

INSIGHT

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26

Dynamic Worship

Relevant Small Group Bible Study

Intentional Outreach

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions
INGATHERING - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
OUR GOAL: \$27,500.00



**Christmas
Peace**

the Tallahassee Christmas Pageant

Saturday & Sunday
December 11 & 12, 2010 - 3:30PM

Sunday & Monday
December 12 & 13, 2010 - 6:30PM

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BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pastor's Heart

This is a wonderful time of year. Our focus is on the birth of Jesus.

Immanuel Baptist Church is all about Jesus. He is always our focus. Please take advantage of the worship opportunities your church offers. I recommend Wednesday night worship at 6:15. I recommend any of our three Sunday morning worship times.

This month we have additional worship at The Tallahassee Christmas Pageant. Christmas Eve you can choose between two services. Come early so you can sit near the front. It is very cool to sit near the front on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, too!

One of the greatest opportunities you have as a church member is to see a Master Plan unfold for our church. How wonderful it will be for us in these days to dream, plan, and implement a vision which will be blessed by God for years to come in our church. December 15 is the day we should be able to see all of this.

Every day I count my blessings. I am very grateful to God. You are one of God's blessings in my life. Thank you.

Bro. Rich Kincl

TWO Christmas Eve Candlelight Services!

5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Identical in content -
more room in each service



No Wednesday Night Activities
December 22 & December 29

We will resume our Regular Wednesday Night activities on Wednesday, January 5.

Important Announcement!

There is the possibility that our Master Plan will be available for the church to view on Wednesday, December 15.

There also may be another important recommendation coming to the church from the Dream Team.

Next Dream Team meeting:
Tuesday, December 7 @ 5:30 in Room 28

November Praises

GIFTS THROUGH NOVEMBER

Weekly Budget Needs: \$33,425.05
 Average Weekly Gifts: \$ 31,597.46
 Budget Needs to Date: \$735,351.10
 Budget Receipts to Date: \$696,855.97

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Average Attendance: 621

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith & Baptism

Alexander Logan

Letter

Ismael Coto

Marty Davis

Tina Davis

Shellee McAllister

Leon Richards

Statement

Lindsey Hartsfield

Zachary Hoelzle

Karen Richards

James Stark

GUATEMALA MISSIONS

Mission trip to Guatemala

April 2-9, 2010

We will be working with "Operation Go" strategists and career missionaries Larry and Sarah Plyer. There will be prayerwalking before distribution of the Gospel of Luke and tapes of Old and New Testament storying. There will be house to house visitation and sharing of testimonies and prayer for individuals and families.

Please let team leader Pastor Kincl know of your interest. Preference will be given to those church members who have not previously been on one of our church's international mission trips.

Perhaps God wants you to go beyond where you have ever been in sharing the Gospel with the world!

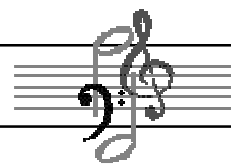
Congratulations To:

Pat Stanford

On her 10th anniversary as
Administrative Assistant

Music Ministry

Jason Pamblanco



It's all for the Glory of God...

I have tried to make it my habit not to speak for others. I believe this exception to my rule-of-thumb will be indulged with grace when I say that if you asked someone involved in The Tallahassee Christmas Pageant why they put so much time and energy into it each year they would say - to bring honor to the Lord. While it is a Pageant, the pomp and grandeur of it should point the observer to the Majestic One, not to the individual or collective performers. To most, Christ's first arrival was not grandiose. However, the announcement of Christ's birth was a spectacle for the shepherds - the lowly in heart and most base of mankind. They received a heavenly pronouncement that God was glorified in Jesus' nativity and that through Him peace had come for everyone. It is our prayer that you would be blessed with God's peace in your heart this Christmas.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Jason Pamblanco & the 200 + volunteers involved in the Tallahassee Christmas Pageant

YEAR END GIVING

You recently received a record of your giving so far this year as a tool to help you review your contributions. You may find it beneficial to make an extra gift at year's end. Here are two ideas for year-end giving:

Gifts of Cash - If you itemize your deductions, you may deduct a cash gift valued up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. Your gift must be received in person at the church office by 4:30PM Thursday, December 30th or postmarked by midnight Friday, December 31st.

Gifts of Stock - *Depreciated Stock*. Sell the stock and give the proceeds to the church. Take a loss on the sale and also claim a deduction. *Appreciated Stock* which you have owned for at least a year and a day, transfer the stock directly to the church. We will sell it. You take a deduction and legally by-pass capital gains taxes on the sale.

College Ministry

Luke Whitmore



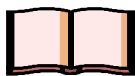
The semester is almost over... where did 2010 go?

We are wrapping up a GREAT semester. We had growth through out the college department. From Sunday School to Unveiled, college attendance in 11:59 and in our college events. Not to mention we had multiple students join IBC and give their lives to Jesus!

In October, we had our largest turn out for our Fall Retreat. In November, we had our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch, which was a good group with many new faces. This semester has been one that we truly can be thankful to God and His blessings!

I cannot wait to see what God has in store for Spring 2011!

Education Ministry



What are we trying to accomplish through our Sunday School? Everything we do at Immanuel is with great purpose. So it is with our Sunday School.

The outline for what we do was summed up very well in a book entitled: "Ten Best Practices to Make Your Sunday School Work."

Best Practices Overview

- * Commit to the Strategy
- * Organize with Purpose
- * Build Kingdom Leaders
- * Develop Soul Winners
- * Win the Lost
- * Assimilate People
- * Partner with Families
- * Teach to Transform
- * Mobilize for Ministry
- * Multiply Leaders & Units

Come grow in your faith by actively participating in the Bible study program at Immanuel.

Two completely age-graded Sunday Schools at 9:15 and 10:45 AM every Sunday!



Our Welcome Center is AWESOME!

Do you have a question? Do you need a particular form? When and where is that meeting? Where does my Sunday School class meet? How can I get my copy of the church pictorial directory? Is there an extra offering envelope for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions? Where can I sign up for the Christmas poinsettias? Are there forms for the Ladies Retreat? Where do I sign up my teenager for the Winter D-Now Retreat?

Our Welcome Center is a beehive of helping and ministering. Go there first when you need something. It is located in the Sanctuary foyer. Look for the smiling faces of the helpful people with the answers to your question!



J.O.Y. MINISTRY

Lori Fitzpatrick

Minister of Senior Adults

As expected, our "Salute to Veterans" luncheon and program on November 18 was very special. Attendance was high with over 130 attending, and the food was "bountiful." Our guest speaker was retired Marine Lt. General Snowden. He definitely held our attention as he spoke of the history, conflicts, costs, and sacrifices of our military over time to insure our freedom. Many of our JOY Ministry members are retired military, and most provided a photograph from those days for a slide show, during which they were introduced. It was awesome! Lastly, Steve Brailsford blessed us by singing "An Honor to Serve." I could go on and on about this fellowship, but need to move on.

By the time you read this, many of us will be on our Callaway Gardens trip. We are excited, and ask your prayers for safe travel and enjoyment in His name.

On December 16, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., please plan to attend our "Christmas at the Pond Banquet" at the Retreat at Bradley's Pond. Kay Kincl is our special guest speaker, and a wonderful meal and program is being planned. Tickets are \$10 per person, and are on sale now. If you plan on attending, we need to know by December 10th.

SAINTS Outreach, Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., Room 28

ReJOYce Choir, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., Room 28

Youth Ministry

Thanks to all of you who contributed items to our youth garage sale that netted over \$1,000. We appreciate middle school SS teachers, David and Karen Griffith, for coordinating this project and to the youth and a cadre of wonderful adults who helped, especially Joe Kittrell, Frank James, and Lola Murphy for hauling furniture and "stuff."

Both youth houses are getting some much needed TLC led by youth parents:

- MS House Mom – Christy Griffin
- MS House Dad – Jim Shirley
- MS Bulletin Board Designer – Karen Young
- HS House Mom - Shirley Harrell
- HS House Dad - Tal Whiddon
- HS Bulletin Board Designer – JoAnn Spaulding

Let these know of your availability and/or expertise to help. We are looking for a couch/love seat in good condition for the middle school house.

Over 45 youth are signed up to go on the D-NOW Winter Retreat, Dec. 27-29. Call the church today for last minute registration! Cost is \$75. Our retreat leader is Matthew Morgan, BCM staffer at Georgia Southern University. He has been leading youth at Centrifuge camps the past five years.

IBC adult chaperones and small group Bible study leaders are Pastor Rich and Kay Kincl, David and Karen Griffith, Kim Rowell, Dan Thompson, SarahVi Kincl, Roxanne Whiddon, Andy Dawson, and Jon Annette. We appreciate Brenda Etheridge for coordinating the meals we will serve in our lake-side cabins. Contact Brenda if you can help prepare food for the trip (544-0692).

Don't miss these:

Hayride & Caroling	Dec. 15	6:15
D-NOW Retreat Mtg.	Dec. 15	7:30
MS & HS Christmas parties	Dec. 19	5:30 - 8

Joy to the World!
Kay Kincl





WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

It's December already! Have you completed the task of clearing your calendar for our WOMEN'S RETREAT --February 25-26, 2011? If not, do it today! Your NEXT task is to get a Registration Envelope from the Welcome Center, fill it out, put in a check for at least your \$25 deposit and turn it in to the office or in the offering plate. Remember, our space is very limited, so get your registration in soon!

As these days until Christmas seem to zoom by --with all the "busy-ness" that entails-- take the time to evaluate how you are "running" your race. Is it filled with the JOY of Christ or the rush of the world? Relax and enjoy every step you take during this wonderful season of celebrating Christ's birth and let the JOY of the Lord be your strength for each day!

Divorce Hurts.

No matter what the circumstances, divorce is a painful process for most people. DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people experiencing separation and divorce. It is a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It is a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the pain of divorce.

DivorceCare is a 13-week, biblically based support group seminar. Each session shows a 35-minute DVD video followed by small group discussion about the video. The video features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery. Some topics that are covered include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "New Relationships," "KidCare," and "Forgiveness."

In addition to DivorceCare we will be starting a new program for children whose parents are separated and divorced, it is called DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K). It is designed to help children ages 5-12 find healing, encouragement and establish coping skills during this difficult time of their lives.

Both groups will begin on January 27, 2010 here at Immanuel from 6:30 to 8:30. The cost is \$15 for the workbook and child care will be available through 5th grade. For more information or to register for the group, please call Ruth McHargue at 893-5204 or via e-mail at ruthmch@comcast.net

If you are going through a divorce or separation, please consider coming. If you know someone who is experiencing a divorce, please let them know about our group. We want to help people through this very painful time in their lives. Here at Immanuel, we care!



Kingdom Kids Sue Gee

The Christmas season is such an exciting time for children! Families are busy preparing for Christmas-shopping, baking goodies and visiting loved ones. In the midst of all of this, don't forget to keep Jesus as the focus, sharing the real meaning of Christmas. As a family, read about the first Christmas night, sing Christmas carols and attend the Christmas Eve service here at Immanuel.

This month our Preschool and Children's Ministry will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with several exciting events.

Preschool Department Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12

9:15 SS Hour

Our Preschoolers will have a special "Happy Birthday to Jesus" party during the 9:15 Sunday School hour. Your preschooler will not want to miss this!

Children's Department Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12

9:15 SS Hour & 10:45 SS Hour

Our Children's Sunday School classes will celebrate Jesus' birth with a "Candy Cane Party." This will be during the Sunday School hour they attend. Make plans now to attend!

RA Publix Field Trip

Wednesday, December 8

6:00 pm

The RA's will wrap up a unit called "Standing in the Gap" with a field trip to Publix. For more information contact Jim Shirley at 422-0964.

Special guest speaker

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 pm

GA EVENTS

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 pm

The GA's are planning a special Christmas activities night. They are making plans to visit Cherry Laurel and having other fun activities.

Thank you to all of those who supported the Bake Sale at our Fall Festival. The GA's were able to put together 28 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Don't Forget

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Dec. 22

Dec. 29

We will resume our regular Wednesday Activities on Wednesday, January 5, 2011

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



...Margaret Forsman & Family, in the loss of her father, Byron Kersey.
...Linda Bridges & Family, in the loss of her father, J.W. Johnson.
...Ray Lynn & Family, in the loss of his cousin, Billy Cruce.
...Tal Whiddon & Family, in the loss of his uncle, Wallace Henderson.
...David Dawkins & Family, in the loss of his aunt, Ruby Rutherford.
...Merica Granger & Family, in the loss of her uncle, Kenneth Archer.

Congratulations to...

...Richard & Susanna Ramsey, in the birth of their granddaughter, Keelyn Ramsey McKay.
...Chris & Melissa Smith, in the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Kate Smith.
...Ted & Carole Lee, in the birth of their granddaughter, Eva Ann Rettkowski. Proud Uncle & Aunt are Luke & Heather Whitmore.
...Ken & Judy Massey, in the birth of their great-grandsons, Ryder Seth Fronek & James Steven Compton.



THANKS

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

- ◆ The Wilsons
- ◆ Ronald McDonald House
- ◆ Linda Bridges & Family
- ◆ Faith Radio
- ◆ Ron & Kay Strickland
- ◆ The Garland Family
- ◆ Edna Holden
- ◆ Mark & Kathy Hill
- ◆ Lena Bittick & Betty Shields

Would you like to purchase a poinsettia in honor OR in memory of a loved one?



Envelopes are available in the foyer of the sanctuary. Please fill out the information, enclose your payment of \$10.00 per plant, put it in the offering plate, or bring it by the church office before December 15th.

250 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were donated. Of those, 28 were prepared by the GA's.

Immanuel Baptist Church Staff

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