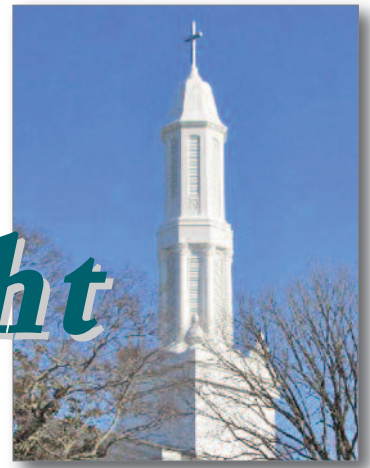


# The Immanuel *Light*

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## FALL Fest

Wednesday, October 30

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FUN • FOOD • GAMES

(Regular Wednesday supper will be served at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall)

Activities will begin at 5:30 right after church family supper. There will be no Children and Music or Children on Mission that night. The children will do game stations, bouncies, etc., during adult choir. At 7:00 PM there will be trunk or treat in the back parking lot.\* We will also have a scary dessert contest and welcome your participation. This will be in place of regular dessert at dinner and will be served out back with the Halloween festivities!

\*Please let Sarah Wilkerson know if you want to participate in trunk or treat or the dessert contest at [scw876@netscape.net](mailto:scw876@netscape.net).

## THE WEATHER REPORT

Summer has refused to go quietly. The unrelenting heat and merciless sun have baked the landscape. Desiccated, the earth beneath our feet has cracked open; the large leaves of the Tulip Poplar have dropped early.

Autumn begins. Despite the aberrant temperatures, indeed despite the ecological concern of our time, the slant of the sun shifts and daylight wanes. After the Flood subsided, God pronounced a timeless word of consolation upon the wounded human family: *So long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease* (Genesis 8.22). The rhythm of life remains.

For most of the month of September I worked with an eye on the horizon looking for the sign of rain. The early and middle growing seasons were amply watered. As late as the week before Labor Day rainfall had been plentiful; the ground had good moisture. Sowing fall greens, spinach and kale I have hoped for a timely shower. These tiny seeds need surface moisture to germinate and take root. Where germination did occur, the heat baked the life out of the young seedlings. The success of the late growing season hangs in the balance.

One would have to live with their head in the sand to miss the change of seasons. A friend voiced her fear this year that the trees will drop their leaves prematurely and close the curtain on fall's majestic color show. Perhaps this autumn will we need to forget the naturally obvious, the turning of the leaves, and be attuned to other signs. Such a different way of looking might be enhanced if we "snuff and smell" the new season.

I cannot explain how we remember smells, but assume it is done differently from how we remember what we see. Our upright posture may present our sense of smell a bit of a challenge. In his poem "The Song of Quoodle," G. K. Chesterton observes that we need to be dogs sometimes so as to detect the "happy smell of water, the brave smell of stone."

Most sniff the rich earth odors that surround us during spring. The smells of forsythia blooming, the Tulip Poplar flowering, and the grass greening fill the air and remind us of other things. But we are quick to associate autumn with what we see. Yet, the musty smell of dried corn husks, the sweet scent of mature pumpkins, and the scant licorice of golden rod indicate a change. Autumn is also a season to employ our noses.

God's consolation of "seedtime and harvest, summer and winter" at first glance appear to be a message of comfort. But these words are a large arrow drawn upon the earth's canvas that point to God at work in the world. The hymn writer said that these manifestations of natural law, seasons and temperatures, combine "with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love."<sup>1</sup> In all the bewildering confusion of our present, the faithfulness and dependability of God does not falter. Slow down and smell the change.

—Steven

<sup>1</sup>Chisholm, Thomas O. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."



### 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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# Senior Adult Activities

## October Senior Adult Meeting

Tuesday, October 1 at 10:30 AM



Come hear Ridley Wills speak on his new book, *Nashville Pikes, Volume 6*. Make your lunch reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Friday, September 27.

## November Senior Adult Meeting

Tuesday, November 5 at 10:30 AM

Local author Ken Abraham will speak at the November meeting. Make your lunch reservation with Evelyn Brandon by Friday, November 1.

## Senior Adult October Excursion

Friday, October 18

Tour Oaklands Mansion in Murfreesboro, followed by lunch at the historic Readyville Mill.

\$15 for the tour

Reservations due by October 1, make checks payable to Carolyn Easterly



## World Communion Sunday is October 6, 2019

As we gather around the Lord's Supper table on October 6, we will join with fellow Christians around the world in the celebration of God's grace. Children will process into worship carrying loaves of bread from around the world.



We have new help making the Wednesday night announcements. The girls are trying to help the two gentlemen get more comfortable with the microphone!!



## It's Boulevard Bolt Time!!



It will soon be time for Immanuel to join other churches in the Nashville area as we partner with Room in the Inn and welcome 10 guests to our church for food, rest, and fellowship during the colder months of the year. This ministry provides Immanuel with a great way “to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.”

On the first and third Thursdays of the month from November through March, we will provide a hot meal, friendly conversation, snack sacks, a place to rest, breakfast in the morning, and sack lunches to go. You can help by being one of the 20-25 volunteers needed each time we host Room in the Inn: setting up the room, providing a portion of the meal, serving and dining with our guests, staying overnight, cleaning up on Friday morning, doing laundry, or driving the van.

We also welcome donations for the following items (in good condition): work pants (blue jeans or khakis), long-sleeved and shortsleeved shirts, belts, work shoes or sneakers, underwear, coats or jackets, and gloves. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board across from the parlor. You can also contact our Room in the Inn coordinators if you have questions, want to volunteer, or would like to make a donation:

**Charlie Lutz:** 615.478.9278 or  
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## New Church Directory is Out!

Our new church directory is now available! If you have not picked up your copy, it is available at the church. Thank you again to Betty Kay Wasserman, Evelyn Brandon, and Ashley Payne for their hard work!



The Boulevard Bolt, organized by volunteers, is a collaborative effort of Immanuel Baptist Church, St. George's Episcopal Church and The Temple Congregation Ohabai Sholom in Nashville. Since 1994, the Boulevard Bolt has grown from 2,500 participants to over 7,500 participants. Today, the Boulevard Bolt ranks among the largest 5-mile races in the country. More importantly, the organization has donated \$3,395,000 to the homeless community in Nashville.

The 2019 Boulevard Bolt will be the 26th anniversary of this annual Thanksgiving Day event. Every year, people all over Nashville and beyond come together to run or walk the 5-mile course on Belle Meade Boulevard. Whether you are a competitive racer, or just want to walk with friends and family, the Boulevard Bolt is a fun event for all and a great way to celebrate the season of giving. Visit [www.boulevardbolt.org](http://www.boulevardbolt.org) to register. Registration opens October 1.

It takes the efforts of many people to make the annual Boulevard Bolt possible, and we could use your help! If you are interested in volunteering, sign up sheets will soon be available at IBC with a range of volunteer opportunities. In the meantime, please see Susan Crossover, Brandon Jarnigan, or Abigail Reynolds with any questions.

# FUN AT THE LABOR DAY PICNIC!



Thank you to all who helped make the picnic a huge success!



A plaque honoring members of Immanuel who have been ordained or commissioned to fulltime Christian service was presented to the church by a group headed by Dorothy Steen. “My hope is that as Immanuelites see the names on the plaque they will remember those who served in the past and pray for those who still serve. Perhaps others will be called to give their lives to fulltime Christian service.”

—Dorothy Steen

## Youth Fall Retreat

“Lost and Found”

October 11-13

Penuel Ridge Retreat Center

Hiking, Games, Team Building and Bible Study

Don't miss out!!





**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

Betty C. Fallis  
22 July 1920 ~ 28 August  
2019

Joined Immanuel  
30 October 1949

**Extended Session**

**October 6**-Katy Clouse, Kay Johnson, Patty Littlejohn, Vickie Vu

**October 13**-Emily Gnetz, Susan Crownover, Jeanie Reynolds, Malcolm Horner

**October 20**- Ashley and Stephen Payne, Lissa Jarnigan, Josiah Baker

**October 27** - Diane Sharpe, Melanie Dover, Jimmy Conn, Savannah Horner

**Sanctuary Flowers**

**October 6**- given by Brenda Vantrease in loving memory of Don Vantrease.

**October 13**- given by Dwight and Jaye Wagner in loving memory of Guy and Ann Wagner and John Wagner, father, mother and brother of Dwight; and Dean and Jeanette Whited, father and mother of Jaye.

**October 20**- given by Emmy Phillips in loving memory of her husband, Doug, and his parents, Mary Alice and Frank Phillips.

**October 27** - given by Sam and Yvonne Christopher in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Buford M. White.

*Let's Visit Our Sunday School Classes!*



The Grigsby Sunday School Class recently celebrated birthdays with lunch together.



Our Babies-Threes Sunday School Class! Charlie, Ian, and McCall keep their teachers busy on Sunday mornings! Teachers are Cindy Lutz, Betty Kay Wasserman, and Laurie Woods.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30 PDO  
10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:00 Children and Music  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
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, OCTOBER 3

9:30 PDO

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:15 Sunday School  
10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
10:30 Worship/Communion  
11:45 Missions/Min. Committee

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 PDO  
7:00 Stewardship Committee

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Youth Retreat Oct. 11-13

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 Personnel Search Committee  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
10:30 Worship

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:30 PDO  
6:30 Deacons' Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

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, OCTOBER 17

9:30 PDO

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 Sr. Adults to Murfreesboro

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

6:15 Bolt Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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, OCTOBER 24

9:30 PDO

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:15 Sunday School

10:20 Deacons' prayer group

10:30 Worship

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 PDO

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:30 PDO

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00 Church Family Supper

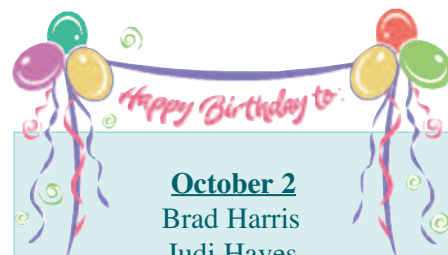
5:30 Fall Fest

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 PDO



#### October 2

Brad Harris  
Judi Hayes

#### October 4

Billie Patton  
Jenny Wilson

#### October 6

Becky Atkinson

#### October 7

Barbara Mitchell  
Shirley Montgomery

#### October 8

Catherine West

#### October 9

Bethann Easterly

#### October 10

Sue Jones

Dwight Wagner

#### October 11

Jean Sharpe

#### October 13

Lindy Drolsum  
Boyd Thompson

#### October 15

Anna Kihlberg  
Cindy Odle

John Winston

#### October 16

Al Brown  
Ann Carroll Manning  
Ed Manning

Ellen Newman

#### October 20

Claudia Maddox

Jenny Vo

#### October 21

Andrew George

#### October 23

Don Jones  
David Pack, Jr.

#### October 25

Judie Martin  
Jaye Wagner

#### October 28

John Brandon

#### October 30

Ann Conn

## Facts and Figures

#### Financially Speaking (Through August 2019)

YTD  
Fiscal Year Income  
\$ 169,305.43  
YTD  
Fiscal Year Expense  
\$ 153,954.06  
Net income:  
\$ 15,351.37

#### Attendance Report Sunday School

September 1	79
September 8	111
September 15	91
September 22	NA

#### Worship Service

September 1	92
September 8	144
September 15	122
September 22	118



## Recent Additions to the Library -



- *The Late-blooming Artistry of Ruth Neely* compiled by Julie Dilworth - given by Virginia Neely. Includes photos of Ruth Neely's Tiffany-style egg artistry.
- *Strangers and Friends at the Welcome Table: Contemporary Christianities* by James Hudnut-Beumler – given by Kay Johnson in memory of Elton Hinshaw. A portrait of the South's long-dominant religions.
- *Elephantantrum!* by Gillian Shields – given by Katy, Troy, Melissa and Lauren Clouse in honor of Tambi Swiney. Ellie asks for and receives an elephant, but it won't do what she wants.
- *The Evangelicals: the Struggle to Shape America* by

Frances Fitzgerald – given by Allan Schlamp. How the evangelical movement developed in America, from the Puritans to 2016.

- *Duty: a Father, His Son, and the Man Who Won the War* by Bob Greene – given by Allan Schlamp. The story of Paul Tibbets, who piloted the Enola Gay and dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
- *Mornings on Horseback: the Story of the Child who became Theodore Roosevelt* by David McCullough. Biography of the young Theodore Roosevelt.

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