

INSIGHT

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CHURCH RESPONDS WITH UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR DREAM TEAM RECOMMENDATION

A sanctuary filled with excited and interested church members affirmed the church's Dream Team with a unanimous vote Wednesday night, August 25.

After Al Willis, Chairperson of the Site Development Team from within the larger Dream Team presented an overview of all the Team had researched, Dill Glover, Dream Team chairperson, made the recommendation which was coming from the entire Dream Team:

"The Dream Team unanimously recommends that Immanuel Baptist Church enter into contract with Lewis & Whitlock for the necessary architectural work involved in obtaining the Planned Unit Development (PUD) and the Master Plan. The costs will be approximately \$98,000." It will not be necessary to borrow any monies.

After discussion, the church responded enthusiastically with the unanimous vote. You could sense the presence and power of God and the wonderful spirit in the room. We are grateful for God's strong hand as He guides our Dream Team.

What is NEW at Immanuel?

We have a new Welcome Center Ministry. You will be hearing...and seeing...much more about this exciting and helpful ministry in the days ahead.

The Welcome Center is the place to send people for nearly every need. If someone needs to know the location of a Sunday School class, send him to the Welcome Center. If a lady needs to sign up for a ladies event, send her to the Welcome Center. If a man needs to get some information related to our Men's Ministry, send him to the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center will have extra guest cards to register guests, all the church forms people might need, a new brochure about the church, and always a trained and helpful staff ready to answer any question. The Welcome Center will be staffed before and after every worship service on Sunday and Wednesday. If you would like to minister by being on the Welcome Center staff, please contact Don or Terri Alexander, Directors, at 877-5052.

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

Dynamic Worship

Relevant Small Group Bible Study

Intentional Outreach

The Pastor's Heart

My heart is soaring! I hope you were there. The Dream Team recommendation was a hit, to say the least. Folks left the sanctuary after that meeting in a mountaintop attitude.

Let me say thank you to our Dream Team members. As Pastor, it is wonderful to see lay people "take the ball and run with it".

We have such a marvelous future. On every front, God is blessing. I can barely keep up. God is changing lives and is building such a strong church at Immanuel. We are very diverse but are very close. We are large yet everyone says Immanuel has "a small church feel." There are a number of reasons for that including the love and concern we all share for one another.

Immanuel is a unique church. She is not a perfect church (I know the pastor!). But now is the time for every one of us to be at our very best for the Lord. We continue to move forward.

Last Sunday morning we had more people present for worship than any Sunday in the history of the church (except Easter!). God is drawing people to Himself. Immanuel is a great place to find Jesus and to grow in your faith. Every member of the family will be challenged and benefit.

Please bring someone with you on National Back to Church Sunday on September 12. It is going to be a great day.

I am glad to be your Pastor.

Bro. Rich Kincl

National Back to Church Sunday

September 12

High Attendance in Sunday School

Invite friends, family and neighbors back to church.

Research shows that 82% of unchurched people are open to attending a church if invited by a friend. This event is based on a simple idea: if you ask un-churched people to come with you to church, most likely they'll say yes.

August Praises

GIFTS THROUGH AUGUST

Weekly Budget Needs: \$33,425.05
Average Weekly Gifts: \$33,407.31
Budget Needs to Date: \$300,825.45
Budget Receipts to Date: \$288,572.71

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Given to Date: \$815,069.44

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Average Attendance: 676

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith & Baptism

Justin Harrell
Kelly Jackson
Andre Lavon McQueen

Letter

Bryce Burnett
Jan Carlson
Ric Carlson
Gage Ray
Jennifer Smith
Stephen Smith

Statement

Dan Bowen
Leslie F. Kent

New Bible Study

2 Timothy

Begins Thursday, September 9
(It will be over before Christmas)

6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Come join us for a study in
Discipleship. Bring a friend,
it is for anyone who is interested.

The fee is \$25.00 for supplies.

Contact Peggy Thrasher for further info
997-0976

Congratulations To:

Lugene Snipes

On her 9th anniversary as
Outreach Secretary

Music Ministry

Jason Pamblanco



Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the live premier of the choirs' new CD - *I AM*. Thank you to so many of you who have already purchased CD's. CD's are on sale Sunday's and Wednesday's in the foyer. Buy a CD now and listen to it. That way you can sing along with us on the 22nd of September.

Have you wondered how the CD was created? Back in April, the choirs began working on 10 selections for the project. The sanctuary choir worked on four songs to sing on their own, and Elevate worked on four songs as well. Both choirs worked on "Thou, Oh Lord" and "Psalm 24." Then in late July, we came to the church on a Friday night and Saturday morning to record the tracks. An engineer from Nashville drove down with his equipment and recorded solos all day on Friday and the choirs that evening and the next morning. By Monday morning, I was already receiving preliminary mixes by e-mail to approve. Within three weeks, we had the finished product in our hands and have now made it available to the church.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share what God is doing through the music ministry at Immanuel with your friends and neighbors. Buy one as a tool that you can use to invite a friend "back to church" on Sunday, September 12. Send a case of them off to a company in the military. Or get one to lift your spirits when you are having a bad day.

For those who attend on September 22, we'll be running a special deal on CD's, but you have to be there to get the deal!

*IBC Music Ministry presents
the premier of their brand new CD:*

I AM

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

6:15 p.m.

CD's are available for order here:

<http://bit.ly/iamorders>

College Ministry

Luke Whitmore

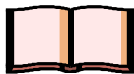


We are in FULL swing!!!!

Students are back! It has been great to see all the "old" friendly faces and the "new" excited faces around Immanuel Baptist and Tallahassee. We are seeing great growth in the College department! We are averaging the highest Sunday School attendance since Heather and I arrived here. "Unveiled" has picked up where we left off at the end of Spring and having new people every week! God has been good!!!

One place YOU can serve is in our Adopt-a-Student program. This program let's you "adopt" a new student to make them feel welcome in their transition to college life. If you are interested, please call or email me.

Education Ministry



Youth Ministry

Mike Williams

Relevant Small Group Bible Study

The title of this monthly article is one of the three focus areas of our church. We want you to place a high emphasis in your life on the Sunday School at Immanuel. Studying the Bible is life changing.

New emphases will enhance the excellence of our Bible teaching at each age level. One has already begun.

A special time for Adult Sunday School teachers is every Wednesday evening at 5:45 in Room B28. This time includes an overview of the lesson with an emphasis on practical life application to the Bible passage being studied. It has become an opportunity for updates regarding the Sunday School and fellowship with other Adult Sunday School teachers. Our Adult Sunday School teachers are loving it and participation has been great. Tremendous resource material for the lesson preparation is handed out to teachers at this meeting. Pat Stanford, one of our excellent and popular Adult Bible study teachers, is facilitating this time each week. Don't miss it.

Also, everyone please note on your calendar our Sunday School Worker Training on Thursday, October 19 from 5:45 - 7:50 PM. Dinner will be provided. Excellent age group experts will be here to be train us. This is for all teachers and approved substitute teachers in every age division: preschool, children, youth, college, and adult.

If you have ever thought about teaching and would like to receive orientation and invaluable training, please make plans to attend.

September is a great month - football starts up again, the air cools down, and students are back in town! We also start a new Sunday School year. That begins on September 5.

Help me welcome a great group of new 7th graders. We are glad to have you and want to help you get plugged into the IBC Youth family. I also would like your help welcoming some awesome new teachers: Jim Shirley, David Griffith, Karen Griffith, Lola Murphy, Barry Kincl, and Andy Dawson. They all make a great addition to our Youth Ministry.

~ Mike Williams

We are going to kick off our new Sunday School year with a HUGE Luau! Bring your suit, towel and appetite!! We are going to have awesome music, fun games and great food. We'll be saying hello to our incoming 7th graders and goodbye to our graduated Seniors that are still in town. All youth from 7th to 12th grade are invited to our Luau on Saturday, September 11th from 6pm until 9pm at the home of Keith and Kim Rowell. Information will be posted on the youth bulletin board, the sanctuary screen and in the youth houses. You can RSVP to the event on Facebook. Search for "Back to Sunday School Luau Party". We hope to see you there!!

~ Joann Spaulding



J.O.Y. MINISTRY
Lori Fitzpatrick
Minister of Senior Adults

Our "Wellness Fair" luncheon on August 19 was very well attended. The community resource agencies that were represented informed us of the perils and realization of scams and identity theft to the blessings and peace of mind of in-home health care, therapy available for the audio/visual impaired, and stroke victims. One special to me is Elder Care Services; I deliver Meals on Wheels on

Wednesday, and it, in part, has changed my life.

On September 16, please join us at 11:00 a.m. for "A Time to Laugh" luncheon. A Dennis Swanberg video will keep us entertained on how he is an *8-track guy living in an ipod world!* There will be lots of good times & laughs. Check your Sunday School folder to enter our Joke Contest! Submit your favorite joke and the Pastor may read yours on a Wednesday night! Winners will be announced at the luncheon. Bring your favorite sandwiches or sides.

Sunday is the last day to sign up for the Callaway Gardens trip! It's an all inclusive package for \$250/person, and includes a 2-night hotel stay at the Mountain Creek Inn, dinner at Callaway Gardens, as well as a "Biblical Meal" at the Explorations in Antiquity Museum, both breakfasts, your "Fantasy in Lights" tour with over 8 millions lights, a 2-hour garden tour, and your transportation! Contact Lori Fitzpatrick for more information. A \$50 deposit is due now.

Always ongoing is our invitation for you to participate in our SAINTS outreach ministry, Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., in Room 28. The JOY Ministry ReJOYce Choir practices at 9:45 a.m., 1st & 3rd Thursdays, Room 28.

Linda Buchanan



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Have you decided what you are making for the women's fall event? PLEASE don't procrastinate!

If God has blessed you with a special talent (for example: jewelry making, quilting, crocheting, stained glass, pottery, sewing, knitting, painting, scrapbooking, woodworking, photography, Christmas ornaments, etc. etc.), we need YOU to help make the fall event a success!

Our annual Women's Ministry fall events have been mission focused and this will be no exception. We will be showcasing the beautiful craftsmanship of women (and men) at Immanuel and items will be for sale with all proceeds going to Lottie Moon International Missions Offering. We can't do this without YOU!!

Please contact Faith Gridley and let her know what you will be contributing so we can plan accordingly:
faithgridley@comcast.net or call 878-2759 (home)

Mark your calendars: Women's Ministry Quarterly Event God's Handy-Works scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might....." Ecclesiastes 9:10a

Fall Festival

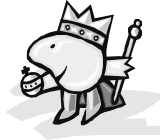
Great Tomb Raid
Discover God's Power

October 31, 2010

4-6 PM

West Parking Lot

Gobs of games, tons of treats,
and a life-changing message
that'll last long after the candy is gone!



Kingdom Kids

Sue Gee

Immanuel Baptist Church is a great place to be in the Fall! A new church year provides opportunities for our Kingdom Kids Ministry. If you would like to be involved in the Preschool and Children's Ministry, please see me. I would love to discuss opportunities for you to serve. You will be a blessing...and you will be blessed in return!

PROMOTION SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 5

Preschool Department – All preschoolers will promote to their new Sunday School Class on September 5. Sunday School Class Assignments are posted in the preschool wing. Please check the rolls carefully to find out which class your preschooler has been assigned to. In order to keep class sizes even, to keep similar aged children together, and to account for appropriate teacher/child ratios, we appreciate you honoring these class assignments. See Sue Gee or Helen Kittrell if you have any questions.

Children's Department - Children in Grades 1-6 will also promote on September 5. They will move to the next grade as a class during the same Sunday School hour that they are currently attending. See Rosemary Scott or Sue Gee if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT – FAMILY NIGHT AT CHURCH

If you have not been coming, now is the time to start! Our Wednesday programs are **AWESOME!** Come join us for Mission Programs (6:00-6:30) and Children's Choirs (6:40-7:15).

Our children's choirs are beginning to practice for our upcoming Christmas Musical – **Star of Wonder**. We would love to have your child join us.

Hope to see you there!

Mission Organizations

Mission Friends (Preschoolers)
Girls in Action (GAs) Grades 1-6
Royal Ambassadors (RAs) Grades 1-6

Children's Choirs

Prelude Choir (3-4 yr. olds)
Music Makers (Kind. 1st, 2nd)
Half Notes (3rd, 4th)
Joyful Noise (5th, 6th)

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Return Service Requested

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



...Lacey Jernigan & Family, in the loss of her cousin, James "Chip" Sherrod.
...Ron Strickland & Family, in the loss of his nephew, Raymond Strickland.
...The Merton Parker Family.
...Roxane Whiddon & Family, in the loss of her uncle, Cecil McDonald.
...Bettye McManus & Family, in the loss of her husband, James McManus.
...Luann Cooper & Family, in the loss of her cousin, Nancy Miller.
...Louise Valentine & Family, in the loss of her husband Ira "Val" Valentine.
...Eddie Spencer & Family, in the loss of his brother David Spencer.



Congratulations to...

...Homer & Gail Tedder, in the birth of their granddaughter Lily Kate Tedder.
...Ashleigh Zuschlag, in the birth of her son, Braden William Zuschlag.
...Tully & Paula Sparkman, in the birth of their daughter, Reese Elizabeth Sparkman. Proud grandparents are Paul & Pat Milam.
...Nicole Hutchison, in the birth of her daughter, Calie Vivian Hutchison. Proud grandmother is Jo Hutchison and great grandparents are Harvey & Danielle Shuford.

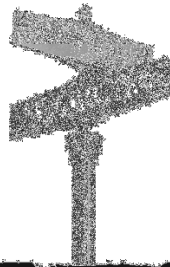
THANKS

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

- ◆ Robin Spillias
- ◆ Trina & Rodney Renfroe
- ◆ Myrna Hurst
- ◆ Jim & Wilma Beane
- ◆ John Word
- ◆ Paul, Beth, Zak & Chase Birdwell
- ◆ Joy Hart Senen
- ◆ Florida Baptist Children's Homes

The Maguire State Mission Offering

Jesus
with His
NEIGHBORHOOD



Jesus said and thus
the other nations have
been gathered to us. We
go to the lost sheep
of the house of Israel.
As you go, announce
this: The Kingdom of
heaven has come near.
Heal the sick, raise the
dead, cleanse those
with skin diseases,
drive out demons.
You have received
free of charge; give
free of charge.

MATTHEW 23:15 (NIV)

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