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December 24, 2017
Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve

10:30 am Worship Service (No Sunday School)
6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service



Kid's Café, Jan. 7



Mark your calendars for a very special Kids' Café on Sunday evening, **Jan. 7, at 6:00**. Our Yo-Yo's have prepared a special video featuring our children telling "God's Story" in their own words. (Wait till you see the out-takes!) God's mercy, providence, and redemption is woven throughout the stories of the patriarchs and in the telling of these stories, the children are coming to recognize how God is doing God's gracious work in their own lives. Mouth-watering desserts will be served and there'll be gourmet coffees available for you to fix to your liking.

You'll be **inspired!**
You'll be **entertained!**
You'll be **delighted!**

Chuck's Column

If you haven't read already, you will read in this newsletter **Lisa's resignation**. She has answered a call to pastor a church in Lexington. While we will miss her much, and our children and youth will miss her even more, I have sensed for some time that she has felt called to a more generalized and varied ministry. This will give her an opportunity to truly live out her calling. So while it is hard for us to see her go, we know that she is listening to the Spirit and pursuing God's will for her ministry.

I would like to meet with all parents and anyone interested in our children and youth ministry on **Jan. 14 after the morning worship service**. I will send notices to all parents. I want your input as we move forward. More than likely we will be looking for a part-time youth minister and a

part-time children's minister though that is open for discussion. In the meanwhile, I have contacted Georgetown College and Baptist Seminary of Kentucky in hopes of securing students who can fill roles for us in these areas of ministry until more permanent persons can be found. I will take responsibility for youth camp this summer and possibly children's camp if parents decide they want this for their children.

Now is the time for us to secure a date and place, and a tentative number of those attending.

The **service auction on Super Bowl Sunday** has been a unique and beneficial ministry that Lisa started and I would like to continue. (Most likely our annual church rummage sale has run its course, unless there is someone within our congregation who wants to take on that responsibility). As for our Super Bowl Sunday service auction this is a time of good fellowship and fun, and we raise money for worthy causes. **Sandy Altom** is our contact person this year for services you are willing to auction. So please let her know of your plans to participate and the service you intend to auction off. This year half the money collected will go to a cause that our mission team will designate and the other half will go toward our youth and children summer camps.

I invite any parent or church member/participant to contact me if you have questions or input you would like to offer as we move forward. You can call or text me at 502-229-7246.

Grace and peace,

Pastor *Chuck*

Beloved brothers and sisters,

Over the past several months, I've given much thought and reflection on the past 13+ years I have served God as a minister on your pastoral staff. My heart swells with gratitude for the many times and ways you chose to enter into my life's joys, as well as the times you've borne me in your prayers as I've walked through my darkest hours of pain and grief. Likewise, you've made me a part of *your* celebrations and invited me to walk with you through *your* valleys of shadows. Together with the Holy Spirit, we've created a spiritual bond that I will always cherish.

It is with a full gamut of emotions, and yet with calm assurance, that I announce my resignation as your Pastor to Youth & Children. I have been called by Liberty Road Faith Fellowship in Lexington to serve as their senior pastor and will begin serving in that role on February 1. My last Sunday with you as a member of your pastoral staff will be Sunday, January 21. I plan to use some of my accrued vacation (from Jan. 22 – Jan. 31) to allow myself a much-needed period of time to rest and regroup before beginning in ministry there.

I humbly ask for your prayers during this season in my life, and I covenant to lift IBC in my prayers as you seek the person who will serve as a spiritual mentor and guide to the church's children and youth. I hope you will lend your time and energies in support of those who step up during the transition to assume some of the leadership roles in various areas.

I thank you for the joyous privilege of making treasured memories with you. My family and I have been richly blessed by your bountiful love, mercy, and generosity. Surely I have experienced God's unconditional love through you, even as I've sought to express it in service to God With Us at Immanuel in Frankfort. May God continue writing God's story in our hearts, in our lives, and in the hearts and lives of God's people throughout God's world... and to God be all glory, honor, and praise.

Grace and peace,

Lisa



Youth to Frisch's

Our older youth are invited to meet at Frisch's for breakfast Sunday, Jan.7 at 9:00. Let Lisa know if you plan to come and if you have a friend joining us so we can provide enough transportation back to the church.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1 to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Dear Immanuel Baptist Church:

On behalf of the board of Directors at the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County, thank you so much for your participation during the Fall Ecumenical Food Drive held on Sunday, November 12. We were delighted to have 35 faith communities participate. The food and/or funds you donated helped stock our shelves in preparation for this holiday season and winter.

In 2016, the Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County provided food for 9,251 people, including 3,518 children. Every can, every box, and every dollar that you contributed is needed and appreciated. Your help is making a real difference in the lives of many of our financially stressed neighbors.

The Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County is a community endeavor. The community provides the food, money, and volunteers. We have no paid staff. We simply couldn't do it without your help.

So again, thank you for all you did to help through the Ecumenical Food Drive and in so many ways throughout the year. We are honored to work with you to do God's work in our community.

Gratefully,

Regina Wink Swinford

Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County
Board of Directors

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

December 20: No Meal

December 27: No Meal

Jan. 3: Lasagna, fixins and dessert

Jan. 10: Chicken, fixins and dessert



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the choir members and hand bell choir for the beautiful and inspiring music during the Christmas season! It is truly a blessing to work with both these talented groups. Thanks also to Lisa, Karen Dungan, Sandy Altom, Susan Laurenson and the Junior Musicians for their additions to our services with the tone chimes and special music they've presented. The support and outpouring of spirit has been exhilarating to me and many of you in the congregation have expressed your joy as well. I would like to express my personal thanks to Sara, Sandy, and Gabrielle for the beautiful instrumentals they share with us each Sunday on the organ and piano. Their sharing certainly enhances our worship through music. We are all truly blessed to be a part of Immanuel Baptist Church and to share in the wonderful spirit here!

Merry Christmas to You! *Mac*

XYZ Potluck Luncheon, Jan. 2



Everyone age 55 years of age and older is welcome to share a delicious Christmas potluck luncheon (meat, bread, and drinks provided). Our guest speaker will be Rep. Derrick Graham. Invite a friend to join us for a hearty meal and warm fellowship.

Commitment Cards

Commitment Cards for the 2018 budget are still being accepted and may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mailed to the church office. Please consider giving generously to the mission of Christ as it is expressed through our faith community.

Offering envelopes for 2018 are available now in Fellowship Hall. If you do not find a box of envelopes with your name, please notify the church office and we will see that you get one.

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

December 24 Doug Bishop 223-8743
December 31 Bruce Dungan 875-4165
January 7 Sherri Henley 545-2364

Bus Ministry

December 24 Greg Lawson
487-1091
December 31 Bruce Dungan
320-1687
January 7 Joni Crowe
229-0624

Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, December 24

10:30 am Worship
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

10:00 am Ephesians Bible Study
5:30 pm Children's Music
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion/
Children's Formation
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, December 31

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

11:15 am XYZ Council
12:00 XYZ Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 am Ephesians Bible Study
5:30 pm Children's Music
6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Prayer & Devotion/
Children's Formation

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir