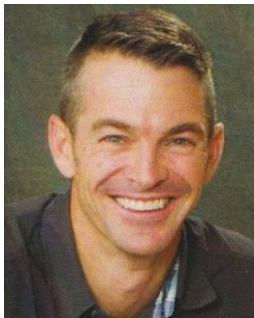




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*“We exalt God above all by evangelizing, equipping
and embracing all nations.”*



Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to

their number that day.

Acts 2:38–41

For the disciples, the days immediately following Christ’s crucifixion were dark. They hid in fear for their lives, their hope of a Messianic military victory a distant and uneasy memory. And then, they received news that further rocked their world, literally. The stone that had held their Savior in the tomb was gone and so was He. At first, confusion reigned. Then two of the now eleven rushed to the grave and confirmed the testimony of Mary and the other women: Jesus is alive.

Over the next forty days, Luke tells us that Jesus “appeared to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive” (Acts 1:3). He also informed them of the coming of His promised Holy Spirit by whose enabling they would be His witnesses in “Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). And later, on the day of Pentecost, while all the disciples were together, this promise was fulfilled. The Holy Spirit came suddenly and filled each of

Christ’s followers and they, so empowered, went out and began proclaiming the gospel.

Luke later informs us that as Peter, the uneducated, unrefined, rural fisherman, spoke about Jesus, those who were listening were “cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37)

and they demanded to know what they should do to be saved. Peter responded, “Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). Such a simple answer to what we often consider a complex question with the result a revival as “about three thousand were added to their number that day” (Acts 2:41). How? Was it something Peter did, the passion in his presentation, the strength of his personality? And the answer has nothing to do with Peter and everything to do with the Holy Spirit who indwelt him. On the day of Pentecost, God’s Holy Spirit worked in power as God’s Word was proclaimed bringing many men and women to life through the gospel of God’s Son. This was a mighty work of God.

And Immanuel, the work of salvation remains a work of God. Only God saves and He does so through the proclamation of the gospel. As a church that deeply desires to see God save, I challenge us all to pray for revival. Let us pray for God to do that which only He can do through us, His church, as we faithfully share the gospel with others. At the end of the twentieth century, the British pastor Martyn Lloyd-Jones wrote, “I would affirm that much of the modern approach to evangelism, with its techniques and methods, is unnecessary if we really believe in the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and His application of God’s message...Should we not concentrate more, as the church has done through the centuries, upon praying for, and laying the basis of Christian instruction for, revival as it is described in the Bible?”

Let us pray for God’s Holy Spirit to work through us to accomplish that which only He can, the saving of souls.

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

Judy Myers (east)
 Rory van Brackel (south)
 Heather van Brackel (west)

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



The deadline for submitting items of interest for the **September newsletter** is August 20.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The pastor is leading a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Also, youth and children activities begin at that time. Starting September 5, dinner will be served at 5:30 with all other activities following at 6:15.



I would like to thank the church for its support with my Eagle project! We finished work on the shed at the end of June. I appreciate the support from everyone who donated money or time to this project. I hope that you are happy with the improvements!

Thanks again, Jake Baranowski

IMMANUEL ON MISSION

Praises

Praise to God for the things He has done – through VBS here at Immanuel and in Congo as Laurel Morgan and her children with summer intern Naomi hosted VBS in their village; for ESL conversations every week; and with a hearty meal served in love to more than 300 international students at Ocean City Baptist Church – all for the sake of the Gospel, so we give thanks that God is up to much!

Consider participating in ESL training August 17 and 18 here at Immanuel. Join us August 28 for Back to School night at East Salisbury Elementary. Pray for good weather that day for outside activities.

Mission Education

The WMU thanks the supporters of the Global Hunger Mission offering. The Bread Bank collection for July is \$98.80. If you forgot your bank, it can be turned in to the office at any time.

Missions Team

Pray for the Missions Team planning a Sunday evening family gathering in October with a local mission emphasis featuring ESL, School Partnership and Redemption City in Baltimore.

Mission Partners

English Second Language Ministry
 Redemption City Church, NAMB Baltimore
 James and Sarah, IMB, South Asia
 Paul and Laurel Morgan, Wycliffe translators

Members on Mission

East Salisbury Elementary School Partnership
 Lincoln family, Morocco



We extend our sincere sympathy to Susie Walters and her family on the death of her husband Chuck, who died on Friday, June 29. The Celebration of Life service was held at Immanuel on July 5, followed by a reception.



Wow! What an amazing VBS week we had this year! God is so good! He blessed us with perfect weather, excellent health, energy and strength!

The team of 38 adult and youth workers was amazing and we had so much fun serving together. One of the best parts of VBS was working closely with other church family members that we don't usually get to spend much time with. We prayed, laughed, loved, played and learned together.

This year, about 80 kids participated in VBS, which is an all-time high since we changed the age participation to 5 – 12 years old. Being surrounded by so many smiling faces all week long was such a blessing!

On Celebration Sunday we had almost 200 people attend worship and stay for lunch afterwards. Many new families visited Immanuel that day. Thank you for making them all feel so welcome. Many parents shared with us how much their children love coming to our church.

The game is not over! Please keep praying for the families that have been touched by Christ's love through our VBS. The most powerful thing we can do is pray. We truly believe that this year's success was solely due to the power of prayer. All week long, teachers visited the prayer room for small group prayer and refreshments. Prayer changes hearts! It is our deepest desire that our community would come to know the truth of Christ's love. Pray that God would open eyes to the gospel!

GAME ON, Melinda Morgan & Kristin Shockley



IN HIS SERVICE



Where do we begin? There are so many ways that this member, Nancy Lambert, serves the Lord here at Immanuel. Her daily schedule begins with a walk at the Center. Then, it might be her turn to act as teller at the church or check the flowers in the sanctuary. She visits all of the Homebound members regularly, makes coffee on Sunday morning and cleans the pot on Monday. She helps set up for dinners, collects donations and helps with cleanup. Nancy attends all the services. She delivers leftover foods to the Christian Shelter. Finally, all the Christmas decorations are put in place by Nancy. I'm sure we forgot some things, but want her to know how much we appreciate her faithfulness and her loving spirit. God bless you!



Thank you to every heart that sent me a card, called me, text me, emailed me or face-booked me with wishes for a speedy recovery; during my recent bout with pneumonia. I so missed you all.

Jill Braungart

In a world filled with causes for worry and anxiety, we need the peace of God standing guard over our hearts and minds.

--Jerry W. McCant



COTTER'S COMMENTS

Immanuel,

Our Youth recently welcomed new members into the group with our "Welcome 13's Party" in July! These Youth recently turned 13 and we were able to welcome them with games and a message from Psalm 1 about the importance of growing in the knowledge of the Word of God. This was an exciting start to our summer of events that will culminate with our farewell party at the end of August for the members of our Youth who have recently graduated from high school.

VBS was also a great week for our Youth as Gavin, Maddie, Anderson, Morgan, and Jonathan all helped out during the week with different classes and activities. We appreciate your prayers for our Youth and ask that you continue to pray for their spiritual growth and formation!



August

- 4 Beverly Bohrer
- 5 Mike Cox
- 6 Rev. Kim
- 7 Charles (Corky) Simpson
- 12 Wanda Ferrier
- 18 Joyce Simpson
Lucy Webster
Kristin Schockley
- 23 Jacob Baranowski
- 26 Jimmy Cathell
Eden Schofield
- 27 Connie Jones
Donald Terry
- 28 Betsy Jarrett
- 29 Laurel Morgan
- 31 Dawn Moyer

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEDICAL NEEDS

Baker, Penny -- Chemo
 Blankenship, Jenny
 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
 Simpson, Joyce – Continue in prayer
 Tarr, Joann – Stage 1

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
 Merritt, Joan – PRMC
 Muenster, Cindy
 Powell, Missy
 Schneider, Irving – Genesis (Centreville)
 Straub, Marge – Wicomico N.H.
 Wilson, Betty – (S. Wood's mother)

