

# IMMANUEL LIGHT



## February at IBC

In light of Immanuel Baptist Church's recent decision to align itself with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), the Denominational Relations Committee (DRC) is pleased to announce that CBF's Executive Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, will preach in our service on Sunday, February 25th. Dr. Baxley will also be speaking to a combined adult Sunday School class that morning before worship.

Dr. Baxley is a graduate of Wake Forest University (Bachelor of Arts - Religion, 1991), Duke Divinity School (Master of Theological Studies, 1996), and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Doctor of Ministry, 2003). Baxley was ordained to gospel ministry in 1993 at his home church of First Baptist Church on Fifth in Winston-Salem, N.C. Baxley was appointed the Executive Coordinator of CBF on January 15, 2019. A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Baxley has held pastorates and ministry positions in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia, and is a former member of the CBF Governing Board.

Baxley and his wife, Jennifer, a licensed physical therapist, have four children: Olivia (age 21), Maria (age 16) and twins Caroline and Matthew (age 13).

The DRC has invited other friends of CBF from our community to join us that morning. We hope you will plan to be present and invite others who might be interested in hearing Dr. Baxley's message that morning.



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**SPECIAL GUEST**

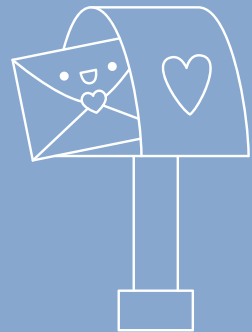
**PAUL BAXLEY**

WILL JOIN US FOR  
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
& WORSHIP

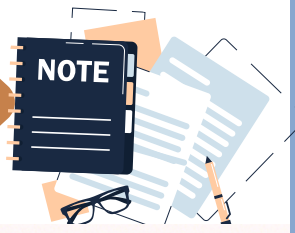
**Sunday Morning**  
February 25th

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR  
OF THE COOPERATIVE  
BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP





# Please Take Note



## Wednesdays in February

**7** **PRIVACY AND THE OBSERVED LIFE**  
Sarah E. Igo, Andrew Jackson Chair of  
American History, Vanderbilt University  
Chapel @ 6 PM

**14** **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**  
Chapel @ 6 PM

**21** **THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG-  
A JOURNEY THROUGH ANOREXIA**  
Interview with Julie Coulter  
Chapel @ 6 PM

**28** **BUSINESS MEETING**  
Chapel @ 6 PM



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## February Birthdays

**FEBRUARY 3**  
NANCY HUGULEY  
STEPHEN WILKERSON

**FEBRUARY 5**  
SCOTTY DEAN

**FEBRUARY 6**  
SUSAN CROWNOVER

**FEBRUARY 7**  
MEREDITH CROWNOVER

**FEBRUARY 8**  
KAREN LEWIS

**FEBRUARY 10**  
PEGGY GEORGE  
TROY CLOUSE

**FEBRUARY 11**  
GENEVA WILKERSON

**FEBRUARY 12**  
KAELYN NEWTON

**FEBRUARY 13**  
JEANIE REYNOLDS

**FEBRUARY 16**  
ELAINE FLEMING

**FEBRUARY 17**  
LINDA FIELDS  
MICHELLE NGUYEN

**FEBRUARY 20**  
PAT VICK

**FEBRUARY 22**  
ELLEN FORD  
STEPHANIE WYATT



Wednesday February 7, 6:00 PM

"PRIVACY AND THE OBSERVED LIFE"

SARAHE.IGO

ANDREW JACKSON CHAIR OF AMERICAN HISTORY,  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



## SAVE THE DATE

**FEBRUARY 8**

STEWARDSHIP MEETING

**FEBRUARY 14**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

6 PM

**FEBRUARY 18**

IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB

5PM

**FEBRUARY 25**

CBF EXECUTIVE  
COORDINATOR

REV. DR. PAUL BAXLEY

PREACHING AT IMMANUEL

**MARCH 5**

YOUNG AT HEART

11 AM

**MARCH 17**

MIDWIVES OF A  
MOVEMENT FILM

SCREENING

Sarah E. Igo (B.A., Harvard; Ph.D., Princeton) is the Andrew Jackson Chair of American History and Dean of Strategic Initiatives for the College of Arts and Science at Vanderbilt University. She teaches and writes about modern U.S. intellectual, cultural and legal history, with interests in the production of knowledge, the politics of data, the human sciences, and the history of privacy and the public sphere.

Professor Igo's latest book, *The Known Citizen: A History of Privacy in Modern America* (2018) is the winner of the Merle Curti Award for intellectual history from the Organization of American Historians, the Jacques Barzun Prize for Cultural History from the American Philosophical Society, and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize from the Phi Beta Kappa Society. This follows her *The Averaged American: Surveys, Citizens, and the Making of a Mass Public* (2007), an Editor's Choice selection of the New York Times and one of Slate's Best Books of 2007 as well as the winner of the President's Award of the Social Science History Association and the Cheiron Book Prize and a finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award of the American Sociological Association. Igo is also a co-author of the leading U.S. history textbook, *The American Promise* (Bedford/St. Martin's).

Igo has held fellowships from the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), the American Council of Learned Societies, the Whiting Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Max Planck Institute, the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, including a Mellon New Directions Fellowship in 2012-2015.



# Immanuel Book Club Meeting

FEBRUARY 18 AT 5:00

THE IBC BOOK CLUB WILL DISCUSS TWO SHORT NOVELS BY IRISH AUTHOR CLAIRE KEEGAN: "SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE" AND "FOSTER." SHE IS PRAISED FOR HER CONCISE AND BEAUTIFUL PROSE AND HER KEEN OBSERVATIONS ON HUMAN NATURE.

THESE BOOKS ARE IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY AND ARE AVAILABLE CHEAPLY ON AUDIBLE. CONTACT RICHARD SHADINGER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



Young @ heart

Save the Date

TUESDAY  
MARCH 5  
11:00 AM in  
the Chapel

Author Beth Poe will discuss her children's book "I Want to Be a Star." She will be accompanied by her illustrator, Courtney Decker, who will share how she was inspired for this project. The book, which is based on Poe's deep faith and Christian principles, is available at the Immanuel library and will be available for purchase with cash. The program will begin at 11:00 AM in the Chapel, followed by lunch. Make your reservations by emailing Evelyn Brandon at [alittlebiz@aol.com](mailto:alittlebiz@aol.com) by Feb. 28.

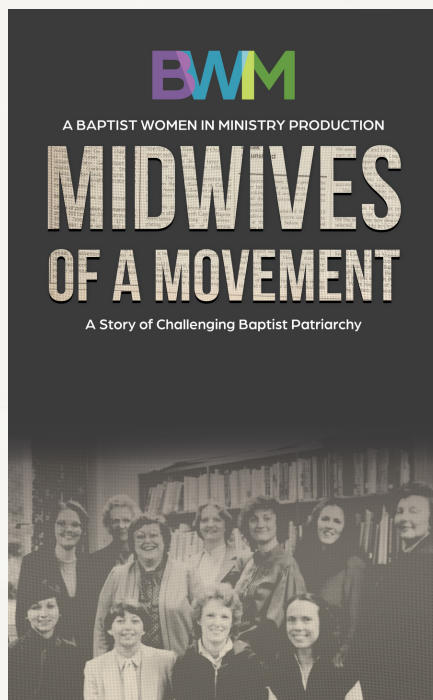
### Future Event Dates

- **Tuesday, June 11** - Davidson County Sheriff Daron Hall will discuss issues pertinent to our community.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 10** - Author and editor Aime Alley Card will discuss her book "The Tigerbelles."

## DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

**Sunday, March 17 – 5:00 PM in the Chapel**

Join BWIM executive director, Meredith Stone, and Good Faith Media film producer, Cliff Vaughn, to hear how pathways were blazed for Baptist women in ministry and leadership.



*This documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists.*

*But challenging religious patriarchy, and specifically Baptist patriarchy, is not only a subject of the past. It is as relevant today as it was forty years ago.*

In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists.

*Midwives of a Movement* will also be screened on Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm at Belmont's Johnson Theater.



# Missions and Ministry



Immanuel will host 8 guests from Room in the Inn on Thursday evenings this season (see dates at right).

## We can help our neighbors in various ways:

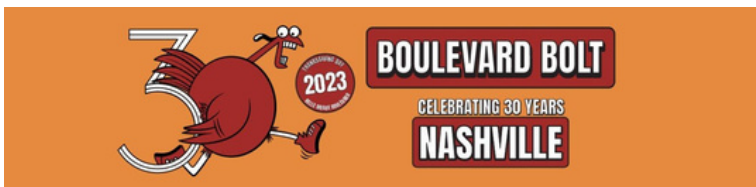
- Prepare and/or serve Thursday dinner
- Serve Thursday dinner & eat with our guests (this is a very important part of the ministry!)
- Play background guitar/piano music for guests
- Supply Friday breakfast
- Supply takeaway lunches
- Transport our guests in the church van (Thursday evening & Friday morning)
- Do laundry
- **Stay overnight - Finding overnight hosts is our biggest challenge, and we prefer to have two hosts each evening.**



Room in the Inn will take place on the following Thursdays in 2024:

February 1 and 15  
March 7 and 21

Please contact Pastor Stephanie to book your date in advance:  
[swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org)  
or 615-297-5356



On January 25th, we gathered at the Temple to give away the money that was raised by the 2023 Boulevard Bolt. \$230,000 was allocated to 45 local agencies that help people in our community who are unhoused. The money will provide food, shelter, clothing, and more to people who need it. This brings our 30-year-total to \$4,613,300! Thank you to everyone who helped make the 30th annual Bolt a success.

thank you





## ➤➤ COLLECT CAN TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Kay Johnson has provided a number of collection boxes (see below right) for the church to serve as receptacles for can tabs from canned drinks. This collection effort will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The charity arm of the popular fast food restaurant recycles these tabs and collects the change. Over time those pennies, nickels, and dimes really add up! Look for the boxes in the Welcome Center area, in the Fellowship Hall area, and other gathering places around the church. If you have too many to fit into a box, contact Pastor Stephanie at (615) 297-5356 or [swyatt@ibcnashville](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville) to make a bulk donation.



## ➤➤➤ EYE GLASSES COLLECTION



If you have old eye glasses that you are no longer using (of any type), please bring them to the church and place in designated collection boxes. Melanie Dover will pick up your donations and take them to a Lions Club collection point. The Lions Club has undertaken efforts to assist those with seeing impairments since 1925. The glasses will be refitted for those in need locally and globally.

## ➤➤➤ WATCH JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



This 2023 feature film is now available for streaming and purchase. The film is a musical depicting the story of the birth of Jesus. It features Antonio Banderas as Herod, Joel Smallbone as Antipater, Fiona Palomo as Mary, Milo Manheim as Joseph, as well as some other potentially familiar faces.

Our children watched and discussed the film as part of Children's Church on January 30th. The Blu-Ray DVD is being processed in the library if you would like to check it out.

# Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day?



## Rooting Ourselves in God's Love

Lent starts this year on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Though Valentine's Day isn't a religious holiday, the convergence is significant. Lent is a time of dedication to the Lord. What does it mean to anchor yourself in love and in God this Lent? As we think of Lenten discipline we might naturally associate it with shadows, emptiness, and suffering. Yes, these are elements of the Lenten journey, to be sure, but so is love. How will you take on a Lenten practice that is rooted in love this year? Here are three ideas for you.

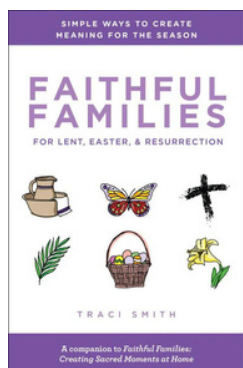
**Lovingkindness Meditation** – You can do a simple search to find many scripts for this, but the basic idea is to think warmly first toward yourself, then toward someone you love, and finally toward an enemy. A few minutes per day makes a significant difference.

**Practicing Self-Compassion** – Every morning say to yourself “I am God's beloved child. God loves me unconditionally.” – Sounds simple, but how often do we neglect to extend love and hospitality to ourselves? Children seem to be better at this, though they too can struggle. If we are to remind them of their worth, we must see it in ourselves first.

**Scripture Memorization** – Many of us know the beautiful and familiar words of 1 Corinthians 13 that begins “Love is patient. Love is kind.” This love is not referring, specifically, to romantic love, but rather God's perfect love. Perhaps you'll want to memorize the whole chapter this Lent? How would that change your spiritual practice?

~ Rev. Traci Smith  
(one of Pastor Stephanie's favorite authors)

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Read more of Traci Smith's meditations on Lent in her book, *Faithful Families: For Lent, Easter and Resurrection* available in our church library,



## Ash Wednesday

{INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN}

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

6PM IN CHAPEL

TIME FOR REFLECTION &  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SERVICE FOR ALL AGES



# Church Family News

## In Memoriam

Jaye Wagner

January 11, 2024



Dear Immanuel Family,  
The family of Jaye Wagner wishes to extend sincere gratitude for the love and blessings Jaye and Dwight received from the Immanuel family during their 21 years of marriage. The family would also like to relay their deep gratitude for the generous love and support received during Jaye's lengthy fight with cancer as well as for the many expressions of sympathy following her passing on January 11th, 2024.

With love and gratitude,  
Dwight

## Worship Attendance

Jan 7 - 120    Jan 21 - Snow Day  
Jan 14 - 88    Jan 28 - 140



## Financials

(Through December 31, 2023)

### Year-to-Date Budget

\$358,838.00

### Year to Date Income

\$326,241.33

### Year-to-Date Actual Expense

\$332,878.84

### Year-to-Date Net Income

(\$6,637.51)

Congratulations to  
Elijah and Stephanie [Brown]  
Van Dyke, married on Dec. 28th  
in Medford, OR



## February Sanctuary Flowers

Feb 4 - Betty Kay and Ed Wasserman

Feb 11 - Ellen and Scott Newman

Feb 18 - Decorations Committee

Feb 25 - Decorations Committee

