

IMMANUEL LIGHT



Photo by Jim Hawkins

Celebrate the Seasons with Celebrate Life!

ON SUNDAY MAY 29TH DURING MORNING WORSHIP (10:30AM) IMMANUEL WILL CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIVOTAL "PULPIT DRAMA," CELEBRATE LIFE! WITH A FULL CONGREGATIONAL "SING" OF THE MUSICAL WITH FULL SCORES FOR EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE. AS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED, WE WILL TAKE COMMUNION AS PART OF THE SERVICE.

THE PRODUCTION CHRONICLES JESUS' LIFE THROUGH MUSIC IN A CONTEMPORARY STYLE, DRAMATIC READINGS, AND MOVEMENT. *CELEBRATE LIFE!* IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE A GROUNDBREAKING CHURCH MUSICAL COMPOSITION, SEEKING TO CARVE OUT ITS OWN PLACE ALONGSIDE SECULAR MUSICALS ABOUT JESUS, SUCH AS *JESUS*

CHRIST SUPERSTAR AND *GODSPELL*. PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN SONG FROM THE SCORE IS "IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME," WHICH HAS BECOME A STAPLE OF CHURCH MUSIC SINCE ITS DEBUT.

AT THE RECENT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE THE CHOIR SANG A POWERFUL SELECTION FROM *CELEBRATE LIFE!* ENTITLED, "CARRY HIM GENTLY." THE CONGREGATION WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ADDITIONAL SAMPLINGS FROM THE MUSICAL SUNDAY, MAY 1ST AS WE RECOGNIZE OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

BY BURL RED AND RAGAN COURTNEY
FEATURING THE
GREGG SMITH SINGERS



In January, the staff announced that we would be offering specially designed creative worship experiences in 2022 during those months that have a 5th Sunday: one for each of the major seasons of the year.

Our Spring 5th Sunday takes place May 29th and continues our 2022 theme of Celebrating the Seasons.

Congratulations Graduates

High School Graduates Class of 2022



Jack Vaughn

Jack is the son of Mary and Cliff Vaughn and brother to Maddie. Jack is graduating from Hume-Fogg High School and will be attending Seton Hall in South Orange, New Jersey this fall.



Vickie Vu

Vickie is the daughter of Harry and Tina Vu and sister to Vivian, Peter, David, and Sandy. She is graduating from LaVergne High School and will be attending The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this fall. Vicki will be working with Passportkids Camp this summer.



Vivian Vu

Vivian is the daughter of Harry and Tina Vu and sister to Vickie, Peter, David, and Sandy. She is graduating from LaVergne High School and will be attending Belmont University this fall. Vivian will be working with Passport Camps this summer.





DESSERTS PLEASE

According to the Executive Director of Luke 14:12, Amy Dodson-Watts, Immanuel brings more desserts each month than any other church in Nashville!

Our baking each month is so vital to the work that Luke 14:12 does that without us, they have difficulty supplying enough desserts for the sit-down meals they provide and the packed snack bags they make for the city's working poor and unhoused residents.

Each month IBC contributes personalized desserts and individually wraps each one. Dessert options may include

cookies, brownies, pastries, or anything else along these lines.

Please wrap the desserts in plastic bags or plastic wrap and write the number of desserts you are contributing on the bag or box you deliver them in. Our goal is to provide a week's worth of desserts, 600 in total.

Please bring your desserts by Sunday, May 22nd and drop them off in the kitchen. To sign up or to ask questions contact Pastor Stephanie by email: swyatt@ibcnashville.org or call 615-297-5356 .

A limited number of in-person volunteering opportunities are now available with Luke 14:12. If you would like to be informed when those opportunities arise, please contact our volunteer coordinator for Luke 14:12, Melanie Dover, *Thank you!* at mmd78@bellsouth.net.



May Dates to Note

MAY 22
SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP
TIM SHARP'S
ORDINATION
10:30 AM

MAY 25
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DRESS REHEARSAL
CELEBRATE LIFE
6:00 PM

MAY 29
CELEBRATE LIFE –
DRAMA AND MUSIC
10:30 AM

May Birthdays

MAY 1
SAMANTHA NGUYEN

MAY 3
SAMUEL BAKER
INDIRA NEWTON

MAY 4
WILLIAM BATY
COURTNEY KIHLEBERG

MAY 5
JUDY PARKER

MAY 6
ADDIE DILLARD

MAY 7TH
JULIA LANG



CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17, THE CHILDREN ENJOYED AN INDOOR EGG HUNT AFTER EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP. THE WET WEATHER REQUIRED MOVING ACTIVITIES TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND FIRST FLOOR.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE AND THE YOUTH FOR STUFFING AND HIDING THE EGGS AND TO ALL THE CHURCH MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED CANDY.



PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS TO JENNNY DEAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY MAIL THEM OR DROP THEM OFF BY THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAIL THEM, THANKS!

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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TIM SHARP TO BE ORDAINED

MINISTER OF MUSIC, TIM SHARP, WILL BE ORDAINED AT IMMANUEL ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 DURING MORNING WORSHIP (10:30 AM).

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING AT IBC, TIM EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PURSUE ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

PASTOR STEVEN CONVENED AN ORDINATION COUNCIL THIS PAST FALL FOLLOWING CONGREGATIONAL APPROVAL.

THE RESULTING COUNCIL INCLUDED SIX MEMBERS FROM IBC: JERRY WARREN, JUDY SKEEN, KENNY COOPER, MIRIAM TATE, STEVEN MERIWETHER, AND STEPHANIE WYATT, AS WELL AS TWO OTHER MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES OF TIM'S: MICHAEL WALDROP (MURFREESBORO) AND

LOOKING AHEAD

LAST WED NIGHT PROGRAM

JUNE 15

PASSPORTKIDS CAMP

JUNE 21-24

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 12-14

FALL WEDNESDAYS BEGIN

AUGUST 3

TCBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER 16-17

DOROTHY WELLS (MEMPHIS), BOTH OF WHOM WILL JOIN US FOR THE SERVICE ON MAY 22.

THE COUNCIL DEVELOPED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND INVITED TIM TO SUBMIT WRITTEN RESPONSES. THE COUNSEL REVIEWED TIM'S ANSWERS AND JOINED TOGETHER IN CONVERSATION WITH HIM ON JANUARY 26, 2022. TIM'S SPOUSE, JANE SHARP, ALSO JOINED HIM AND SPOKE.

THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED TIM SHARP FOR ORDINATION.

TIM VIEWS HIS CALL IN LIGHT OF JESUS'S WORDS IN JOHN 10:10: "I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY." IN HIS RESPONSE TO THE COUNCIL HE STATES, IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT MUSIC, ART, AND THE GIFT OF LITURGY IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST AND MOST SATISFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABUNDANT LIVING.

TIM EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ORDAINED AT IBC. IT IS A CULMINATION FOR HIM OF MANY YEARS AS A WORKING MUSICIAN BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH. "THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE, AT THE RIGHT TIME, WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE," HE SAID.



May Birthdays (Continued)

MAY 8
CHRIS DEAN

MAY 9
ED WASSERMAN

MAY 11
MELISSA CLOUSE

MAY 12
AARON BUTLER

MAY 13
MATT GALE

MAY 14
MARJORIE JOHNSON
FELIX MONTGOMERY

MAY 15
DEBBIE MAXWELL

MAY 16
BERYL VICK

MAY 21
SUE CHILTON
PRISCILLA EICHLER

MAY 22
ROBYN BURNS
CHARLES HEARN

MAY 25
STEPHANIE SELF

MAY 30
MIRIAM TATE