

INSIGHT

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Fear Not....Only Believe Mark 5:36

Dynamic Worship

Relevant Small Group Bible Study

Intentional Outreach

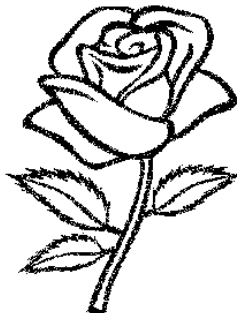


for North American Missions

“Live with Urgency”
“Share God’s Transforming Power”

With nearly three out of every four people in the United States and Canada living without a personal relationship with Christ, it is easy to see how urgently people need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. How will people hear the powerful, life changing message of God without someone telling them? Prayerfully consider how you will support this special offering to help our over 5,000 missionaries carry the gospel to all North America.

National Goal: \$70 Million Our Goal: \$12,500



The Sanctuary Choir presents...

The Rose

A powerful Easter “mini-musical”

The Rose will be featured in the
8:15 - Traditional Service
11:00 - Classic Service

Our pastor will be preaching in all three services.

Dream Night III

We had a fantastic turnout for Dream Night III. After a spirit filled time of worship, we received written feedback from nearly 300 church members and verbal reports from 21 discussion groups regarding our perception of Immanuel and God's call for the future. Our Dream Team will be meeting to look at the results in more detail. You will be hearing from them soon. Pastor shared the following measurements of growth:

From 1997 to date 2,385 new members joined Immanuel Baptist Church, 732 being by baptism. Current total membership 2,412.

<u>Resident Membership</u>	<u>Average SS Attendance</u>
1996: 456	1996: 149
2010ytd: 1963	2010ytd: 701

<u>Average Worship Attendance</u>
1997: 325
2009: 1042

<u>Undesignated Receipts</u>	<u>Missions Giving</u>
1996: 271,000	1996: 39,956
2009: 1,550,960	2009: 258,301



The Pastor's Heart

He is risen! Happy Easter. Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Dynamic worship is our goal as we worship our risen Savior. Do not miss the Easter preaching and "The Rose" presented by the choir this Sunday morning. Invite every family member and friend to come. Persons are more likely to come to church on Easter Sunday than any other Sunday of the year.

Lay Renewal Weekend! It was awesome. We did not know what to expect. God exceeded my expectations. It was significant. We drew close to the Lord...and to each other. We will not be the same again. Thank you to all who worked so hard in preparation: housing, transportation, coffee, prayer, and food teams did such an excellent job. Who will ever forget the "PorkZilla"? It goes down in the annals of "Immanuel's Most Memorable Moments".

Dream Night III. The sanctuary filled with people and excitement. Anticipation. Expectation. Where is God leading us? It will take great faith to get there. We are ready. Thank you for your helpful input.

Please pray for the Immanuel Dream Team as they meet on April 6. Pray for yourself as you answer the question: "What would our church be like if every one had my level of commitment to the church?"

This is an ideal time to be serving Jesus as Lord. Many are dismayed about what is happening in our society and our world today. This should make us more committed than ever to being vibrant Christian witnesses and stewards. This can be our finest hour for Jesus! Give your best to the Master.

I realize that I am privileged to pastor the finest Christian people anywhere. You all are amazing. God has given us something very special spiritually in our church family at Immanuel. We desire to please Him. He is blessing our church. We are grateful...and humbled.

Bro. Rich Kincl

MARCH Praises

GIFTS THROUGH MARCH

Weekly Budget Needs: \$31,979.59
 Average Weekly Gifts: \$29,856.51
 Budget Needs to Date: \$1,247,204.01
 Budget Receipts to Date: \$1,204,280.88

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Given to Date: \$794,361.44

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Average Attendance: 679

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith & Baptism

Michelle Ambrose
 Kaneaka Gray
 Jenna Moon
 Joseph Roberts
 Les Roberts
 Jesse Roberts
 Lindsey Roberts
 Tara Smith
 Mackenzie Steen
 Nick Williams

Letter

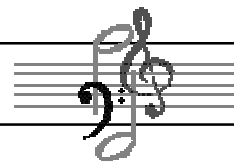
Denese Hancock
 Stephen Hudgens
 Jason Hendrix
 Ed Hubert
 Linda Hubert
 Diane Parker
 Brianna Peacock
 Karey Roberts
 Logan Roberts
 Heather Stanford
 Madeleine Vincent
 Becki Waters
 Jerry Waters
 Vera Waters
 David Ward

Statement

Michelle Gray

Music Ministry

Jason Pamblanco



King David wrote in Psalm 13:6, "I will sing to the Lord for He has been good to me." What a great statement of praise. God has been so good to me, and to Immanuel Baptist Church. In response, all we can do is sing praise to Him! One of the great things that God did was put together a great choir for Dream Night III. We hadn't practiced together at all for the evening as combined choirs, but 80+ folks came and poured their hearts out in worship! It was very exciting.

Another great thing God has done is blessed us with great children's choir workers and leaders. In March, the Prelude and Music Makers premiered the children's new hand bells and played "Jesus Loves the Little Children." It was quite awesome. You won't want to miss our older choirs, Half Notes and Joyful Noise performing:

Under God's Sea in 3-D April 28 - 6:15 PM

Please come and support the children as they take us on a journey into the depths of our relationship with God and discover he can lead us through any difficulty we may face if we're obedient to his word.

Psalm 40:3 says "He put a new song in my mouth..." what song has God put on your heart to sing to Him?

College Ministry

Luke Whitmore



It's Easter! What an exciting time of the year! We all should be mindful of what Jesus has done in our lives throughout the year, but Easter is a time of renewed gratitude for most Christians. Even in college most students are willing to take time and acknowledge that this is a very special day. Invite a friend!!!

We are coming down to the end of the semester. Some students are graduating, some are getting ready to head home and some are going to be around for the summer. It has been a great school year. The College Ministry has grown. We now have a Mid-Week Service "Unveiled", created new Sunday School units and a core group of students that call IBC home. God has changed a lot of lives and it looks like He is not done yet!

We have a few exciting things planned for the summer. The first is our Summer Mission Trip. We will be going on a trip called Builder's for Christ this July. The objective is to help build a church in the Northeast. The church is located in Tyrone, PA. We will be taking 10-15 students. It will be an awesome opportunity to advance God's kingdom.

Congratulations To:

Mark Ferguson, Jr.

On his 2nd anniversary as
 Director of Technology

Sue Gee

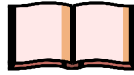
On her 2nd anniversary as
 Minister of Preschoolers and Children

BE A CHAMPION for CHRIST

Bill Glass' Champions for Life will be going into the prisons surrounding the Tallahassee area on May 14 and 15. This is an exciting opportunity to share the gospel of Christ. Volunteers are needed and there are many ways to help. For information contact: Faith Gridley@878-2759 or Tim Phillips@509-7717. And, check out the website if you're not familiar with Bill Glass: www.billglass.org

Come on and join us !!!

Education Ministry
Rick Stewart



Youth Ministry

Mike Williams

Would you say Outreach or Fellowship is more important?
The answer is – YES!

We have a special time set aside on our church calendar to reach out to new folks. Monday evenings Outreach is the ONLY thing on our calendar. **Intentional Outreach** is one of the foundations of our strategy for making Immanuel what she needs to be for our Lord. Each class is asked to take a turn being officially involved on Monday nights. But please feel free to join us any Monday as we go out at 7p.m. from the atrium of the Education Wing.

ALSO – every Bible Study class is asked to invite every member and every prospect to every class party every month. **Fellowship IS Outreach.** A recent survey showed that the group that has 9 or more fellowships a year is twice as likely to be growing compared with the group that has one fellowship a quarter or less. Double the number of parties; double the chance of growing.

The Bible tells us:

Get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner. Romans 12:13 (TLB) The habit is to invite. We cannot determine whether or not they will come. We just are to form a habit of inviting. Notice this is a command. As surely as God has commanded us to pray or give or serve or do anything else, God has said to form a habit of inviting guests.

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 1 Peter 4:9 (NIV) We are to offer hospitality without grumbling. Why might we grumble? It is work having a party. And some people are hard to love. We say we want to win our world for God, but what we mean is, we want to reach nice people, funny people, interesting people. God has called us to reach out to all kinds of people and sometimes they are kind of hard to love.

Then Jesus said to his host, **"When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends. Luke 14:12a (NIV)** Or, as one translation has it, **"Don't invite only your friends."** That captures the spirit of it. You need to invite your friends, but don't restrict the invitation list to only your friends.

If you will do what the Bible says your class will grow. You are twice as likely to be growing if you have twice as many parties!

March was a good month for our youth ministry...April is poised to be a great month! Exciting things are happening in our youth ministry. There is anticipation. Students are inviting their friends. Those friends are inviting friends. Students are engaged in our Wednesday night study as we follow American youth who are attempting to smuggle the gospel into a foreign country.

High School Guys, help me with our Gamer Nite on April 16th. I believe our goal should be to pack out the High School House with as many high school guys as can fit in it. We should be reaching for the unreached. Who do you know? For pizza, gaming, and a chance to win one of the prizes, the cost is 3 bucks. But if you bring a non-IBC friend, you both get in free. Gamer Nite starts at 6pm and goes until midnight. See you there!

Girls, be looking forward to April 30. That is the night of Girls' Night In. There will be: chocolate, chick flicks, and card ministry. The time is from 7-9:30pm. Contact Breanna for more info. I'm not completely sure but pajamas might be in the dress code...

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at one of these events. If you are a middle school guy – hang on – something is coming your way too! Be on the lookout!

Love you guys,

Mike



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
Lori Fitzpatrick

Our fellowship on April 15 begins at 11:00 a.m., and will feature, "Buggies, BBQ, and a Barbershop Quartet." There will be antique buggies from Tallahassee Antique Car Museum in the parking lot beginning at 10:30. Piggy's is catering the meat, so please plan to attend and bring your favorite side dish to go with that yummy barbeque.

Our May fellowship is an overnight trip to Panama City Beach Thursday and Friday, May 20 and 21. We'll be on a 3-hour gospel dinner cruise on Thursday evening enjoying a fabulous buffet of prime rib, seafood, pasta, veggies, and more, and listening to *Heirs of Grace*. We will stay at the Bayside Marriott Golf Resort and Spa with free continental breakfast, and get some shopping in at Pier Park on Friday morning. The cost is \$100 per person, with a \$25 deposit required as soon as possible. Transportation will be provided on a first come, first served basis. See Lori if you have questions. Envelopes and flyers are located around the Church. This will be a trip you will not want to miss!

The ReJOYce Senior Adult Choir meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:45 a.m., in Room 28. There is always room for you.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" John 15:5

Please join us Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm for a Sisters in Christ Garden Party in Fellowship Hall! This will be a fun time for mothers, daughters, sisters and friends so put on your sundress, hat (or whatever you want to wear) and come hang out in the garden.

You'll have a great time of fellowship, a chance to win door prizes, enjoy tasty food and be inspired by some sweet ladies. This is a great opportunity to invite your relatives, neighbors and friends to join in the fellowship we enjoy at IBC!

Tickets are \$5 and will be available for purchase soon. Child care reservations are free. Call Cindy Laskowski at 904-589-0743. Questions or further information? Call Jenny McHargue-385-6836.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Back in the Box

The story has been told of a grandmother who loved to play Monopoly. She loved to win and when she played with her children and grandchildren she would win most of the time. One day she was playing with a grandson and the child managed to win. He was excited about his victory and gleefully reached out and pulled all the play money, houses, hotels and properties toward him. He made a big show of his triumph.

The grandmother sat back letting him enjoy the moment. Then she reminded him, "Remember, it all goes back in the box. At the end of the game, all the money, all the hotels and motels and game tokens, it all goes back in the box." (Source Men of Integrity Magazine)

The truth is that every one of us must realize that everything we have ultimately goes back in the box. Job said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart." (Job 1:21) There are no pockets in a shroud nor is there a u-haul trailer behind a hearse.

Would it not be wise to give during your lifetime to the God who gives us everything we have? John Wesley wrote: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."



Kingdom Kids
Sue Gee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

June 14-18

9 am – 12 Noon

For children entering Kindergarten through completing 6th grades

**SADDLE UP FOR
SADDLE RIDGE RANCH!**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for VBS is only a click away!

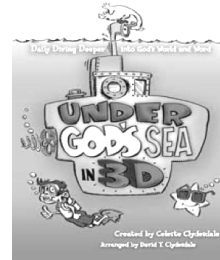
Just go to our church website at www.immanuelonline.com

and click on the VBS Logo, then

on "Learner Registration." If you aren't online, paper registration forms will also be available in the church foyer. Preregister by **May 30** to be eligible for door prizes! Can't wait to see all you cowpokes at the ranch!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are also enlisting volunteers to serve as "Ranch Hands." If you are interested in volunteering, go online to www.immanuelonline.com and click on the VBS logo, then on "volunteer registration." Paper volunteer forms are also available in the church foyer. For more information, contact Lori Fitzpatrick, our VBS recruiter, at 656-2671 or Sue Gee at 878-1021!



Half Notes & Joyful Noise Children's Choirs

Presents

Under God's Sea in 3-D

April 28, 2010

6:15 pm

Special appearance by Prelude & Music Makers choirs

Upcoming Preschool & Children Events:

Sunday, April 11 – Preschool Family Picnic 12:15 – 2:00 pm

Join us at the pavilion for a cookout. Sing up sheets will be in your preschoolers Sunday School classroom.

Sunday, April 25 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal for Half Notes & Joyful Noise in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, April 27 6:30 pm.

Dress Rehearsal for Children's Musical-Under God's Sea in 3-D

Sunday, May 9 Worship Services

Parent/Child Dedication in the Worship Service that the parent attends. For more information, contact Pat at 878-1021.

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Our church family joins Dr. and Mrs. Kincl in extending sympathy to...



....Roxane Whiddon & Family, in the loss of her cousin, Henry G. McDonald, Jr.
...Gail Stamey & Family, in the loss of her mother, Bea Britton.
...Wanda Kinsey & Family, in the loss of her mother, Martha E. Faircloth.
...Angel Estep & Family, in the loss of her mother, Alice Vernece Henry.
...Ellen Marshall & Family, in the loss of her father, Ira Crump.
...Kenneth Pichard & Family, in the loss of his wife, Elizabeth McLean Pichard.
...Richard Wynn & Family, in the loss of his cousin, Henry "Sonny" Cason.
...Matt & Mary Richardson, in the loss of their son, Andrew Paul Richardson.
...Mitch Hoover & Family, in the loss of his great-niece, Chloe Ferrell.
...Dottie McKenzie & Family, in the loss of her brother, Neil Barnes.
...Shirley Hines & Family, in the loss of her niece, Barbara Anderson.
... Sue Gee & Family, in the loss of her uncle, Ben Wood.
...Catherine Hamrick & Family in the loss of her grandmother, Estelle Glass
...Lynn McElroy & Family, in the loss of her father, Calvin Winter.
...The Rudd Family, in the loss of their mother, Vera "Vicky" Rudd.

THANKS

Thank you notes were received from the following individuals this month and are being displayed on the bulletin board:

- ◆ Dan & Marilyn Nase
- ◆ Kim Enfinger
- ◆ Lenae & Sean Trexler
- ◆ Lighthouse Children's Home
- ◆ The Pichard Family
- ◆ Matt Strickland
- ◆ Mary K. Surles
- ◆ Jon & Kathleen Caudill
- ◆ Virginia Sorrell



Congratulations to...

...Chris & Susan Coxwell, in the birth of their daughter, Savannah Christine Coxwell.

Emergency on the weekend?

Call 878-1021. It will be answered by our usual after-hours message. As soon as that message begins, press "5". You will immediately be transferred to a voice mail.

Please indicate the nature of the urgent matter and how you may be reached. This will be forwarded to the staff member on call, who will contact you as soon as possible.

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