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IBCFRANKFORT ON TWITTER



Immanuel now has an account on Twitter. Stay connected and follow us at @IBCFrankfort on Twitter. In addition to the Connection, email lists, and facebook, we'll post announcements of current and upcoming events, mission projects, and prayer concerns. We will continue to use WLEX18 and the local Froggy radio station in addition to our Twitter page to notify every one of any closings or cancelations due to weather. We hope this will be one more way of allowing our members to stay connected and updated with our latest announcements. Only those who follow @IBCFrankfort can see your posts.

Chuck's Column

It's important to understand that the spiritual discipline of letting go that is emphasized during Lent in various ways in different traditions is for the purpose of setting us free to open and yield our lives to the love and life of God. The negative turning from is intended to prepare the way for a positive turning toward. Actually, we can do the turning from and the turning toward as a single act, but clearly it is an act that must be repeated again and again. Repentance is more of a process than a single decision. Our Lenten Gospel readings from the Gospel of John emphasize this positive embracing of life. Eternal life is life in the Spirit. For the Spirit, who indwells each one of us, to fill us with the grace, truth, love, and compassion of God we must be willing to let go of those attachments, negative emotions and patterns, addictions, etc. that weigh us down and hinder us from sailing with the wind or flowing with the living water of the Spirit.

On another note, the deacons recommended on Wednesday and the church voted to ordain Naomi before she leaves us in July (see Naomi's column). Naomi will have more to say about why she requested ordination now, but I can tell you that it is necessary for her to be able to work and serve in more ecumenical settings.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Chuck*

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

Mar. 19- Meredith Shouse
502-320-6740

Mar. 26- Raymond Bailey
254-366-0652

April 2- Khamisi Campbell
502-229-8615

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

March 22: Tacos, fixings and dessert

March 29: Pizza, fixings and dessert

April 5: Spring Break no activities



Bus Ministry

*March 19 Bruce Dungan
502-320-1687

*March 26 JT O'Connell
502-545-3016

*April 2 Rob Laurenson
502-382-8579

Special Thanks...

Two members of the WHHS Baseball team spent 3 hours of their time helping Danny Bailey position rocks in the landscaping against the building on the north side of the church. Parker Bailey Burge and Mikey Swailes deserve our acknowledgement and our appreciation.



Sign Up for Kids' Day Out

All children in 1st – 6th grades are invited!

Monday, April 3 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m... \$30 covers all entry fees and lunch. Thanks to Saleema Campbell for volunteering to help chaperone! Sign up on the sheet in the entryway and make sure your child's permission form is turned in to Lisa.

XYZ March Outing



On **Thursday, March 23**, the XYZ group will be going for lunch at Bluegrass Sabor Restaurant in Lawrenceburg. We will meet at the church at **10:30 am**.

Global Ministries

IBC's Assistance
Requested From Our Partner
Church in Tangiers

In February we received correspondence from our partner church in Tangiers requesting our assistance in their furniture project. This project is aimed at improving and restoring the place where they worship. They have submitted their plans to us in hope that we might feel lead to participate in some manner. Following is an excerpt from their letter that discusses their project:

Current Status: This project is of considerable importance for the Tangier parish. It is motivated by the fact that the church seating has deteriorated irreversibly. Even though some repairs have been made, the situation is getting worse. Broken benches here and there around the room do not make for an agreeable worship experience on Sunday mornings, and other congregational meetings are affected. Besides this, the pulpit also has become dilapidated and unusable.

1) Replacement of all the congregational seating benches with more stable, durable, and comfortable seating.

2) Replace the current pulpit with a new one.

COST: A local furniture factory, SOTABOIS, gave us an estimate of \$5250.00.

Financing: The local fellowship intends to raise **50%** of the funds, or about **\$2625**. The remainder of **\$2625** is being presented to various partners, including you. We plan to finish the replacement by September 2017.

Immanuel's Missions Team Fundraiser priority remains the "Container Challenge" for the Turners and Partners in Development. However in light of the fact that our sister church in Tangiers has made few requests of us, we would like to do what we can to assist with their project. If you feel lead and would like to donate to this project, please make your check to IBC and designate it for "Project Samuel – Tangiers Church Furniture Project". If you have questions about this project or the partnership with the church in Tangiers please see **Steve Dooley**. Thanks for your consideration and support.

Can YOU lend a hand and volunteer to help in this year's MAD CAMP June 26-30? Boys and girls will enjoy a week of **M**usic, **A**rt, & **D**rama each day from 9:00 – 3:00 and volunteers are needed to assist with various stations and be on hand to assist children with their activities and projects. If you can share yourself in this ministry, please contact Lisa.



Naomi's Notes 🎵

"For everything there is a season...a time to be born and a time to die; ...a time to weep and a time to laugh..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1). I could add my own words to this verse: a time to stay and a time to go.

By now, many of you have heard of my resignation as your Music/Worship Pastor. My final Sunday will be July 9th. Soon afterward, I plan to move to Atlanta, living in the vicinity of my mom and siblings.

Technically, I am retiring—I will receive Social Security and retirement benefits. However, I hope to continue doing professional music ministry for as long as I am able. My calling continues; I am not yet done.

My music minister friends in the Atlanta area have assured me that there will be plenty of opportunities for subbing and interim work as music/worship leader at various churches, especially if I'm open to ecumenical venues.

Participating in music/worship experiences with various churches should be fascinating—every congregation worships differently. It is not inconceivable that I could eventually become a permanent part-time minister of music at a church. I also look forward to having more time for composing, painting and writing projects that I've neglected.

Living closer to my family will be a new experience. (I've always lived at least six hours away since I left for college in 1967.) Together, my siblings and I will care for my mom through her latter days. I also look forward to attending some of my nephews' ball games and military parades, shopping with my nieces, family get-togethers...

Telling you of my resignation well in advance of my departure gives all of us time to say goodbye and prepare for a new chapter in our lives. I have already been working towards leaving our music/worship ministries "in good shape" for the immediate future.

Immanuel is blessed to have so many talented and dedicated musicians, staff and others who are very capable leaders for both worship and music ministries. They will work together to help the church transition smoothly into a new era.

God is already at work among this congregation, preparing, as Jeremiah says, "to give you a future with hope." I am excited for Immanuel's future: With a new music minister. With new ministry opportunities. With new faces. With new excitement.

There is much to do in transitioning effectively. My biggest challenge is managing my grief. I have been in the Louisville/Frankfort area for 30 years, and I am about to uproot my life in order to start a new chapter.

You all are beloved "family" to me, and I can't imagine living every day without you nearby. I trust that God (and social media!) will help keep our hearts connected even though we are apart. In the meantime, we have a lot of ministry to do together between now and July.

See you in worship this Sunday! – *Naomí*

p.s. In deacons' meeting this month I requested that Immanuel officially ordain me as a minister. Why I've waited until now to request ordination will be explained as we move through the process.

Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, March 19

9:15 am The Gathering followed by Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, March 20

9:30 am CCRTA
5:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 22

11:00 am *It's Your Story, Too*
5:30 pm Rainbow Ringers
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer meeting & Children's Choir
6:40 pm *It's Your Story, Too*
7:00 pm Children's Formation
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 23

10:30 am XYZ to Bluegrass Sabor

Sunday, March 26

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

Monday, March 27

5:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday March 28

11:00 am *It's Your Story, Too*

5:30 pm Rainbow Ringers

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Prayer meeting & Children's Choir

6:40 pm *It's Your Story, Too*

7:00 pm Children's Formation

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