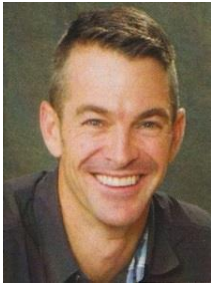




October 2019

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



“Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord...you alone are God.”

Psalm 86:8–9

The world of entertainment, where superheroes battle supervillains, good is in constant struggle with evil, and life as we know it hangs precariously in the balance, gives us a glimpse of how many fellow mortals view reality. Life is scary, filled with unknown adversaries that attack our health, undermine our values, and threaten to destroy us. Every day is a battle with both seen and unseen enemies vying for our lives. Who will win? Can we win? And what do we do if we win? Because no matter how grand the victory today, war will be waiting on us tomorrow. Even those who live outwardly as victors wrestle inwardly with opponents desperate to destroy them.

And we can attest to this worldview can't we church? For “all of us also lived among them at one time” (Eph 2:3). We fought for peace and warred for fulfilment only to find ourselves “without hope and without God in the world” (Eph 2:12). Our every day was fueled by a need we could neither name nor satisfy. It wasn't survival and it wasn't success as the accumulation of life and wealth did little to soothe our unrest. What we sought could not be found among the gods

because we were made for One who is greater.

“There is none like you, O Lord,” David declared, “no deeds can compare with yours” (Ps 86:8). In sharp contrast to the dualism displayed in Marvel's comics, our God stands alone. He isn't 'like' anything and nothing can be compared with Him. He isn't in a daily battle for supremacy. Good isn't wrestling with evil in hopes of victory. And life isn't precariously perched on a precipice, as it were, because God alone is God. He has no rivals or equals. His enemies are like the superheroes we watch on the big screen, actors. They have no power and therefore they pose no threat to God's plans. As King David sang, “All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name” (Ps 86:9). Friend and foe alike share a future of glory giving submission to the King of kings.

Immanuel, may we not forget just who our God is, the One and only God. And may we sing with David, “teach [us] your way, O LORD, and [we] will walk in your truth; give [us] undivided heart[s], that [we] may fear your name. [We] will praise you, O Lord [our] God, with all [our] heart[s]; [we] will glorify your name forever” (Ps 86:11–12).

Rejoice!

Pastor Andrew

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Mary Cox
Mike Cox
Carrie Shehan

NOTE: Please alternate door positions weekly.



Coffee Fellowship

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



There will be a Men's Ministry Retreat on October 4-5 at the Henson Scout Reservation near Sharptown. The discussion Friday night will concern the Discipline of Perseverance, led by Corky Simpson. The topic for Saturday morning is the Discipline of Church, led by the pastor.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Dinner will be served at 5:30 Be sure to sign up for the dinner and to take a turn in providing a dessert. The Discipleship class, Youth, RAs, GAs and Mission Friends will begin at 6:15.

Menus for the month are listed below:

- Oct. 2 – Beef and chicken tacos, Spanish rice
9 – Ham, mac and cheese, vegetable medley
16 – Beef stroganoff over noodles, green beans
23 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas
30 – Chicken cacciatore over rice, squash medley



discipleship class

The current discipleship program will continue this month with "Why We Believe the Bible," featuring video messages by John Piper.

WORK DAY

The trustees have designated Saturday, October 26, as the day to spruce up our grounds and facilities. We hope all who are able will come at 9:00 a.m. to participate. The rain date is November 2.



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

IMMANUEL ON MISSION

So much is happening at Immanuel. We've been blessed to have our partners, Laurel and Paul Morgan here with their three children as they begin several months furlough in the U.S. Laurel, speaking to the ladies on September 14, drew everyone in to the daily realities of village life in the DR Congo where they have made their home to work with several Wycliffe translation projects in a place of great need. It was a great encouragement and challenge for us as we pray for opportunities to reach our community with the Gospel.

This fall we emphasize the Baptist Convention of Maryland Delaware at work in the churches in our region, praying for love and unity in all activity ... Skycroft conference center, church planting, college ministry, disaster relief, special needs ministries and revitalizing churches.

As a small church, we are part of reaching people both near and far through giving to the State mission offering and praying for the BCMD. Visit Baptist Life online for more.

WMU

World Hunger

The Southern Baptist Convention has designated Sunday, October 13, World Hunger Relief Sunday. As a mission action, we place our coins in a bread bank which is collected quarterly. Every penny is used to distribute food to the hungry in the United States and overseas. Please bring your banks on October 13 or place your gift in the offering plate marked for World Hunger. May God bless you and your gifts.

MD/DE State Missions Offering

Our goal set by the WMU of Immanuel for the 2019 offering is \$2,600. We are about halfway to our goal. Pray about what your part should be in reaching this goal.

Mali People Group

The Mali people are our church adopted unreached people. Please pray for them to come to salvation through Jesus Christ!!

Operation Christmas Child

This is the beginning of our Shoebox Ministry. Boxes and brochures will be available in the Fellowship Hall for individuals, classes, or groups to fill with gifts and deliver to the office by November 10. We collect gifts for children around the world as an expression of God's love and to spread the good news of the gospel.

Also, the WMU will collect items for boys and girls, ages 2-4, to be packed by volunteers. A box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall for appropriate items. If you have any questions, see Wanda or Jill.

Women's Event

Thank you to all the ladies who attended and prayed for our praise luncheon on September 14. Laurel Morgan shared the blessings and struggles of her daily life serving Christ in the environment of the Congo with her husband and three small children. Thank you, Laurel, for convicting us and teaching us how to be obedient to serve Christ in any environment.

Our Mission Partners**Paul and Laurel Morgan**

Praise God for the miracles overcoming various security concerns and logistical obstacles for the two workshops training locals in both Bunia and Kiliba to make audio recording as part of the process for upcoming Bible dedications this next year. Continue to pray for the Ebola outbreak in eastern DR Congo, that the local communities will accept help and that the churches will be instrumental in changing public opinion. There is much to be thankful for in safe travel and the warm welcome back to the Eastern Shore. The basket was so appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

Paul, Laurel, Noah, Emma and Caleb

Paul will be presenting a paper at the Bible Translation conference in Dallas on Tuesday, October 15. Pray especially for good conversations and connections with others involved in Bible translation work all over the world. Pray for all our travels in October. We also will fly to Orlando for Wycliffe Connection and are hoping for a good "connection" with the people at the headquarters of our organization. We're also looking forward to a visit with my 90-year-old grandmother in Florida when we are there. We are so thankful for these opportunities while we are here.

James and Sarah Morgan

For *"everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"* Romans 10:13-15

We've kept Romans 10:13-15 at the top of all of our updates now for 8 years. And every time we read those verses, it still breaks our hearts. Creation declares His glory. But so many people have been blinded and deceived by various things. And they can only know the truth if someone explains it to them. Whether it be their first time hearing the name of Jesus, or the 100th time hearing the Good News, or a misconception of Jesus Christ being discussed...if no one does the sharing, then no one comes to know our King. The Spirit does the changing, but we are His witnesses!

Leader S is continuing to work among the UUPGs in our area. He has seen some new people come to faith; however are facing some opposition pressuring them not to get baptized. Pray for these people and for Leader S. Pray for him and his family who are facing health problems from their eyes to fever and typhoid. Pray for us as we try to balance different aspects of the work. We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support so much! We would love for you to see firsthand the way God's been answering those prayers and growing His kingdom here, and we always need help with trainings! Let us know if you would be interested in this.

Free English Salisbury,

We had a great first night! This was only the second time we had registration and classes together on the first night. In summary, we registered 44 students! The beginning of each semester can feel chaotic for lots of reasons, so please pray for a smooth process of registration and placement as new and returning students show up each week. Also pray for the students to feel comfortable in their new assigned classes, and for the teachers to have confidence in the Lord as they work to help these students learn English. The more expected on Thursday nights means our students bring many children with them. They are important and we need to care for them well, so please pray that the Lord would provide us with enough help for this important aspect of this ministry. More volunteers needed! Thank you for praying.

School Partnership

East Salisbury Elementary will hold their “Trunk or Treat” on Thursday, October 31, at 1:00. The Antique Car Club will provide the “Trunk” and Immanuel will provide the “Treat.” We are asking members to donate individually wrapped candy in the boxes provided or place a monetary donation in the offering plate. Please designate gifts for school candy. Also, anyone who would like to help hand out candy that day to the students is welcome to join us. See Sara Baranowski for more information. We are still collecting for the Box Top Program that supports East Salisbury. The program is transitioning to digital Box Tops but is still accepting the clipped coupons. Look for the small pink boxes. If you would like to try the digital program, you need a smart phone and Sara will help set it up. We’ve received good news on the little boy in the Rodriguez family. As the school’s faith partner, we have been praying for several months for this family. Junior had the last tumor removed from his lungs a few weeks ago. The results came back on September 30 and they are extremely hopeful that the scans will show that this five-year-old boy is now cancer free!

Our Members on Mission

Thank you, leaders of our youth and children’s mission activities serving every Wednesday night with Mission Friends, GAs, RAs and Youth.

Praise God for our ESL partnership, Martha Morgan and Wanda Perkins from Providence, as they lead a women’s Bible study here on Wednesday afternoons for women wanting to study God’s word and express their faith in English.

Pray for Emely Martin, discipling young women as a CRU student leader at SU.

Ask Jesse Baranowski about his experience serving dinner at the Christian Shelter and the possibility of his eagle scout project benefiting this local ministry. We often share our surplus after an event here. God is up to much!

Mission Opportunities

Trunk or Treat at E. Salisbury – October 31

Paul and Laurel Morgan – sharing more with us on November 10

Mission Team

The team will meet on Friday, October 11, at 3:45 with much to talk about including mission trips to Kenya and South Asia. Anyone interested, please contact Heather van Brackel.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Medical Needs

Bounds, Amy
 Baker, Penny (Walt’s sister)
 Bratten, Bill
 Dohr, Maureen
 Jordan, Kevin – (Judy’s b.-in-law)
 Jordan, Maryanne – (Judy’s sister)
 Simpson, Joyce
 Stimson, Marlyn

Long-Term Needs

Cheek, Virginia – Genesis
 Muenster, Cindy
 Powell, Missy
 Straub, Marge – Wicomico N. H.

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



Laurel Morgan, Speaker



Attentive members and friends

WMU-SPONSORED EVENT

An item under “School Partnership” gives you information about our Ladies Event last month. For those who forgot or could not make it, you missed a great treat. Laurel spoke in the morning about their life in Congo, showing pictures taken of their many activities.

After singing a hymn or two, we enjoyed a lunch of subs, chips, cookies and fresh fruit.

Most of the hour in the afternoon with Laurel consisted of her answering many questions by those attending.

It was a great few hours enjoyed by all. Thank you, Wanda Ferrier and Jill Braungart!



Birthdays

October

- 14 Carrie Shehan
- 16 Sarah Morgan
- 18 Addilynn Blades
- 19 Nicholas Powell
- 25 Sarah Niblett
Wanda Shores
Evan Wootten
- 26 Teddy Bratten
Shirley Wood

FEED YOUR FAITH
AND YOUR
DOUBTS WILL STARVE
TO DEATH