

Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, March 8

9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm Children and Youth Bowling

Monday, March 9

6:00 pm Boy Scouts
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

11:00 am Luncheon with Faith Baptist's Senior Adults

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12

1:30 pm Line Dancing

Friday, March 13

3:00 pm Crafting

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Crafting

Sunday, March 15

9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, March 16

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19

1:30 pm Line Dancing

Friday, March 20

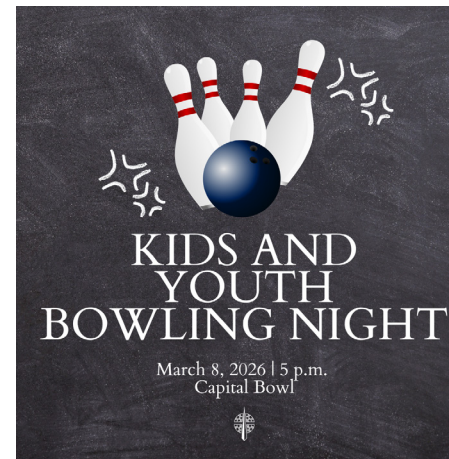
Women's Retreat to Paducah

Saturday, March 21

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Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship



Artist Statement

Lauren Wright Pittman, about the artwork on the bulletin cover

I read this Ephesians text alongside the feeding of the five thousand. I placed Jesus at the center of the image, but he did not feed the crowds alone. He asked his disciples to offer what they had. They responded with meager resources, yet those small gifts were enough.

Through the lens of Ephesians, if Jesus were to ask us today what we have to give, our answer would be:

We have the power you have given us to do the impossible. The same power that turned five loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands - with leftovers - empowers us "to accomplish far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine." Do we allow this truth to settle into our bones and animate our actions?

I'll admit, I tried to avoid this passage because it felt overly optimistic in light of today's world. People still go hungry. Wars rage. The earth groans under our misuse. Yet if we reimagine the systems we created, studies show it is possible for every human being to have what they need. That would require massive restructuring, international cooperation, and the reallocation of resources - but not more than we already possess. We don't need a miracle of multiplication. We simply need to use what we've been given.

In a world convinced of scarcity, this is astonishingly good news. We already have enough. And as my mentor used to say, "Enough is abundance." What will we do with this abundance? Is it too lofty to dream of a world that sustains all life? Perhaps. Yet I believe it is God's own desire that all may have life, and have it abundantly. This is the work before us, accomplished through the power at work within us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Look:

Consider the archway and what it could symbolize. Do you see a table, a tablet, a boat, a door, a tomb - or all of these things or something else?



Far More Abundantly | Lauren Wright Pittman

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The Good News is...

"Together the impossible is possible"

Rev. Dr. Emily Holladay, Senior Pastor

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IBC Office Hours This Week

Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Welcome Sam Crowe

Prelude Sandy Altom

Call to Worship Tabitha and Leyna Martin

Leader: If you need good news,

People: **settle into this space.**

We have good news to share.

Leader: If you need a word of hope,

People: **then trust us when we say,**

there is hope enough to go around.

Leader: If you need a glimmer of joy,

People: **then you're in luck!**

We have resilient joy abounding.

Leader: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,

People: **then know that this is God's house.**

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

People: **God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.**

Let us worship our with-us God!

*Hymn: 392 MADILL

“Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father”

Deacon Poem and Prayer Jane Brake

Surely This Must Be It

Poem available in the Bulletin Insert

*Hymn: 396 KING'S WESTON

“When the Church of Jesus”

Pastoral Prayer Emily Holladay

Special Music MCDONALD

“Speak Oh Lord”

Sanctuary Choir

Children's Moment Sam Crowe

(Children may exit the sanctuary after the Children's Moment.)

Scripture

Emily Holladay

Mark 6:32-44

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³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late, ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Sermon

Emily Holladay

The Good News Is...
together, the impossible is possible.

Music for Meditation

Pat Pennington

*Hymn of Response:

AUSTRIAN HYMN

“Human Minds Just Can't Imagine”

*Sending Forth to Serve

Emily Holladay

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Welcome, Friends

Welcome to all members and participants. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here and hope you sense the presence and love of God expressed in our fellowship and worship.

Our priority is to embody the unconditional love of God in all that we do. We are an inclusive Christian community that affirms all people as children of God and believe that loving our neighbors as ourselves and pursuing the common good for all people, especially the disenfranchised and most vulnerable, are our most important works as disciples of Jesus.

Membership at IBC

You may become a member of this church family in any one of the following ways:

1. Through personal commitment to discipleship to Jesus and through baptism.
2. By letter from another church where you are now a member. At your request, we write for your letter of membership.
3. By statement of previous Christian conversion experience and baptism. You may come forward during the singing of the Hymn of Response.

Deacon of the Week

Our Deacon of the Week is Jane Brake. Please feel free to call her during the week if you have ministry needs or know of others who have needs or prayer concerns. Her phone number is 859-312-8246. You also may contact the church office at 502-223-7601.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for those who need them. See the Sound Technician before the service to obtain one.

Prayer List

Norma Barnes

Glenn Ison

Glenn Murphy

Roger Crittenden

Gary Lawson

Ernie Murphy

Amie LeMaster

Mason Smith

To Experience & Express God's Unconditional Love

*All those who are able are invited to stand.

Please turn off or silence all electronic devices.