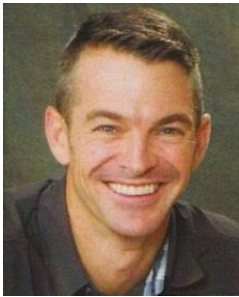




April 2024 VOICE of Immanuel

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



“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Luke 10:20

Our ESL (English as a Second Language) ministry recently wrapped up its Spring semester. Over the past year, many church members have participated in the weekly Thursday meetings. Some served as teachers, others as assistants, and still others (mainly me) assistants to the assistants. Everyone involved served faithfully, loving their students, helping them with their English, and most importantly, pointing them to Jesus!

On the night of our final class, Rev. Jerry Wade, the Intermediate Two assistant teacher, shared a short devotional from Luke 10. Since we are currently studying Luke as a church, I was particularly excited to hear his exhortation from the Scriptures. Jerry noted how Luke 10 contains the record of Jesus’s commissioning of seventy-two disciples whom He sent out two-by-two (vs. 1). To these, Jesus gave strict directions as to where they were to go: all the places He would soon visit (vs. 1), what they were to do: enter every town and if welcomed heal the sick and preach the good news of God’s kingdom (vs. 9). If not, then depart (vs. 11).

Jerry pointed out how the disciples obeyed and returned celebrating, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name” (vs. 17). Jerry also noted Jesus’s joy at all His disciples experienced. Jerry then equated our past year’s ESL efforts to those of Jesus’s disciples. He acknowledged our joy in all that God had done: the strength He had provided,

and the needs that He had met. And Jerry assured us of our Savior’s joy in all we had accomplished in His name. However, Jerry then paused and directed our attention to verse 20, in which Jesus, celebrating with His disciples, yet reminds them to keep the main thing, the main thing, “do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (vs. 20).

Immanuel, in a season of great joy and in which God is doing so much, may we celebrate with our God all that He is accomplishing. But in the midst of it all, may we not lose sight of that which is most important—the gospel. Praise God our sins are forgiven because of Christ, and because of His resurrection, we need not fear death and the grave! Hallelujah!
He is risen!!

~ Pastor Andrew



Monday ~ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday ~ 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Office Closed – Monday, April 1

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**Apr. 1** ~ Office Closed**Apr. 5 & 6** ~ Men's Retreat**Apr. 7** ~ 2:00 p.m. Peregrine Hymn Sing
Skycroft Payments are due**Apr. 10** ~ 1:30 p.m. Women in the Word Class**Apr. 17** ~ 8:15 a.m. East Salisbury Prayer**Apr. 19** ~ 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Secret Church**Apr. 26** ~ 6:00 p.m. Youth Trivia Night**Apr. 27** ~ 10:00 a.m. Reach Our Neighborhood**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. 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

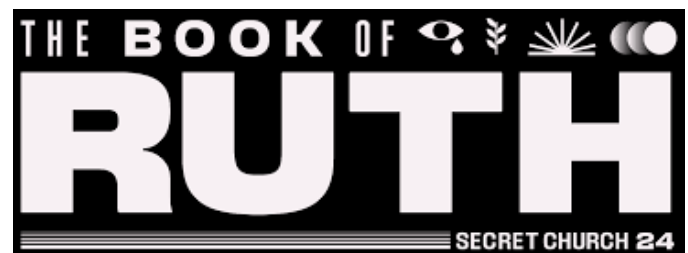
Children's Sunday School Classes:Youth: Led by Martha Morgan and Eden Schofield.

Curriculum: The Gospel Project.

Older Children: Led by Melinda Morgan and Braedon MoyerYounger 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**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.****Women in the Word**We hope you are excited to begin reading in Exodus again. **Our start date is April 1st!** Our in-person bible study will meet **April 10th at 1:30 p.m.** in the youth room. We will focus on Psalm 17 but will have read John 20 and 21 as well. Our first Zoom will be Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.**ABOUT SECRET CHURCH**

Years ago, David Platt taught and ministered among underground Asian house churches where believers were forced to gather in secret, sometimes at risk of their own lives due to hostility from the government, from the surrounding community, and even from their own families. Secret Church is an opportunity for us to gather and intensely study the Bible and pray like and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.

Radical's Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that happens annually. This year is on the book of Ruth.



Ruth has all the elements of a love story. Tragedy. Loss. Despair. Hope. Triumph. Loyalty. Romance. But it's more than just a love story. It's an epic story within a story. It's a story not just about Ruth, but about all of us and a world that's in need of

redemption. And in the end, he'll show you how your story is a part of this story.

Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' examples, we will meet for 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted on **April 19th at 7:00 p.m.** If you're interested, talk with Taylor or Andrew. You can find more information at <https://radical.net/secret-church-2024>

IMMANUEL ON MISSION



The theme this year is "**Make Jesus Known**" using the scripture "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" Mark 16:15 (ESV)

Annie Armstrong is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America, which supports 2,200 plus Southern Baptist missionaries and their families serving in Canada, the United States, and its territories. 100% of your gifts go directly to this mission. Immanuel's 2024 goal is **\$4,000**. *To date, Immanuel has collected \$1,933.00 towards our goal.*

Thank you for your gifts and please continue to pray for our North American missionaries.

Global Hunger Relief Collection

Bread Banks for Global Hunger Relief (GHR) were collected in February. We collected **\$57.50**.



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: You can give to this fund at any time during the year through the offering plate and the next GHR collection of bread banks will be in

August. Bread banks are available in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting this mission!

FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Much is happening with our many mission partners in this new year ...

Canvas Church is baptizing new believers and planting a second church on the Shore. *Ocean City Baptist Church* is expecting our team to serve dinner to hundreds of international student workers in late August. Pray for wisdom for Johanne as she revises the menu to feed the many expected. *James & Sarah* have extended their work to another district with *Thanh and Katie* progressing well in their language studies. *Adam & Krista* have settled across the border with partners going to share among our adopted Mali people. *Paul & Laurel* have a house guest there for several months to assist with home school while the many Bomoko translation teams are successfully checking the Book of Luke. We pray for an end to the turmoil there following elections last year.

Our members are at work in the community in so many ways...

We continue to provide laundry and cleaning supplies to our local *Christian Shelter*. Please pray for the ongoing renovation of their clothing closet. Thank you for praying for our staff, students, and families at *East Salisbury Elementary*. Though stressed, they are grateful for our monthly prayer gathering. We will be taking fruit and pastries to the next prayer gathering on April 17th. We will also deliver a bright bead bouquet handcrafted by our WMU ladies. Ask our youth & outreach minister Taylor about his costume for the student v. staff basketball game! *ESL classes* wrapped up this month for our team teaching on Thursday nights, but the nations come to worship with us every Sunday morning. Please make them welcome with your smiles and words of welcome as we pray for ways to meet needs and share the Gospel with those coming to our community. Keep filling the Bible and literature boxes for *Mission Cry*. The next delivery will be in the autumn months. Music and encouraging conversation are enjoyed every Tuesday morning with the residents at *Peregrine Senior Living* as we conclude our study of Romans and begin to read through the letters from Peter. Answered prayer happens in so many unexpected ways as God moves in and through and among us

Immanuel. May you find opportunities to participate in missions close to home as we pray, give, and send in support of our partners going to the lost.

Trusting that God is up to much,

~Heather

MISSION UPDATES

James & Sarah (IMB)

Thank you for praying for our ladies meeting last month. It seemed to go really well. We stayed busy the ENTIRE time...from the train ride down and the couple hours to explore the town before sessions started, to the late night "game" times, and to prayer walking the area the last morning before getting on the train to head back. I think we were all exhausted by the time we got home, but it was a good time of worshipping together, fellowship, and of sharpening each other with practical ideas of how we can be involved in the work in our different seasons of life and different seasons of ministry.

Please **continue to pray** for the ladies of our cluster as they implement the things they learned...that it's not necessarily about adding more to what you're doing, but about being sure to be strategic with what you spend your time doing. **Pray** for these ladies balancing the roles and pulls of family life and their call to the field. The meeting included Thanh. I think it went well. Thanh got to meet the rest of the ladies in the cluster and that's always really good:)

Ramadan is the month-long fast in the Muslim faith that is done every year. During this time, they have a heightened sense of devotion and prayer time. This year it started on the evening of March 10 and will last until April 9. Please **be praying** for the Muslims here who will be participating in these rituals. **Pray** that as they seek truth, they will find The Truth! **Pray** for us as we ourselves go out to share The Truth and as we train others in how to go. **Pray** for open doors and open hearts!

Thank you for all of your prayers and support. We love y'all:)

East Salisbury

Several of us attended East Salisbury's Staff & Student Basketball game. It was very well attended and enjoyed by all!



East Salisbury Basketball Participants



Principal Wright & Vice Principal Chaibou



Mascot (Taylor) & Friends



Immanuel was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the school.

We continue to attend **prayer meetings** at the school media center at **8:15 a.m.** monthly. This month we will be providing a light breakfast for the staff. Contact Heather if you would like to help. Please join us!



Wednesdays

- Apr 17
- May 15
- June 5


Peregrine Senior Living Center



There will be a hymn sing at **2:00 p.m. on April 7th.** Everyone is welcome!



Taylor's Takes



Hello Church Family. March was a fun month! We are still going through the book of James on Sunday night. We have been walking through true faith. Transforming faith into a life of true obedience to God's Word! In the Month of April, we have a fun **Disney Trivia night planned for April 26th.** Parents remember that the second camp payment of \$135.00 is due on **April 7th.**



Crossings at Skycroft is a summer camp experience for students who have completed grades 6-12. Our youth will be attending Skycroft summer camp again this year from **June 30th – July 25th.** The total cost is 345.00 per person.

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!

Women in the Word Brunch

Women in the Word held a brunch for all the ladies of the church on Saturday March 16th! We had delicious food and a good time of fellowship.

We spent time looking at Psalm 119: 9-16, considering three points:

- I. What the psalmist wants,**
- II. What he will do to get what he wants, and**
- III. Why he wants what he wants.**

The theme of this portion of scripture: **the all surpassing importance of the Word of God**, is particularly important to us as believers and followers of Christ.

We heard words of encouragement from

- Cindy Bennet regarding prayer and reading God's Word.
- Cheryl McKelvey regarding memorizing God's Word.
- Carrie Shehan regarding reading/meditating on God's Word.

The goal for this ministry is to support and encourage one another in being regularly in God's Word. We strive to stay committed and excited about God's Word. **The new reading material for 2024 will begin on April 1st!** We will be reading in Exodus, Leviticus, Acts, James, and Psalms.

May we, as Women in the Word, desire to know God, to grow in our relationship with God, and to obey God. Let's be in the Word!

~ Paula

If you would like to jump in and join us, feel free to contact:

Paula Law 410-422-3998.



BCMD Women's Conference



In early March a group of women from IBC attended the BCM/D 2024 Revive Women's Conference, a two-day event in Annapolis. It was a real blessing to spend time together worshipping, learning from God's Word, attending engaging breakouts, and being able to fellowship and laugh with one another. If you're interested in growing in your faith and spending time with ladies from our church, please consider attending next year!



Maureen Dohr

Our dear sister Maureen died peacefully at home on March 4th. She was a member of Immanuel since 2000. She and Ed were very involved in our Children's Ministry helping with Sunday School, Children's Worship, and VBS. Please be in prayer for Ed and the rest of her family. She will be missed by all who knew her.



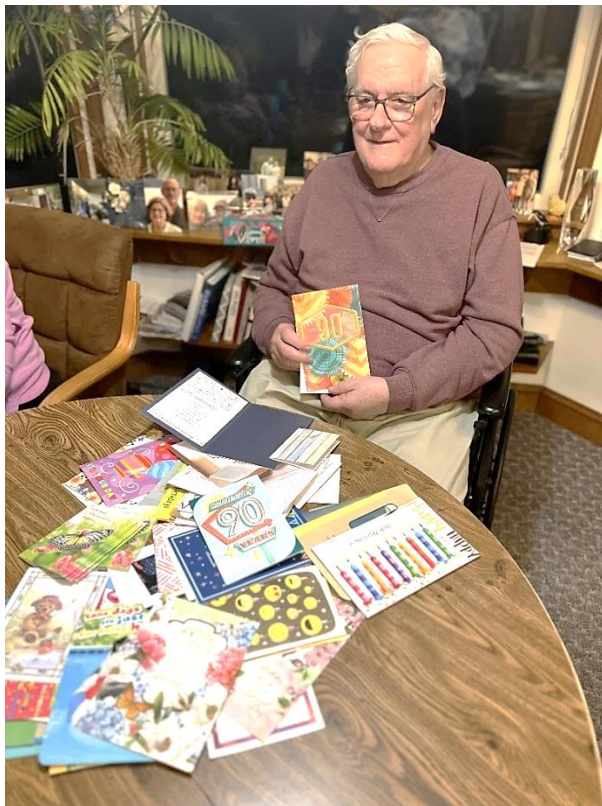
Reverend Dr. John Brenner Jr.

Our long-time member, John Brenner, passed peacefully at home surrounded by family on February 21st. John served at Immanuel since 2012 as an usher, on the security team, and preached when asked. Please pray for his wife, Leslye, and the rest of their family.



**APRIL**

- 8 Laura Culver
- 9 Cheryl Moore
- 11 Amanda Wootten
- 13 Rebekah McKelvey
- 19 Linda Webster
- 23 Thanh Tran
- 26 Linda Lewis



Thank you so much for the many cards that were sent to Paul for his 90th birthday! It was wonderful to see the love pour in and his reaction to the tide.

~ Wanda Ferrier & Family

Prayer List for April**Mission & Ministry**

Tuesday morning prayer

Women in the Word, kick-off in April

Special Requests

Prayer for families with losses

Members caring for family at home

The "Long Term" Prayer List

Carolyn Aurelio

Julia Brandt, Crohn's disease (Shirley Wood)

Bill Nibblett, COPD, and other things

Joan Phillips, Wicomico nursing home

Melissa Powell

Dee Ward, vision loss

Paul Ferrier, home with care

Remy, healing on leg and multiple issues

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

Esther Chatham, heart catheter

Dana Nibblett, medical

Don Bennett, Rheumatoid arthritis

Wanda Ferrier, Achilles tear

Linda Ziegler, hurt foot from fall

Immanuel on Mission

Christian Shelter

East Salisbury Elementary, Faith Partner

Free English Salisbury, ESL

Mission Cry

Peregrine Senior Living Center

Mission Partners

Canvas Church

OC Baptist Church, Resort Ministry

James & Sarah IMB S. Asia

Thanh, IMB S. Asia

Adam & Krista, IMB among Mali People

Paul & Laurel, Wycliffe DR Congo