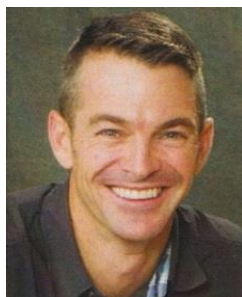




February 2024 VOICE of Immanuel
***“We exalt God above all by evangelizing, equipping
and embracing all nations.”***



“For from Him and through
Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever!”

Romans 11:36

The apostle Paul concludes Romans chapter 11 with what translators have subtitled a “Doxology.” Many of us may be familiar with the term “doxology”, seeing that we have sung Thomas Ken’s 17th Century Doxology in our worship service for years. I can almost hear Corky playing the tune as I type. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...,” can you hear it? Doxology is a term derived from two Greek words: doxa meaning glory or praise and logos meaning words. Together they mean words of glory or praise. And that is what Paul is doing at the close of Romans 11. He is praising God for “the depth of the riches of [His] wisdom and knowledge” (vs. 33). He is glorifying God for His transcendence, since God’s “paths [are] beyond tracing out” (vs. 33). And He is celebrating God’s independence (theologians call this God’s aseity) for “Who has ever given to God that God should repay Him?” (vs. 35). God is worthy of all glory and praise!

Sadly, we do not give God what is rightly due Him. We regularly praise people with very limited wisdom. We glorify leaders whose paths are pretty apparent, and they do not lead to Jesus! And we celebrate celebrities who depend upon our celebrations to maintain their status as celebrities. In short, we give to created things what only our Creator deserves.

Immanuel, may we make every effort to direct our praise to the only One who is worthy, Jesus Christ!

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.



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

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

Feb. 7 ~ 1:30 p.m. Women in the Word Class
Regular Wednesday night Activities Resume

Feb. 12 ~ 6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Peregrine

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

Feb. 18 ~ Global Hunger Bread Bank Collection
6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night

Feb. 25 ~ Skycroft Camp Deposit Due

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

*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!*

We will resume regular activities for all ages February 7th. There will be a **lite dinner** provided at **5:15 p.m.** and then Kids Kamp and Adult Bible Study will meet at **6:00 p.m.** for each Wednesday this month.

Young Adults meet at **7:30 p.m.**

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**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®**

With donations of \$12,232.00, we have exceeded our goal of \$7,800.00. Thank you for our support and to God be the glory!

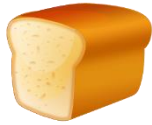
Since we far exceeded our goal, the Missions Team recommended that \$4,000.00 of the donations go directly to support the team in South Asia, through the International Mission Board (IMB), for approved projects. This was voted on by the congregation on January 21st. The rest of the donations will continue to go to the IMB Lottie Moon Fund to support all foreign missionaries.

If you're interested in more information about the team and their projects, look at

<https://www.imb.org/give/project/neighbors-of-the-delta-team/>.

Global Hunger Relief Collection

Bread Banks for Global Hunger Relief (GHR) will be collected **February 18th**. The total funds that are collected by GHR are divided, 80% is used for international needs while 20% goes to North American needs.



Established in 1978 as the World Hunger Fund, Global Hunger Relief is an initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention dedicated to providing food and sharing the Bread of Life. Send Relief, a joint ministry of the North American Mission Board and International Mission Board, carries out missions focused GHR projects. All GHR projects have an intentional spiritual strategy, solicit local input and expertise, work with Southern Baptist personnel, and have accountability measures built in.

GHR funds are used in gospel-centered hunger projects that share God's love in both word and deed. In addition to meeting crisis hunger needs during famine and natural disasters, GHR-funded projects focus on long-term, sustainable solutions to end chronic hunger through job skills training, livestock and seed distribution, clean water, home reconstruction, medical care and more.

A reminder: the next GHR collection will be in August. Bread banks are available in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting this mission!

Mali People Group (Immanuel's adopted people group)



Exciting things are happening with our missionaries and their partners in South Asia. I had a video chat with Adam & Krista now settling in South Asia among the Maithili speaking peoples. They have succeeded James & Sarah as the leaders of the South Asia team. Just this last week with two local partners from Nepal, they spent two days searching for our adopted Mali people as we continue to pray for them to be engaged and reached with the Gospel in the coming year. They have located pockets of Mali in villages to the west of where they are now living. We have encouraged them to redirect the funds designated for a "hot coal project" some time ago and invest that money in research among the 13 districts in the Maithili mega segment. As they get to know the area still new to them, resources for travel, training and publication of materials enables them to make strategic connections through local partners to engage the unengaged unreached people groups (UUPG) that we have been praying for on those Christmas cards we received at the Lottie Moon Mission night. Their plan is to go every two months to another sub district with national partners to locate UUPGs and put local believers to work engaging people and planting churches.



Adam & Christa sent a volunteer team to look for the UUPG Gangai people in Nepal. In finding people from this group, thirteen (13) came to faith. For the past six months a local believer has been meeting with the new believers weekly and they now consider themselves "a church" with four (4) baptized members! I am greatly encouraged that God is moving in answer to our prayers of almost ten years for the Mali people! Let us not give up praying with hope and expectation for them.

~ Heather

FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Please join us on Wednesday, January 31st at six o'clock to hear much more from our missions' teams that traveled to South Asia just a short time ago, they will be sharing photos and talking about their experience in South Asia. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for missions around the world, across the nation and in the community. Be sure to look for more news from the field in next month's Voice and keep praying with grateful hearts. It's exciting to be a part of what God is doing through our international missionaries in the coming year as we pray, give, and send from Immanuel!

Trusting that God is up to much.

~Heather

OUR MISSION PARTNERS**James & Sarah (IMB)**

James & Sarah have shared the vision and purpose for their Delta team at work among the Bengali speaking people of India seeking to engage and reach many Muslims with the Gospel and strengthen the churches at work there. "Our team is working to develop strong disciples and leaders from Muslim backgrounds who will take the good news to their own people. When people come to faith through their witness, we train them to disciple and gather them to form churches. In those churches, they will seek to develop healthy leaders who can lead these churches to maturity." That is what our teams were a part of in their time working alongside James & Sarah and Thanh & Katie. We have contributed directly to that work as their partners with \$4000 of the giving that exceeded our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year.

East Salisbury

East Salisbury is having a **BINGO Fundraiser on February 16th at the Willards Lions Club**. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., while games start at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, there is more information on the posted flyers, or contact Sara Baranowski for more details. We donated a popcorn prize basket to them for their cause. Taylor has delivered baked goods for the teachers' enjoyment this month also.

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

**East Salisbury Prayer Dates****Wednesdays**

Feb 21

Mar 20

Apr 17

ESL

The winter semester of ESL has started! Yes, the doors opened at 6:30 p.m. on January 11th and we registered over 50 new students! The classes are all full! This ministry is important. People in our community need to learn English! We are striving to help them and to reach them with the Gospel through this ministry.

Did you know?

- Free English Salisbury: This is the name of our ESL program. We are multiple churches working together to reach people with the Gospel by meeting a need. It is pretty simple, but the work/effort is enormous.
- The most recent two semesters of this ministry have been so full that we have had to turn students away!
- Immanuel is working to encourage other churches to offer classes. Oakridge Baptist church is sending us volunteers to observe our program and the director heard that another church in Long Neck, DE is beginning an ESL ministry in that area.

Please pray for:

- Every student who attends classes at ESL to have ears to hear the Truth all while learning English.
- Additional evangelical/bible believing churches to join us in reaching those in our community who need to learn English.
- All the teachers, helpers and volunteers to have energy and wisdom as they engage with their students.
- Please pray for willing hearts and hands at Oakridge as they consider this ministry and that other churches will be willing to offer classes.

We serve a faithful God! May He be glorified in this important ministry.

Peregrine Senior Living Center

We had a lovely time at Peregrine Senior Living on Christmas Eve. It was such a wonderful time with the residents and the substitute activities lady. We sang some Christmas carols and then a lady requested a non-Christmas hymn. After that, the activities sub requested "Because He Lives" and then the residents kept asking for non-Christmas hymns too and they were all singing enthusiastically! Finally, one of the ladies asked to sing more Christmas songs, which we did until we could sing no more! We sang for a full hour Sunday afternoon, and it was such a joyful and meaningful time! What a blessing it was!

We continue to meet with six to eight residents on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for hymns and Bible study. Each week we have two faithful gentlemen and several loyal ladies come to the Dining Room for an hour before lunch. Anyone is welcome to join!

Next Hymn Sing is on Tuesday night, February 12th from 6-7 o'clock. Come join us in making a joyful noise and be blessed by the enthusiastic residents of Peregrine :)



~ From Cheryl McKelvey



Taylor's Takes

Hello Church Family! The month of January was great! Thank you so much for praying for us during our Winter Retreat. We had a great time. No kids got sick or hurt, which is a win in my book. We had a great time learning about apologetics. We walked through how the Bible is our source of truth! We also got to walk through how to answer the question, "Why do I believe in the Bible?" It was also great to see the students worshipping with other students for a weekend. We also had a great time at Nerf Night.

We had Community Christian Church join us. It was fun to hang out with other believers.

In the month of February, we are going to finish our series of *Jesus Changes Everything* and we will have a Youth Game Night on the 18th.

The Young Adults are meeting on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. We are still going through 1 First Samuel.

Church Family, thank you for your prayers!

~ Taylor



Winter Retreat



CROSSINGS AT SKYCROFT

Crossings at Skycroft is a summer camp experience for students who have completed grades 6-12. They will experience Christ-centered worship, solid Gospel teaching, intentional church group times, exciting recreation, adventure, missions' opportunities, and more! The schedule is intensive, fun, and focused on challenging youth pastors and their students to grow in Christ. Youth are challenged, encounter God in a new way, and leave camp changed!

Our youth will be attending Skycroft summer camp again this year from **June 30 – July 25**. The total cost is 345.00 per person. If you're planning to go, the **\$75.00 deposit is due February 25th**.

Anyone wishing to help with expenses to be sure all who want to go are able, can donate in the offering plate and mark your gift "camp donation". Any amount is greatly appreciated!

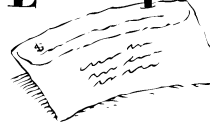


Immanuel has begun a program with Panera Bread. They donate baked goods which are unsold by their store to non-profit groups. Taylor is picking up from them weekly and will be available on Fridays between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to anyone who is interested. It is also available Sunday in the multi-purpose room.

We have already used these donations for groups like East Salisbury and the Christian Shelter.

If you have questions, see Taylor.

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. End of the year tax statements are in the boxes.



- 2 Jim Moyer
- Lilly Wilcox
- 6 Lyle Jarrett
- 18 Valor Craig
- 21 Caleb Morgan
- Johanne Nibblett
- 22 Simon Fettes
- 23 Jesse Baranowski
- Makayla Webster
- 25 Paul Ferrier
- 28 Josiah Heslop

Love one
ANOTHER
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

Prayer List for February

Mission & Ministry

ESL Classes
ESL Tuesday Ladies group
Tuesday morning prayer
Women in the Word
Prayer at East Salisbury

Special Requests

Walter Agnor's family grieving his loss
College Students resume classes
Members caring for family at home

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
Cheryl Moore for healing
Judy Harris loss of son Joe

Answered Prayers

Generous giving to International Missions
Thanh settling in new apartment
Paul & Laurel home & having help with school
S. Asia team engaging the Mali people

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
Thanh in South Asia
Paul & Laurel Wycliffe
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!**

