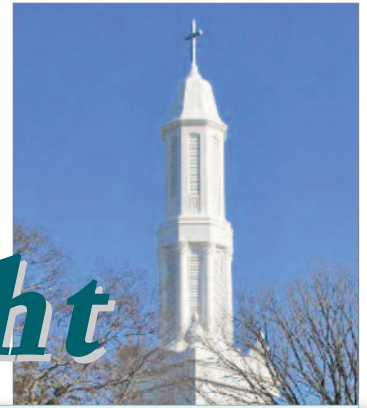


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Grounds Day

Sunday, October 22

Stay after church, bring your lunch, a change of clothes, and your yard tools!

Please let us know if you will be able to help so we can plan accordingly.



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Reformation Concert

On Sunday, October 29 at 5:00 pm, please join us for a concert celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Our choir and soloists will be joined by Music City Baroque, Nashville's premiere ensemble of period instruments, singing music of Bach. We will also have unaccompanied music from the English church and familiar congregational hymns from our Reformation forebears that are still sung today.

As part of the program Pastor Steven Meriwether and Immanuel member Brenda Vantrease will speak about this vital transformation in the history of our church and faith.

On Wednesday evenings in October Pastor Steven and Brenda Vantrease will present "Heroes of the Reformation: Who was Martin Luther and Why do Baptists care?" See page 5 for details.

THE WEATHER REPORT

Roughly one hundred and fifty years before Martin Luther, an Englishman named John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English. As large numbers of men and women achieved literacy, people began to read the Bible. This may be deemed the best outcome of the Protestant Reformation seeing that the study of scripture is transformative.

This October marks the Quincentennial of a most significant chapter in the story of Christianity. The changes initiated by the Reformation reshaped European society and culture. Those same changes inform our life as a Baptist congregation today. Preparations are underway to remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at Immanuel Baptist Church. Among other things, we will give thanks to God for the best fruit the revolution produced.

The aforementioned Wycliffe has been called the “Morning Star of the Reformation.” Appearing on the scene a century and a half before Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the church door in Wittenburg in 1517, Wycliffe is considered a harbinger of the reform to come. Christians everywhere and at all times have believed that scripture could yield a life-changing result. Yet this transformation is sorely handicapped if copies of scripture in the vernacular of the people are not available.

Herein rests one of the first of three walls to fall during the Reformation. Widely circulated at the time was the teaching that only the pope could interpret scripture. Luther found this claim to be unsubstantiated by Scripture and therefore turned his big guns toward this papal claim.

Fittingly, he drew his barrage of attacks from the pages of the Bible. Without Wycliffe’s distribution in secret copies of Holy Scripture, Luther’s success would have been mitigated.

On the first three Wednesday nights of October, we will revisit the Protestant Reformation. One aim is to arrive at a deeper understanding of its import to the world and Christian Church. A parallel goal will be a search for possible applications of lessons learned 500 years ago in the life of the church today. Brenda Vantrease will lead us as we explore “Heroes of the Reformation: Who was Martin Luther and Why do Baptists care?” A listing of the specific topics for the corresponding Wednesday night can be found in this issue of *The Light*. This focus on Wednesday nights will set the table for our worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29. That evening, a special program of the music of the Reformation will be presented under the leadership of Mark Ring at 5 PM in the sanctuary. (Details on page 1)

The world of John Wycliffe, Menno Simons, Martin Luther and John Calvin was marked adversity and flux. The invention of the printing press was revolutionary. In many ways, our world resembles their world. The creation of the internet is presently reshaping American society and culture, the world even. What is yet to be determined is how we will respond. Will we, like they, attune our hearts to the God of the Bible? How might hearing God speak in the pages of Scripture fit us for the living of these awe-inspiring days? Join me as we explore anew the age of the Reformation.

—Steven

Reminders . . .

The October Senior Adult Meeting will be Tuesday, October 3 at 10:30 AM. Ridley Wills, Nashville historian, will be guest speaker. Make your reservation for lunch by Thursday, September 28, with Jean Sharpe.

The November Senior Adult Meeting will be Tuesday, November 7. Ketch Secor, professional musician and Grand Ole Opry member will present a musical program of Gospel and period pieces. Make your reservation for lunch by Thursday, October 26, with Jean Sharpe.

IBC Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 PM to hear about books you read over the summer.



A Trip to the Corvette Museum!

Tuesday, October 17, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Leave Immanuel at 9:00 AM, return late afternoon

Contact Elaine Fleming if you are interested in being part of the group!

Young Women's Retreat

The young women of Immanuel will gather at Penuel Ridge Retreat Center in Ashland City on November 3-4 for their fall retreat. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday, November 3, and will wrap up by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes dinner, breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Space is limited; contact Pastor Tambi to add your name to the reservation list.

Revised Schedule for Church Office Hours

The church office is normally staffed Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. However, because there are times when there might not be anyone in the office, it is best to call before you make a trip to the church. If you need access to the building, other than the office, and no one will be here, please call ahead and we can give you the code for our key box.

If you call and the answering machine is on, please leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible. In case of an emergency, if no one answers the office phone, please call one of the following cell phone numbers:

Debbie Maxwell-615.330.9085
 Steven Meriwether-615.512.6399
 Mark Ring-615-926-2042
 Tambi Swiney-615.627.6638
 Marilyn Shadinger-615.945.3185
 Richard Shadinger-615-337-7595



The Preschool & Children's Committee invites children of all ages to join them behind the church on Saturday, October 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for Family Fall Fest. When families arrive, they can stop by the registration table to enter to win a pumpkin carving kit - including a pumpkin! Hot dogs and chips will once again be on the menu, and we'll fire up the popcorn machine. The activity stations will be open from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our youngest children will enjoy playing in the mini-jump ball house, while the older children will try to master the inflatable obstacle course. This year we're introducing several new games of skill; as usual, face painting will be available.

This year we're also introducing a pumpkin cook-off, so find your favorite pumpkin recipe and enter the contest. The recipe can be sweet or savory - the only rule is that it must include pumpkin as a primary ingredient. All contest entries must arrive by 5:15 p.m. so they can be judged and then served to Fall Fest attendees. Contact Betty Kay Wasserman or Cindy Lutz to enter the contest.

At 6:30 p.m., the children will gather for a story time while volunteers prepare for trunk-or-treating and the flashlight pumpkin hunts. We'll be announcing the pumpkin cook-off winner at story time, as well as the winner of the pumpkin carving kit drawing. We need at least ten cars to serve as trunk or treat stations; if you are willing to distribute candy from your parked car, contact Betty Kay or Cindy.

Children, youth, and adults are encouraged to wear costumes to Fall Fest. Children should bring a bucket or bag to use to collect their goodies, as well as a flashlight for the mini-pumpkin hunt. We hope we'll see you at Family Fall Fest!



It's almost that time of year again, when Immanuel will partner with Room in the Inn to welcome 10 guests to our church for food, rest, and fellowship. This ministry provides many opportunities for people of all ages "to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society."

On the first and third Thursdays of the month from November through March, we will provide a hot meal,

friendly conversation, snack sacks, a place to rest, breakfast in the morning, and sack lunches to go. You can help by being one of the 20-25 volunteers needed each time we host Room in the Inn: setting up the room, providing a portion of the meal, serving and dining with our guests, staying overnight, cleaning up on Friday morning, doing laundry, or driving the van.

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Labor Day WeeKend PicNc 2017



FUN For Everyone!

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Donations are welcome for the following men's clothing items that are in good condition:

- Work pants (blue jeans or khakis)
- Long-sleeved and short-sleeved shirts
- Belts
- Work shoes or sneakers
- Underwear
- Coats or jackets
- Gloves

We need travel-sized shaving cream and disposable razors but NOT any other toiletries - no soap, no shampoo, no conditioner, no lotion. A local dentist has donated all the toothbrushes and toothpaste we will need for the season.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board across from the parlor. You can also contact our Room in the Inn coordinators if you have questions, want to volunteer, or would like to make a donation:

Charlie Lutz: 615.478.9278 or charles.lutz09@comcast.net

Paul Swiney: 615.430.2202 or swineypaul@gmail.com

Room in the Inn Dates for

2017-2018:

- November 2
- November 16
- December 7
- December 21
- January 4
- January 18
- February 1
- February 15
- March 1
- March 15

Heroes of the Reformation: Who was Martin Luther and Why do Baptists Care?

**A three-week study at 6:00 PM Wednesday evenings
in October led by Brenda Vantrease and Steven Meriwether**



John Wycliffe

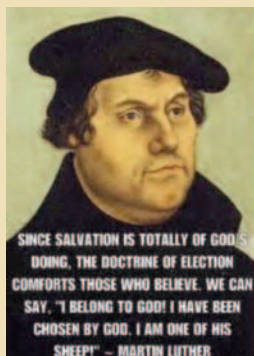
Session One.

Who, Why, When and Where:
Theology that turned the world
upside down.



John Hus

Session Two: Martin Luther the Man: Friends and Enemies



Martin Luther

Session Three:

Luther's Legacy: The Good the
Bad and the Very Ugly—In His
Own Words.

Reading materials available on the Reformation found in our church library include *Martin Luther: The Christian between God and Death* by Richard Marius, *Wide as the Waters: The story of the English Bible and the Revolution It Inspired* by Benson Bobrick, and *131 Christians Everyone Should Know* from Christian History Magazine

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those among our family of faith who are facing moments of crisis and celebration.

THANK YOU

To my Immanuel family: Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and other expressions of concern you have sent my way in recent days. They mean so much!

—Susan Carpenter

Sanctuary Flowers

October 1 — given by Brenda

Vantrease in loving memory of her husband, Don.

October 8 — given by Dwight and Jaye Wagner in loving memory of his parents, Guy and Ann Wagner, and his brother, John.

October 15 — given by Emmy and Doug Phillips in loving memory of his parents, Mary Alice and Frank Phillips.

October 22 — given by Sam and Yvonne Christopher in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Buford M. White.

October 29 — given by Judy Parker in loving memory of her parents, Robert and Velma Stockard.

Extended Session

October 1 — Brandon Gnetz, John Lawrence, Jeanie Reynolds, Josiah Baker

October 8 — Faye Shaw, Nancy Huguley, Kristen Lawrence, Lynn Woodall, Sophia Brown

October 15 — Melanie Dover, Cindy Lutz, Patty Littlejohn, Malcolm Horner

October 22 — Craig and Stephanie Self, Ellen/Scott Newman, Olivia Cooper

October 29 — Jenny Wilson, Ellen Mundy, Abigail Reynolds, Grace Norman-Wilson

THANK YOU

For all your prayers, cards and concerns regarding our daughter Jennifer we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Please continue your prayers as she has a long road ahead. God Bless you all. —Pat and Beryl Vick

THANK YOU

We would like to thank their our IBC family for the prayers, concern and support during Elton's recent illness. We carry those with us in his recovery. —Jane and Elton Hinshaw

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Insight Counseling Centers are currently seeking volunteers to help with phone calls from people who need a caring person to listen, reassure, and help. Interested? Please contact Abbie Culbertson at 615-383-2115.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLOTTE BRANSTETTER

17 April 1924 ~ 14 August 2017

Joined Immanuel

6 August 2017

~

JOHN WARREN STEEN

9 November 1925 ~ 3 September 2017

Joined Immanuel

1 February 1970

~

STEVE YOCUM

8 July 1951 ~ 5 September 2017

Joined Immanuel

18 February 2009



What a mess we had . . . when the rain from Hurricane Harvey flooded parts of the first floor! A clogged pipe, now repaired, contributed to our problem. Thanks to those who helped clean up the excess water.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service-Lord's
 Supper/Fellowship Offering

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:30 PDO

10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children's Choir
 5:45 Church Family Time
 6:00 Heroes of the Reformation
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:00 Youth at The Nashville
 Food Project

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children's Choir
 5:45 Church Family Time
 6:00 Heroes of the Reformation
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth

6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30 PDO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children's Choir
 5:45 Church Family Time
 6:00 Heroes of the Reformation
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:00 Youth to Honeysuckle Hill
 Farm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service
 11:30 Grounds Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30 Bordeaux visit
 5:00 Church Family Supper

5:00 Children's Choir
 5:45 Church Family Time
 6:00 Business Meeting
 6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 Fall Fest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service
 5:00 Reformation Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 PDO

**IN CASE YOU NEED
TO KNOW . . .**

There are first aid kits located downstairs in the kitchen and upstairs in the copy/supply room outside the office. There also is a defibrillator located in the closet at the base of the stairs going into the choir loft.

Facts and Figures

Financially Speaking
(Through August 31, 2017)

YTD
Fiscal Year Income
\$ 146,540.12

YTD
Fiscal Year Expense
\$ 156,857.09

Attendance Report

Sunday School

September 3	110
September 10	101
September 17	116
September 24	113

Worship Service

September 3	122
September 10	131
September 17	146
September 24	128

Helping with Hurricane Relief

Immanuel sent \$3,255 to South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas to help with the Hurricane Harvey relief effort.

Immanuel is now in the process of collecting financial donations to help with the Hurricane Irma relief effort in Florida.

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The church office is closed on Fridays.

Happy Birthday to You!

October 2

Brad Harris

Judi Hayes

October 3

Ellie Fitzpatrick

October 4

Billie Patton

Jenny Wilson

October 6

Becky Atkinson

Myra Marshall

Maryfrances Rudy

Aubrey Witherington

October 7

Barbara Mitchell

Shirley Montgomery

October 8

Catherine West

October 9

Bethann Easterly

October 10

Sue Jones

Dwight Wagner

October 11

Jean Sharpe

October 12

Sue Bailey

October 13

Lindy Drolsum

Boyd Thompson

October 15

Anna Kihlberg

Cindy Odle

John Winston

October 16

Al Brown

Ann Carroll Manning

Ed Manning

Ellen Newman

October 20

Claudia Maddox

Jenny Vo

October 21

Andrew George

October 23

Don Jones

David Pack, Jr.

October 25

Judie Martin

Steve Simpler

Jaye Wagner

October 28

John Brandon

October 30

Ann Conn



The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month for the following month's publication.

Submissions are subject to editing per space restrictions.

*E-mail submissions go to dmaxwell@ibcnashville.org,
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