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A New Church Year, A New Opportunity to Serve

As we enter a new church year, I am grateful for what God is doing at Immanuel and excited about the opportunities ahead.

In September, **Jamie Hanna will be ordained as deacon**. His willingness to serve reminds us that biblical leadership is not simply about holding a position but faithfully serving Christ and His church. Please pray for Jamie as he begins this new season of ministry.

We are also encouraged by what God is doing among our young people. Our first **Youth Worship Night** was a great success, and I am grateful to **Tyler** for the great job he is doing leading and investing in our students. I look forward to seeing how these worship nights develop as part of our youth ministry.

Our **Wednesday night Bible study** continues to be a wonderful time of learning and growing together, and our upcoming **Fall Festival** will give us another opportunity to welcome our community, build relationships, and show the love of Christ.

As a new church year begins, with teachers, leaders, and ministries taking their places. I want each of us to ask: **Where is my place to serve?**

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:16 that the body grows and builds itself up in love “by the proper working of each individual part.” A healthy church needs every part of the body doing its part. So **find a place to serve. Take responsibility. Have a role.**

But let’s go one step further: **Reach your neighbor.**

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Many people around us are not going to church today. They may never simply decide one Sunday morning to visit a church, but they might come **if someone they know invites them.**

What would happen if each of us prayed for one person who needs Christ, built a relationship with them, invited them to church, and looked for an opportunity to share Jesus with them?

Church growth is not ultimately about filling a building. It is about reaching people with the gospel, helping them grow as disciples, and sending them out to serve Christ.

That is the kind of church I pray we will increasingly become:

REACH people with the gospel.

GROW together as disciples.

SEND people out to serve Christ.

As we begin this new church year, may each of us ask:

“Lord, where do You want me to serve, and who do You want me to reach?”

I am excited about what God has ahead for us. Let’s be ready to **serve, invite, and reach our community together.**

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Glenn Steen, Interim Pastor



This summer, our kids have been learning about the Fruit of the Spirit on Wednesday nights and talking about what

it looks like to show love, joy, patience, kindness, and the other fruits in our everyday lives.

Now that summer is coming to an end and we are starting a new church year in September, we will be going back to our regular Mission Journey Kids lessons. We're excited to continue learning about God's Word and missions together!

We have two classes available on Wednesday nights: Pre-K through Kindergarten and 1st through 5th grade. We'd love to have your kids join us as we start a new year of learning and growing together!





GROWING TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORD

We are excited about what God is doing as we continue growing together through God's Word. Each week

gives us another opportunity to know Jesus more deeply, strengthen our faith, and grow together as a church family.

This season, our Sunday and Wednesday gatherings will focus on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Sunday Morning--Journey Through John

Come and See Jesus

On **Sunday mornings**, we are going through the Gospel of John together.

John wrote his Gospel with a clear purpose: that we would know who Jesus is, believe in Him, and have life through His name.

As we walk through John, we will see:

- The deity of Jesus Christ □ His signs and miracles
- His conversations with ordinary people
- His compassion for the hurting
- His teachings about faith and eternal life
- His journey toward the cross
- His death and resurrection

John continually brings us back to one important question:

Who is Jesus to you?

Theme Scripture — John 20:31

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God..."

Sunday Morning Challenge:

Bring your Bible, take notes, and come ready to hear what God wants to teach us through the Gospel of John.

Sunday Night — Digging Deeper

Let's Talk About What We Learned

On **Sunday nights**, we will recap and dig deeper into what we learned from the Gospel of John that morning.

Sunday night will give us an opportunity to slow down, ask questions, discuss the passage, and think about how Sunday morning's message applies to our everyday lives.

We don't want to simply hear God's Word on Sunday morning.

We want to **understand it, remember it, and live it.**

James 1:22 reminds us to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only."

Come back Sunday night ready to discuss:

What did we learn about Jesus?

What stood out from the passage?

What questions do we have?

How should this change the way we live?

****Sunday Morning: Learn It.**

Sunday Night: Dig Into It.

Monday–Saturday: Live It.**

Wednesday Night — The Chosen

Season 2 Begins!

Wednesday nights we will begin watching **Season 2 of The Chosen**.

As we watch each episode, we will use it as an opportunity to open our Bibles and examine the Scripture connected to the people, events, and teachings portrayed in the series.

Our goal isn't simply to watch a television show.

Our goal is to point everything back to Scripture and Jesus.

We'll discuss what we watched, compare it with the biblical account, ask questions, and discover what God's Word teaches us.

John 5:39 reminds us that the Scriptures testify about Christ.

Bring your Bible, bring a friend, and come ready for great conversation as we begin **Season 2!**

Tyler



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Rochell Price
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- 7 Chris Marshall
Carole Walker
- 11 Allie Dail
- 12 Rachel Kennington
- 14 Glenn Steen
- 15 Carol Ledbetter
- 16 Allen Short
- 17 Stacey Baker
Joye Schwartz
- 21 Nancy Lewis
- 23 Chase Carnes
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- 27 Wanda Deese
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