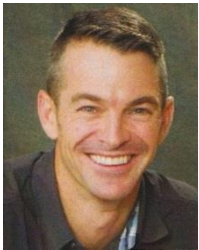




June 2019

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



“I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.” Leviticus 11:45

In 1988, American musician Bobby McFerrin wrote the song, “Don’t Worry, Be Happy.” Mimicking the life mantra of Indian mystic Meher Baba, McFerrin’s song struck a chord with pop culture giving voice to its strong post-enlightenment belief in the power of the human person. For McFerrin, life could be hard. You might not have money. You might not have popularity. You might not have a home. But no matter how hard your life’s circumstances, they could be overcome by simply setting your mind on happiness. In McFerrin’s words, “in your life expect some trouble when you worry you make it double, don’t worry be happy.”

McFerrin’s song became a global hit as it articulated a worldview audiences desired was true—our ultimate end in life is happiness and we can achieve this end if we simply set our minds to it because we are ultimate. Unfortunately, humanity’s purpose could never be something so subjective as personal happiness, for what makes one happy may be the cause of another’s misery. Further, if humanity’s ultimate end was hidden within each individual, surely someone would have found it by now and our world would reflect this glorious discovery. Sadly, our planet isn’t marked by personal peace but by desperation.

Immanuel, we were not created for happiness. We were designed for holiness. Speaking to His people in the desert following their escape from Egypt, God revealed His people’s purpose— to be as He is,

holy! Later, writing in sixteenth century, John Calvin described this divine end for humanity as dictated by the Scriptures when he wrote, “the goal of God’s work in us is to bring our lives into harmony and agreement with His own righteousness, and so to manifest to ourselves and others our identity as His adopted children.”¹ We were created in God’s image; therefore, we are to be holy.

Sadly, at some point in our recent past, people began to believe that holiness and happiness are antithetical ends, that if we want to be holy we must sacrifice happiness. But friends, this is not Scripture’s story. According to Psalm 147:11, “the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him....” In other words, God delights in His people, those He has created and called to be holy as He is holy. Thus, as we strive to be holy we will be happy. Our fulfillment as men and women will not come from simply emptying our minds of worry but from being filled by God’s Spirit.

As Spirit filled temples of God, may we “let the glory of God shine through us, and [may] we not pollute ourselves with sin. Our bodies and souls have been destined to heavenly incorruption and an unfading crown. We, therefore, must strive upward—keeping ourselves pure and incorruptible until the day of the Lord (1 Thess. 5:23). These are most holy foundations on which to build the Christian life.”²

Rejoice!

¹Calvin, John. A Little Book on the Christian Life. Trans. And ed. By Aaron Clay Denlinger and Burk Parsons (Reformation Trust: Sanford, FL, 2017), 3.

² Ibid., 11.



Coffee is available in the Fellowship Hall before Sunday School every Sunday. Please join us!

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Brenda Pearson (east)
Jill Braungart (west)
Rory van Brackel (south)

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

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

There will be no dinners during June, July and August, but will resume in September. The Discipleship class will continue through the summer as well as activities for the children, all beginning at 6:30 p.m.



All men are invited to a breakfast on Saturday, June 22, at 8:00, followed by a discussion of the Discipline of Worship.



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



Congratulations to Kati McKelvey (now Robb) on her wedding on May 18. Pray for God's blessing on her and her husband Andrew as they begin their new journey together.

CORRECTION

The correct date for Jake Baranowski's Eagle Scout ceremony is Monday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

IMMANUEL ON MISSION

God is up to much in through and among us! I am convinced that the many things happening with our partners must be in answer to the prayers of our faithful members from the heart of the God who loves people, the son Jesus who lives to save lost people and the Holy Spirit at work in redeemed people. When you are not so sure of that, come see me and I will happily share the stories of our members on mission and those I so enjoy reading from the many serving across Maryland and Delaware, every state and US territory, and throughout Canada as they plant churches of all kinds, meet on college campuses or among misplaced refugees and make a difference in neighborhoods and communities, at home and at work.

WMU

Our goal of \$3,100 for the North American Mission Offering was met and exceeded! As of this writing, more than \$4,400 has been given. Thank you for your participation and continue to pray for this mission.

Continue to pray for our church adopted people group – the Mali People. They live all over the countries of India and Nepal. Their language and culture are determined by where they live. The Mali are mainly Hindu living in a lost hope. Many have never heard the WORD of Jesus. Pray that they can be reached and saved.

Mission:Dignity

On June 24 we will observe Mission:Dignity by accepting your offerings for this ministry. No money is withheld for administration purposes. Funds are designated to assist retired Southern Baptist pastors or their widows when special needs arise. Many recipients served small country churches that could not afford to pay large salaries or help their ministers plan for retirement.

Our Mission Partners

Paul and Laurel Morgan

“Praise: My passport arrived from Kinshasa with my visa transposed into my newer passport. Praise God that everything went smoothly! We had a great time in Nyankunde and the group meetings in Bunia went well. I was grateful to be given the opportunity again to give the teaching last Sunday at church. We love getting to share truth from God's Word! The Lika translation team just completed a trip to their home area to raise awareness about their upcoming New Testament publication and celebration. Their young local chief was excited to see his language written and was amazed that this is happening while he is the chief!

Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for God to show us the way forward for suitable housing next year. Pray for wisdom to find the most culturally appropriate method so Scripture media gets onto peoples' phones! Pray for the group of people traveling to the Pazande area to establish a language committee that will oversee and provide input for this new translation project. Pray for Paul's work with the Komo, Budu-Nita, and Budu-Koya teams that are slugging through the tedious technical checks of their New Testaments so close to publication. Please be praying for our new friendship with some Lebanese businessmen, that God give us opportunities to plant seeds of the Gospel into their lives. We have a lot of logistics and planning coming up for a trip to Uganda in June for Paul's further training and visit with my parents there and passport renewals before furlough in September. Pray especially for God to provide a car for us during those several months in the US.”

James and Sarah Morgan

Pray for “Leader S focusing on the Dhanuk people this past year, extremely hard ground in a town a few hours from his, but we have a huge praise! He was also working in his area for a couple weeks each month and there was a lady from his church that was in a different Unengaged Unreached People Group (UUPG), the Bantar. She was the only believing Bantar person we could find. She went to visit a relative just across the border in IN and took Leader S with her. They shared and a few believed and wanted to follow but the other people

in the village started pushing back, saying they couldn't follow. Leader S went back the next week, and despite the pressure from the village, there are now 5 new believers among the Bantar. The first few that believed got baptized in front of the whole village! Praise God! Thank you for your partnership in this work! We've asked for a lot of prayer for Leader S and his work and God is working! Please continue to pray for Leader S and his family as they continue to work and now disciple these new believers. (Leader S also started another new church about an hour away from his home this past week with 3 new believers). Pray specifically that God would raise a local leader to lead these churches.” And please continue to pray for James and Sarah traveling so often as their team focuses on reaching the Maithili peoples with emphasis on reaching into communities of Muslim faith.

Redemption City, NAMB, Baltimore

Redemption City Church continues their second year of services, meeting in the Canton community of southeast Baltimore. Pray for Adam and Sherry and the families living and working there.

Free English Salisbury

Free English Salisbury celebrated the end of classes for the year with a family picnic. A time of prayer for ESL has been scheduled for August 8 at 7 o'clock. Please continue praying for more teachers, assistants and other helpers to serve the growing number of students attending classes with children. Training will be provided here at Immanuel again this Summer, August 9-10. From Martha. “The ESL ladies Bible study ended the year last month with a luncheon. We enjoyed a time of fellowship and the opportunity to practice English. There are three ladies in the group now. We would love to see more ladies join us in the fall as we continue to study the Gospel and learn English.”

OC Baptist International Students

This ministry continues with hundreds of new arrivals this month as the Summer season begins. We will take dinner and serve the students on Monday, June 24, so it's time to bake a thousand cookies again. Look for details in the bulletin.

Our Members on Mission

Will and Jessica will visit in the area to celebrate their first anniversary in early August. Will hopes to complete his studies at Southern Seminary soon.

Emely Martin – Pray for Emely as CRU ministry concludes for the summer and she works with a Chinese church meeting locally.

East Salisbury Elementary School – For Teacher Appreciation Week, we treated them to different candies with a message on several days and a dessert of homemade brownies and blondies with assorted fresh fruits. Birthday cards have been collected for a student's sibling at Children's Hospital. Continue to pray for Junior Rodriguez and his family.

Mission Opportunities

International Students Dinner Monday, June 24, at Ocean City Baptist Church
VBS week of July 15 - 19

Mission Team

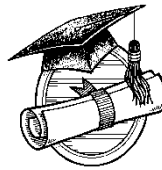
Local missions emphasis June - August



We're going "In the Wild" at VBS this year! Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/30g4RS9> or call the church office.

VBS runs July 15-19, 9:30 to noon. Ages 6-13 are welcome. Here are ways you can help:

- 1) During June, we will be collecting supplies. Grab a supply tag (or two or three) from the back of the sanctuary and help us provide our teachers with what they need for their classes.
- 2) Sign up to bring a snack for our teachers and staff who work hard all week. Talk to Shirley Manning or text Kristin Shockley at 302-466-5016.
- 3) Pass out flyers to your neighbors and friends. There are some flyers in the back of the sanctuary. See Kristin for more.
- 4) Pray. Pray for good health for all involved. Pray for wisdom, enthusiasm, and teamwork. Pray the Gospel will reach hearts hungry for His Word.



Congratulations to the following graduates who are related to members of our church family.

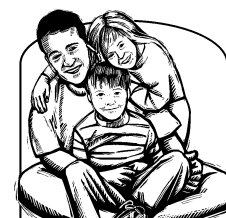
Jake Baranowski – James M. Bennett High School
Will attend Oklahoma State University
Son of Ken and Sara Baranowski and grandson of Paul and Wanda Ferrier

Rebekah McKelvey – Salisbury Christian School
She plans to continue teaching piano and waiting for the Lord's direction.
Daughter of Ron and Cheryl McKelvey and sister of Kristin Shockley

Grace Kim – Harvard University, majored in public health care.
Daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Kee Kim

June

- 5 Tommy Jarrett
- 8 Patricia Christiana
- 13 Aracelia Monds
- 14 Jonathan Powell
- 18 Suzanne Lincoln
- 20 Sylvia Scarborough
- 22 Daxton Blades
- 24 Vica Brittingham
James Moore
Shirley Manning
- 25 Rory van Brackel
- 26 Gigi Parsons
- 27 Brenda Pearson



Honor your father
Exodus 20:12

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Medical Needs

Bounds, Amy
Baker, Penny
Davis, Pat – Leukemia
Hamula, Tina – (B. Nibblett)
Jordan, Kevin – Liver
Jordan, Maryanne – Sciatic nerve
Simpson, Joyce

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)
Tarr, Joann – Stage 1
Straub, Marge – Wicomico N. H.

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



JUNE 14



Pictured above are some of the volunteers who helped to distribute water bottles to participants in Field Day at Salisbury Elementary School. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.