meade Blvd., Nashville, TN 37205

Phone: 615-297-5356

That is all you have to fill in. Select **Save Changes** and it will take you back to the original screen.

4) The bank will ask which of your accounts you want to use to make your payment. It will give you a scroll down of all of the accounts you have with the bank when you select the tab.

5) Next, enter the amount you would like to contribute and then it will ask for the date for delivery. This can be a one-time contribution or you can select Autopay and set it up as a recurring contribution.

6) Autopay will ask the amount and the frequency of the payment (weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, or annually).

7) The bank will also ask for the length of time you would like this payment to occur. The bank will give you several options.

8) Your bank will then ask if you would like an email each time a contribution is sent.

9) At that time you will be asked if you are ready to start sending payments.

10) The bank will send the check to the church several days prior to the date you select so it always arrives on time.

What an easy way to make your contribution to the church!! No more writing checks!

—The Stewardship Committee



### Library News

Thanks to Virginia Neely who gave these children's books in memory of Ethel Mary Tipton:

*Psalms for Young Children and Images of God* by Marie-Helene Delval

and in memory of Maggie Thompson:

*The World Jesus Knew* by Marc Olson, *I am Abraham Lincoln* and *I am George Washington* by Brad Meltzer.



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

## THANK YOU

Dear Immanuel Family, Your prayers, phone calls, visits, and food have helped me survive the last month. Grief over the death of my brother was closely followed by my hospitalization for five days. You, my family, have loved and prayed for me throughout the journey. You have been to me Christ's compassionate disciples. Thank you. —Sue Jones

## BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Dot Warren on the death of her sister and brother-in-law, Jimelu and Gray Hunter, of Prattville, Alabama.

## IN MEMORIAM

ELTON HINSHAW

2 August 1936 ~ 24 February 2019

Joined Immanuel  
June 14, 1964

## Extended Session

**March 3** - Sarah Wilkerson, Katy Clouse, Ann Conn, Savannah Horner

**March 10** - Stephanie Self, Emily Gnetz, Lissa Jarnigan, Emily Cooper

**March 17** - Carol Boozer, Ellen Mundy, Patty Littlejohn, Josiah Baker

**March 24** - Cindy Lutz, Debbie Maxwell, Abigail Reynolds, Grace Norman-Wilson

**March 31** - Elaine McKenna, Susan Crownover, Laralee Huguley, Malcolm Horner

## Sanctuary Flowers

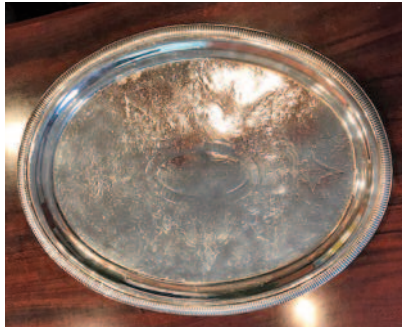
**March 3** - given in loving memory of Dottie Shaw by Jean Sharpe.

Sanctuary flowers for the remainder of March will be provided by the Decorations Committee.

## The History of our

# Lord's Supper Silver

Once a month we observe the Lord's Supper, using some historically significant silver that reminds us of our church's history. Pastor Steven uses the silver tray, chalice, and pitcher each service.



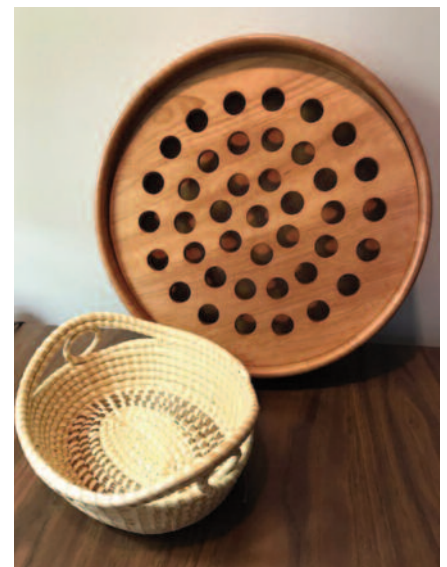
In 1887, Mrs. B. H. Stief gave the silver pitcher, chalice, and tray from her family's jewelry store. It was used during Immanuel's first Lord's Supper, January 1, 1888, twelve days after the church was organized.



Engravings on the juice tray lid of our current communion ware read:  
"Presented to Immanuel Baptist Church in loving memory,  
April 22, 1962."

The names of seven church members are engraved around the edges. This gift was given to commemorate the 75th anniversary observance.

**Thanks be to God for the legacy shared with us from Immanuel's past and for the opportunities in our future.**



Our newest serving pieces represent our present and future. The juice trays are pecan wood and the bread baskets are woven grass. These are used during our Maundy Thursday services.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**

9:30 PDO

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

9:30 PDO  
 10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:00 Children and Music  
 5:50 Church Family Time  
 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service  
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**

9:30 PDO  
 5:00 Room in the Inn

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

9:00 Women's Retreat

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship  
 5:00 Youth Dinner at the Shadingers' home

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

9:30 PDO  
 12:00 Philippians Bible Study  
 7:00 Budget Council/Stewardship

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

9:30 PDO

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:00 Children and Music  
 5:50 Church Family Time  
 6:00 TBA  
 6:00 Children on Mission  
 6:00 Immanuel Youth  
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

9:30 PDO  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

12:00 Philippians Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

**Operation Inasmuch begins**  
 5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:00 Children and Music  
 5:50 Church Family Time  
 6:00 Focus on The Nashville Food Project

6:00 Children on Mission  
 6:00 Immanuel Youth  
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

5:00 Room in the Inn

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

9:00 Trip to Schermerhorn

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

9:30 PDO  
 12:00 Philippians Bible Study

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

9:30 PDO  
 11:15 Luke 14:12

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

9:30 Bordeaux visit  
 5:00 Church Family Supper  
 5:00 Children and Music  
 5:50 Church Family Time  
 6:00 Business Meeting/OIAM Report

6:00 Children on Mission  
 6:00 Immanuel Youth  
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal  
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

9:30 PDO  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

9:15 Sunday School  
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
 10:30 Worship  
 5:00 Youth Dinner at the Gnetzes' home

## Facts and Figures

**Financially Speaking**  
 (Through January 2019)

YTD  
 Fiscal Year Income  
 \$ 396,578.08

YTD  
 Fiscal Year Expense  
 \$ 341,958.05

Net income: \$ 54,620.03

**Attendance Report**

Sunday School

February 3	101
February 10	115
February 17	117
February 24	117

Worship Service

February 3	116
February 10	126
February 17	120
February 24	112

**Report on Special Offerings November 2018 - February 2019**

Lottie Moon Offering: \$ 2,448  
 CBF Global Missions Offering: \$ 3,321



### You May Be Getting a Phone Call!

The Committee on Committees is hard at work replacing committee members who will rotate off at the end of April. If you get a call, please prayerfully consider filling that need in the life of Immanuel.

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9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Mon - Thurs.

The church office is closed on Fridays.

# Happy Birthday to You!

## March 1

Susan Hawkins

Jennie Mills

## March 2

Jim Clark

## March 3

Patty Brown

Cleatus Moorehead

## March 7

Nancy Vanderveer

Brenda Vantrease

## March 11

Scott Newman

## March 12

Abigail Reynolds

Richard Shadinger

## March 14

Charlsie Mathews

## March 16

Ray Scott

## March 17

Sherry Cooper

## March 18

Ben Curtis

## March 19

Ben Rowan

## March 21

Tim Fields

Mina Harris

Erik Kihlberg

## March 23

Carol Boozer

Claude Huguley

## March 24

Lauren Baker

## March 26

Bill Gregg

## March 27

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Bennett Jarnigan

## March 31

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