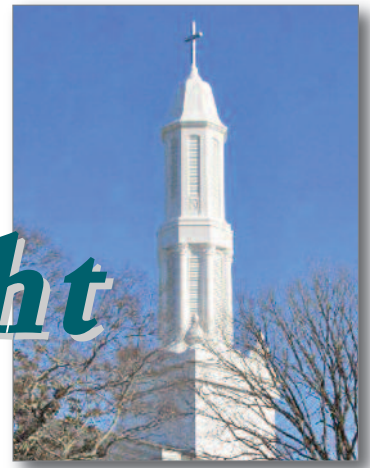


The Immanuel *Light*

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Giving Thanks

As Thanksgiving approaches, Immanuel is planning a number of services and events to enrich this season of thanks.

All Saints Day, a service during which we will remember those who have completed their earthly journey this past year, is Sunday, November 3 (See page 4 for more details).

On Wednesday, November 20, the Immanuel family will enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner together followed by an intergenerational activity around the tables.

Ingathering Sunday will be November 24. This year we are collecting peanut butter, extra virgin olive oil and graham crackers for The Nashville Food Project (See page 8 for more details).

Thanksgiving morning, November 28, at 8:00 AM, the 26th Boulevard Bolt will be run along Belle Meade Boulevard. Immanuel works with members of St. George Episcopal and The Temple Congregation Ohabai Sholom each year to sponsor this race to benefit the homeless of Middle Tennessee. If you would like to volunteer to help before or on race day, there are sign-up sheets available at church.

There will be NO supper or services at Immanuel on Wednesday, November 27.

THE WEATHER REPORT

This issue of the Weather Report comes from the journey begun by our congregation in November, 2013. The church empowered members and staff to provide leadership for our church as we intentionally entered a season of renewal. The team was aptly named “Partners in Renewal”. The participants included: Patty Brown, Charles Businaro, Melanie Dover, Susan Hawkins, Larry Maxwell, Felix Montgomery, and Betty Kay Wasserman. Tambi Swiney and I served as staff resources.

Partners in Renewal started by asking questions like “Who are we now?”; “What has God called us to do?”; and “Who is our neighbor?” The questions we asked about identity led us to explore what it is we do and to discern the desired outcomes of our life together as God’s church. In September 2014 the congregation adopted the following vision statement—*God is calling Immanuel Baptist Church to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.*

In the next phase of our work, Partners in Renewal set out to explore outcomes. More specifically, we sought to understand the intentional difference that we believed God was calling Immanuel Baptist Church to make in the world over the next five years. What will it look like to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship of Jesus Christ? Outcomes are especially difficult for non-profits to identify; the church is no exception. They often entail making changes. In June of 2015 the congregation adopted the following mission statement—*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 whole heartedly serve those on the margins of society.*

In the fall of 2016, the Committee on Committees requested the church to reactivate the Denominational Relations Committee (DRC). This request was a continuation of the question “Who are we now?” In the following months these members agreed to serve and were duly elected by the church: Kenny Cooper, Melanie Dover, Jane Hinshaw, Tim Reynolds and Craig Self. In addition, Greg Sharpe was asked and agreed to serve in 2017; his nomination was approved by the church.

In September 2018 the DRC, with the blessing of the diaconate, began work on a procedure by which to study and compare the values of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and their local affiliates, with the values and mission of Immanuel Baptist Church. After many meetings, conversations with the congregation, and much prayer, the DRC is ready to share our findings in the form of a recommendation.

During the week of November 4, the members and participants of Immanuel Baptist Church will receive a mailing from the committee. The contents will include a cover letter, a description of the background of the work and findings of the DRC, the recommendation, and a document titled “What Kind of Baptist Church Are We?” On Sunday, November 24, the DRC will host a town hall meeting (see details, p.4) for the congregation. All are invited to attend, to participate and to listen. If interest in or need for a follow up gathering is expressed or discerned, the DRC will arrange for such. On Sunday, January 26, in a special called business meeting, the congregation will vote on the recommendation by ballot following worship.

The results of the DRC’s work arose from a process informed by prayer, conversation and discernment. The recommendation was not in sight when we began our work. The recommendation came to the surface as this congregation did the important work related to who we are now as God’s church. I invite you to join me in prayer for the discernment and decision making that is before us.

—Steven



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Senior Adult Activities

November Senior Adult Meeting

Tuesday, November 5 at 10:30 AM

Local spiritual writer and author **Ken Abraham** will speak at the November meeting. Make your lunch reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Friday, November 1. Don't forget your toys for the Toy Store! See page 5 for more details.

December Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 AM

Come enjoy beautiful Christmas music performed by **Bethann Easterly, flute,** and **Susan Snyder, piano.** Make your lunch reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Friday, November 29.



Senior Adult November Excursion



Tour the Nissan Plant

Tuesday, November 12

After the tour, we will have lunch at Demos in Murfreesboro.

No charge for the tour, lunch is Dutch treat. Reservations due by November 5

Church van departs at 8:45 AM.
Nissan tour begins at 10:00 AM.

Look for these Recent Additions to the Library

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi – a reflection by a young doctor as he transforms from a medical student to a neurosurgeon to a patient facing death.

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens – a tale of a forgotten girl in the coastal marshes of North Carolina.

This is the Story of a Happy Marriage by Ann Patchett – the owner of Parnassus Bookstore examines her life commitments to writing, family, friends, dogs, books and her husband.

Nashville Pikes Vol. Six: 150 Years Along Gallatin and Vaughn Pikes by Ridley Wills - the latest volume in this local series.

Correction: *The Late-Blooming Artistry of Ruth Neely* includes photos of Ruth Neely's museum quality Faberge-style egg artistry, rather than Tiffany-style.



All Saints Day

November 3, 2019

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. . .”

—Hebrews 12.1

Those church members we remember who have died since All Saints Day 2018:

Maggie Thompson
Peter Bugel
Elton Hinshaw
Turetha Hiner
Jane Hinshaw
Marguerite Fish
Betty Sanford
Betty Fallis



2019 Boulevard Bolt

Thursday, November 28 at 8:00 AM

It takes the efforts of many people to make the annual Boulevard Bolt possible, and we could use your help! There are sign-up sheets out now with a range of volunteer opportunities.

UPDATE FROM THE PERSONNEL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee received the church's blessing at the September 25th business meeting regarding the committee's decision to divide the Associate Pastor position into two part-time positions, with one position being primarily focused on youth and their families. As a result, the Committee is in the process of advertising the two positions on various Christian publication websites and with a number of divinity schools. The wording of the postings can be found on the IBC website at the following link: ibc-nashville.org/.

Based on prior experience, we know that church members are often a good source for steering candidates to search committees. If you know of a potential candidate or candidates, please direct them to the above website link and encourage them to submit their resume not later than November 30. After the November 30 deadline, the Personnel Committee will be reviewing the applicants and scheduling interviews.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we seek to identify the persons God is leading to fill these important roles in the life of our church.

*Aaron Butler, Jon Cooper, Emily Gnetz,
Laralee Huguley, Charlie Lutz, Larry Maxwell,
Steven Meriwether, Ryan Talbert, Allen Schlamp,
Laurie Woods*

Denominational Relations Committee

will host a Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, November 24 at 4 PM in the chapel

Wednesdays in November

November 6 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel
Bildad Michael from The Joseph School

November 13 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel
Outreach/Welcome Committee presentation of the proposed welcome statement

November 20 in Fellowship Hall
Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00 PM
followed by intergenerational activity

November 27
No supper or other activities

Youth Retreat 2019



The 2019 Fall Retreat is in the books! We enjoyed our time together with hikes, games, and fellowship around the table. We spent the weekend learning about what it means to be "lost and found" through the Parables of the Lost Sheep and Coin along with the Prodigal Son. Thanks to our chaperones, Jill Cooper and Courtney Kihlberg, and a big thank you to the Youth Committee for their support!



November 7 and 21
December 5 and 19
January 2 and 16
February 6 and 20
March 5 and 19

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

**We're collecting new TOYS for the
NBA Toy Store!**

Bring your donations to church by Sunday,
November 24. Make sure all toys are left
unwrapped.

NBA TOY STORE

Collection boxes will be located both upstairs
and downstairs.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

THANK YOU

Dear IBC Family,

Your thoughtfulness and caring have been and are supporting us as Mother recovered from shoulder surgery and I recover from my strokes. Thank you for the food, calls, emails, texts, visits, and prayers that have sustained us physically and spiritually. My medical team at rehab were impressed with the variety of support we have. They noticed the different people who visited, number of cards I received, and the beautiful flowers that cheered everyone who walked into my room. My being able to get home two days earlier than scheduled was a direct result of God answering our prayers. Thank you for participating with God and me in my recovery.

*In Christ,
Jeanie Reynolds*

Dear Immanuel,

Patricia and I want to express our sincere and grateful thanks to you for all the support we've been given in recent days. Patricia's surgery and recovery were greatly benefitted by the kind deeds, prayers, and food. Pastor Steven's hospital visit and words of encouragement throughout were especially appreciated. We're so glad to be part of such a great church family!

—Allen and Patricia Schlamp



Pastor Steven and one of our PDO "musicians" play great duets!

THANK YOU

I want to thank those of you who sent cards and flowers during my illness this summer. However, it has always been your prayers that have had me still around to celebrate my birthday on the 8th.

—Virginia Neely

Sanctuary Flowers

November 3 given in honor of those in our church family we gratefully remember today.

November 10 - given in loving memory of Willodene Scott by her family, Ray Scott; Pam, Philip, Jeremy Saal.

November 17 - given by Billie Patton in loving memory of Bob, and in honor of her church family on her 90th birthday. "My church means so much to me!"

November 24 - given by Liz Thompson Williams in loving memory of her parents, Spencer and Maggie Thompson.

Sacred Harp Singing

The 35th annual **Immanuel Sacred Harp Singing** will be held on Saturday, November 9, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and sing or just listen. No experience is necessary. If you can't come for the whole day, come when you can. Try to be there for lunch. We will share a covered dish lunch at noon. If you need more information, contact Tim Reynolds at 615-456-1801.



Extended Session

November 3 - Ellen Newman, Sarah Wilkerson, Abigail Reynolds, Samuel Baker

November 10 - Lauren Baker, Jill Cooper, Courtney Kihlberg, Anna Kihlberg

November 17 - Debbie Maxwell, Ellen Mundy, Ann Conn, Olivia Cooper

November 24 - Betty Kay Wasserman, Elaine McKenna, Stephanie Self, Malcolm Horner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL BACK!



Daylight Saving Time
ends Sunday,
November 3.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship/All Saints Day
5:00 Youth activities

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:30 PDO

10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 Bildad Michael-The Joseph School
6:00 Children on Mission
6:00 Immanuel Youth
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 PDO

5:00 Room in the Inn (RITI)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30 Youth-Nashville Food Project
9:30 Sacred Harp

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 Senior Adults to Nissan plant
9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 Outreach/Welcome Presentation

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship
4:00 Interfaith Thanksgiving
concert at The Temple

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 PDO

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:00 Thanksgiving Supper
5:00 Children and Music
5:50 Church Family Time
6:00 A Service of Thanks
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:30 PDO

5:30 RITI

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Ingathering Sunday
9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship
4:00 Town Hall Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:30 PDO

12:00 Bolt registration at The Temple

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

12:00 Bolt registration at The Temple

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 Bordeaux Visit

10:00 Bolt registration at The Temple

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 Boulevard Bolt



November 2

John Blackman
Brandon Gnetz

November 7

Emily Gnetz

November 8

Yvonne Justis
Aden Drolsum
Virginia Neely

November 9

Ryan Talbert
Todd Maxwell

November 10

Judy Auer
Evelyn Brandon

November 12

Dean Bilyeu

November 13

Suzanne Brandon

November 15

Mark Vick, Jr.

November 16

Vickie Vu
Vivian Vu

November 17

Peter Vu

November 19

Merryanne Tran

November 21

John Lykins

November 21

Bart Boozer
Patricia Schlamp

November 22

Finley Gale
Lola Gale

November 24

Rachel Roberts

November 27

Sam Christopher

November 28

Grace Peterson

November 30

Georgina Businaro

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking (Through September 2019)

YTD
Fiscal Year Income
\$ 207,510.19
YTD
Fiscal Year Expense
\$ 184,924.80
Net income:
\$ 22,585.39

Attendance Report Sunday School

October 6	89
October 13	103
October 20	85
October 27	NA

Worship Service

October 6	101
October 13	113
October 20	102
October 27	113

Fall Ingathering Sunday November 24

Did you know that one out of every seven Nashvillians lives in poverty? Did you know that 40% of all food in our city is wasted? **The Nashville Food Project** works to address both of these issues by growing, cooking, and sharing nourishing food in our community. Last year **The Nashville Food Project** relocated to a larger headquarters at the end of the year, drastically expanding their outreach! By 2022, they plan to be equipped to share 500,000 meals a year. Immanuel supports the work of **The Nashville Food Project** through a line item in our missions and ministry budget.

On Sunday, November 24, we will be observing our Fall Ingathering Sunday by collecting jars of peanut butter, boxes of graham crackers, and bottles of extra virgin olive oil that we will donate to **The Nashville Food Project**. During the offertory, children will place collection baskets on the steps near the altar, and the congregation will be invited to bring their gifts of food forward as an act of thanksgiving. Let us give thanks to God for our food and to **The Nashville Food Project** for their work in our community.



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