#### March 2025

# IMMANUEL Seek. Serve. Share. Today



# Today at **IMMANUEL**

#### 7:20 am

First Light Prayer Lobby Study

#### 8 am

Worship Service Kids Station

Birth-Kindergarten

Children's Choir Adult Bible Fellowships

Eklektos - A207 MorningStar - B203/205

9:30 am

Worship Service Kids Station

Birth-6th Grade

**Student Ministry** 

Anchor 7-8th grade - Student Union Oasis 9-12th grade - Gym

Adult Bible Fellowships

FamilyBuilders - A209/211 Koinonia - A207

LifeBuilders - C202

MorningSong - Seminar Room

New Life - A206/208

TeamMates - Terrace Room

Telios - B203/205

Easy English Bible Class - A201

#### 11:10 am

Worship Service Kids Station

Birth-6th Grade

**Adult Bible Fellowships** 

Ambassadors - A209/211 College - Student Union FaithBuilders - B203/205 Faith & Culture - A206/208 Foundry - Terrace Room Foundry Mid- Career - C202

Sisters of Faith - W202B Todos Juntos - A207

12:45 am

Hispanos en Cristo

5:00 pm

Awana

5:15 pm

**Worship Service** 

# Welcome

We are glad you have joined us to worship the Lord Jesus Christ today!

We know this is a big place and there is a lot going on. Our hope is that no matter where you are, you will seek the Lord daily, serve others around you and share the Gospel boldly.

Each Lord's day, in addition to our worship service, we offer multiple Bible Fellowships as well as programs for children and students.

If this is your first time here, please stop by the guest reception. A member of our church would love to meet you, pray with you and answer any questions you may have about Immanuel.

No matter what life stage you are in, Immanuel can connect you with others to come along side you so that we all may grow in Christ together.

#### PREACHING

At Immanuel we are committed to expository preaching. This puts the focus of our corporate worship on the message of the Bible— which is the death and resurrection of Jesus—and has the effect of placing our own thoughts under the authority of God's word, for his glory and our good.

This month we will be spending our morning worship services studying the book of Matthew and our evening services going through a topical study using Proverbs.



To learn more about what we teach visit our website: ibc.church/whatweteach

#### SONG FOCUS

### Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen

MARCH 9

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Rise my soul, the Lord is risen Come behold the empty grave See the place where darkness laid Him Sing for only hope remains Hallelujah, Praise forever Death defeated and life restored By that great immortal power Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Rest my soul, the Lord is risen Love's redeeming work is done Now the Father sees His children As He sees His Sinless Son O the wonder, O the glory That same favour is now my own Shame behind me, grace before me Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Peace my soul, the Lord is risen Come and have your hope renewed For this trial is brief and fleeting Tears will turn to glory soon Shout with joy and sound the triumph Let the music of heaven roar Let the boast of death be silent Christ is risen, arise my soul!

Rise my soul for I am risen Seated now with Christ my Lord As my life belongs to heaven Fear shall hold its sway no more Onward, upward, t'ward the treasure Filled with courage and endless hope For this truth Is mine forever Christ is risen arise my soul! Onward, upward, t'ward the treasure Filled with courage and endless hope For this truth Is mine forever Christ is risen arise my soul!

IMMANUEL SPOTIFY PLAYLIST



To listen to a curated playlist of worship music often sung at Sunday morning services **ibc.church/playlist** 

#### MISSIONS

The month our Mission Focus of the Week is those who serve in the Washington, D.C. area. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Ashley Britton** 

Campus Outreach

Al and Duke Butkovich
Ambassadors for Christ International

**Bobby and Sheila Little** CRU

**Keith and Sharon Morgan** CRU

Enid Walker Orr CRU

CHILDREN AND STUDENT MINISTRY

#### **Student Focus**

Whether or not you have children in our ministries, we are commited to praying for spiritual growth in all of our students. Here is a quick overview of what they are learning this month:



KStation (2 years - 6 grade):



Middle school: The gospel of Mark.



High school: Continuing in Galatians.

# **Interested in serving?**

For Nursery contact Ashley-Rose: blackwell@ibc.church For Kids Station contact Jenny: britton@ibc.church For Student Ministry contact Carly: mullinax@ibc.church

# CHANGE

### By Steve Holley | Pastor of Senior Adults

A few weeks ago, I took the opportunity to drive through my home town – the great, downtown metropolis of Annandale, Virginia.

In just a few minutes, I was able to recognize the familiar buildings on either side of Columbia Pike and Little River Turnpike... some of which are still standing, while others have undergone significant alteration. And of course, as I toured my old stomping grounds I battled that biased notion that things were so much better in the generations before mandatory seatbelt laws; and drive through lanes at fast food places; and the good, good, good, vibrations of the Beach Boys instead of...cellphones!?!

In life, we experience continuous "change." From the moment we enter this world, we navigate life that is experiencing constant modifications, major and minor adjustments, and alterations of one kind or another. We manage to crawl, and learn to walk, and run, as we grow through childhood toward adolescence and ultimately adulthood.

In a dozen years, your first day at school will culminate with your high school graduation. Once your post-high school education and career pursuits are underway, you may soon face the relational changes; and in the blink of an eye you have added a spouse, a family pet, and a varied sum of children into your life. And before you know it, you are maneuvering through the working years beginning at the bottom rung of the ladder, and climbing ever higher into supervisory and management positions; until you reach a retirement age that at one time seemed to exist "in a galaxy far, far away."

And once we have entered into retirement, we try with all our might to remain active and involved and healthy until our "expiration date" arrives when by faith in Christ and His promises, we are ushered into His presence to forever enjoy all that He has prepared for us.

ALL OF THIS TO SAY...Aren't you glad that despite the changes that we experience in life that the Word of God declares that our God doesn't change? His Word helpfully reminds us of some wonderful truths:

- "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

  JAMES 1:17
- "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations." PSALM 33:11

• "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

#### **LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23**

• Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end.

PSALM 102:25-27

AND BECAUSE OF HIS UNCHANGING PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES...we can live without fear, knowing that His purposes and plans for us are for our good and for His glory. That's why the Apostle Paul encouraged the church through his letters to live with great hope and trust in God.

- I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." ROMANS 12:1-2
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7
- "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

  EPHESIANS 2:8-10

Indeed, life is ever-changing. In 1900, there were 8,000 automobiles in the US. By 1920, there were 7.5 million cars and trucks traveling the roads. Thirty years ago, we wrote letters, used stamps, and mailed them to the recipient. Today, we email or text and have more decorative emojis at our disposal than can be imagined.

Despite the changes that life brings, we continue to have a God who loves us and has demonstrated that love through giving His Son to take the punishment that we deserved; so that by faith in what He did for us on the cross and trusting in His resurrection, we can have eternal life with Him that is never-ending and filled with peace and joy beyond description. That, my friends, is a "change" we can all be looking forward to!

#### SHORT TERM MISSION UPDATES



Our Music and Worship Team returned from their trip to the Dominican Republic (Feb. 10-16). They had the opportunity to lead a music camp for kids every morning where the students learned basic music theory while singing songs about Christ. Several of the students from IBC's youth and children's choir built relationships and shared the Gospel with the DR students. The team spent time each day teaching music masterclasses to young musicians at La Academia Appassionato. Most of these students weren't Christians and this was a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel daily with each of the young musicians. Each day offered new opportunites for ministry - touring a school, ministering at an orphanage, serving at a special needs home, and leading in worship at a local school. The evenings were spent rehearsing alongside musicians from Iglesia Biblica del Senor JesuCristo (IBSJ). This culminated in a performance at the end of the week where hundreds heard about Christ! Thank you to all who supported the team with prayer. Please continue to pray for lasting fruit from this trip and for a long standing relationships with our brothers and sisters serving in the DR.



# Scan the QR code to listen to the concert on youtube!

#### IMMANUEL SUPPORTS FIVE NEW CHURCH PLANTS

By God's grace and through the generosity of the IBC family, we as a church have been able in recent weeks to support five church plants in two regions of the world. In Northern Ghana in West Africa, For nearly 30 years, Immanuel has supported gospel outreach among the Dagomba tribe for nearly 30 years. Less than 1% of people in this region are Christians. A pastor that IBC has supported, Immanuel Yakijo, has had a very fruitful ministry in the village of Nakpai, leading over 100 people to Christ. Their only meeting place has been a tiny mud hut, so the church has been meeting under a shade tree, weather permitting. The town of Nakpai showed favor to the Christians and gave them a large parcel of land. Through IBC's mission budget, we were able in 2024 to provide funds for the construction of a new church building. The work was completed last month and believers now have a place to meet!





In a closed Caribbean country, Pastor Daniel has evangelized with great passion across a large territory in the central region of the island. In four towns, new believers have been discipled and leaders appointed, but they have no place to meet. Some of the donations to IBC's Thanksgiving offering have been sent to this country for church planting. Houses in all four towns are being purchased and remodeled and will soon be used as houses of worship!





Please continue to pray that the Gospel would go forth in these communities. If you would like to support missions financially, visit **ibc.church/give.** 

#### BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP:

Are you interested in being baptized or becoming a member at Immanuel Bible Church?
Attend one of our classes.

Baptism Class will be
March 16 in A201 at 8:00am.
Learn more at ibc.church/baptism Membership Class will be
March 9 in B207 at 9:30am.
Learn more at ibc.church/membership.

#### BULLETIN

For a full list of Sundays service order, including the songs we sang today and each ministries notable events, please check our weekly online bulletin at ibc.church/bulletin.





## **Adult Bible Fellowships**

At an ABF you will study Scripture, learn about missionaries, pray for one another, and share victories as you walk together with the Lord, growing in His Word.

For more information about each group visit ibc.church/abf.



# Campus Map

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#### Legend

- **Guest Reception**
- 2 Atrium
- 3 Gvm
- 4 **Prayer Room**
- Balcony
- A Wing
- Bookstore AA
- R B Wing
- C C Wing
- SU Student Union
- Terrace Room т
- MP Matthew Place
- Seminar Room

#### 8 am

Eklektos A207 Elder: Bob Hartman

MorningStar B203/205

Elder: Steve Holley

#### 9:30 am

Telios B203/205 Elders: Chris Gleason, Dave Fowler, Jim Traficant

New Life A206/208 Elders: Tom Joyce,

Jay Blackwell

#### **TeamMates**

Terrace Room Elders: Steve Hollev. Dave Drum, JD Talliaferro

#### **Family Builders**

A209/211 Elders: Nigel Azer,

Michael Connor, John Neal

Life Builders C202 Elder: Bob Hartman

Koinonia A207 Elders: Franklin Childress, Rod Turk Kirk Streitmater

MorningSong Seminar Room Elder: Chris Hayes

Easy English Bible Class A201 Elder: Michael Connor

#### 11:10am

**Ambassadors** A209/211

Elders: Ron Peoples, **Buddy Lux** 

College

Student Union Elder: Dan Crabtree

Faith & Culture A206/208

Elder: Marc Johansen

## Foundry

Terrace Room Elders: Kyle White, **Buzz Collins** 

#### Foundry

Mid-Career C202 Elder:Bob Hartman

#### **FaithBuilders**

B203/205 Elder: Marty Schuh,

Scott Faught. George Lawrence

#### **Todos Juntos** A207

Elder: Osvaldo Zalles

Sisters of Faith W202B Elder: Bob Hartman

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