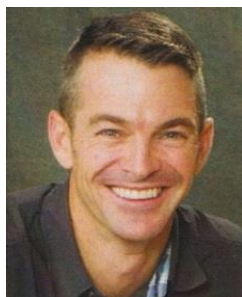




January 2024 VOICE of Immanuel
*“We exalt God above all by evangelizing, equipping
and embracing all nations.”*



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

I always find the Northern Hemisphere New Year to be something of a contradiction. We are supposed to be celebrating the exciting and new, only the weather is cold, dark, and often dreary. The days begin late and end early as the sun struggles to rise and then quickly retreats behind the horizon. The “New” Year seems to be something of a misnomer to me, at least regarding the weather. And yet, it is a New Year in which the “light of the world” still shines brightly into the darkness offering *new* to all who will confess their sin, hope to all who will receive Him in faith, and joy to all who will follow Him, Jesus, the light of the world.

Immanuel, may our name remind us of the *new* we are in Jesus, God with us. May we run into this *new* year, 2024, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the light. And may we look for *new* opportunities to share the “light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” (2 Cor 4:4) so that others may stop walking in darkness because they, too, have the light of life.
Rejoice! Rejoice!

~ Pastor Andrew

Are you receiving e-mails from the church?
Please let us know if you are not getting the group e-mails and want to be added to the list.



Office Closed January 1st

Monday ~ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday ~ 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School

11:00 a.m. ~ Worship

The 11:00 service will be available online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelBaptistChurchSalisbury>



SCHEDULE

Jan. 5 ~ 6:30 p.m. Women in the Word Zoom

Jan. 3 ~ 1:30 p.m. Women in the Word Class
No Wednesday night Activities

Jan. 7 ~ 11:00 a.m. Observe Lord's Supper
6:00 p.m. Resume Youth Group

Jan. 11 ~ ESL Resumes

Jan. 12-14 ~ Youth Winter Retreat

Jan. 17 ~ 8:15 a.m. East Salisbury Monthly Prayer

Jan. 27 ~ 10:00 a.m. Women in the Word Brunch

Jan. 28 ~ 6:00 p.m. Youth Nerf Night

Jan. 31 ~ 6:00 p.m. South Asia Mission Night

Sunday School Classes

Are you attending Sunday Morning Bible Study? We offer something for everyone and would love to have you join us at **9:45 a.m.** each Sunday morning. Please have a glance at the list below and pray about attending one of these classes. Additionally, pray for those leading these classes and pray for those attending! We all need to grow spiritually and here is a great opportunity!

Corky Simpson is our Sunday School Director. He would be happy to answer your questions regarding any of our classes.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Jeff's class:

Curriculum: Explore the Bible for Adults

Quinn's class:

Curriculum: The Gospel Project for Adults

Mike's class:

Curriculum: Studying 1st Corinthians.

Paula's class: Ladies' class

Study on the book, "God's Big Picture" by Vaughan Roberts.

Jeremy & Carla's class:

Conversations on the Book of Luke

Children's Sunday School

Youth: Led by Martha Morgan and Eden Schofield.

Curriculum: The Gospel Project.

Older Children: Led by Melinda Morgan and Braedon Moyer

Younger Children: Led by Lisa Lang

Tuesday Mornings

Everyone is invited to join us in prayer on Tuesday mornings at **7:30 a.m.** in Immanuel's prayer room.



Wednesday Nights

January 10 – 24th, we will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. for prayer and devotional time.

You will not want to miss the **Missions' Night on January 31st**, at **6:00 p.m.** Both our teams will be

sharing about their experiences in South Asia. You prayed faithfully for them, now come and hear how the mission trip has impacted each of them personally. Get ready to enjoy seeing lots of pictures and hearing some very funny stories! You will get the chance to try some snacks from there as well? All ages are welcome! See you there!!

January 3 – No Activities

January 10 – Prayer Meeting

January 17 – Prayer Meeting

January 24 – Prayer Meeting

January 31 – South Asia Mission Night

Young Adults begin meeting **January 24th** at **7:30 p.m.**

Expect lite dinners and regular activities to resume in February.

Women in the Word

Women in the Word's Bible Study celebrated Christmas on December the 6th! Our Bible study was from Luke 1 & 2. We discussed the importance of remembering the deity of Christ at Christmas. We had two special guests join us (Alena and Aliza)! These young ladies shared with us some of their most memorable experiences while on their recent mission trip to South Asia. We have asked them to join us for our next brunch and share more. We had delicious refreshments and enjoyed a fun game which ended with each of us receiving a gift!

Our next meeting: **Wednesday January 3rd** at **1:30p.m.** We will be studying Exodus 17, 18, & 19! Please join us!

Women in the Word January dates to remember:

January 2nd: Zoom review at 6:30 p.m. covering – John 16 & 17, Matthew 27, and Luke 23.

January 3rd: In person Bible Study, 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will be studying Exodus 17, 18, & 19.

January 27th: Brunch at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall (weather permitting)! Don't miss this!

For more information, contact the office or Paula Law (410) 422-3998.

IMMANUEL ON MISSION



Operation Christmas Child Shoobox Journey

Collecting

Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes from their communities. Some churches also serve as drop-off locations for shoeboxes the third week of November every year.

Packing

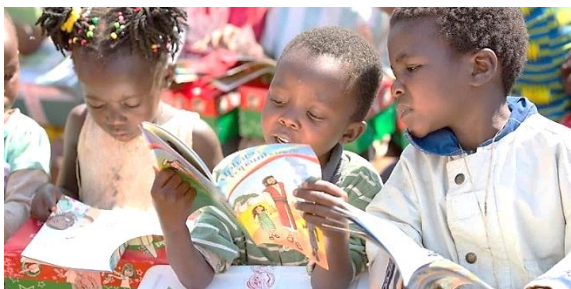
From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country.

Shipping

Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes.

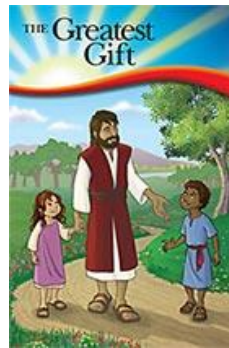
Worldwide Distribution

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program.



Outreach Events

Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive *The Greatest Gift*, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. With the



Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 100 languages.

Then they invite children to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

The Greatest Journey is a 12-lesson discipleship course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. Upon completion of the course, they receive a graduation certificate and a New Testament in their own language.

As they share, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

Discipleship & Multiplication

As a result of what they learn in The Greatest Journey, boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family. The students also invite others to their graduations where the Gospel is shared. This often brings parents, siblings, and friends to accept Christ and become active members in the local church. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

To the Ends of the Earth...From jungles to deserts, megacities to remote villages, millions of people around the world have yet to hear the life-saving Good News of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse is delivering Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in some of these communities to share God's love even to the ends of the earth.



Immanuel sent **31 Shoeboxes** this year. As you can see, it is used as a tool to spread the Gospel around the world. Thank you for your support!



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

With donations of \$11,552.00, we have exceeded our goal of \$7,800.00. Contributions for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supporting International Missions will continue to be collected through the end of February. Thank you for our support and to God be the glory!

World Hunger

Bread Bank collection is on **February 18th**. If you do not have one, please consider joining this mission. It's so easy to just clean out your coin purse periodically and drop them in the bank. Remember that every cent goes directly to this gospel mission. Empty bread banks are available in the back of the sanctuary.



Mali People Group (Immanuel's adopted people group)


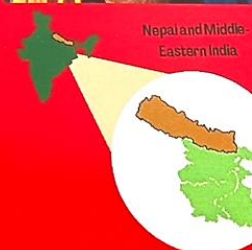
Mali People

PEID: 49143

- Pop: 16,000
- Primary Religion: Hinduism
- Primary Language: Nepali

Please Pray:

- Acts 19:18-19
- That when people come to faith, they would repent from every evil practice and have hearts committed to following Jesus in new life

FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Immanuel family, it has been an eventful year for our church with activity and ministry amidst change and loss, so much to be thankful for as God faithfully leads and provides. I am so grateful for the enthusiasm of our two teams going to South Asia to work alongside our IMB missionaries there and so many giving to support them and sending requested items. Please join us this month as we gather to celebrate what God has done. Closer to home we continue to meet on Tuesday mornings with hymns and Bible study at Peregrine Senior Living and ESL classes resume on Thursday nights. Pray that many more will respond to the Good News in this new year. Trusting that God is up to much!

~ Heather

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

James & Sarah (IMB)

Hey guys,

Greetings from South Asia! We can't believe it is already the middle of December! We've been praying for you and your church as you celebrate the birth of our Savior, the reason we have hope! We've also been praying for you to have opportunities to share that hope with others this season. Please pray for us and the believers here, that we would be ready to boldly share the reason we celebrate Christmas.

We wanted to reach out and just say thank you for your prayers and support for getting this Good News to the nations. We have served with the IMB for 13 years now! That's hard to believe! We are so grateful for those that have given to make it possible for us to be able to live and serve where we do. But it's not just us, over 3,000 other people are able to serve because of people and churches giving. That's pretty incredible.

Below are a few resources from the IMB as well as a couple of links to projects that we are directly involved in.

- Here's a video that may help further draw the church to the reality of lostness. <https://vimeo.com/838674277>
- Check out www.imb.org/lottiemoon for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering resources for your church. This offering is a HUGE part of what enables over 3,000 people to be serving all over the world.
- <https://www.imb.org/give/project/strengthening-church-movements/> We have been working with this pastoral development project for over 5 years now. Through this project, this past year alone, there were over 4,000 pastors trained in how to study and preach the Word. Praise the Lord!
- <https://www.imb.org/give/project/neighbors-of-the-delta-team> We still feel new to our Team Leader role among neighbors. About a year ago, we handed over our previous leadership assignment to a couple that was on the team, and we took an empty assignment where no one was serving. We're grateful for how the Lord has already

brought people to join our team to serve with us in this assignment!

If there's anything we can do for you and your church, please let us know. And if there are any specific things we can be praying for, please let us know. We do pray for you regularly. If you'd like any more information on how you and your church can be more involved in praying, giving, going, or sending...we'd love to help.

The Christian Shelter

"This shelter was planned, built & is provided for by...God through His people."

The Christian Shelter received a grant so much-needed work could be done to the Clothes Ministry Building. So far, the outside has gotten a face-lift with new windows, siding, and a roof. Next up is inside work which includes installing heat & air conditioning, new lighting, drop-down ceilings, and flooring. We continue to help them clean out their overages and storage area to allow for the work to be done and to make room for seasonal donations.



East Salisbury

We were sad that the "Gift Store" event was cancelled before Christmas, but we did collect many gifts that we are going to store for next year's event. The school did not have enough items this year, so now we have a jump start on next year. Thanks to all who donated items!

We did adopt a needy family that we were able to gather gifts for. The family is in transition, so does not have a permanent home at this time. The student from East Salisbury is a 3rd grade girl. She lives with an older brother and their mother. Thank you

to those who volunteered to shop and wrap gifts. Also, thank you to the Ladies Sunday School Class, who gathered a bag of snacks for their enjoyment.

We continue to attend **prayer meetings** at the school media center at **8:15 a.m.** monthly. Please join us!



Wednesdays

Jan 17

Feb 21

Mar 20

Please continue to pray for our students, teachers, and families at East Salisbury School during this school year.

ESL

Classes will resume **January 11th** with opportunity for many more hands to serve the nations as God brings many to our community. Pray for workers and what's next for this growing ministry to meet needs in Jesus' name.

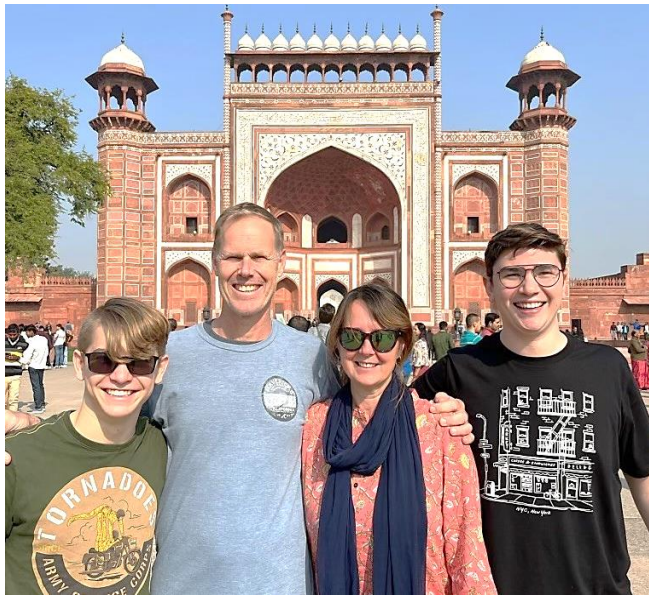
Peregrine Senior Living Center

We have a faithful group of ladies and gentlemen meeting every **Tuesday morning, 10:30 a.m.**, at Peregrine for Bible Study. Anyone is welcome!

South Asia Mission Trip

We have two teams of four members who traveled to South Asia in 2023. Come **Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m.** to hear from them about the trip!





Announcements



Taylor's Takes

Hello Church!

December was fantastic with the trip to South Asia and everything, but I'm so glad to be back with Y'all. We had a great time at our youth

PJ Christmas Party. We had a ton of sweets, and we heard some excellent Christmas karaoke!

I am very excited for January. The youth group will start back on **January 7th**, 6 - 8 p.m. **January 12 - 14th** is the youth winter retreat. It will be a great weekend! I'm so hyped. We are going to Bethany Beach Christian Conference Center, where we will be studying apologetics and why apologetics is essential. We will also be talking about truth, which is God, as he is our source of truth. Please pray for the leaders at the Winter Retreat, Steve and Barbara Israel and Mike and Eden Schofield, as they lead Bible studies for the youth during the Winter Retreat.

Another event is Nerf Night on **January 28th**, 6 - 8 p.m.

Pray for us as a new year starts that we will grow in our knowledge of God and our love for God.

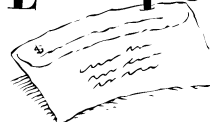
Thank you, church Family. Love y'all!



2024 BUDGET

The 2024 Budget was unanimously approved during our December 10th worship. Copies are available in the office.

Offering Envelopes



Have you picked up your envelopes for 2024? They're in the mailboxes in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like a box and didn't receive one, see Judy Harris or call the office. If

you received a box and no longer use them, please notify the office.



Please remember to check your church member mailbox in the back of the sanctuary.

rightnow MEDIA

We terminated our church subscription for 2024. We hope you have enjoyed this service. Let the office know if you have questions.



The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware's 2024 Revive Women's Conference will be held March 8 – 9th, 2024 in Annapolis, MD.

This special two-day event will be filled with worship, engaging breakouts, inspiring Bible teachers, and time with an amazing community of women. Last year ten IBC ladies attended and we were truly blessed. We'd like to get another group of women to attend next year's conference and since space is limited, we'd like to have your commitment by January 21st, 2024. The cost for the conference is \$40.

Need more information? If so, please contact Barbara Israel at bkisrael@gmail.com, or call or text her at (301)873-8121.



- 10 JoAn Vollkommer
- 12 Barbara Brittingham
- 15 Carolyn Aurelio
Zenden Wieland
- 17 Rose Shahid
- 18 Sara Baranowski
- 20 Bill Nibblett
Barbara Israel
- 23 Edward Dohr
- 25 Paula Law

Prayer List for January

Mission & Ministry

International Mission Emphasis
Tuesday morning prayer
Women in the Word
Youth Winter Retreat

Special Requests

Prayer for families with losses
Members caring for family at home
Dunn family

The "Long Term" Prayer List

Carolyn Aurelio
Julia Brandt, Crohn's disease (Shirley Wood)
Maureen Dohr
Shirley Manning, at Chesapeake Cottages
Bill Nibblett, COPD, and other things
Joan Phillips, Wicomico nursing home
Melissa Powell
Dee Ward, vision loss
Paul Ferrier, home with care
Remy, surgery healing on leg
Judith Scherr, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's
Paul Braungart, back and leg pain
Gary Webster, cancer treatment

Answered Prayers

Prayer with East Salisbury staff in the school
More residents at Peregrine Bible study

Medical

Darrel Bell, cancer (J. Nibblett)
Joe Wheeler, cancer of blood treatments (Carrie)
Rose Shahid, neck pain and vertigo
Araceli Monds, home recovering
Peggy Truitt, praying for healing
Ed Dohr, cancer
John Brenner, broken hip
Esther Chatham, heart catheter
Dana Nibblett, medical
Don Bennett, Rheumatoid arthritis
Don Terry, hip replacement

Immanuel on Mission

Mission Partners

James & Sarah IMB S. Asia
Paul & Laurel Wycliffe
Thanh in South Asia
Adam & Krista IMB among Mali People
Peregrine Senior Living Center
East Salisbury Elementary
ESL classes
Christian Shelter
Mission Cry
Canvas Church

**Thank you for updating prayer
requests with the office!**