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Youth to Kentucky Kingdom



Children & youth are invited to join us for a day of fun in the sun at KY Kingdom on Wednesday, Aug. 2. We'll **meet at the church at 8:30 and return between 7 and 8 that evening**. Cost for the day is just \$40 per person and friends are welcome as long as there are seats on the bus. We want to include every child who wants to go, so if finances are a hindrance, please let Lisa know. We have scholarships available. **YOU MUST SIGN UP** on the list in the entryway or let Lisa know you plan to come. We want to make sure we have enough chaperones and seats on the bus.

Youth Swim This Sunday



Youth are invited to swim **this Sunday afternoon** at the home of Roger and Patti Crittenden. We'll meet at the **church at 2:45** and swim until 5:00, then change clothes and go out for pizza together. We thank the Crittenden's for opening their home and their pool to us! Please let Lisa know if you plan to bring a friend.

Chuck's Column

We will **resume Wednesday activities on August 2**. Following the meal at 6:30 we will have prayer time and a short devotion. I don't suspect we will go much past 7:00. Dr. Raymond Bailey will be leading a more extensive study on Wednesday mornings for all who are interested. The children's activities will begin the following Wednesday, August 9. On Wednesday, August 2 children and youth will be on a church outing at Kentucky Kingdom.

I will be out this Sunday and all next week. **Dr. Bailey will be preaching**. I will be back in the pulpit on July 30, when we have a special called business meeting after the service to elect Mac Stivers to the position of Interim Minister of Music.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Chuck*

WEST POINT WORK PROJECTS

There are two work projects we need to schedule for West Point. One is to freshen up the landscaping around the chapel and its deck. This should take no more than a one day trip and we hope to do this in the next several weeks. The second project is to power wash and re-stain the deck attached to the chapel. This is a more extensive project that we will plan for the fall and will require 2-3 work days. If you can help with one or both projects please let Steve Dooley know and/or sign up on the sheets in the back

hall way. Once we know who would like to help, we'll work on dates for the work days. Thanks for your support.

Steve Dooley

FYI... There will be a special called business meeting **Sunday, July 30** immediately after the service for the purpose of electing Mac Stivers to the position of Interim Minister of Music.

... **Deacon nominations** will begin in August to replace the deacons rotating off. The deacons rotating off **not** eligible for nomination are: Gabrielle Gayheart, Pat Bailey, Tom Hewlett, Mac Stivers and Becky Tippett.

Thanking you!!!



On behalf of all the children who participated in the Jr. Fishing Tournament, I'd like to thank the following men who showed up to instruct, encourage, and mentor our junior fisher people: Doug Henley, Rob Laursen, and Pastor Chuck were great assistants to the children. They provided bait and "equipment" necessary for removing hooks, untangling lines, and even "performed surgery" on our aquatic friends. We had perfect weather and had a great time together. Check out the board in the entryway for pictures and the list of awards.

Bus Ministry



*July 23 Bruce Dungan

502-320-1687

*July 30 Greg Lawson

502-487-1091

*Aug 6 Steve Dooley

502-695-2819



It's going to be great!

It's going to be new!

It's being prepared and designed just for YOU!

5th, 6th, and 7th graders can expect a special surprise coming soon. We believe you're going to be delighted at what we're planning **just for you!**

Naomi's Notes

Dear Immanuel Church Family –

Saying farewell after twenty-two years of relationship with people I really care about is difficult. Saying an adequate "thank you" to everyone for all the blessings bestowed upon me is *beyond* difficult—it's impossible!

Thank you especially for such a great send-off on July 8th. I was bowled over by your generosity and your (successful!) efforts at making the Farewell Dinner such a fun, interesting event. I will always enjoy wearing the lovely necklace and especially reading through the book of letters. What a treasure!

Two weeks ago I was cleaning out my computer at church, transferring any important items to my personal computer. As I looked through my digital collection of photos I was struck by how many church events we have experienced together.

Even more, I realized how much I have grown through our shared spiritual experiences—not just in church services, or even during sacred anthems, but also during our conversations as we went about doing kingdom work: praying with someone who was hospitalized, holding the hand of someone who was

struggling with life's circumstances, ministering with others at West Point, even collaborating with soloists and a/v technicians or picking up trash/pulling weeds together.

Together we fleshed out what it means to follow Christ...and you helped me grow closer to God. I am grateful.

Now as I step out to follow Christ in a different location and in a somewhat different manner, this famous poem by Thomas Merton keeps coming to my mind:

*"My Lord God, I have no idea
where I am going.*

*I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please
you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire
in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may
know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in
the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me
to face my perils alone."*

As I leave Frankfort, I am confident not only that God will continue to "part the waters" and guide my steps, but that God will also guide this faith community, a lighthouse of spiritual influence in a needy community.

Immanuel is chock full of talented people: pastoral staff, musicians, other church leaders--even infrequent church attenders. All are important to the church body and are "qualified" to help build God's kingdom. May God grant you peace and strength and inspiration as you seek God's will and work together. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Much love to each of you - **Naomi**

IRC 2017 Semi-annual Update

The number of families assisted in the first half of 2017 was similar to our service figures for the first half of 2016. We have provided assistance to 32 families. Nineteen of these families were new to the IRC. In these families, we served 34 children, 24 of whom were new to the IRC. Only 2 families were served more than once during the first half of the year. A car seat was provided for 1 unborn child whose parents did not return for further assistance during this period.

While demand for some items remained fairly stable, others such as cribs and crib mattresses were in much greater demand. The following items were provided to the families served: 134 cloth good items (*sheets, blankets, mattress pads, etc.*), 148 baby supplies (*lotion, diapers, bottles, etc.*), 29 packages of diapers, 9 cans of formula, 16 cribs and 16 mattresses, 5 car seats, 5 pack 'n plays and 4 mattresses, 2 bath slings, 5 bouncy seats, 1 table booster seat and 1 "recycled" stroller. We referred 10 clients to Simon House for clothing assistance, and there were also a number of donated books and toys distributed.

Expenditures for the first half of the year totaled \$4,050.78. Over half of this expenditure went for cribs and mattresses. It should be noted, however, that there is often carryover from one report period to the next, as some items purchased during one report period may not be distributed until the next report period. Since we made a crib purchase late in June, many of those cribs will not be distributed until the second half of the year.

As a reminder, the items we consistently stock and provide are as follows: diapers (*sizes NB to 5*) and wipes, baby lotion and wash, rash ointment, bibs, bottles (4 & 8 oz.), sippy cups, formula, cereal, mattress pads, blankets, fitted crib sheets, fitted play yard sheets, bath tubs/slides, bouncy seats, table booster seats, car seats, cribs, mattresses, pack 'n plays and pack 'n play mattresses. Other items that we occasionally have donated to us such as high chairs, swings, strollers and toys, are distributed if they are in good condition. Donations of these items are welcomed for anyone wishing to participate in that way.

Your continued generosity and support have made this ministry possible. Those we serve are truly grateful for the tangible way your compassion has helped them in difficult times. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Anna Mayne at the IRC office number (223-7630) or at home (695-9292 or 320-6443).

Naomi's new contact information:

149 Lester Rd NW Lawrenceville, GA 30044
naomikwalker@gmail.com 502-330-0941

Adopt-a-Highway will be **Saturday August 12 at 8:30 AM**. We will meet in the Juniper Hills Parking Lot. We really need more folks to volunteer to help. The last two times we have had only 2-3 people and could not pick up the entire route that IBC has responsibility for. Please join us on August 12. We can get done in 1 to 1.5 hours if we have plenty of folks. You also get to wear these flashy yellow vests.

Yes, Sir! Yes, Ma'am! 3 Bags Full!

Please join our XYZ Senior Adult Group in filling three suitcases full of composition books that will be loaded on the container and sent to Zambia. This is one of the most desired items requested by Lonnie and Fran Turner that will benefit girls at the school in Manyanah Village. We want to fill each suitcase to maximum capacity. *Please note that wire-bound notebooks are **not** preferred and the composition books may be purchased at our local Staples for fifty cents each.*

What Lies Beyond?

"To die, to sleep – to sleep, perchance to dream-ay there's the rub, for in this sleep of death what dreams may come..." Death is often a subject in the plays of Shakespeare. As his writing so often does he focuses on a universal human concern. All of us have questions about death, and what lies ahead when we enter "the undiscover'd country from whose bourn no traveler returns..." **Death and the Afterlife** will be the subject of our morning study this fall. We will examine what the major religions teach regarding the possibility of life after death and what forms it may take. We will climax our study with the different views within the Christian world. **The class will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 beginning August 2 in the Adult IV Sunday School Classroom.**
Raymond Bailey

IBC RELAY FOR LIFE

We want to thank everyone for their generous support of the IBC Relay for Life Team. This year our Team **raised \$6,595** and was the fourth highest fund raising team out of 32 teams in Franklin County. We appreciate the efforts of our team members: Danny Bailey, Steve Dooley, Brent Irvin, Bennie League, Donna Manning, Anna Mayne, Rhonda Smith and Lisa Wood. We thank them for working to make this year's relay a success. Cancer has touched so many of us, and if you would like to make a donation there is still time. We have until August 1 to accept additional donations. *Doris Bailey and Betty Claycomb*

Lisa's lines....

The Lord will watch over your going out and coming in both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8

I've been reading about *transitions* lately. *Transition* is not the same as *change*. William Bridges writes, "All transitions are composed of (1) an ending, (2) a neutral zone, and (3) a new beginning." Endings are sometimes welcome, but at other times, they are difficult and painful. Naomi's leaving marks the end of an era for us as a church. I already grieve the loss of the presence of my friend and fellow pastor on staff here. Still, I bless her "going out" and continue to pray for her as she dwells in her own life's transition. I know we will keep in touch. It's what friends do.

Our church's "neutral zone" has been carefully anticipated and we will be voting on July 30 to accept Mac Stivers as our interim Minister of Music. Mac's giftedness, competence, and compassion are already evident in his life of service to kingdom work here at IBC and I look forward to his "coming in" to this role on our pastoral staff.

I am excited about serving alongside him and look forward to watching our music ministry unfold and transform under his leadership. I invite you to join me in praying for Mac (and Susie!) as he transitions into a new routine in his life. Offer your support, and if you feel led, join the choir! But by all means, make that "joyful noise" as you sing from the pews on Sunday morning! Let us worship the Lord together in songs of praise and thanksgiving.

Lisa

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

July 23	Raymond Bailey 254-366-0652
July 30	Khamisi Campbell 229-8615
Aug 6	Roger Crittenden 330-4084

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

August 2: Chicken, fixings and dessert

Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, July 23

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
2:45 pm Youth to swim

Monday, July 24

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, July 26

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, July 30

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, July 31

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, August 2

8:30 am Kids to Kentucky Kingdom
5:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir