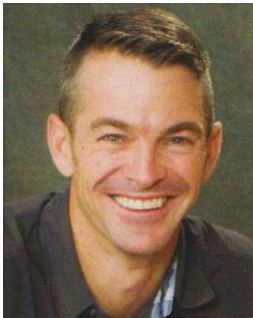




June 2018

“We exalt God above all by evangelizing, equipping and embracing all nations.”



“Observe the Sabbath,
because it is holy to you.”
Exodus 31:14

In October 1879, a discovery was made that I believe changed our culture’s resting habits forever. Prior to this invention, sleep was peoples’ principal activity after sundown. As darkness settled over the land, most businesses closed along with most eyes. There were few who burned the midnight oil because oil wasn’t cheap and the light it generated was limited. Thus life’s currents closely followed the sun’s movement. However, Thomas Edison’s incandescent lightbulb changed everything. With perpetual light now possible, businesses no longer needed to close. People could see to read and to write. Night became day and as productivity rose rest declined. Today, we are a nation of 24/7, where it is rare for any business to close because even when their doors lock they remain accessible online. America in the 21st Century seemingly never sleeps!

Edison’s invention facilitated a furious acceleration of life’s pace; however, I don’t believe that his bulb was bad. People have been trying to do away with rest from the moment that sin entered the Garden. In the very beginning, following the six days of Creation, God rested (Gen 2:2–3). He set apart one day out of every seven for His people to rest, to turn their attention from the busyness of life and to focus

on Him. Later as God led His people out of Egypt, He included this command for rest among the Ten that He delivered to Moses demonstrating the importance of this practice for God’s people (Exod 19:8–11). However, as with all of God’s commandments, people have ignored, broken, and completely rejected them--even the one regarding rest.

As men and women of the 21st Century, frenetic feels normal, doesn’t it? Sleep apnea, insomnia, and Ambien are the order of the day; in fact, I believe that many of us actually fear inactivity. We are desperate to keep going because this keeps us distracted, doesn’t it? Yet, God commands us to rest. Unfortunately, I believe that this call is often most neglected by the church. We excuse our busyness as kingdom building and essential to God’s work, therefore, we never rest. But friends, I hope that we can see how arrogant this is and how brazenly disobedient. God doesn’t need us to accomplish His purposes, He desires obedience not sacrifice (1Sam 15:22).

To this end Immanuel, we are going to rest from the busyness of our Wednesday evening schedules for the month of June that our teachers may recharge and our chef and servers may recuperate. Our prayer is that we all use this time of quiet to get alone with the Lord and rest in the shadow of His great grace (Ps 91:1).

Rejoice!
Andrew Morgan



Coffee Fellowship

We have coffee in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School every Sunday morning. Join us for fellowship and a cup of coffee every Sunday.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Faye Brittingham (east)
Faye Parker (south)
JoAn Vollkommer (west)

NOTE: Feel free to change doors assigned. This way you may meet new or old friends!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

There will be no dinners or other activities at the church on Wednesday evenings during the month of June.



The deadline for submitting items of interest for the **July newsletter** is June 20.

IMMANUEL ON MISSION

Mission Partners

English Second Language is planning for Fall semester.

Redemption City Church Baltimore is meeting on Sunday mornings at the Seya Wellness Center.

James & Sarah, **IMB** South Asia, are traveling as they make disciples and multiply churches in follow up to recent trainings.

Paul & Laurel Morgan, **Wycliffe** Translators in

DR Congo, are traveling with the family to Uganda for healthcare appointments and respite.

Mission Education

WMU reminds us to continue praying for the Maithili people, who are unengaged and unreached in South Asia, as leaders are moving to live and work among them!

Activities for Children and Youth on Summer break

Training members and practicing what we have been learning on Wednesday nights with the Pastor by engaging our neighbors as we pray for the communities surrounding Immanuel that we may have opportunities to pray with people and share 15 second testimonies and God's story in 3 circles in gospel conversations this Summer

VBS next month July 9-13

Members on Mission

Shirley and Rose repurposing plastic bags into mats

East Salisbury School Partnership Field Day

Debbie Dean is in transition from CRU to study biblical counseling.

Lincoln Family is planning to visit this Summer from Morocco.

OC International Students Dinner July 30

Will Wiley and Jessica Donnell's wedding will be August 4.

Missions Team

Planning a Fall emphasis on local missions

Mission Education

Brotherhood – There will be no meetings during June, July and August.

SHOREBIRDS INFO

The annual Mountaire Faith and Family Night will be on June 9. The guest speaker after the game will be Haley Skanupa, member of Gold Medal winning Women's Ice Hockey Team.



Congratulations to the following graduates who are related to someone in our church family.

Vica Brittingham – Snow Hill High School

Daughter of Alan and Barbara Brittingham

Rebecca Manning – James M. Bennett High School

Granddaughter of Shirley Manning

Devin Martin –Pocomoke High School
Brother of Emely Martin

Peter Myers – Klein High School, Spring, TX
Will attend Texas A & M on full scholarship.
Grandson of Judy Myers

Jonathan Powell – Wicomico High School
Son of Bryan and Melissa Powell, Grandson of George and Linda Webster, Great-grandson of Sue Duncan

Robynn Powell – Salisbury University, BS in Political Science
Daughter of Bryan and Melissa Powell,
Granddaughter of George and Linda Webster,
Great-granddaughter of Sue Duncan



We extend our deepest sympathy to Josh Webb and family in the death of his wife Mary. She died on May 15 and the Celebration of Life was on May 18 in Berlin.

WILLING WORKERS

Pictured below are some of our Sunday School classes, from children to youth to adults. This month we are having a special focus on the teachers. These are people who willingly spend many hours every week in preparation for presenting the gospel on Sunday, and we appreciate every one of them!





COTTER'S COMMENTS

June is an exciting time of year for the Youth as they finish up school and we prepare to go on our trip to reCHARGE. This year finishing up school means something unique for both Jonathan and Vica, as they are graduating from High School! Please continue to be in prayer for each of them and this time of transition in their lives.

We will be going to reCHARGE from June 17-22. This year our crew for this trip will be Jonathan, Gavin, Maddie, and myself. We are looking forward to this week of fellowship, missions, and fun!

Another exciting thing happening with our youth group is the Youth's involvement in VBS this summer. Maddie, Gavin, Morgan, Jonathan and Anderson will all be helping out in various ways throughout our VBS week this July!

Thank you for your prayers for the Youth Group!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

One of the many blessings that God gives his children is the privilege of prayer. He extends an invitation to come to Him in any place and at any time; and because He desires a relationship with us, He wants us to spend time with Him. Like so many blessings that we fail to appreciate, we often underestimate the power of prayer. Unfortunately, our prayers sometimes consist of only a long list of things we want God to do. While our motives may be good, we should consider how God sees our continual requests, without praise and thanks and a failure to confess our sins. We would do well to pray using the model of our Lord when He prayed. He began by praising the Father; then He asked for forgiveness of trespasses; and finally, He petitioned for "daily bread", or for our needs to be met.

Each Tuesday morning we gather in the prayer room here at Immanuel at 7:30 a.m. to pray for an hour. We begin with praises for our awesome God. Then we move into a time of confession of our sins, followed by a period of thanks for all that God has done for us and for answered prayers. We finish our time together by sharing the concerns on our hearts for the church—for our leadership, for missions, as well as those facing difficulties or hardships. This time that we spend with the Lord is both powerful and sweet. We invite you to come and pray with us, and we promise that you will be blessed.

In the coming months, look for follow-up articles on the elements of prayer—praise, thanksgiving, confession, and petition



After morning worship on June 3, our pastor and family will leave for a month of rest, relaxation and renewal. Andrew and Melinda fill many positions and we appreciate their untiring efforts. Keep them in your prayers; that they have safe travel and God's blessings.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we are looking forward to "Game On" during which we will learn that Jesus cares about us and loves us. He gives us hope and joy and helps us believe in Him.

God has provided an amazing VBS team this year and we are looking forward to working together. Please pray that God would prepare our hearts and those of the children and families we will minister to.

We need a lot of different supplies. Talk to Melinda Morgan or Kristin Shockley for more details. You can also provide homemade snacks for our teachers when they visit the recharge room to be prayed for. Thanks for your support!!!

Go Immanuel Team!!

PRAYER and PRAISES

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Hunt, Danielle – (Johanne)
Manning, Ashley – (Shirley)
Meadows family – (S. Wood)
Pusey, Pat – (Rosa)

MEDICAL NEEDS

Baker, Penny -- Chemo
Blankenship, Jenny – Surgeries
Bounds, Amy
Bowman, Nordy – heart surgery
Davis, Pat – Leukemia
Hall, Barry -- Treatments
Hamula, Tina – (B. Nibblett)
Hooker, Charlotte
Jordan, Kevin – Liver
Jordan, Maryanne – Sciatic nerve
Josie – Cancer
Manning, Shirley – Recovering
Meadows, Wade – Heart
Rice, Daisy – Holes in Heart
Simpson, Joyce – Continue in prayer
Spence, Howard – Mass in lungs
Tarr, Joann – Stage 1
Walters, Chuck – Kidney infection

MISSIONS PARTNERS

Morgan, Paul and Laurel (Congo)
James and Sarah (South Asia)
ESL (Summer break)
Redemption City Church, Baltimore
(Sunday services)

MEMBERS ON MISSION

East Salisbury Elementary School Partnership
Ocean City Baptist International Students
Dinner – July 30

LONG-TERM NEEDS

Brandt, John – Chron’s disease
Cheek, Virginia – Genesis
Duncan, Sue
Henderson, Jeff – MS
Jarrett, Ann
Merritt, Joan – PRMC
Muenster, Cindy
Powell, Missy
Schneider, Irving – Genesis (Centreville)
Straub, Marge – Wicomico N.H.
Walters, Chuck
Wilson, Betty – (S. Wood’s mother)
Workman, Sam and Dolly

PRAISES

We give thanks for our partnership with Harvest Baptist and Providence Presbyterian and a well attended ESL Spring semester, for the many houses of peace and few professions of faith as workers went out from training with James & Sarah, for distribution of Scripture media in the Ndruna language among the people of Bunia and God providing a new word in the Budu language and for the Pastor continuing our training in gospel conversations on Wednesday nights. God is up to much!



JUNE

- 5 Tommy Jarrett
- 6 Molly Hitch
- 8 Patricia Christiana
- 14 Jonathan Powell
- 20 Sylvia Scarborough
- 22 Daxton Blades
- 24 Vica Brittingham
James Moore
- 25 Rory van Brackel
- 26 Gigi Parsons
- 27 Brenda Pearson

ESL

