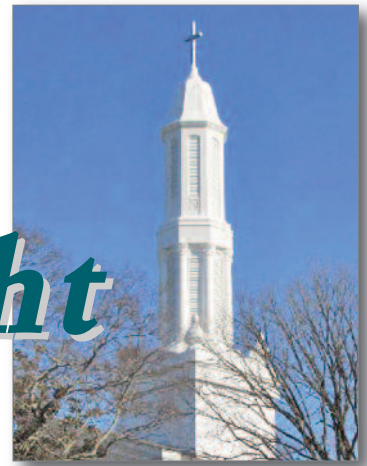


# The Immanuel *Light*

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Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Begins  
on  
March 8



## CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a called business meeting after worship on Sunday, March 8, to vote on a recommendation from the Search Committee for part time Minister of Youth.

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## From Generation to Generation: Growing Young

Tennessee CBF General Assembly  
April 17-18  
at Immanuel Baptist Church

Plan to be a part of the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's annual statewide General Assembly being held here at Immanuel on Friday night, April 17, and Saturday, April 18. Come to fellowship, worship and learn with Cooperative Baptists from around the state. Our emphasis this year will be based on the book *Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*. Join in a conversation with younger adults about how to place ourselves in a position to grow our church young!

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the meeting, please contact Melanie Dover or Caroline Talbert. Click on this link to go to registration: <http://tncbf.org/cbf-general-assembly>

## THE WEATHER REPORT

Reading Scripture is a central discipline for the follower of Jesus Christ. The Bible is a reliable guide in faith and morality. The apostle Peter said of reading scripture, “You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place.”<sup>1</sup>

Since the inception of the church, Christians have been schooled to read the Bible with care. “No prophecy of scripture is a matter on one’s own interpretation,” so Peter warned. Our impressions are not immune to exaggeration. To treat scripture as a wax nose to be shaped by the interpreter’s whimsy is to risk misinterpretation.

When reading the Bible we rely on the Holy Spirit’s guidance. It has been said that it is the mark of a wise person to look for what the subject matter permits and not expect geometrical precision on every subject. Private opinion accompanies every reader, but it does not guarantee a sound reading.

Our Gospel readings on the six Sundays during Lent are rich in detail. The characters are dramatic. The action in these readings make the stories hang together. Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, a man born blind, and Martha and Mary all appear as if on a quest, a meaningful search. Ralph McNerny observes, “Of course, to be a character entails an author of its being.” In these Gospel stories, men and women search for the author of their lives.

The reading of Scripture is central to our worship on Sundays. We call on and exercise our best to remain attentive to it. Our familiarity with certain texts has adversely affected our concentration. The diminution of the profundity, depth and power of scripture is widespread. Perhaps this is most evident in the massive reduction of the Word of God that permits Scripture to be viewed as conditioned language. Diminished in the process is Scripture’s potential to become living instruction.

With the challenge of hearing the Word of God in mind the Gospel lessons will be read differently during Lenten worship. The dramatic characters are worthy of our scrutiny. For in some small way they stand for us. Be that Nicodemus’ questioning mind, the Samaritan woman’s complicated past, the impaired vision of the man born blind, or the sisters who mourn their brother’s demise, it is all but inevitable that we can see ourselves in these stories. In some way these characters stand for us.

Multiple readers will read the Gospel lesson on the six Sundays of Lent. The objective is to create a stage upon which the characters of these stories are heard. Our task is to look for what the subject matter permits and not expect geometrical precision. We anticipate the breath of God breathing upon us, transforming these ancient words into living instruction. May we step into these texts, identifying with the hopeful, suffering, sinful, saved people there.

—Steven

<sup>1</sup> 2 Peter 1.19.



### 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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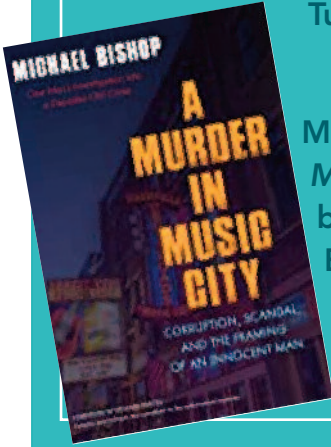
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# Senior Adult Activities

## March Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at  
10:30 AM

Michael Bishop, author of *A Murder in Music City*, will be guest speaker. Contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, February 28, to make your reservation.



## April Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Carol Bucy, who recently did a Wednesday night three-part series on Tennessee Religious History, will join us and speak on Nashville from 1910-1920. She will focus on the influenza epidemic and the broken reservoir on 8th Avenue. Contact Evelyn Brandon by Friday, April 3, to make your lunch reservation.

# Senior Adult Excursions

## Tour the Nissan Plant in Smyrna

Thursday, March 12

11:30 AM - Lunch at Demos (Murfreesboro)

1:00 PM - Tour the Nissan Smyrna Plant

The tour is free, lunch is Dutch Treat.

Reservations are due by March 3 (Elaine Fleming)

The church van will depart Immanuel at 10:15 AM.



## Wednesdays in March

March 4 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

“Sunset Limited” by Cormac McCarthy,

Part 1

led by Steven Meriwether and Aaron Butler

March 11 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

“Sunset Limited” Part 2

March 18 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Time!

March 25 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Business Meeting

# Annual Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip

March 27-29 • Jefferson City, TN

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.

If you are interested in participating, contact Susan Crownover or Emily Gnetz by March 1.



*Our Last Two Times This Winter!*

March 5 and 19

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

## Way to Go, Adult Choir!

Recently our adult choir sponsored a mission project and made a financial contribution to the

Family Reconciliation Center. Family Reconciliation provides free lodging to family members visiting loved ones incarcerated in one of Nashville's prisons. Anyone (or any group) interested in participating in a mission project through Immanuel should talk to the

**Missions and Ministry Committee.**

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—Mission Statement of Immanuel Baptist Church, adopted June 2015



### Does Laddie's Pizza Parlor Deliver??

Our youth recently enjoyed pizza with Laddie Neil at her home. Looks like fun!

## Did YOU KNOW?

- We are in the process of replacing the church office phone system. Soon we will have a functional answering service again!
- We are repurposing the sanctuary flowers from Sundays (when the donor for that week does not take them home). The office is rearranging the flowers into smaller bouquets and sharing them with church family members unable to attend church!



Recently our Senior Adults enjoyed music by singer-songwriter Les Kerr. Kerr combined blues, New Orleans music, Zydeco, rock and bluegrass for a fun program!



# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to the Ed Manning, Jr. family on his death, Sunday, February 23.

## IN MEMORIAM

### COSETTE BAKER

9 September 1933 ~ 11 February 2020

Joined Immanuel

13 March 1988

### EDWIN BUSH MANNING, JR.

16 October 1954 ~ 23 February 2020

Joined Immanuel

3 December 1967

## THANK YOU!

We want to thank Julie and Nelson Tomlinson and Mary and Joe Lannom, owners of Phoenix Granite, for the beautiful piece of granite they donated to cover the butcher block table in the church kitchen. Julie is the sister of Evelyn Brandon.



## Extended Session

Look how much FUN our extended session workers have each week! AND, look how much FUN our children have with our extended session workers!!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to LaNieve Coles on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Olivia James Andrews, born February 10. New parents are Will and Kaitlin Andrews.

### Extended Session

**March 1** - Ellen Newman, Sarah Wilkerson, Patty Littlejohn, Samuel Baker

**March 8** - Lauren Baker, Jill Cooper, Ann Conn, Olivia Cooper

**March 15** - Debbie Maxwell, Ellen Mundy, Courtney Kihlberg, Anna Kihlberg

**March 22** - Betty Kay Wasserman, Elaine McKenna, Stephanie Self, Malcolm Horner

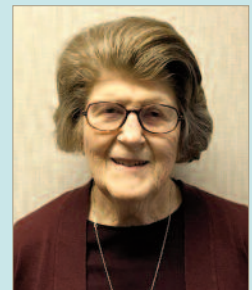
**March 29** - Susan Crossover, Kay Johnson, Abigail Reynolds, Samuel Baker

### Sanctuary Flowers



The sanctuary flowers for the month of March will be provided by the Decorations Committee.

## Welcome, New Member!



**Libby Nicholson.** Libby returns to Immanuel from Woodmont Baptist Church. Her deacon will be Larry Maxwell.

*Welcome home, Libby!*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:15 Sunday School  
10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
10:30 Worship  
11:30 Committee on Committees  
5:00 IBC Book Club

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

9:30 PDO

10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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, MARCH 5

9:30 PDO

5:00 RITI

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

#### Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

9:30 PDO

7:00 Budget Council/Stewardship

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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, MARCH 12

9:30 PDO

10:15 Senior Adult Trip to Nissan

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Fellowship Time

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 RITI

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children and Music

5:50 Church Family Time

6:00 Business Meeting

6:00 Children on Mission

6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 PDO

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

AO Trip (March 27-29)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

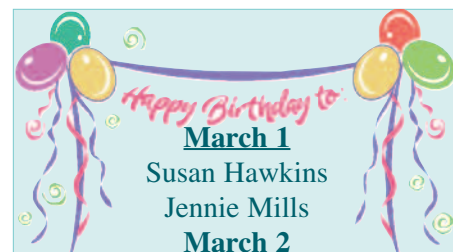
10:30 Worship

### MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

9:30 PDO



#### 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 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

Charles Businaro

Bennett Jarnigan

### Facts and Figures

#### Financially Speaking (Through January 2020)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income

\$389,253.04

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense

\$324,183.51

Net income:

\$65,069.53

#### Attendance Report

##### Sunday School

February 2 87

February 9 91

February 16 90

February 23 NA

##### Worship Service

February 2 105

February 9 119

February 16 109

February 23 108

Middle schoolers may enjoy these recent additions to the Library:  
What was the Great Depression?  
What is the Statue of Liberty?  
What was Ellis Island?



Stop by the Library for a look!

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