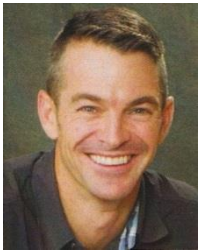




July 2019

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



‘However to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.’

Romans 4:5

One of the unifying beliefs of all world religions, with one notable exception, is the necessity of good works in securing salvation. These ‘works’ may vary widely in expression among the different religious systems, but they generally all conform to a narrow definition of what is ‘good’. The result of this belief for the individual adherent to these different systems is fear induced slavery as the hope for eternal reward is held out in exchange for a life of service.

Now there are few people in our emancipated 21<sup>st</sup> Century culture ignorant enough to desire a life of slavery and yet we are daily surrounded by men and women who are spiritually shackled. They are all feverishly working for an illusory reward and serving the same diabolical task master. Satan has subtly convinced our culture that we can save ourselves if we’ll only try harder, so we work. We work to improve ourselves, we work to help others, we work to heal our world and believe that in all these endeavors we are establishing a salvation obligation in our deity.

Friends, the tragedy in this belief is that it is founded upon what God’s Word describes as false doctrine. The Apostle Paul made clear in his letters

that no one can merit salvation based upon ‘good works’ because we don’t even know what ‘good’ is. Our ‘good works’ are like filthy rags according to the prophet Isaiah, so even at our so called ‘best’ what we merit is not life but death. Trapped in this wheelhouse of works many resolve to just keep running hoping against hope that in the end all their effort will count for something, right?

Sadly there is no security in this position, no good news guaranteed in any of these religions. The one exception is Christianity. For followers of Jesus there is the Gospel, or good news, that salvation comes by faith alone in Christ alone, and not as the result of any ‘work’ good or otherwise on our behalf. Salvation has been won for us by Jesus who then freely imparts this gift to all who respond in faith and believe. Jesus makes His ‘good works’ or righteousness ours so that when God looks at us what He sees is perfection, the perfection of His Son Jesus.

Church this truth, known to theologians as the doctrine of Justification, is foundational to our faith. Let us praise God that our future is secured not because of works we do but because of the work done for us by Christ!

Rejoice!



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 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, July 20, at 8:00, followed by a discussion of  the Discipline of Integrity.

The deadline for submitting items of interest for the August **newsletter** is July 21. Please observe this deadline.



### BUS TRIP

If you have signed up for the bus trip on July 20 to Sight and Sound to see "Jesus," the bus will leave Wal Mart N. (across from Verizon) at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:15 p.m.

### \*\*\*IMMANUEL ON MISSION\*\*\*

It's been a great joy to work alongside so many as we join our mission partners and serve in the community together. My encouragement to every member is find one or several and bless someone in your extended family or neighborhood with your hands, trusting God will honor the smallest gesture or larger project when done in love, that the name of Jesus and the Gospel be made known. And be

sure to tell one another what God has done, give praise and thanks that our conversation may be generously seasoned with words of life and hope. I'm convinced that as we plant seeds and nurture seeds planted, we will see God do that much more in answer to our prayers.

### WMU

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.

### Our Mission Partners

Paul and Laurel Morgan

Paul and Laurel, with Wycliffe USA are in Uganda for a visit with Laurel's parents. They return home to DR Congo with much to accomplish before furlough in September. Pray especially for God to provide a car for those several months in the US and more suitable family housing in Isiro next year. Paul is still working on technical checks with three teams, hoping to complete the New Testament this Summer. Pray for the hearts of their people to receive the word with joy!

James and Sarah Morgan

James and Sarah in South Asia give thanks for new churches among cousin communities of Muslim faith. Pray for safe travel and smooth crossing at the borders.

Redemption City, NAMB, Baltimore

Pray for the team there with outreach opportunities during the warm weather months and for Adam and Sherry to find time to visit family here on the Shore.

Free English Salisbury

From Paula:

It is July and we are in full swing planning the start of another year of ESL, English as a Second Language. Please consider participating in a prayer time for this ministry here at Immanuel! **Prayer Meeting: August 8 from 7-8 p.m.** We unite for this prayer meeting once each year and Immanuel is hosting it, so we would so appreciate your presence! We also will be hosting another ESL teacher's training here at Immanuel—**ESL Training: August**

**9 and 10!** Taking the course does not obligate anyone to teach ESL! It does help folks understand what is involved in working with those who do not communicate in English as their primary language.

#### OC International Students

OC International students enjoyed a hearty meal cheerfully served by a crew of all ages. Thank you to the many who have prayed, baked cookies, packaged cookies and applesauce cups, carried food and traveled to Ocean City to serve a tasty dinner. Pray for many to respond to the Gospel as they participate in resort ministry activities this Summer.

#### Our Members on Mission

##### Mission Opportunities

VBS week of July 15 - 19

##### Mission Team

Local missions emphasis!

##### Mission Giving

Please keep filling those bread banks with coins for World Hunger. The banks will be collected on July 14.

It's VBS month! We have so much for which to rejoice. Our classes are filling up thanks to pre-registration; our teachers are busy digging into the Word in preparation to share with the students; plus,



every single one of our supply tags was taken off the bulletin board! We are humbled by your generosity. All glory to God!

This year we are going *In the Wild* to take "snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture."

We will see Jesus in the temple as a child, Jesus walking on the water, and three more encounters. Our goal is that children will learn that Jesus is who he says he is. . . and that they may have life in his name!

VBS runs July 15-19, 9:30-noon for ages 6-13. We hope you all will join us on Celebration Sunday (July 21) for a special service (attended by many unbelieving visitors) and picnic to follow!

## JAKE – EAGLE SCOUT



Our family would like to thank Immanuel again for their support of Jake and his Boy Scout Eagle project. We were pleased that so many from the church were able to attend his Eagle Pinning Ceremony. A special thanks to Walt Scarborough for taking pictures and to Jeff Lang who spoke on behalf of the church. His remarks were fitting and very touching. As always, we appreciate our church family for their love and support!

The Baranowski's

### 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.)*



We welcomed Rick and Annie Dethloff to our fellowship on June 2.

Rick was born in Riverdale, MD, and enjoys building projects, hiking and fishing. Annie was born in Fredonia, NY, and enjoys reading, baking, crochet, hiking, sewing and arts and crafts. They have two sons, Elijah and Isaac.

Be sure to extend Immanuel’s love and support to this family.



Happy  
Birthday

**JULY**

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Bettye Agnor

- Alena Morgan
- 3 James Morgan
- 7 Rick Dethloff
- 8 Nancy Duncan
- Mike Law
- Andrew Morgan
- Melinda Morgan
- Brianna Stevenson
- 9 Emma Morgan
- 10 Marge Straub
- 11 Patricia Edwards
- 14 Bob Shores
- Grace Wilkins
- 15 Jill Braungart
- 16 Linda Ziegler
- 17 Joel Hills, Sr.
- 18 John Brenner
- 21 Will Wiley
- 23 Kye Parsons
- 27 Edith Nairne
- 28 Cindy Bennett
- Madelyn Schockley
- 30 Lisa Lang
- 31 Nancy Lambert

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY  
JULY 4**

