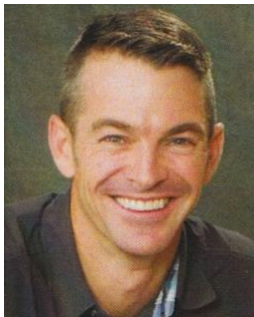




September 2018

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



God’s Word is Key

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16

September is always an exciting month at Immanuel. Wednesday evening meals resume followed by discipleship classes, along with RA’s, GA’s and Mission Friends. All of these activities clearly reflect our Baptist heritage both in name and emphasis, but did you know they also draw upon the practices of the first church as described by Luke in the book of Acts? It was there, following Peter’s powerful Pentecost sermon, that those who were saved “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42).

According to Luke, the church in Jerusalem was marked by (1) the study of God’s Word, (2) fellowship, (3) corporate worship and (4) corporate prayer. And Immanuel, these are the very practices in which we will participate on Wednesday nights.

On September 12, we will gather at 5:30 pm to fellowship with one another over food. As good Baptists we like to joke about our tendency to enjoy the table together, but friends this is a practice that we see described in the Scriptures and one that we will ultimately enjoy with our Savior when He returns (Rev 19:6–9). We will share a meal together

coupled with edifying gospel conversation. We will also spend time studying God’s Word. Mike Law will be leading a class considering the essential truths of the Christian faith and how they are distorted by cults and other religions. Through this course my prayer is that we will come to more fully appreciate the truth of the apostle Paul’s words that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...” (2 Tim 3:16). As God’s people we will experience His grace as we sit under the instruction of His Word. We will also worship and pray together as directed by God’s Word (1 Cor 14:26; Acts 1:14; Eph 4:11–16).

Immanuel, we who gather to worship without fear of reprisal are privileged. This is not the reality for many of our brothers and sisters the world over. As we consider our calendars we would be wise to keep the words of German Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer in mind, “It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God’s Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing.”¹ Therefore, let’s make plans to enjoy the greatness of our God together this fall. And bring a friend!

Rejoice!

Andrew Morgan

¹ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* (New York: Harper and Row, 1954).



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!!!



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

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Beginning September 12, dinner will be provided at 5:30. A donation is suggested of \$4 per person and \$10 per family. Please sign up for these dinners so that Johanne can prepare the required amount. Also, sign up to take a turn at providing a dessert. Following are the menus for this month:

- Sept. 12 Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans
- 19 Chicken Alfredo, broccoli
- 26 Spaghetti and garden salad

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

BROTHERHOOD MEN'S BREAKFAST

This month we will have a special Brotherhood Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 15, from 8-10am. SMA Ministries will be coming in to lead us in a time of breakfast, fellowship, worship, and study of the Word of God. This local ministry exists to encourage and inspire men to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the studying of His Word, prayer, and mutual accountability. We

hope that you will be able to join us for this time of fellowship!

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to support the ministries of Immanuel through online giving, you can find a link on our website – Immanuelsby.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!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

As a part of Immanuel, you have free access to the online video resource library of RightNow Media! This site is much like Netflix for churches, as it has countless hours of Biblical video content that you can stream from any device. If you have any questions about getting set up with RightNow Media, contact the church office!

IMMANUEL ON MISSION

Praises

Praise God for ESL training here at Immanuel to equip more workers as we distribute information through East Salisbury Elementary.

Praise for the many who packed cookies and more who traveled with food in the pouring rain July 30. We give thanks for the break in the weather at dinner time and the opportunity to serve so many international students coming to Ocean City Baptist Church for a hearty meal. We were blessed by smiles and conversations with grateful young men and women from many countries working here this summer. Praise God for receptive hearts and pray the Holy Spirit brings new life to students returning home this month.

Praise God for the Lincoln family's safe travel throughout their summer visit to the States and thanks for the many opportunities for them as they live and work among the people of Morocco.

The **Girls in Action** group will meet Wednesday evenings beginning September 12 from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

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.

State Missions

Early in September members of the Baptist Convention of MD/DE unite together to pray and financially support ministries that reach people in unique ways. Did you know that 100 percent of all funds support the following projects: camp evangelism, church planting, collegiate outreach, disaster relief, and disability outreach in our local areas. The theme for this mission offering is **United in Prayer** (Acts 1:14 CSB). Be in prayer for your participation in reaching Immanuel’s goal of \$2,500.

Mission Partners

East Salisbury Elementary School Partnership
Lincoln family, Morocco

Paul and Laurel, Wycliffe translators - More than 70 children attended VBS in their village this summer and the Jesus film has been well attended.

Noah and Emma have been sick for two weeks with worrisome fevers, Caleb seems fine. “We were also sad to say **goodbye to Naomi**. We had a great visit with her and were so blessed to have her here. Emma has been especially weepy this week and I’ve also been dragging around more. I really enjoyed feeling like I had a little sister around! So thanks for praying for us as we transition back to life without Naomi!”

Please also pray for our **relationships with our neighbors**...Pray that we can persevere in loving them even when we are not loved in return.

Pray for Paul and the Budu Nita team who will start **checking 1 Corinthians** hopefully on Monday. This team has been very distracted during their preparations so pray that they can focus through the checking session and make good progress.”

Free English Salisbury (Formerly ESL)

We will begin the new year this month. We will continue having classes on Thursday evening but will begin hosting and teaching English at the YMCA on Tuesday evenings. Please pray for this ministry, that we will boldly share the truth of the Gospel with these students as they learn English. Pray especially for this new outreach opportunity at the YMCA. May the Lord be glorified in and through this ministry.

Missions Team

Pray for new members in September to assist with planning Local Missions emphasis on Sunday, October 14.

Members on Mission

James and Sarah, IMB, South Asia

Please continue to pray for Leader S and his wife R and their baby J as they seek to reach the D people. It is proving to be no small or easy task. They are outsiders in this new area and are often asked what they are doing there. New laws in the country are causing fear for believers to go share. Yet, they are still wanting to go share! Pray for wisdom, for favor, for open hearts and open homes, for encouragement and for strength.

PRAYER POINTERS

In a previous month, we talked about the elements of prayer – praise, confession, thanksgiving, and petition. This month, we are focusing on praise. That seems like a no-brainer; we all know how to do that! However, many times when we intend to praise, we actually are thanking God for things He has done **for us**. There is nothing wrong with that because we are told to give thanks, but we should understand that it is different from praise. True praise is giving God glory for who He is! At first, it might seem difficult to come up with ways to praise

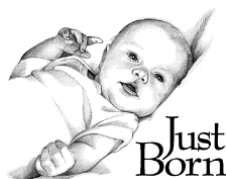
God, but the more we praise, the more ways we find to praise Him.

So how do we begin to praise God? A great place to start is by praying through the Psalms. Psalms is filled with songs and poetic prayers that praise God for His greatness, grace, and love. There is no better way to praise God than by praying through the Scriptures. For example, read through Psalm 96. We are told to “sing to the Lord and praise His name” (v.2). This is followed by reasons why we should praise God. Among these are His salvation, His marvelous deeds, His role in creating the heavens, His glory and strength, His holiness, His faithfulness, and the fact that He is sovereign – He reigns and He alone will judge the world.

In the *Missions Mosaic* (January, 2018), Dr. Rosanne Osborne says this of Psalm 96. “The psalmist invites us to sing God’s praises in every corner of the earth. His words reach beyond our earthly mentality to find expression equal to his majesty. Praise is a holy task for God’s followers, and it is at the base of the missionary impulse. As we marvel over His greatness, we cannot help proclaiming the work of His hands throughout all of the world.”

As we pray, Immanuel, may the Holy Spirit remind us to spend time praising our God, who alone is worthy of all our praise!

Submitted by Cindy Bennett



Congratulations to Brian and Kristin Shockley on the birth of their baby, Judah Nathaniel, on August 22. He is 20 in. long, weighs 8 lbs. 4 oz., and is welcomed home by his siblings Gavin, Madelyn, Owen, Benjamin, Alaine, and Macie.



This month we feature our pastor’s wife, Melinda Morgan, a dynamo of energy who always has a smile on her face. She is very active as a Director of Music, Director of VBS, Director of the Children’s Department, teacher of older children in Sunday School, participates in mission activities, works with the youth, provides for special music on occasion, and entertains the elders and the staff during the holidays. In addition, she finds time to home school three wonderful young children. We appreciate so much all she does and her enthusiasm in doing the work of the Lord.

WMU PICNIC

Immanuel Ladies and Invited Friends
Saturday, September 22, 11:00 – 1:00
Fellowship Hall

Missionary Speaker, Lunch, Fellowship and more
(Sorry – No nursery provided)

Happy Birthday to:

September

- 4 Chloe Marshall
- 5 Kirsten Parsons
- 9 Jim Aurelio
- 10 Melissa Powell
- 16 Heather van Brackel
- 18 Paul Braungart
- 21 Walter Scarborough
- 22 Jeff Lang
- Emma Marshall
- 25 Mike Schofield





COTTER'S COMMENTS

This summer we had the opportunity to do a lot of fun things with our Youth! We played frisbee golf, water games, welcomed new members, and finished off the summer by having a farewell party for Jonathan and Vica at our beach night in Assateague, as you can see in the picture! This fall we will be studying through the Psalms and learning about the character of God during our Wednesday night studies and later this month we will be joining Allen Memorial for a Youth lock-in.

This month Emily and I will be resuming the Young Adult Small Group as well! We are excited to continue studying Colossians and looking forward to these times of fellowship after an exciting summer where one of the couples in our group got married, another had their first child, and another is less than a month from their wedding!

We appreciate your prayers for our Youth and for our Young Adults and we ask that you continue to pray for their spiritual growth and formation! I also ask that you will be in prayer for the college students of our church and those at Salisbury University as we will be starting a Bible Study for college students this month.



Thank You

To each and every one who has supported our family following the death of our mother, Ann Harding Jarrett ("Miss Ann" to most), we would like to

express our sincere thanks and appreciation. The prayers, cards, flowers, and donations and many acts of sympathy and kindness continue to bring great comfort to our family. Our Mom is dearly missed by us and so many, but we praise God because we know she is with Him. Thank you again.

Lyle, Betsy and Tommy, as well as all the rest of our family

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MEDICAL NEEDS

Blankenship, Jenny
 Bounds, Amy
 Bowman, Nordy – heart surgery
 Davis, Pat – Leukemia
 Hall, Barry -- Treatments
 Hamula, Tina – (B. Nibblitt)
 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
 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.)