



CONNECTIONS

To Experience & Express God's Unconditional Love

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Our Vision

To experience and express God's unconditional love.

Our Kingdom Mission

To live like Jesus Christ by unconditionally loving all people, compassionately serving God's world, openly discussing issues of faith, and intentionally inviting others to grow with us as followers of Christ, our Lord and Savior.

"Three Years of Ministry and Life Together"



Three years ago, I stepped into the offices of Immanuel Baptist Church for the first time as Senior Pastor. Fully pregnant in my third trimester and sitting behind a desk that was deeper and wider than my wingspan (only slightly exaggerating), I wasn't sure what the future would hold. I just held hope in the confidence that God had called us into this work together and would lead us forward. I could not have imagined how easily my family and I would begin to fold into the life and ministry of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Of course, we have seen a lot of change as a family over the last three years. You can just look at Eliza and see just how much life we've lived. It feels impossible that she is walking, talking, and having strong opinions about how things should be. I couldn't be more grateful for the ways that each of you have surrounded our family with so much love and generosity. At my installation service, you committed to let my family flourish as themselves - and you surely have lived into that promise!

I think, however, I'm most proud of all the ways that we have lived out our calling as a church over the last three

years. I knew coming in that there was some energy and excitement around the hope that we could have some new days ahead. I worried that, perhaps, the starting and stopping and starting again caused by my parental leave would have a negative impact on the momentum a new pastor generally inspires. My experience has been totally the opposite.

Over the last three years, we have been a real presence in the Frankfort community. We've taken opportunities to listen and learn - to understand where God is calling us to bridge gaps in our neighborhood. Partners throughout Franklin County have begun to call on us in new ways. We have deepened our understanding of what it means to "experience and express God's unconditional love." And this is only the beginning!



When I look towards the next three years and beyond, I can't help but get excited to consider where our momentum will take us. We are a community that takes seriously the prayer "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." And the more we grow, the more we will see glimpses of that kingdom take shape before our eyes!

Pastor Emily

Zambia – Field of Hope Update



Good news from the Field of Hope!

During our visit to Zambia a few weeks ago, one of our key objectives was to find water at the Field of Hope. Having a water source at the field means so much more than just having water - it is an investment in the community's health, economy, and future. It would provide reliable access to clean water that would improve the living conditions and create opportunities for sustainable development for our people. It also supports healthy livestock which can provide food and income for families.

After much anticipation and many hopeful prayers, it is with grateful hearts that we share some wonderful news: we have found water at the Field of Hope!

You can support Partners in Development by sending a check to the Church Office or placing it in the offering plate with a note in the memo line for "Partners in Development." Or you can give online at www.ibcfrankfort.com/give and select "Partners in Development" in the drop-down menu.

You can also give directly to Greg Toulson (Partners in Development's Treasurer) using venmo. The profile name is @Partners-InDevelopment, and they ask that you put your email address in the comment field. Or mail a check to:

Partners in Development
Attn: Greg Toulson
252 N. First Street
Hampton, VA 23664

This exciting milestone brings us one step closer to transforming lives. The next phase is to begin installing a borehole, which will provide the community with a reliable, sustainable source of clean water for years to come.

But we cannot do this without you.

The first stage of this project will cost approximately \$7,000. Every donation, no matter the size, will bring lasting change and newfound hope to countless lives.



"All over the world water is regarded as precious as life itself." - Nelson Mandela Foundation

In gratitude and hope for your support,
Stephen Turner

Report on Support to Vulnerable in Cameroon

Beloved in the Lord,

Mid year greetings from Cameroon. We remain greatly appreciative because bearing our burdens is your priority. The increased in the amount from £300 to £525 made us handled some difficult conditions this month.

Two surgical cases were supported, a boy who had an accident and a lady who had a challenge where fluid was being drained from her lungs. It's however, a pity that she eventually passed on to glory.

The last lady got lenses which she could not afford and thus adapted to an unwanted sedentary life style. Now she can see with the help of the lenses and confidently walk around.

Thank you again for putting a smile on our faces.

Warmest Regards

Eny Bunyui

Infant Resource Center Update

Infant Resource Center
Immanuel Baptist Church
Frankfort, KY



Thank you all for your continued support of the Infant Resource Center. We have been out and about this summer representing the church and it is great to see clients in the community. At every event, multiple people stopped by to let us know our church has helped them or someone they knew in their time of need.

If you'd like to donate to the IRC, funds will be used to buy car seats, or you can order one through our Amazon Wishlist and have it delivered to the church.

Thank you!
Sara



We've seen a rise in requests for car seats. We have provided six car seats in the past few months, and I believe this trend will continue. Expecting parents with WIC benefits were able to get car seats from the health department and that funding has lapsed, which means we're one of the few available options in town now.

IRC Wishlist

To order from the Infant Resource Center Wishlist, use the qr code above or use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/irc-wishlist>

Baptist Mission Women

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Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

6:00 PM | AT CHURCH

The Lydia Greear Baptist Mission Women will meet on Monday, September 7 at the church for a time to make invitation cards and other welcoming materials to hand out at ImmanuelFest. Please contact Joni Crowe for more information! All women of the church are welcome!



Earlier this month, BMW ladies collected donations for the Simon House. Here is the happy director with all the hygiene supplies!

PAL Meetings Have Returned

PAL
THERE IS HOPE
FAMILIES/PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES

- FREE WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP -

TUESDAYS
06.00 PM

FOR MORE INFO:

- Facilitator, Cornelia Jones
- 502-319-2944
- www.palgroup.org
- palgroup@ibcfrankfort.com

PAL is a support group of parents/family helping one another, using evidence-based practices and support at no cost for parents and other family members trying to support loved ones through addiction.

IBC Establishing a Laundry Center at Church

IBC is in the process of turning the "ice machine room" off of Fellowship Hall into a laundry center. As we work towards establishing a crisis women's shelter in the church, having a way to do laundry will be vital to this ministry. We hope this will also provide another helpful resource for our Infant Resource Center and Warming/Cooling Center clients.

We have received a few donations to help seed this project, along with a discount from a reputable appliance company. In the coming weeks, the washer and dryer will be delivered and we will have hook-ups added to the designated space.

In order to get the laundry center fully operational, we will need to stock it with laundry supplies. The current donations also do not meet the entire need for the project, but we are taking a leap of faith to make this resource available for the families we serve. If you would like to donate to the laundry center, you can send cash or check to the church office, designated "laundry center." Or you can give online and designate your gift to "Homeless Ministry-Weather" in the drop-down menu:

www.ibcfrankfort.com/give

Donate to Immanuelfest and Volunteer

Immanuelfest is coming up! On Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., we will be hosting a free yard "sale" for individuals in our community as a part of our Immanuelfest.

Beginning on Sunday, August 30, please bring your no longer needed household items, sports equipment, electronics, as well as children's clothing and toys, to the former church library (room on right in front hallway leading to the sanctuary). In order to be included in the free

"sale," items must be in the library by September 24.

If you need help transporting items, please let us know, and we will do our best to find some fellow church members or Missions Team members who can help with larger items.

We will not be collecting adult clothing or books. We also need volunteers on Friday, September 25, from 6-8 p.m., at the church, to help move the items outside and to sort them on the tables to be ready for the "sale."

Please contact Jill LeMaster at: jill@ibcfrankfort.com or 502-320-1486, if you have questions or if you are available to help with the free yard "sale" on September 25 and/or 26. Thank you!

- Jill LeMaster

We need volunteers for Immanuelfest! If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Steve Dooley at bubdooley51@yahoo.com or 502-226-0973.



IMMANUEL
Fest

SEPTEMBER 26th, 2026

10 AM - 1 PM

FREE GAMES • FREE FOOD • LIVE MUSIC
FREE YARD "SALE"

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1075 COLLINS LANE, FRANKFORT, KY

Community Partners Invited to Host Tables at Immanuelfest

We are seeking community partners to attend Immanuelfest and share resources and information with attendees. If you or anyone you know would be willing to/interested in hosting a table at Immanuelfest,

please direct them to the signup form online:

<http://tiny.cc/immanuelfest>

Contact Sara Jenkins with any

questions at irc@ibcfrankfort.com.

We're looking forward to another really great year at Immanuelfest and making more connections with members of our community!

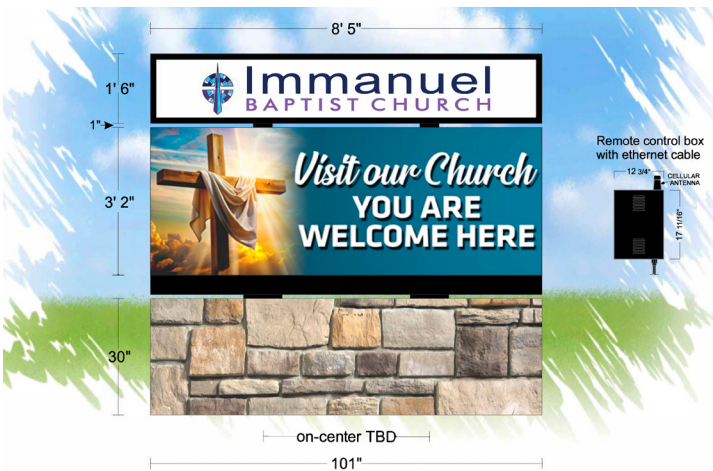
Frankfort Police Department holds kids-friendly event

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Sara Jenkins, Sam Crowe, and some other Immanuelites represented IBC at multiple community events this summer. They even got featured in the State Journal!

Update on Church Sign



will have a digital display, and we will be able to update the sign's content online. This is going to make such a difference in our ability to get news out to our community - and keep the church sign updated with current information!

The sign has been ordered, and the installers have obtained a permit for the sign. The sign is now in development, including a design attempting to match the "stones" on the sign base to the stones on the outside of our church building. They are currently sending a sample to Pastor Emily for review. Once the sign is finished, it will take a week to be shipped to the installer, and then 2-5 weeks following shipment for the sign to be installed on our property. At this point, the sign installation could happen within the next couple weeks or between September-October.

If you were at the Business Meeting on May 15, you know that we are in the process of getting a new church sign, thanks to a very generous donation. The new sign

Leadership Meetings

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2026
September 6, 2026
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



1075 Collins Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

DEACON'S MEETINGS



**AUGUST 17 AND
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

1075 COLLINS LANE

DEACON'S MEETINGS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN
ROOM 132

EMAIL JONI AT JONI@IBCFRANKFORT.COM FOR
ZOOM LINK

Business Meeting

2026

Quarterly Business Meeting



Immanuel
BAPTIST CHURCH
Frankfort, KY

Sun, August 16, 2026

11:40 A.M.

1075 COLLINS LANE, FRANKFORT

Please mark your calendars now and be sure to join us for the upcoming Business Meeting. This quarter's meeting will feature updates from each of our Committees and Teams, including a report from the Nominating Committee regarding church leadership for the upcoming church year (beginning on September 1).

We will also receive updates on the church communications position and Thursday office closure, Immanuelfest, the budget, and the church's 501c3 status.

Lots is going on at Immanuel and it's good to have so much "business" to attend to. We need everyone to come in order to be well-informed and committed to the mission we are living out together. These are exciting times to be part of IBC!

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fall Wednesday Night Dinners and Program



Using our voices to advocate for systemic support for “the least of these” - Matthew 25:40



“The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

We’ve spent the last two years learning about community partners who support “the least of these.” Now, we are going to hear from people who do the work of advocacy in the community to learn how we can use our voices to help bring about sustainable change in Frankfort and beyond.

Dates: September 16 - October 21, 2026
Time: 5:00 p.m. Dinner | 6:00 p.m. Program
Location: IBC Fellowship Hall
1075 Collins Lane, Frankfort, Ky 40601

**OPEN TO ALL
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!

www.ibcfrankfort.com

Deacon of the Week



**Week of
August 2**

Rhonda Smith
502-329-3038
rhindagsmith@gmail.com



**Week of
August 9**

Steve Dooley
502-226-0973
bubdooley51@yahoo.com



**Week of
August 16**

Sherron Jackson
502-229-7018
sdcjjack@aol.com

**Week of
August 23**
Jennifer True
502-226-8123
gjtrue81@gmail.com



**Week of
August 30**

Wyvette Williams
502-330-1326
williamswyvette@gmail.com



**Week of
September 6**

Karen Dungan
502-320-1940
kddungan@gmail.com



**Week of
September 13**

Mike Hatcher
502-875-0321
mhatc43582@aol.com



**Week of
September 20**

Cathy Thomas
502-436-6010
bworm777@hotmail.com



**Week of
September 27**

Andrew Tippet
502-330-4287
atippettky@gmail.com

The Deacon of the Week is here to support you with any ministry needs or to respond to any prayer concerns.

Please feel free to reach out to them any time during the week of their service!

Deacon Nominations

Deacon nominations are taking place now. You may nominate any eligible church member to serve as a Deacon using the form inserted into the bulletin or visit:

www.ibcfrankfort.com/deacon-nominations-2026

Prayer List

Sandy Altom
Norma Barnes
Roger Crittenden
Verna Fairchild
Jackie Hatcher

Glenn Ison
Amie LeMaster
Scarlett Moore
Ernie Murphy
Glenn Murphy

Melissa Queen
Sloane True
Chuck Wolfe
Susan Wolfe
Joyce Wood

For a completely updated prayer list with addresses, please visit
www.ibcfrankfort.com/prayer

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

JOIN US FOR

The Gathering

A Breakfast Potluck
Immanuel Baptist
Church

Sunday, August 9 AND
Sunday, September 13
9:15 a.m.



Join us for

CRAFTING GROUP

Friday, August 14 | 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, August 15 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday, September 11 | 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday, September 12 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Finances Through July

2026 Ministry Plan	\$535,473.00
Amount Needed Each Week	\$10,298.00
Amount Needed Through July	\$308,940.00
Undesignated Receipts Through July	\$251,407.89
% of Annual Budget Needed	58%
% of Annual Budget Received	47%

CURRENT ASSETS

Church Checking Balance	\$145,595.11
Designated Checking Balance	\$93,485.16
Total Current Assets	\$239,080.27

Your financial support is so important to our church. This year's budget was intentionally aspirational. While our income is basically keeping pace with previous years, it is not enough to meet the audacious goals we set for ourselves, and as usual, giving slowed during the summer. As we head into fall, committees and teams will begin making budget requests. **The Stewardship Committee will need to use our current giving numbers as indicators for how to set next year's budget.**

We need your help to insure we can keep dreaming big and do not need to make large budget cuts. Please consider how you can support the church this fall through gifts to the general offering.

Your gifts allow us to continue experiencing and expressing God's unconditional love in new and deeper ways. We are so grateful for your generosity - now and always!

JOIN US!



JOIN US FOR A

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

BREAKFAST AT 9:15 AM
WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM



Immanuel
BAPTIST CHURCH
Frankfort, KY

Join us for

GRAND-PARENT'S SUNDAY

Help us celebrate the role all grandparents play in the lives of their grandkids on this extra-special Sunday!

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September

Breakfast at 9:15AM
Worship at 10:30AM



Share Your Thoughts!

Do you have a word of gratitude you would like to share? Or would you like to contribute an article for an upcoming edition of the Connections Newsletter? We would love to hear from you. Send your thoughts to Joni at joni@ibcfrankfort.com, and we will be glad to feature you! Submissions received by July 15 to be included in the August/September Connections.

Guest Preachers in August and September

Pastor Emily and Scott will be out of town at the end of August attending a retreat. We are delighted to have a fellow Frankfortian, Rev. Rick White, preach for us on Sunday, August 30.

On Sunday, September 13, Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will be worshipping with us and will provide the message. He is visiting Kentucky during the week of the 13th and asked specifically to come preach at IBC. We are so excited to welcome him, and would like to remind you to come to The Gathering that morning to meet Paul and get to know him a little.



Rick White
August 30

On August 30, Rev. Rick White will be our guest preacher. Rick is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with additional work at the University of Kentucky. He has pastored churches in Lebanon Junction,

Louisville, and Lawrenceburg. Most recently, he served as minister of pastoral care and pulpit supply at First Baptist Church on St. Clair. He also taught high school and middle school in Woodford County for 20 years before retiring in 2016.

Rick has been married to Marla White for 49 years. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Rick enjoys traveling with Marla, spoiling their grandchildren, reading, and playing golf.

Bring a Friend!

Be sure to invite a friend to join you for worship in August or September. We are excited about our upcoming services and would love to see some new (and even some familiar) faces. We will have The Gathering on August 9 and September 13.

Let's fill the pews as well!



Paul Baxley
September 13

The Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley was unanimously elected as the fourth executive coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in January 2019. He frequently preaches and teaches across the 30-year-old Fellowship as he leads this diverse community that includes nearly 1,400 congregations, thousands of individuals, 19 state and regional organizations, 800-plus chaplains and pastoral counselors, dozens of theological education and ministry partners, and 60-plus field personnel serving in 20 countries.

Previously, Paul served as senior minister of First Baptist Church in Athens, Ga., since 2010. A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., he has also held pastorates and ministry positions in North Carolina and Virginia and is a former member of the CBF Governing Board. During his two-terms on the CBF Governing Board from 2013-2017, Paul chaired an ad hoc committee that worked for 18 months to develop a comprehensive plan for Global Missions committed to the long-term presence of CBF field personnel around the world.

Paul is a graduate of Wake Forest University (Bachelor of Arts – Religion, 1991), Duke Divinity School (Master of Theological Studies, 1996) and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Doctor of Ministry, 2003). He has held a variety of leadership roles on the boards of Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, the Baptist House of Studies of Duke Divinity School and the Center for Congregational Health.

Paul and his wife, Jennifer, a licensed physical therapist, have four children: Olivia, Maria and twins Caroline and Matthew. He enjoys reading, especially history, fiction and biography books and cheers for the Wake Forest Demon Deacons and the Georgia Bulldogs.



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Opportunities at Immanuel

Sunday, August 2
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
3:00 pm BMW Boat Trip

Tuesday, August 4
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, August 5
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 6
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Friday, August 7
Pastor Emily's Church-iversary

Sunday, August 9
9:15 am The Gathering
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Church Council

Tuesday, August 11
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, August 12
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 13
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Friday, August 14
3:00 pm Crafting

Saturday, August 15
9:00 am Crafting

Sunday, August 16
9:30 am Bible Study

Sunday, August 16 Cont.
10:30 am Worship
11:40 am Business Meeting
12:15 pm Missions Team

Monday, August 17
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, August 18
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, August 19
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 20
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Sunday, August 23
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, August 25
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, August 26
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 27
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Sunday, August 30
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, September 1
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, September 2
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 3
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Sunday, September 6
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 7
Office Closed - Labor Day
6:00 pm Baptist Mission
Women Meeting

Tuesday, September 8
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 10
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Friday, September 11
3:00 pm Crafting

Saturday, September 12
9:00 am Crafting

Sunday, September 13
Grandparent's Sunday
9:15 am The Gathering
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 14
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, September 15
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, September 16
5:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Program
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 17
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Sunday, September 20
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, September 22
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, September 23
5:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Program
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 24
1:00 pm Line Dancing

Saturday, September 26
10:00 am ImmanuelFest

Sunday, September 27
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, September 29
6:00 pm PAL Meeting

Wednesday, September 30
5:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Program
7:00 pm Choir Practice