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Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel,

You have seen several announcements in the Connections and on the media screens during services about something called Immanuelfest. Just what is it? Immanuelfest was envisioned by the Missions and Evangelism Team as an outreach to the community surrounding Immanuel Baptist Church. We want to inform and maybe remind our neighbors that we are here and seek to open our doors for a fun filled day.

And for those looking for a church family, we want them to consider Immanuel.

We also seek the involvement and participation of all of our members. We want you to show up to let them see who we are and to enjoy the day as well.

By now you know there will be games, food, music, flu shots and a **free** fair (give-aways). We will need you to help with these stations on the day of the event as well as some of the prep work.

We plan to advertise this event in the community with a door-hanger drop in the neighborhood and by posting flyers at Collins Lane Elementary School. This drop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26.

Look for sign-up sheets in the main hallway.

Be in prayer that we will successfully open our doors to our neighbors. To help or if you have questions, contact:

Steve Dooley (bubdooley51@yahoo.com)

Cathy Thomas (bworm777@hotmail.com)

Jill Lemaster (jillemaster@gmail.com) - free fair

Reeda Yancey (reedayancey@gmail.com)- flu shots, blood pressure checks

Susie and Mac Stivers (susanmstivers@gmail.com) – entertainment

Melissa Queen (Melissa.queen@franklin.kyschools.us) -games

Thanks!

Mission and Evangelism Team

Chuck's Column

In our highly charged and volatile partisan political, religious, and social environment today it is perhaps unavoidable that at some point we will be offended by or that we will offend a family member, friend, or co-worker. This is why forgiveness is so important. As you know the writings of Richard Rohr have played a key part in my Christian discipleship. Here is what he says about forgiveness:

“Even with all the best intentions in the world, given our different temperaments, backgrounds, and the way we process our data and information, we are going to step on one another’s toes. Two people with absolutely good will can deeply hurt one another. Good people hurt one another because we all come at reality in different ways. That’s why, for Jesus, the only way to achieve union [with God and one another] is through forgiveness, not through making sin impossible. . . . Jesus says the only way to achieve union is through failure, vulnerability, and repair – because people are always going to hurt one another. . . . The same Spirit [that was at work in Jesus and all the great saints] is at work freeing you . . . and you are learning both to receive and grant a universal forgiveness. This is the sum and substance of Jesus’ teaching. If you don’t ‘get’ forgiveness, you don’t get the core message.”

This past Sunday I talked about what we can learn from being offended, that if we turn our offense inward we can learn and grow from it. Maybe the giving and receiving of forgiveness is the greater lesson.

Grace and peace, Chuck

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

September 2 Sherri Henley 545-2364

September 9 Rob Laurensen 545-1503

September 16 Anna Mayne 695-9292

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

September 5: Chicken, fixings and dessert

September 12: Tacos, fixings and dessert

September 19: Lasagna, fixings and dessert



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Mark your calendars and roll up your sleeves! It's time to plan for your annual flu shot. What could be more convenient than receiving it right here at Immanuel? IBC has partnered with Walgreen's to conduct a Flu Shot Clinic during **ImmanuelFest** on **Saturday, October 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** near the back foyer for anyone age 9 and over. Other popular vaccines will also be offered.

If you're unable to attend ImmanuelFest but would like to receive a flu shot, worry not. Walgreen's staff will return briefly on Sunday, October 7, in Fellowship Hall after morning worship.

Participants are encouraged to bring their insurance card. No co-pays, if indicated, will be collected, and no one will be turned away if uninsured. **SHOTS ARE OFFERED AT NO OUT-OF-POCKET COST TO ALL!**

Also during ImmanuelFest, Polly Lakes and Reeda Yancey will conduct blood pressure screenings. Be kind to yourself--know your numbers.

Contact Reeda Yancey at 695-3329 or 545-3303 if you have any questions.

Member Prayer Updates



***BJ Sharpe**-recovering from hand surgery

***Lou Ingram**-recovering from fall at Northpoint Lexington Healthcare Center



Fall Hand Bells

If you are interested in participating in the Hand bell choir this fall, please let Mac, Sandy Altom, or Bennie League know soon. We will start rehearsing for the Advent season in early October and plan to perform sometime early in the season. It's a lively group and we have a lot of fun practicing together. Rehearsals will more than likely be on Thursday evenings, but we will get a sense from the group on what works best for everyone. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can determine how we can arrange the music to fit the group.

Thanks, Mac



We're Off to See the Monks

The September XYZ trip will take us to Bardstown to eat good home cooking at Kurtz's Restaurant and then on to visit The Abby of Gethsemani. Gethsemani is the oldest monastery in Kentucky and was the home of Thomas Merton. Merton was an important spiritual writer who penned over 40 books and numerous articles. We will leave the church at **10 am, September 20**, and return to the church about 3 pm. Please sign up on the XYZ bulletin board.

Successful Mission Trip

We had a great Mission Trip to Zambia. Working in Munyanya village with Lonnie and Fran Turner we did both construction work and activities with kids of all ages. The work with kids included games, singing, crafts and sports. The sports activities included soccer, Tee ball, track, and basketball. On the construction side, several of us worked on the nursing station/clinic and the foundation for the structure to hold a new water tank for the village. One highlight was several of us going in dugout canoes up the Zambezi River to the island villages to distribute tooth brushes and tooth paste, jump ropes, and sports equipment. Thanks to the Sutton family and the Formans for the giving of their time and their enthusiastic participation and support of the mission activities in the village. I'm sure anyone of them would be happy to share about their experience working in Munyanya Village.

If you would like to support the work of the Turners and their Partners in Development organization, simply write a check to IBC and designate the funds for Project Samuel-Partners in Development. You can even designate funds for a specific project. The current project list includes the following:

1. Completion of the Water Project - \$2,000
(This project has been funded by the Formans)
2. Complete filling the Container and shipping it to Zambia. (Funds have been donated to cover the shipping cost. Need a few more items to completely fill the container.)
3. Basketball Court - \$10,000
4. Complete Nursing and Doctor Station/Clinic - \$15,000 (Funds are needed to complete the walls, roof, windows, doors, and plumbing.)
5. Solar Installation - \$5,000
6. School fees for nursing students - \$2,000 per student per year

XYZ ACTIVITIES

September 5



11:00 am Council Meeting
12:00 Potluck Luncheon

Program: Betty J. Martin of the Betty J. Martin L.I.F.E. House will be our guest and share about her duties as President of the L.I.F.E. house.

September 20



10:00 am Meet at church to go to Kurtz's, in Bardstown for lunch. Following we will visit The Abby at Gethsemani.



Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, September 2

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 3

Labor Day Office Closed
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 4

11:00 am XYZ Council
12:00 XYZ Potluck Luncheon
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, September 5

10:00 am Revelation Study
5:30pm Youth Music
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Children's Activities, Youth on
Mission and Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, September 9

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, September 10

11:00 am CCBW Meeting
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, September 11

10:00 am Revelation Study
5:15 pm Mission Committee Meeting
5:30pm Youth Music
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Children's Activities, Youth on
Mission and Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
