

INSIGHT

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20/20 Vision: Immanuel's Dream for the Future

The Steering Team for the capital campaign has been announced. They are:

Steering Team Leader: Lee Kell

Spiritual Emphasis Co-Leaders: Buddy & Faith Gridley

Promotion Team Co-Leaders: Mike & Jenny McHargue

Advance Commitment Co-Leaders: Frank Rudd & Jearl Birdwell

Special Events/Banquet Co-Leaders: Cinda Nichols & Shirley Harrell

Commitment/Visitation Co-Leaders: Tal Whiddon & Al Willis

Campaign Secretary: Pat Stanford

Follow-Up Leader: Eddie Snipes

Dream Team Report

The Dream Team brought two unanimous recommendations to the church on Wednesday, December 15, in the church business meeting. Both recommendations were unanimously approved by the church.

1. The Church Master Plan - A colored diagram of the church Master Plan is available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up your copy there.
2. Authorization for Lewis-Whitlock Architects to create schematic drawings of Phase One of the Master Plan.

These will be brought to the Dream Team and then the church for further consideration (perhaps in February).

Soul Winning Training

Wednesday, January 19 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary

David Burton, Evangelism Director for the Florida Baptist State Convention will teach us this year. It is going to be sensational. Please set this time aside and come learn how to be a more effective witness for Christ. You will be challenged with these very practical helps.

Bro. David said recently he is more excited about coming to Immanuel than he has been to any other church in Florida in a number of years! Let's all be present for this great opportunity. Last year the sanctuary was filled with persons on our training night. Having even more this year will be a tribute to God's work among us.

With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26

Dynamic Worship Relevant Small Group Bible Study Intentional Outreach

The Pastor's Heart

The new year is here! 2011.

I remember when 2011 seemed a long way off.

One of the most significant events in the history of Immanuel Baptist took place in December. Our church unanimously accepted the recommendation of our Dream Team as they presented our Master Plan. Have you seen it? It is tremendous. Beautiful. A real God thing. A blessing.

The Master Plan gives to us direction. It is the result of much wisdom given to many of our church leaders. Folks are excited, as they well should be. We can dream, pray, plan, strategize, implement and evaluate where we are and where we are going like no other time in the history of our dear church.

We are a part of affecting untold numbers of lives in the immediate and long range future. God has chosen and blessed us by enabling us to be a part of His plan for Immanuel. Stay tuned! We are embarking on a challenging and rewarding time. "20/20 Vision: Immanuel's Dream for the Future" is beginning. This is our capital campaign. Begin preparing to do your very best for the Lord and His church. Also, the Dream Team will be coming back to us soon with more information.

Twelve years of sweet and dedicated service is what Deb Shields has given to our church family as our Fiscal Assistant. We love you, Deb! She is transitioning to a new position. She wrote me a note and reminded me that "in all these years you and I have not had one cross word". True. She is a sweet lady and a precious friend. We pray God's continued blessing in her life.

We welcome Susanna Ramsey as our new Fiscal Assistant. Susanna is a member of the Dream Team at IBC, where her husband Richard serves as a deacon. They teach a co-ed class in our 10:45 Sunday School. Susanna comes to us with significant fiscal experience and also over ten years as Office Manager of a sister Baptist Church. We are looking forward to working with her on the church staff.

May God bless you as we begin a new year together serving the Lord Jesus.

Bro. Rich Kincl

December Praises

GIFTS THROUGH DECEMBER

Weekly Budget Needs: \$33,425.05
Average Weekly Gifts: \$ 36,224.23
Budget Needs to Date: \$869,051.30
Budget Receipts to Date: \$841,752.90

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Average Attendance: 568

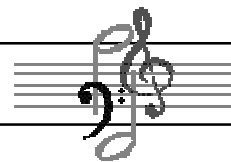
LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Our Goal: \$27,500.00 To Date: \$30,995.25

Praise the Lord! We Exceeded Our Goal!

Music Ministry

Jason Pamblanco



2010 is over. 2011 is here! Paul admonishes us to look forward to what lies ahead. So while there are so many things to celebrate from 2010, not the least of which was all the hard work that went into the Tallahassee Christmas Pageant and the decisions for Christ that were made there, we are always encouraged to keep pressing forward. I love having the choir sing the song "Press On" at the beginning of each year. It's lyrics are so powerful: "In Jesus name we press on...Dear Lord with the prize, here before our eyes we find the strength to press on."

With that said, the music ministry is pressing on to our next big challenge ahead of us. We'll harness the momentum of the Christmas Pageant and run full throttle into the Easter season. In fact, we'll be getting a sneak peak at this year's Easter musical on Friday, January 7, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Music will be there, and there is no cost for anyone to come that evening. I'm more excited than I've ever been about this year's music, and I'm sure you'll love it too! There will be drama parts and a lot that will go into this year's program, so all are welcome even if it's just to come out of curiosity.

January is also the BEST time to make a new commitment to join a choir or renew your commitment to singing. There are some of you who have sung in choir before who can't wait to get back involved. Or maybe you've been too nervous to give it a try. Invite a friend to come with you and come experience the power of praising God together. Call or email me if you have any questions about how to get involved.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Profession of Faith & Baptism

Clayton Ahlemeyer
Cole Camp
Conley Camp
Irma Camp
Nathalie Lalanne
Matthew Strickland
Tait Treadwell

Letter

Richard Camp
Spencer Clemons
John Lewis

Statement

Emily Ahlemeyer
Ariel Burton

The Immanuel Pulpit

On January 2 we begin a new sermon series entitled "Getting...and Staying...on Track with God". Studies will include how to learn to hear God's voice, our Soul-winning commitment challenge, what it means to surrender to God, foundations of effective prayer, how to understand the Bible and Christian family dynamics, among others.

Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the sanctuary we resume our verse by verse study of The Book of Acts. This exciting study is very applicable to the Christian life today.

Come learn new ways to grow in your faith.

College Ministry

Luke Whitmore



2011... ALREADY!!! Where did 2010 go?

2011 is going to be exciting time in the life of IBC! I'm excited about the 20/20 Vision, the theme for this year "With God: All Things are Possible", and the IBC College Ministry focus for Spring 2011... Discipleship!

Our Focus this semester is the Great Commission,

¹⁸ "And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

We will be concentrating on verse 20. "Teaching them to observe ALL that I have commanded", Jesus wants us to DO what He has commanded, but first we need to KNOW! This will be our goal ... be more like Jesus!

Some of the highlights coming in January are: Unveiled's new message series; "Godly Relationships" based on Song of Solomon, a Ladies Night, a Men's Trip, Edge Café for the FSU BCM and a bunch of new students visiting IBC!

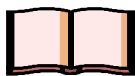


January 29th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Life is so busy these days, but start 2011 off right with a Date Nite with your spouse! Catered dinner served & childcare provided. Look for fliers for more details.

Tickets (\$10/couple), will be sold at the Welcome Center.

Education Ministry



Perhaps nothing communicates what we really feel and believe as much as our attitudes. Sometimes incorrect attitudes can be major hurdles in reaching people for Christ through your Sunday School class.

Watch out for some of these incorrect attitudes:

1. Growth is impossible.

People will make excuses for their Sunday School class not growing, like people do not care as much about the Bible anymore. Every Sunday School class can grow!

2. Growth is undesirable.

This attitude can occur as people become more inwardly focused. It can develop when space is tight or the class is too large for the teacher to handle with effective ministry to all on the class roll.

3. Growth is mystical.

True growth in the church is the result of the work of God in our midst. The reality is also that God blesses the hard work of His people.

4. Growth is an event.

Growth is more a process of following good spiritual disciplines and proven Sunday School growth principles.

May God bless your Sunday School class as it grows.

Youth Ministry

This is an update from Winter D-Now Youth Retreat this week at Lake Blackshear Resort in Cordele, Georgia. What a great experience for over 50 of our youth and their adult chaperons.

The following are some comments regarding the most meaningful and fun experiences:

Taylor Blanton (11th grade): Spending time with friends; time in the small group discussions.

David Hess (8th grade): We could not keep our fire going in our cabin fireplace!

Aaron Crawford (7th grade): The study sessions have been meaningful and it is fun hanging out.

Jon Annette (adult chaperon): It is fun taking care of the guys in my cabin. They have opened up and shared and the interaction has been significant.

Rachel Dawkins (8th grade): The lesson on the Lordship of Jesus in our lives.

Holly Kilgore (9th Grade): The sessions have been meaningful and being at the pool has been the most fun.

Clay Spaulding (11th grade): The devotional we had in the cabin last evening

By the time you read this we will have safely returned home with the conclusion of the retreat on Wednesday, being a trip to the Aquarium in Atlanta.



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

What a joyous time of year it has been for all Immanuel as we celebrate our Savior's birth. The Lord is most definitely with us. I could not think of a better way to commemorate His birth than with great food, wonderful fellowship and 140 of Immanuel's best this past December 16th at the Retreat at Bradley's Pond. I would like to give a special thank you to our guest speaker, Kay Kincl, who made us all laugh (a lot) and reminded us of how special each JOY Ministry member is to Immanuel Baptist Church.

Our next luncheon is on January 20th and is all about Volunteer Opportunities for you in our community. Get the New Year started off right by finding out ways to enrich your community and serve others. Have you ever wondered exactly how much time it would take to drive for Meals on Wheels or how you could help with Hospice? There are opportunities that require as little as one hour a week, or more if your heart so desires. It is also our Soup Luncheon! This is always a great time to bring your preferred soup recipe to share. I fancy a little taste of all of them! Did I forget to mention that prizes would be awarded?

Another way to start the New Year right is to join us for our SAINTS Ministry on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. We meet in Room 28 and go out visiting our own members who could use an encouraging word or just some company. I guarantee that you will be blessed. Come join us! Also, remember ReJOYce Choir meets every Wednesday at 4:30 in Room 28 as well. They need YOU, so get to church a little early and join them. For you music lovers, this is a great group to be involved with.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Amazing Race Is Underway!

Have you registered for this year's Women's Ministry Retreat? If not, the clock is ticking! Our space is limited, but we're right on schedule for meeting in the beautiful facilities of the conference center in Norman Park, GA for our retreat, February 25 - 26. Our guest speaker, Margaret Tucker, will help us find those guide posts in God's Word to encourage us in our race through this earthly life. There will be plenty of time for relaxation, relationships and great refreshments. If you've never participated, PLEASE talk to someone who has been there! You'll LOVE it!

The retreat is \$85 which includes 3 full meals, room, and other goodies. For an extra \$10, you can come to our Early-bird Luncheon and enjoy lunch, fellowship and a special tidbit from Margaret Tucker. It only takes \$25 to register, with the rest due prior to or at the retreat. The Welcome Center in the church foyer has plenty of registration envelopes. Don't worry if you don't have a room-mate, we'll be happy to find you one!

Prayer Visitation Training Planned

Our consultant for our capital campaign "20/20 Vision: Immanuel's Dream for the Future" is Dr. Clarence Hackett. Dr. Hackett is the Director of the Stewardship Department of the Florida Baptist State Convention. He will be with us on Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. to train our prayer visitation teams. You are encouraged to be a part of this spiritual blessing. We are asking that all of our deacon servant-leaders lead the way.

Please contact our Spiritual Emphasis Team Leaders and tell them to include you.

Buddy and Faith Gridley 878-2759
buddygridley@comcast.net
faithgridley@comcast.net

You may also sign up at the Welcome Center.

Mark your calendar! We will be having a special prayer emphasis for our church and "20/20 Vision: Immanuel's Dream for the Future" on Sunday, January 23 in all of our morning worship services. Plan now to participate. This will be a moving and meaningful time in worship.

Congratulations to...

...Beth & Troy Scott, in the birth of their son, Bryce Allen Scott. Proud grandparents are Linda & Randy Chapman & uncle, Creighton Hall.

...Kristen & Jeff Phillips, in the birth of their son, Lawson William Phillips. Proud grandparents are Hardee & Sharon Ratliff.



Kingdom Kids
Sue Gee

2011!! The new year is here! Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet? Why not make the resolution to get involved in all that Immanuel has to offer for our children.

Sunday School:

We have age-graded Sunday School Classes for your child at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Join us as we learn from God's Word.

Extended Teaching Care (ETC):

Please consider becoming involved in our Extended Teaching Care (ETC) program on Sunday mornings during the 10:45 hour. You can fill out an ETC Volunteer Card located in the Sanctuary Foyer and place it in the offering plate. If you have questions, please see Sue Gee or Helen Kittrell.

Wednesday Family Nights:

We offer Mission Friends (Birth-Kindergarten), RA's (1st-6th Grade Boys), and GA's (1st -6th Grade Girls) beginning at 6:00 p.m. At 6:40 p.m. the children move into our children's choirs. We encourage you to bring them and become a part of these programs.

Upcoming Events:

Calling all completing 3rd-6th graders!! Centri-Kid registration time is here! Centri-Kid is our summer camp for boys and girls **completing 3rd-6th grades**. Come hear all about Centri-Kid at our **Centri-Kid Promo Party on Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 – 6:40 p.m. in Room 28**. At the party, we will have pizza, watch a promo video, and get important camp information. A **\$100 non-refundable deposit** will be due at the conclusion of the Promo Party if your child would like to attend.

DIVORCE *Care*

January 27th

Room 25 6:30 p.m.

RSVP: Ruth McHargue 893-5204
ruthmch@comcast.net



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



...Cynthia Earley & Family, in the loss of her father, Johnie Lester.
...Clara White & Family, in the loss of her niece, Andrea Clayton.
...Al & Bobby Roberts & Family, in the loss of their son-in-law, Vance Robbins.
...Doc Roddenberry & Family, in the loss of his sister, Helen Rezendes.
...Robby Ross & Family, in the loss of his mother, Christa Ross.
...Leeroy Pafford Jr., & Family, in the loss of his father, Leeroy Pafford Sr.
...Patty Kell & Family, in the loss of her aunt, Kate Gordon.
...Nancy Massey & Family, in the loss of her father, Bob Babbler.
...Melvin David & Family, in the loss of his mother, Ruth David.
...Sadie Dixon & Family, in the loss of her mother, Bonnie Peacock.
...Kerry Ajose-Adeogun & Family, in the loss of her father, Edward Theodore.
... Pat Surles & Mary Wright & Family, in the loss of their aunt, Myrtle Herndon.

THANKS

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

- ◆ Betty Jean King
- ◆ Faith Radio
- ◆ Gordon & Erin Cunningham
- ◆ Sallie Ann Epting
- ◆ Gail & Homer Tedder
- ◆ Mickie Johnson
- ◆ Beth, Troy & Bryce Scott
- ◆ Emory Williams
- ◆ Pat Stanford
- ◆ Judy H. Fields & Cindy H. Bingham
- ◆ Sam & Shirley Napier
- ◆ Chaplain Jason Palmer
- ◆ Ernestine Roberts
- ◆ Al & Bobby Roberts

Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts

Starting Thursday, January 27
6:30 p.m.

Room 28

Led by Peggy Thrasher

Come and join us and find out how you should be serving in the church. Each of us has at least one gift - Do you know yours? \$25 for 13 week study

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