



THE VISION

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From the Pastor's Desk

Reaching Beyond Our Walls

God continues to remind us that **the church was never meant to exist only for the people already inside its walls**. Jesus has given us a mission: to make disciples of all nations, beginning right where God has placed us.

Last week, Patti and I had the privilege of attending the International Mission Board Trustee meetings. One of the most powerful moments was spending time with **46 new missionaries being sent overseas with the gospel**. Hearing their stories, praying with them, and seeing their willingness to go reminded us again of the Great Commission.

Some are called to go across an ocean. Others are called to go across the street. **But every follower of Jesus is called to go.**

At the end of September, we also completed our Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions campaign. This was the first time in quite a while that we have intentionally emphasized this offering, and I am thankful for everyone who participated. We plan to make it an annual part of our missions emphasis.

But missions isn't only something we support somewhere else. **God has given us a mission field right here in our community**. Over the next few weeks, we will begin rolling out some new initiatives designed to help us intentionally reach the people around us.

And don't forget our Fall Festival on October 31! Please volunteer and come be part of it. We will have people on our campus who may never have been to Immanuel before. Let's welcome them, invite them to church, and most importantly, be ready to tell them about Jesus.

Church, let's continue becoming a people who Reach, Grow, and Send: reaching our neighbors, growing as disciples, and sending the gospel from Lancaster to the nations.

Glenn

Church Life

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Ministry

What a blessing it is to gather on Sunday morning for worship. We step out of busy work weeks, quiet homes, and heavy burdens to stand side-by-side with one purpose... to worship the One True God. When we join our hearts and voices

together through Scripture and music we strengthen our bonds as brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the Apostle

Paul wrote to the church at Colosse, he encouraged them to "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16).

Music is one aspect of our corporate worship and it is a wonderful gift. Whether you are a loud singer or a soft singer, in the choir or in the congregation, every note sung is an offering of gratitude back to God for His goodness. Our participation in singing together also reminds those around us that we are united in our faith and in our worship.

Come each and every week with thankfulness in your heart ready to join others in...

Singing His Praises!



Family & Fellowship

The busy fourth quarter is here! Operation Christmas Child is always a fun and meaningful way to spread the Gospel around the world while putting smiles on the faces of SO MANY children, ages 2-14! Please pray about how you can contribute to the Operation Christmas Child mission through IBC.

Our annual Money Wall is now available outside the sanctuary on the organ side. Simply decide how

much you'd like to contribute and take the envelope that matches that amount. Place cash or check (payable to Immanuel Baptist Church) in the envelope, then place it in the offering plate or one of the white drop boxes.



And be on the lookout for the date of our Packing Party in November.

That's when the real fun begins! We hope you'll join us as we come together to pack boxes and share the love of Jesus with children around the world.

Serving up fun!
IBC Fellowship Team

Church Life

Church



The men will meet
October 10th at
8:00 a.m. for
breakfast.



Join us October
31st starting at
6:00 p.m. for a
great time of fun
and fellowship
together. We'll

have cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn
and hotdogs with the trimmings!! Trunk-or-
Treat will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will have a
1st place winner for BEST trunk (\$100 gift
card), 2nd place (\$50.00 gift card), and 3rd
place (\$25.00 gift card). We have a signup
sheet in the front foyer for Trunk-or-Treat,
please be sure to sign up.

We are in need for volunteers to help in
different areas. So please, be sure to stop
by and signup in the foyer if you are able to
help!! This is always such a fun evening!! So
be sure to invite your family and friends.

Join us on
October 6th
at 11am. Spaghetti
will be provided,
please bring your
favorite dessert to
share.



Church



Church Workday
October 10th
8:00 a.m.

A signup sheet is located in the front
foyer, please be sure to signup if you are
available to help.

Rainy Day Fund

We have begun working together to increase
the balance of our savings account, also
known as the RAINY DAY FUND. This fund is
designed to help our church prepare for
unexpected or emergency expenses while also
helping us strengthen and grow financially.

You can contribute to the Rainy Day Fund by
using the special envelopes labeled "Rainy
Day Fund". Every contribution, no matter the
amount, helps us build a stronger financial
foundation for the church. Please remember
all contributions to the Rainy Day Fund should
be given above and beyond your regular tithes.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you
can help us reach this goal.

YOUTH

Intentional Disciples

FALL INTO FAITH

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." — Galatians 2:20

October is here, and we're excited about another month of growing together as Intentional Disciples!

Our goal isn't simply to know more about Jesus—it's to know Jesus, follow Jesus, and live intentionally for Jesus.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are continuing our journey through the Gospel of John. Come ready to open your Bible, ask questions, and discover more about who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him.

SUNDAY NIGHTS

Sunday nights are a chance to dig deeper into what we learned Sunday morning. Bring your questions. Bring your Bible. Bring a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We are continuing The Chosen — Season 2! Each week, we'll watch together and connect what we see on screen with what Scripture actually teaches.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Saturday, October 24, 2026

12:00 PM

The Douglas House

Come hang out with us for an afternoon of pumpkin carving, food, fellowship, and fun! We will eat together! (Continued)

Intentional Disciples

BYOP — BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN!

Bring your pumpkin, bring your creativity, and invite a friend!

OCTOBER CHALLENGE — BE INTENTIONAL

Be intentional about reading your Bible, praying every day, encouraging someone, inviting a friend, sharing your faith, and living differently because you belong to Christ.

A WORD FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR

Students, my prayer for you this month is that your faith becomes more than something you practice at church.

Jesus has called you to follow Him at school, at home, on the field, with your friends, and everywhere you go.

Don't just be a disciple when it's convenient.

Live intentionally.

Follow boldly.

Love like Jesus.

I.D.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Know Christ

Follow Christ

Make Christ Known

Galatians 2:20

Church Life

Serving this Month

Greeter Schedule

October 4	Diana Knieriemen John Dean
October 11	Tom & Vickie Belcher
October 18	Maxy Hammond Julie Outen
October 25	Diana Knieriemen John Dean

Security Team Schedule

October 4	Sam Dail
October 11	Robbie Threatt
October 18	Sonny Hardin
October 25	Tom Lever

Computer Schedule

October 4	Jamie Hanna
October 11	Tom Lever
October 18	Todd Shigley
October 25	Jamie Hanna

Nursery Schedule

October 4	Denise & Patrick Thomas
October 11	Kathy Gheant & Denise Reid
October 18	Robin Ihm & Mica Parker
October 25	Julie Outen & Raven Baucom

IBC KIDS Schedule

October 4	Adrian Deese & Kay Turner
October 11	Denise, Patrick & Bryson Thomas
October 18	Lisa Douglas & Amy Glover
October 25	Family Worship

Birthdays

- 4 John Hall
- 5 Ryan Christopher
Trey Strickland
- 6 Mike Keener
Holly Whitley
- 8 Murl Deese
- 9 Mary Beth Mize
- 10 Ian Matthews
- 12 Kylie Waits
- 13 Vickie Gainey
Kathy Gheant
- 14 Brenda Fowler
- 15 Colton Christopher
- 17 Brooke Cauthen
Jerry Clements
Jim Wright
- 19 Maxy Hammond
Marni Peavy
Grey Rhames
- 20 Barbara Ferguson
- 22 Isabella Ihm
Joe Keenan
- 25 Addison Dry
Zach Emory
- 30 Terry Peavy
Matthew Schwartz
Will Shigley

