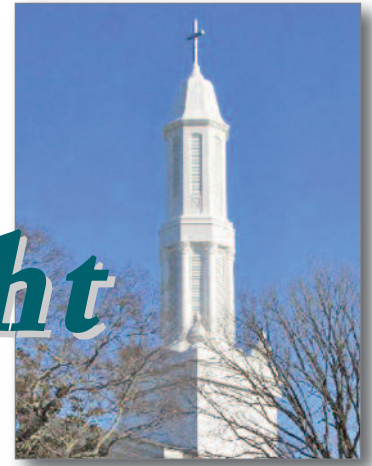


# The Immanuel *Light*

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**R**egistration for this year's observance of Operation Inasmuch is underway. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the parlor. Operation Inasmuch provides our congregation with a multitude of ways to carry out our mission to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society. Here's the schedule of events:

## Wednesday, April 18

Amy Dodson-Watts, executive director of Luke 14:12, will be our guest speaker in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

## Saturday, April 21

### Three ministry projects

- Visit the residents at Nashville Community Care and Rehabilitation Center at Bordeaux from 9:00-11:00 AM (open to all ages)
- Work in The Nashville Food Project's garden from 10:00 AM until noon (ages 8 and up)
- Prepare food for distribution in The Nashville Food Project's Woodmont kitchen from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM (ages 12 and up)

## Sunday, April 22

### Ingathering Sunday and afternoon ministry project

- Bring bags of egg noodles to worship to donate to Luke 14:12
- Bring a sack lunch and decorate gift bags that will be distributed to refugees by Siloam Health (ideal for young families)

## Tuesday, April 24

Serve lunch at Luke 14:12 from 11:15 AM until 12:45 PM



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INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE  
LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.  
—JESUS

**April 18-25, 2018**  
*wholeheartedly serving those on the margins of society*

## Wednesday, April 25

Slideshow and reflections from our Operation Inasmuch observance after the April Business Meeting in the Chapel at 6:00 PM

In addition to bringing egg noodles on Ingathering Sunday, we are collecting other items to support our projects. Children's gummy vitamins are needed for the Siloam Health project, and jewelry, scarves, and baseball caps are needed for the Bordeaux project. Drop the vitamins off in the basket by the office; give your Bordeaux donations to Patty Littlejohn.

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## THE WEATHER REPORT

The National Football League has mastered the art of getting the “big picture.” A video system called “All-22” employs a camera positioned high above the playing field. It shows all 22 players (11 offensive and 11 defensive) at the same time. No player, no action goes undetected.

There is no plan at the present to install a version of “All-22” high above our sanctuary. If one were to desire perspective regarding the larger picture of our life together as a community of faith the balcony will have to suffice. Be prepared. The space is not pleasing to the eye; some of the pews are not anchored to the floor. Caution aside, what might you observe about our interconnectedness as a church from this perch high above?

The larger picture of Immanuel Baptist Church reveals the many ways her members and participants are connected. At our best, our coherently organized system achieves her mission. Relationships are a key factor in any success. Tod Bolsinger uses the image of spokes on a wheel in describing how people connect in a church family. “When church members have children in the program or settled in a small group, we are a stronger community of faith.”<sup>1</sup> These interconnections influence our participation and commitment.

In the month of April, members and participants of Immanuel Baptist Church will be invited to make their commitments to fully fund the ministry and mission of this congregation. Our new fiscal year begins May 1. Stewardship is one expression of our commitment to the mission God has given us in the world.

Soon, you will receive a copy of the proposed budget

along with a pledge card in the mail. Commitment Sunday is April 15. The proposed budget is a collaborative effort of the Stewardship Committee and staff to close the gap between “budgeted expenses” and “anticipated income”. Not every problem can be solved through addition, e.g. the addition of a new program, a new staff member, a new line item in the budget. Some problems are solved by subtraction. The proposed 2018-2018 budget, if approved by the church, will accomplish the church’s mission on increasingly limited resources.

I invite you to join me in prayerfully considering our stewardship of the meaningful work God has called us to accomplish together. Last year, one third of the pledge cards indicated a commitment to tithe. What would it take to increase those making a tithe to fifty percent of the total number of giving units? What sacrifice would be required to increase your support of the church’s mission next year by one or two percent? If you currently do not support the church financially, would you pray about doing so next year?

To resume a position of strength that permits our church to solve her problems by addition necessitates an increase in financial support. As you consider your commitment, imagine yourself in the church balcony. As you observe the ties that bind you to this church, consider what value you assign those points of connection. One way to arrive at such a valuation is to imagine life without them.

—Steven

<sup>1</sup>Bolsinger, Tod. *Canoeing The Mountains*. P.117.

## Reminders . . .

**The April Senior Adult Meeting** will be Tuesday, April 3, at 10:30 AM. Guest speaker will be Angela Howell, an inspirational writer who uses positive interpretations of every day occurrences seen through a spiritual window. Make your lunch reservation by Thursday, March 29, with Jean Sharpe.

**The May Senior Adult Meeting** will be on Sunday, May 6, following the morning worship service. Jim Batson, accomplished singer and guitarist, will present the program. Make your reservation by May 2 with Jean Sharpe.

### WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL

**April 4 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel**  
TBA

**April 11 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel**  
“Israel – Places, People, and Confusion” by Sue Jones and Vicki Beaver

**April 18 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**  
Amy Dodson-Watts, Luke 14:12

**April 25**  
Business Meeting and OIAM Report

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDS APRIL 30**  
We could use YOUR  
HELP in our final push to meet this year’s budget.

## Church Officer Election on April 8

In accordance with the revised deacon nomination/election process, three nominees have accepted the call to serve and will be presented for approval on Sunday, April 8. Those three are Abigail Reynolds, Ed Wasserman, and Jenny Wilson.

The Committee on Committees recommends that the following be elected as officers for the 2018-2019 church year, beginning May 1, 2018:

**Directors**—Charles Businaro, Melanie Dover, Claude Huguley, Brandon Jarnigan, Barbara Lutz, Larry Maxwell, Scott Newman

**Treasurer**—Kenny Cooper

**Clerk**—Pat Vick

**Associational Representative**—Kenny Cooper

**Parliamentarian**—Jon Cooper

**Alternate Parliamentarian**—Kenny Cooper

**Church Historian**—Charles Businaro



# HOLY WEEK

## Maundy Thursday Service

Family Supper

Thursday, March 29

Church Family Supper will be served at 5:00 PM followed by the worship service at 6:00 PM in the Chapel (No Wednesday supper or activities on March 28)

## Good Friday Service

Friday, March 30 at 5:00 PM

in the Chapel

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

(Be sure and bring flowers on Easter Sunday to help flower the cross.)



This year's TCBF General Assembly convenes in Memphis, TN on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CBF Baptists in Tennessee will gather seeking a renewal of Dr. King's vision in our own hearts and communities.

A pilgrimage to Memphis offers us the opportunity to journey into the gap, experience the bridges being built, and consider the bridges needed in our own lives and communities. Plan now to join us for worship, learning, fellowship, and transformation!

To register, go to [tncbf.org](http://tncbf.org). For more information, contact Melanie Dover at 615-945-8554.

### NOTICE FOR APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

At the April business meeting the Committee on Committees will bring a recommendation regarding a change in the committee manual.



## Haiti . . . Update

Thanks to everyone who gave generously to support our effort to build a second house in Haiti in partnership with The Joseph School. This is the house that our mission team worked on during their trip in January. Pray for Phillip as he moves into his new home.

**Phillip in front of his old house.**



**Family Vacation Bible School  
June 8-9, 2018**

## Give to the Elizabeth Richards Missions Offering

Missions is the heartbeat of Immanuel Baptist Church and of the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The call to be the presence of Christ means we are to serve those on the margins of society. When you give to this offering, you will be supporting The Next Door in Nashville, Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City, Christian Women's Job Corps in Chattanooga, and the Mid-South Food Bank's Food for Kids Program in Memphis. Your gift also supports Samaritan HIV/AIDS Ministry in Knoxville and the Never Fail Community on the Cumberland Plateau. Missional Grants are also awarded to congregations as needs arise. Immanuel has received three of these grants. The goal for the state is \$27,000 this year. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

## *The Answer to Our Prayers*

The numbers tell us  
A story over the years  
Of working with less  
And making it work.

But how much more  
Must be cut;  
To the quick,  
To the bone?

Will it hurt?  
A shimmering pain  
That makes us cry out  
And reassess?

Or will it ache,  
A nuisance but ignored?  
Until one day we cannot rise  
From our pallet.  
And are left wishing  
We had done more.

Oh, God!  
Show us how  
We become the answer  
To our prayers.

Immanuel Baptist Church begins a new fiscal year on May 1. During the first week of April, a copy of the proposed budget and a pledge card will arrive in your mailbox. I encourage you to take a moment to review the proposal; many hours of work have gone into creating the budget by our church staff and committees.

The Budget Planning Council takes a conservative approach in developing the budget for the church to consider/approve in April. Even so, we have adopted a deficit budget for the last several years. As you'll see in the proposed budget, anticipated expenses have been reduced by nearly \$40,000 from the previous year in order to bring the spending side of the budget more in line with the downward trend on the income side. **In short, giving has continued to decline and expenses must decline as well.**

**Please prayerfully consider your giving for the coming year.** If you do not currently give, I hope this is the year in which your giving begins. If you already give, I challenge you to reflect upon your capacity to increase your giving. **Your giving matters.** It makes the work of our church possible—from maintaining the property, to children and youth programming, support of our ministry partners, mission work, and more.

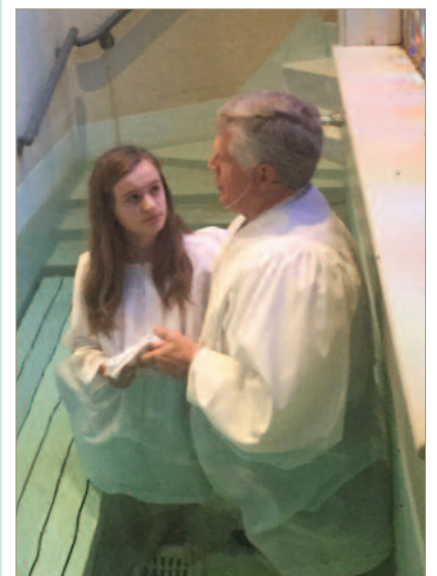
I realize that when we give money to the church most of us are not thinking of the budget requirements. We make an offering as an expression of praise and thanksgiving to God. **Making an offering to the church is an important part of our worship.** We will be asked on Commitment Sunday, April 15, to offer our pledges to the church in support of the ministry at Immanuel. I pray that God will show us how we are to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ through our giving.

—Jenny Wilson, Stewardship Committee Coordinator

*Commitment Sunday*  
Sunday, April 15

## Church Directory

Those of you who receive *The Immanuel Light* via email should have received a PDF of the church directory in March. This directory includes the name, address, primary phone number, email address, and birthdate for each of Immanuel's resident members and regular attenders. (Resident members live in Davidson County or one of the surrounding counties.) If you do not have access to email, you may pick up a printed copy of the directory in the office. This directory was created using our electronic database, so it can be easily updated and redistributed on a regular basis. If you discover any information in the directory that is out-of-date, please contact Pastor Tambi.



**Baptism for  
Anna Kihlberg  
Sunday, March 11, 2018**

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

## BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Carolyn Easterly on the death of her sister-in-law on March 3, 2018.

## BIRTH

Congratulations to Nathan and Julia Huguley on the birth of their son, Benedict Daniel, who was born March 10 in Kansas City, Missouri. Nancy and Claude Huguley are the new grandparents.

## Sanctuary Flowers

April 1 - given by Ed and Betty Kay Wasserman "with deep appreciation for members of Immanuel, past and present, who so faithfully support the mission of our church"

April 8 - given by Jean Sharpe in loving memory of Dotty Shaw

April 15 - given by the Ben Rowan family in loving memory of Jenny

April 22 - given by Kenny and Sherry Cooper in honor and memory of their parents, Jewell and Loretta Barrett and Charles and Hilda Cooper

April 29 - given by Richard and Marilyn Shadinger in honor of the coordinators of Room in the Inn, Charlie Lutz and Paul Swiney, in gratitude for their commitment and leadership

## Extended Session

April 1 - Jimmy and Ann Conn, Patty Littlejohn, Susan Crownover, Sophia Brown

April 8 - Sarah Wilkerson, Carol Boozer, Ellen Newman, Olivia Cooper

April 15 - Nancy Huguley, Cindy Lutz, Courtney Kihlberg, Anna Kihlberg

April 22 - Lauren Baker, Diane Sharpe, Laralee Huguley, Emily Cooper

April 29 - Katy Clouse, Emily Gnetz, Lissa Jarnigan, Malcolm Horner



## A Trip to Cheekwood

Sunday, April 22

Box Lunch in the Japanese Garden

Tickets \$18 for non-member, transportation on your own

## THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

On March 16, we completed another successful season with the Room In The Inn ministry that provided us the opportunity "to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society."

Seventy-five Immanuel members and attenders, including two Belmont students, welcomed ten men on the first and third Thursdays of the month from November through March. They cheerfully participated by preparing meals and snacks, driving the van, setting up the room, hosting our guests, and cleaning up afterwards. Once again, the 100 guests in our church were grateful for the hospitality we provided.

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry in our community.

—Charlie Lutz and Paul Swiney

## IN MEMORIAM

ETHEL MARY TIPTON

22 December 1921 ~

3 March 2018

Joined Immanuel

23 November 1930



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1-EASTER

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

## MONDAY, APRIL 2

**OFFICE CLOSED**

NO PDO

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3

9:30 PDO  
10:30 Senior Adult Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 PDO

## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

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

## MONDAY, APRIL 9

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

5:00 Church Family Supper  
5:00 Children's Choir  
5:45 Church Family Time  
6:00 "Israel-Places, People, and Confusion"  
6:00 Children on Mission  
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsals  
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

## THURSDAY, APRIL 12

9:30 PDO

## SUNDAY, APRIL 15

~COMMITMENT SUNDAY~

9:15 Sunday School  
10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
10:30 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Dinner at the Tates' home

## MONDAY, APRIL 16

9:30 PDO  
7:00 Deacons' Meeting

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

**Operation Inasmuch (April 18-25)**

5:00 Church Family Supper  
5:00 Children's Choir  
5:45 Church Family Time  
6:00 Amy Dodson Watts-Luke 14:12  
6:00 Immanuel Youth  
6:00 Children on Mission  
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsals  
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19

9:30 PDO

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 OIAM Bordeaux project  
10:00 OIAM The Nashville Food Project Garden and Food Prep Projects

## SUNDAY, APRIL 22

**INGATHERING SUNDAY**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
10:30 Worship Service  
11:30 OIAM Siloam Project

## MONDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, APRIL 24

9:30 PDO

11:15 Luke 14:12

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

9:30 Bordeaux visit  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
5:00 Children's Choir  
5:45 Church Family Time  
6:00 Business Meeting/OIAM  
6:00 Children on Mission  
6:00 Immanuel Youth  
6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsals  
7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 PDO

## FRIDAY, APRIL 27

**TN CBF in Memphis (April 27-28)**

## SUNDAY, APRIL 29

9:15 Sunday School  
10:20 Deacons' prayer group  
10:30 Worship Service  
11:30 Youth lunch and outing

## MONDAY, APRIL 30

9:30 PDO

### Key Budget Dates

**Week of April 2** — Pledge cards and proposed budget distributed

**April 15** — Commitment Sunday (pledge cards presented during morning worship service)

**April 25** — Business Meeting (vote on 2018-19 budget)

### Actions Taken at the March Business Meeting

- Approved the Mission and Ministry Committee's recommended use of the Sue Senter earnings for Haiti mission work
- Endorsed the Directors recommended guidelines for the sell of CDs and Books at church sponsored events:

1. The first floor corridor outside the chapel toward the fellowship hall

2. The fellowship hall itself

- Endorsed the pastor's recommendation to form a church security study group comprised of Bill Gregg, Laurie Woods, Derek and Susan Crownover, and Emily Gnetz, with the understanding that any recommendation(s) will come to the appropriate committee, deacons and church for action.

## Facts and Figures

### Financially Speaking (Through February 28, 2018)

YTD

Fiscal Year Income  
\$ 386,371.31

YTD

Fiscal Year Expense  
\$ 387,755.74

Net income: (\$ 1,384.43)

### Attendance Report

#### Sunday School

March 4	89
March 11	100
March 18	108
March 25	123

#### Worship Service

March 4	114
March 11	124
March 18	119
March 25	151

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The church office is closed on Fridays.

# Happy Birthday to You!

## April 1

Cindy Lutz

## April 6

Helen Auer

## April 9

Jeremy Saal

## April 12

Craig Self

Richard White

## April 13

Josiah Baker

Houston Vick

## April 15

Jimmy Conn

## April 17

Kate Winston

## April 20

Patty Littlejohn

Gregg Matthews

## April 21

Jack Newman

## April 22

Allen Tuten

## April 24

Jim Brewer

## April 25

Olivia Cooper

Lissa Jarnigan

## April 26

Ashton Dillard

Eric Peterson

## April 27

Katy Clouse

## April 28

Elaine McKenna

Diane Wise

## April 29

Gil Chilton

## April 30

Grover Baker

Derek Crownover



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