

The Vision Newsletter

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Dear Church Family,

As we begin the month of August, I want to thank the Lord for His continued faithfulness to Immanuel Baptist Church. It has been a busy and fruitful summer, and we have much to celebrate.

First, thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School such a wonderful success. It truly took our entire church family serving together to make the week possible. Whether you taught, prepared food, worked crafts or games, welcomed families, prayed, or served behind the scenes, your efforts made an eternal impact.

I especially want to thank Olivia for her outstanding leadership in directing this year's VBS. Her organization, hard work, and love for children were evident throughout the week, and we are grateful for the way she led our team so well.

As we move into the fall, I want to encourage you to stay connected and involved in the life of our church. On Wednesday evenings, we will continue our study of the Doctrine of God. There is no greater subject we could study, because everything we believe and how we live begins with knowing who God is. My prayer is that this study will not only deepen our understanding of Scripture but also increase our love for God and our desire to worship Him.

Our children and student ministries will also continue on Wednesday evenings, providing opportunities for every member of the family to grow in Christ. In addition, we are placing a renewed emphasis on our Sunday evening children and youth ministries that coincide with the ongoing adult Bible studies. I hope you will make these gatherings a regular part of your week.

As always, thank you for your faithful attendance, your generous giving, and your willingness to serve. God is continuing to work in and through Immanuel Baptist Church, and I am excited about what He has in store for us in the months ahead.

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Let's continue praying that God will strengthen our church, deepen our love for one another, and give us boldness to share the hope of the gospel with our community.

Patti and I are grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you. Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your partnership in the gospel.

May the Lord bless you and your family as we seek to know Him, love Him, and make Him known.

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Glenn Steen
Interim Pastor



We will continue our study of the Fruit of the Spirit through the end of August. On September 2nd, we will resume Mission

Friends and Mission Journey Kids.

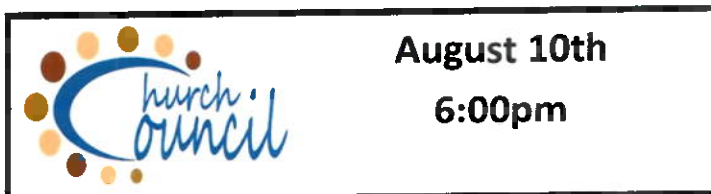


If you haven't been able to join us on Wednesday nights yet, it's not too late to jump in! We'd love to have you as we finish out this study.

As we look forward to the start of a great new school year, we invite all of our children and youth to join us for a Back-to-School Pool Party at Glenn and Patti Steen's house on Saturday, August 8th, from 12:00-4:00pm.



We'll enjoy swimming, food, games, and great fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of another exciting school year. Be sure to invite a friend—we'd love to have everyone join us for the fun!!



August has arrived and our thoughts turn to back-to-school, football and other fall sports, and the hope for cooler temperatures.



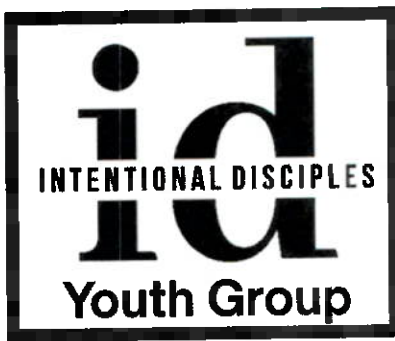
For those of us in the choir, August also includes thoughts of Christmas as we begin to work on our new Christmas Cantata. Music is a joyful way to enjoy the beauty of the Christmas story. If you would like a little Christmas in August to escape the lingering heat, please join us on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary as we rehearse and reflect on how God came to us in a manger thousands of years ago. The best way to get our minds off things of the world is to focus on Jesus. We would love to have you join us.

IBC Sanctuary Choir



As the new school year begins, we want to let our students, teachers, and school staff know that you are loved, appreciated and covered in prayer.

Please continue to pray for our students and staff as they begin this new school year. We pray God will guide every child and staff member in all they do.



Growing Together in Christ

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." — 1 Timothy 4:12

Welcome to another exciting month in our youth ministry! As summer comes to a close and a new school year begins, let's continue to grow in our relationship with Christ, encourage one another, and boldly share the Gospel wherever God places us.

August Events

August 2, 2026

Youth Team Meeting

• 3:45 PM – 4:35 PM

If you are serving on the Youth Team, please plan to attend as we prepare for upcoming ministry opportunities and pray together.

August 8, 2026

Back-to-School Bash Youth & Kids

• 12:00 PM – Until

Join us for an afternoon filled with food, games, fellowship, and encouragement as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Bring a friend and come ready for a great time together!

August 9, 2026

Evangelism Night at Covenant

• 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Let's put our faith into action by sharing the love of Jesus with our community. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

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Worship Night at Immanuel

• 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Come experience a special evening of worship and prayer.

Invite your friends and family to join us!



Youth Camp 2027 – Look Up Lodge

January 15–18, 2027

We're excited to return to **Look Up Lodge** for an unforgettable weekend of worship, Bible teaching, fellowship, and outdoor activities!

Camp Information

- **Camp Dates:** January 15–18, 2027
- **Registration Deadline:** August 16, 2026
- **Cost:** \$297.00 per student

Parents, please register your student before the deadline to secure their spot.

Prayer Focus

As school begins, let's pray that God will:

- Give students boldness to live for Christ.
- Help teachers and school staff have wisdom and strength.
- Open doors to share the Gospel with friends.
- Grow our youth group in faith, love, and unity.

Monthly Challenge

Read one chapter of the Gospel of John each day this month.

Ask yourself:

- What does this passage teach me about Jesus?
- How can I apply it this week?
- Who can I encourage with what I learned?

We look forward to seeing everyone this month. Let's continue growing together, serving together, and pointing others to Jesus!



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22nd to watch the Fireflies play baseball. Don't care for baseball? No problem! There will be a Christian concert from 4:30-5:30, and fireworks following the game. Each guest will receive a free Fireflies baseball cap upon entry. Your portion of each ticket is only \$5. We will be paying the remaining \$6; therefore, your payment is due at the time of signup. They have lots of concessions so bring your spending money and enjoy some delicious ballpark snacks. Food is always better at the ballpark! Invite your friends and family and enjoy a wonderful afternoon together. If you need some extra encouragement, just ask those who went last year. I'm sure they will give this outing five stars.



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- 2 Truman Knight
- 3 Donna Knight
Missy Whetstone
- 4 Jennifer Riggins
- 5 Elaine Taylor
- 6 Jhett Schwartz
- 10 Kristen Gainey
Billie Ruth Gooch
Sydney Reid
- 12 Sam Keenan
Libby Steele
- 13 Devin Rodgers
- 15 Bridges Riggins
- 16 Samantha Ihm
- 17 Gavin Hanna
- 18 Dianna Clements
- 20 Nancy Strickland
- 21 Shaw Parker
- 22 Cindy Riggins
- 24 Raven Baucom
Tessa Cox
- 25 Max Emory
Aleah Smith
- 26 Lorrie Price
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