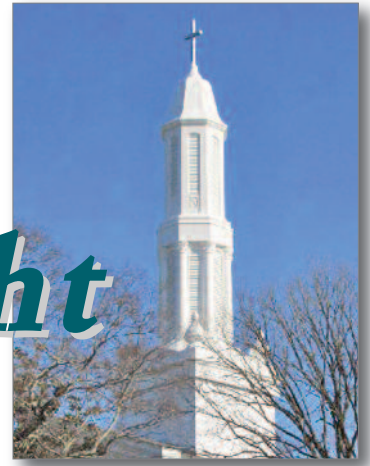


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Flowering the Cross on Easter

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Our Graduating High School Seniors!



Congratulations!

Grace Norman-Wilson - Nashville Big Picture High School

Peter Yu - LaVergne High School

Olivia Leu - Harpeth Hall

Emily Cooper - Hume-Fogg Magnet High School

And to Our College Grads:

Houston Vick - Miami of Ohio, Sports Journalism

Julia Wenzel-Huguley - Carson Newman University, Doctor of Education

Easter was glorious! After the cooler temperatures and rain of the previous forty-eight hours, the sun-drenched morning was spot on. Joyful celebration warmly greeted those who gathered for Easter worship.

This was fitting given our theme in worship during the season of Lent: “Because of this I Rejoice.” Each Sunday we considered a section of the New Testament book of Philippians and a corresponding spiritual practice prefaced with the adjective “joyful”, e.g. “Joyful Hospitality.” The discovery of joy during Lent was our aim.

In addition to the Sunday morning focus, a group of fifteen met at noon each Monday during Lent to study the passage read in worship the day before. After an opening prayer the group read aloud the passage for the day followed by silent reflection. The remainder of our time was evenly divided between responding to the text and adopting the discipline connected to the reading. Each Monday we ended in a time of group prayer.

Co-leading this study with Tambi informed my experience with Lent this year. Adding this responsibility to an already full schedule did not result in stress. I found that the commitment focused the week and informed my living. At our last gathering, I found myself gauging the space this weekly study had come to occupy in my life and anticipating its absence; I will miss it.

The study of Philippians with other believers prepared me for Holy Week. The worship experiences on

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were meaningful and invited me to ponder God’s presence in and through my life, and our life together as well. To grasp Paul’s exhortation to “Rejoice in the Lord!” during Lent required some stretching. Lent is too often about sacrifice and depriving oneself of certain things. But how might one find anything joyful about the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus?

The re-read of Philippians helped me in this regard. For Paul placed the cross of Jesus at the heart of Philippians and therefore reinforced the centrality of the cross in Christian living. “Rejoice in the Lord” was not grounded in some ephemeral source of happiness, but in the joy of the Lord. Max Vincent reminds his readers that “Paul looks at the cross through the lens of Easter and Easter through the lens of the cross.”¹

On Easter Sunday, I said “Rejoice in the Lord!” with new emphasis. Despite the vicissitudes of life, indeed in spite of the cross pressures of our contemporary existence, the Christian may sense God’s power and presence. Easter faith is the old life newly seen. Worship and time around the flower cross with my church family enriched my spiritual life. The joy that finds expression in prayer, witness, humility, hospitality, asceticism, and giving was in abundant supply. Because of this, I rejoice! —Steven

¹ Vincent, Max O. *Because Of This I Rejoice*. P.116.

Reminders . . .

The Silver Notes, a band made up of 18 musicians, will present a variety of musical numbers on **Sunday, May 5**, following morning worship. Lunch will be available for those who make a reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Thursday, May 2.

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.

Puerto Rican Pastor Jesus Garcia to Speak on Wednesday, May 8

Jesus Garcia, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Metropolis in Puerto Rico, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:00 PM. He will share with us the challenges and victories that have come to Puerto Rico since Hurricane Maria in September 2017. With the help of CBF and other partners, he and a group of local pastors have been able to meet many food, safety, and health care needs.

Other Wednesdays in May . . .

May 1: “What is the Koran and Why It Is Important

May 15: TBA

May 22: Worship led by the Children of Immanuel

May 29: Business Meeting

Church Officers/Deacons Elected on April 14

Congratulations to our newly elected deacons and church officers:

Deacons: Brandon Gnetz, Laralee Huguley, Charlie Lutz, and Larry Maxwell

Directors: Charles Businaro, Melanie Dover, Claude Huguley, Brandon Jarnigan, Barbara Lutz, Larry Maxwell, Scott Newman

Treasurer: Kenny Cooper

Clerk: Pat Vick

Associational Representative: Kenny Cooper

Parliamentarian: Jon Cooper

Alternate Parliamentarian: Kenny Cooper

Church Historian: Charles Businaro

Agent of Record: Larry Maxwell

Senior Adult Directors: Beryl and Pat Vick

Two of our new deacons, Brandon Gnetz and Laralee Huguley, will be ordained on Sunday, May 19.



led by the
Children of Immanuel
Wednesday, May 22
6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SUNDAY, MAY 19, AT 11:30 A.M.

You are encouraged to write notes of encouragement to our seniors; these notes will be given to the students at the luncheon.

Emily Cooper - Hume-Fogg Magnet High School

Olivia Leu - Harpeth Hall

Grace Norman-Wilson - Nashville Big Picture High School

Peter Vu - LaVergne High School

Reservations are required for the luncheon.

The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 14. The cost for the meal will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-11.

10th Annual Appalachian Outreach Mission Trip



An extraordinary intergenerational team of volunteers served in partnership with Appalachian Outreach last month. The team sorted donations at the Ministry Center, hosted an Easter egg hunt for the children at the Samaritan House, performed a variety of tasks at the Samaritan House (including cleaning, cooking, gardening, and deconstruction), as well as serving dinner to the residents and staff. The 10th annual A.O. mission team worked hard and played hard in Jefferson City!



Family Vacation Bible School
Saturday, June 15
9:00 a.m. - Noon



The Next Door's Birthday Party

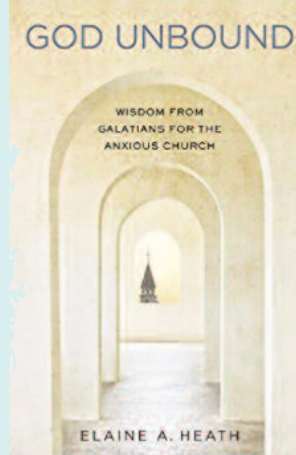
Saturday, May 4, 2:00-4:00 PM
Nashville First Baptist Church

The Next Door, one of Immanuel's local ministry partners, invites you to join them as they celebrate their 15th birthday with a festive party at the church that founded the ministry in 2004. If you would like to bring a gift to the party, The Next Door is requesting birthday cards with monetary gifts that include the number "15."

HAPPENINGS

Galatians Bible Study

Pastor Steven and Pastor Tambi will be leading a small group Bible study based on Galatians. Participants will use Elaine Heath's book *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* as their guide. The group will meet on four consecutive Tuesdays at noon in the Youth Room beginning on May 28. The fee to participate is \$10, which covers the cost of the book. Contact Pastor Tambi if you would like to join the study group; the deadline to sign up is May 21.



May Senior Adult Outing

The Faulkner Victorian Mansion

Monday May 13th
Sr. Adult
Day Trip to McMinnville

Tour Falcon Rest
Lunch afterward in the Tea Room

Admission \$13

Depart Immanuel at 9:00
Tour at 11:00
Lunch at Noon
Return to Immanuel by 3:00



Hearthsiders 2019



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Peter Vu, who is one of the valedictorians at LaVergne High School for the class of 2019. Peter will be serving on the staff of Passport Kids Camp this summer.

Extended Session

May 5- Lauren Baker, Sarah Wilkerson, Paul Swiney, Vickie Vu

May 12 - Jenny Wilson, Melanie Dover, Abigail Reynolds, Anna Kihlberg

May 19- Stephanie Self, Cindy Lutz, Lissa Jarnigan, Savannah Horner

May 26- Carol Boozer, Ellen Mundy, Laralee Huguley, Malcolm Horner

Sanctuary Flowers

May 5- given by Walt and Sue Conn in loving memory of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene R. Eller and Mr and Mrs. Edgar W. Conn.

May 12 - given by John Lykins in loving memory of Elinor Lykins.

May 19 - given by Felix and Shirley Montgomery in appreciation for the fellowship of the Friendship II Sunday School Class.

May 26 - given by Margaret Cook in loving memory of her parents, Carrie and Luther Cale.

An up-to-date church calendar is always available at www.ibcnashville.org

Some Serious Egg Hunters!



The Palm Cross Crews



Welcome, New Members!



Allan and Patricia Schlamp join by letter from Forest Hills Baptist Church. Their deacon will be Ed Wasserman.

WANTED:



MEN'S COATS!

Vine Street Christian Church is starting a coat closet for Room in the Inn.

You can contribute by donating men's coats in the box by the church office or Fellowship Hall. Used coats, still in good condition, are welcome.

This effort is being organized by Anna Kihlberg's Girl Scout Troop 832.

Coat drive ends May 31.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship/Communion
 11:30 Senior Adult Luncheon
 4:00 Youth Egg Hunt and Dinner
 at the Crownovers home

MONDAY, MAY 6

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, MAY 7

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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

THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

MONDAY, MAY 13

9:00 Senior Adult Day Trip
 9:30 PDO

7:00 Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:30 PDO
 12:00 PDO picnic

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship
 10:30 Deacon Ordination
 11:30 Graduating Seniors Luncheon

MONDAY, MAY 20

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

9:30 Bordeaux visit
 5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children and Music
 5:50 Church Family Time
 6:00 Worship led by the
 Children
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

5:00 Church Family Supper

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



Grammy nominated songwriter Tim Menzies presented "The Word and Song" to Immanuel family and friends on Tuesday, April 2.

Business Meeting Notes

At the March business meeting the congregation approved: the Committee on Committee report and a recommendation to replace the sanctuary windows.

At the April business meeting the congregation approved the 2019-20 budget and the recommendation from the Missions and Ministries Committee to designate the Sue Senter earnings to the Joseph School.

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking (Through March 2019)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income
 \$ 475,628.27

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense
 \$ 419,623.21

Net income: \$ 56,005.06

Attendance Report

Sunday School

April 7	102
April 14	112
April 21	132
April 28	89

Worship Service

April 7	120
April 14	140
April 21	212
April 28	111

Pledging Update

(As of May 1, 2019)

2019-20 Budget

\$ 352,090

51 giving units

Sanctuary Renovation

\$ 125,635

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Happy Birthday to You!

May 1

Samantha Nguyen

Betsy Ozier

May 3

Samuel Baker

Indira Newton

May 4

William Baty

Marvin Gregory

Courtney Kihlberg

May 5

Judy Parker

May 6

Addie Dillard

Sam McKenna

May 7

Julia Lang

May 8

Chris Dean

May 9

Ed Wasserman

May 11

Melissa Clouse

William Mays

May 12

Aaron Butler

May 13

Matt Gale

Denise Pastina

May 14

Marjorie Johnson

Felix Montgomery

May 15

Debbie Maxwell

May 16

Beryl Vick

May 19

Marguerite Fish

May 20

Anderson Gaither

May 21

Sue Chilton

Priscilla Eichler

May 22

Robyn Burns

Charles Hearn

May 23

Pam Saal

May 25

Stephanie Self

May 28

Renald Eichler

May 30

Miriam Tate



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