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



God’s Perfect Peace
Phil 4:7

“And the peace of God which
transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.”

Have you ever experienced conflict? Possibly you’ve found yourself at odds with a coworker or you’ve fallen out with a family member. In those moments, the shared sense of unity you once enjoyed is destroyed, isn’t it? Where before you were confident of their support, you felt certain of their backing, and comfortable in their presence, now your every engagement is marked by anxiety. You’re plagued by uncertainty regarding how they’ll respond. You fear their disapproval should you act in a way that they dislike, and your every movement is colored by angst. Have you ever felt this way? I imagine that we have all experienced conflict as described above in which our hearts and minds are affected. For we all struggle to live in harmony with one another. We are proud people. We love to get our own way. And these arrogant attitudes often result in arguments that lead to the thoughts and emotions we’ve just noted. Conflict is universal.

Have you ever felt alone? Possibly you were left waiting to be picked up or maybe a friend deserted you citing reasons all of which pointed to you as the problem. In that moment, I imagine that you felt absolutely dejected. Everything took on a different appearance as what you thought you knew now left

you wondering if it could be trusted. Your hope in humanity was dashed. Your belief in others lost. Any interaction with people now posed a fearful prospect because you didn’t want to be hurt again. I imagine that we have all felt this way before. We have all been abandoned and have abandoned others. We know the emotional and mental desperation that loneliness brings because as with conflict, loneliness is universal.

Immanuel, both of these experiences are marked by the absence of God’s promised perfect peace. Writing to a church marked by suffering caused by conflict and loneliness, the apostle Paul urged them to rejoice in the Lord because His peace would address both their hearts and their minds anxieties. For Paul, God’s peace didn’t resolve their circumstances. His promise didn’t pertain to their physical suffering; rather, it resolved their heart and mind’s unrest. God’s promised peace transcends understanding, which I take to mean that it works in ways that do not make sense logically. We would expect peace to mark a church enjoying the favor of their neighbors and who were appreciated by their community. Such peace would fit within our understanding, but when our minds are untroubled and our hearts at ease in the midst of persecution and suffering that makes no sense. And this is the promise of God’s peace.

If your life currently reflects that of the Philippians. if you are facing uncertainties without and loneliness within, then hear God’s promise to you, “the peace of God which transcends all

understanding will guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.” Christ is our peace! He is our source of life and hope. May we learn to live in union with Him!

Rejoice!
Andrew Morgan

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



Coffee Fellowship

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Liz Rosenberg (east)
Kat Reeves (south)
Carrie She (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 **November newsletter** is October 18. Please observe this deadline.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Dinner is provided at 5:30. Please sign up for these dinners so that we can prepare the appropriate portions. Also, sign up to take a turn at providing a dessert. Following are the menus for October:

- 3 - Chicken cacciatore over rice, squash
- 10 - Ham, macaroni and cheese
- 17 - Beef stroganoff over egg noodles, beans
- 24 - Chicken stir fry, Asian veg., rice
- 31 - Spaghetti and garden salad

The adult discipleship, the youth, Mission Friends, GAs, and RAs will meet at 6:15.

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to support the ministries of Immanuel through online giving, you can find a link on our website – Immanuel.org – titled “Online Giving”. This link will take you straight to the Immanuel Giving Tools website where you will have the opportunity to designate your gift to the ministry that you desire. If you have any questions or would like help getting set up with online giving, contact the church office!

IMMANUEL ON MISSION

Praises

-The Missions team met September 1 to plan a Local Missions Emphasis on October 4 from 4-5 p.m. featuring our members on mission throughout our community!

-ESL is adding classes at the YMCA and distributing more Bibles to students because of the grant received earlier this year from our Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.

-Cotter is meeting with several of our college students for Bible Study at Salisbury University.

-There are new discipleship opportunities in their village for Paul and Laurel with the Mayogo language Bible.

Our Mission Partners

-Free English Salisbury (ESL) is meeting again on Thursdays at Providence offering adult classes and childcare; adding classes Tuesdays at the Salisbury YMCA; continuing Bible Study for women Tuesday afternoons at Immanuel

-Redemption City Church (NAMB church plant) is continuing Sunday services at the Seya Wellness Center in Baltimore City’s Canton area

-James and Sarah (IMB) continue training with those planting reproducing churches. They are settling in new team members Adam and Krista and their 7-month-old Callie. Pray for their national partners, a young family now living and working among the Maithili speaking people

-Paul and Laurel with Wycliffe in DR Congo are working on translation of 1 Corinthians into Budu Nita language following successful checking of 2 Corinthians with both the Komo and Budu Nita language teams; Paul will be in Thailand for meetings.

Our Members on Mission

- The Lincoln family is back in Morocco after a month visiting family and friends this summer.
- Jessica and Will Wiley continue as students at Southern seminary.
- Emely Martin is now serving as a student leader with Campus CRUsade at SU.
- There is a Bible Study for students at SU Tuesday mornings.
- East Salisbury Elementary School Trunk or Treat will be on October 31.
- Cotter and Emily are hosting young adult small group on Thursdays

Mission Education

GAs and RAs have a new emphasis, “Unshakeable Pursuit” from 1 Cor. 15:58, focused on knowing God.

Giving to Missions

Through the Cooperative program, the Southern Baptist Convention’s unified giving plan, our State offering in September supports the BCMD at Skycroft evangelism camps for our youth as well as collegiate outreach, church planting and replanting, disability outreach and disaster relief work in places like Ellicott City after recent flooding; the Global Hunger Relief collection mid October through bread banks, etc., helps overseas through International Mission Board and Baptist Global Response and here in the US through North American Mission Board and our State Convention to distribute food and share the Gospel; the Lottie Moon offering in December supports the recently commissioned missionaries joining our own James and Sarah and those going to places often hard to reach around the world through IMB; and the Annie Armstrong offering each Spring supports church plants like Redemption City and trains, resources and sends missionaries throughout the US, US territories and Canada via NAMB . . . altogether multiplying our contributions to reach many with truth!

WMU

Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Box Ministry

To be more efficient, we are going to concentrate our efforts on donating items for Boys ages 5 to 9. We encourage you as a family or Sunday School class to pack your own boxes. We will provide directions as

to what would be appropriate as well as what is not permitted by the organization.

On November 7, volunteers will pack boxes with individual donations. Group or family boxes should be turned in on November 11 and they will be delivered to the collection center on the 12th.

Your support of this mission effort is greatly appreciated. Refer any questions to Wanda Ferrier or Jill Braungart.

Global Hunger Relief

We have had the Bread Bowl mission for many years at Immanuel. For those in our congregation who participate in this ministry by the use of bread bowls, please be prepared to turn them in on October 14. And for those in our congregation who would like to contribute, you can also turn in your offering on that same day, marked for Global Hunger.

Remember, every cent goes directly to hunger relief. Our own missionaries and relief personnel hand out the relief goods. Jesus asks us to be responsible Christian stewards by sharing and caring for people in need!

GAs

The **Girls in Action** group meets on Wednesday evenings.

The theme for this year is “Unshakable.” Paul writes in I Corinthians 15:58 (CEV): “My dear friends, stand firm, and don’t be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile.”

This year the GAs will learn about Bible heroes whose faith remained unshakable and missionaries throughout the world who demonstrate their unshakable devotion to God.

We invite girls in grades 1 – 6 to join us for Bible studies, games, and crafts as we put Paul’s verse in action.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 6 – ESL at Providence, learn how to engage Muslims. 9:00 – noon

October 9 – Immanuel hosting a BCMD event

October 13 – Work Day at 9:00

October 14 – Local mission emphasis night, 4 – 5

October 31 – Trunk or Treat event at East Salisbury, 1:00 – 3:00

November 3 - Painting event in honor of Jenny, 10:00 a.m. – noon. Cost of \$25 includes all materials

Thank You

Thank you to Lori Trotter, our missionary speaker, for a wonderful testimony to her obedience of GOD. Also, thanks to the 29 ladies who attended this time of Praise, fellowship, and picnic lunch. Thank you also to the behind-the-scenes people who helped make this wonderful day happen. Wanda Ferrier and Jill Braungart, WMU Directors

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob Blankenship and his family in the death of his wife Jenny. She passed away on Wednesday, September 5, after a long, courageous battle with many physical problems. Her Celebration of Life was on Saturday, September 15.

Also, we extend our deepest sympathy to Ed Hooker and his family in the passing of his wife Charlotte on Sunday, September 23. The service celebrating her life was on September 29. Our love and prayers are with both families.



Sue Duncan

Sue Duncan was born in Yuma, TN, on February 21, 1922. Her claim to fame is that she is currently the oldest member at Immanuel. At a young age, the family moved to Missouri, where she was graduated from Caruthersville High School. She met her husband, Johnnie, after the war and they were married almost 50 years. She worked at Penney's in downtown Salisbury for 23 years. She always enjoyed sewing, embroidery, knitting and working with flowers. Sue had 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. She joined Immanuel in 1961, using her talents as a S. S. teacher wherever needed, in WMU, VBS, and volunteering when other members needed help. She has read the Bible through several times and commented that it is a great source of wisdom. She is a wonderful example of a loving, caring Christian. May God continue to richly bless her.

Prayer Pointers

We have looked at the elements of prayer in recent months, focusing last month on praise. This month, we will look at the confession of sins as an important part prayer.

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to attend the IMB's School of Prayer for All Nations. There were excellent presentations and discussions about prayer, but one particular Scripture, which I had surely heard before, had a powerful impact on me. That was Psalm 66:18, "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." Since that time, I have been reminded not to leave confession out of my prayers. The image that comes to my mind is that of God covering His ears and not hearing me!

As Christians, we are aware that we all sin, and we probably can quote Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." As sinful people though, we often struggle to acknowledge our sins; it is much easier to point out the sins of others. It is also our nature to categorize sin. . ."at least my sins are not as bad as his!" While we may not have committed murder, or robbed a bank, even what we consider to be small sins are an offense to a holy God. Do we worry? Do we waste time God gives us? Have we failed to forgive our brother or sister? Do we take

credit instead of giving glory to God? All of these require the confession of our sins and a desire to repent.

To help us recall our sins, we might pray through Psalm 139:23-- "Search me O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." The great thing about confessing our sins is that our God is "faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9) After confessing and repenting of our sins, we can rejoice in the promise that our God not only forgives, but forgets our sins-- "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:34)

Submitted by Cindy Bennett



COTTER'S COMMENTS

Thank you for your prayers for our youth, young adults, and college students!

This month we began a study of Psalms in youth and went to Allen Memorial for a youth lock-in! There were over 150 youth from the area at the lock-in, where we spent time playing games, worshiping, and studying the Bible. The highlight for our group was getting to play a massive game of flashlight tag throughout their church! This coming month we are planning to go to a corn maze with our youth group and we will be continuing our study of the Psalms.

The College Bible Study and the Young Adult Small Group both started up this month! We have been studying through Colossians in both of these groups and Emily and I were blessed to see a couple from our small group get married at the end of September!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEDICAL NEEDS

Bounds, Amy
Baker, Penny

Davis, Pat – Leukemia
Hall, Barry -- Treatments
Hamula, Tina – (B. Nibblett)
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
Redemption City Church, Baltimore

MEMBERS ON MISSION

East Salisbury Elementary School Partnership
Ocean City Baptist International Students

LONG-TERM NEEDS

Brandt, John – Chron's disease
Cheek, Virginia – Genesis
Duncan, Sue
Henderson, Jeff – MS
Merritt, Joan
Muenster, Cindy
Powell, Missy
Schneider, Irving – Genesis (Centreville)
Straub, Marge – Wicomico N.H.

(Please let the office know when someone should be added or removed from these lists.)



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14 Carrie Shehan
16 Sarah Morgan
18 Addilynn Blades
19 Nicholas Powell
20 Cotter Johnston
25 Sarah Nibblett
Wanda Shores
Evan Wootten
26 Teddy Bratten
Shirley Wood

