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# The Grand Life

THE NEWSLETTER OF IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH'S SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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*Welcome!*

**Here is a look at what we have coming up. *All luncheons will take place in the Atrium of IBC.* While luncheons are provided at no cost to you, we do keep a donation basket if you feel led to contribute. To RSVP, please call the number listed above or email Jennis at horn@ibc.church. Hope to see you soon!**

**Immanuel Christian Bookstore hours**

**Tues 11 AM - 4 PM**

**Wed 11 AM - 7 PM**

**Thurs 11 AM - 4 PM**

**Sun 9 AM - 1 PM.**

**Phone: 703-354-5219.**

## **April 6th Outing - City Cruises Lunch Cruise**

Join Grand Life for a lunch cruise on the Potomac with City Cruises! Enjoy a lunch buffet with friends while viewing the cherry blossoms and local landmarks from the comfort of a ship. Cost is \$64.63/person. Please plan to arrive promptly so that the shuttle can leave on time and get everyone to the dock. Grand Life will return to IBC between 2:30-3 PM.

***Please RSVP by Friday, April 3rd. We will meet at IBC at 10:30 AM. Please arrive on time!***

## **April 17th Luncheon - Arllen Ade- Pastor of Care & Counseling**

Immanuel recently welcomed our new Pastor of Care & Counseling, Arllen Ade. Come and here is testimony and what led him to becoming a pastor here at Immanuel and the work he is currently doing. Arllen has a passion for serving the congregation and he and his wife Winnie have 3 children.

***Please RSVP by Monday, April 13th. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.***

## **May 8th - Lunch with ICS Kindergarten**

Join Grand Life for our annual lunch with the Immanuel Christian School kindergarteners! Almost 45 children will join us for lunch! They will have some songs to perform, questions for conversation, and they will eat their lunch at your table. Join us for what is bound to be an joyous, funny, and sweet luncheon to wrap up the year!

***Please RSVP by Monday, May 4th. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.***

## January 16th Luncheon with Boots & Dan

On Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Grand Life luncheon of 2026. A huge number of Grand Lifers showed up, anticipating a wonderful program. They were not disappointed. Our entertainment today was Boots and Dan—Pastors Alex Hairgrove and Dan Crabtree, respectively. They shared the stage with a guest trio, the Dipsy Chips—Erin Barricklow, Jennis Horn, and Alaura Kratzer. The origin of the trio's name is play off of a popular 90's country band, the Dixie Chicks.

The Dipsy Chips led off the program with five songs, accompanied by Boots and Dan on their guitars. Their first three songs were Christian songs but done in a country style. Very nice. Erin Barricklow led the trio on the first two: *I'll Fly Away* and *Amazing Grace* to the tune of *House of the Rising Sun*. Alaura Kratzer led on the third: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*. Their remaining two songs were true country songs. Jennis Horn led on *Lovers Return* and *Landslide*. The ladies gave an excellent performance, and they left the stage to a round of well-deserved applause.

Boots and Dan then did their own five songs. They began with *Sold* by John Michael Montgomery. Alex led with the staccato rhythm of an auctioneer. They followed with *The Pickup Truck Song* by Jerry Jeff Walker, and Alex again took the lead. Dan then took the lead in their rendition of *Neon Moon* by Brooks & Dunn. Dan also led in his own composition, a humorous song entitled *Costco Friday*. The highlight of this song was Dan's four adorable kids gathering on the stage with the big guys. They finished with Randy Travis' song *Forever and Ever, Amen*, a tribute to marital love. That song was special for Elaine and me. As part of the ceremony celebrating our 50th anniversary, three of our granddaughters, in cowgirl outfits, sang that song for us.

At the end of the concert, Dan thanked the Lord for our lunch, a lunch as special as the program. Hannah's Kitchen had hit a home run. They had cooked roast pork, asparagus, delicious sweet potatoes, a green salad, rolls, and apple crisp. Yum.



## February 6th Luncheon - Getting to Know You

On Friday, February 6th, a sizeable group of Grand Lifers gathered for another of our sessions to get to know each other better. It was fun, and we really did get to know some of our fellow Grand Lifers better.

Jennis had prepared two games for us. The first was “Getting to Know You Bingo”. The four-by-four grid had such categories as “Has the Same Profession as You”, “Has Run a Marathon in the Last 10 Years”, “Has Read the Whole Bible in the Past Year”, “Is an Only Child”, “Has Gone Skydiving”, and “Swims Regularly”. The objective was to find someone, not at your table, who fits each of those categories. There was a lot of movement about the room and a lot of initialing on the Bingo sheets, but I don’t think anyone found people fitting all 16 categories. We then spent some time going through the sheet and seeing who fit each category. I don’t think there was a marathoner.

We then had a free chat at our tables. Jennis had given us 20 topics we could consider if we ran out of things to talk about. She had such interesting topics as “Most Interesting Place You’ve Traveled and Why”, “Year You Would Revisit If You Had a Time Machine”, “Childhood Passions You Still Enjoy”, “Indoor Get Together or Outdoor Adventure”, “Favorite Season”, and “Best Piece of Advice You’ve Ever Been Given”. They were great topics, but at our table, we had a great discussion without using any of them.

While we were chatting, Amy Morgan and her kindergarten class arrived. They sang a love song to us, then handed out beautiful valentines to all the Grand Lifers.

Steve Holley thanked the Lord for lunch, and Hannah’s Kitchen had another fine lunch for us: “chicken divine,” rice, rolls, a tossed green salad, and sugar cookies.



## **March 20th Luncheon - Grief and the Believer with Dr. Marty Schuh**

On Friday, March 20, a good group of Grand Lifers gathered for our March luncheon. Dr. Marty Schuh, a retired psychologist and professional counselor and also one of Immanuel's elders came to talk to Grand Life about grief. His work with our Care and Counseling department for many years provides him with unique perspective from both a believers standpoint and the secular world.

Dr. Schuh presented a wealth of information and Scripture to navigate this sensitive topic. Since the fall, man has tried to understand life and death (Prov 3:5-6). Marty presented a number of passages from the Psalms to help us deal with grief as well. After that, he presented a short video on the topic of "Grieving with Hope." The speaker, Gunner Gundersen, cited: 1 Th 4:13, Rom. 5:5, and Heb 12:2.

Believers have a hope that the secular world does not share. We can grieve honestly and freely. Grieving is not linear; it is hard work and saps our energy. Grief helps us weed out the superficial in our lives. The night does not last forever. We may not understand everything in the moment, but God is with us then too. Our own experience with grief develops compassion to help others in their grief (2 Cor 1:3-7). Sometimes, instead of talking, we need just to be present and silent. In Jesus' interactions with Martha at her brother's grave, Jesus shifted the focus away from death to life and told her that He was the source of life. We need to keep on living, do the next thing, reach out to help others, and focus on eternal life. In comforting others, we shouldn't avoid approaching someone who is grieving "because I might make it worse" or just say the first thing that pops into our heads. Rather we need to approach the grieving person with care and respect. Ask whether it is okay to ask a question or to make a suggestion. Offer gentle encouragement to speak of their departed loved one and verbalize their grief. Marty ended by presenting some Immanuel ministries and books on grief.

As usual, Hannah's Kitchen had prepared us a tasty lunch: chicken with garlic sauce, rice, a vegetable salad, rolls and butter, and cake.



## Upcoming Events at Immanuel Bible Church

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**7AM-2PM**

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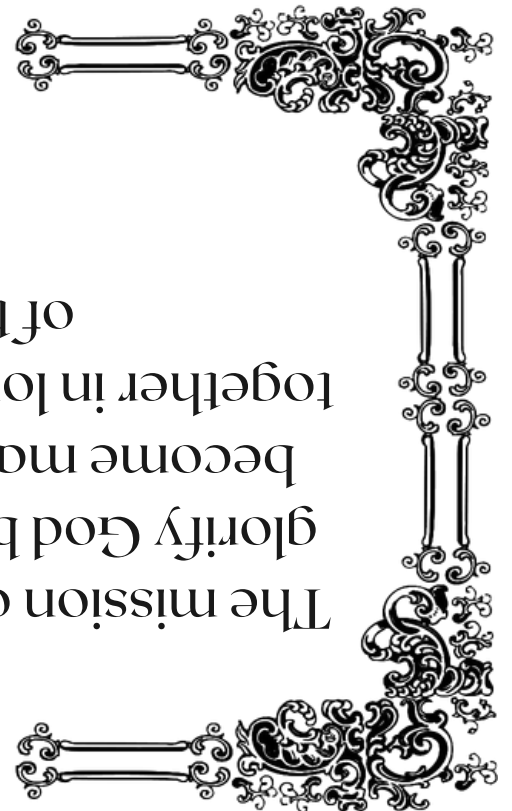
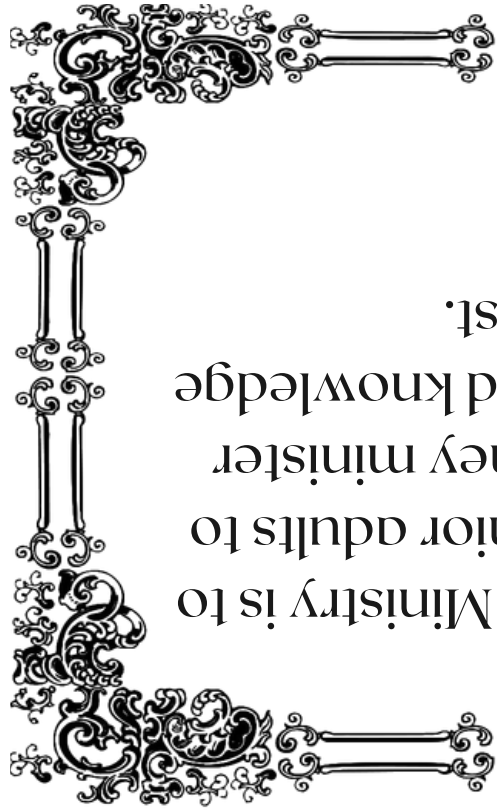
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- Oct 7-16: Rwanda



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glorify God by encouraging senior adults to  
become mature believers as they minister  
together in love, unity, grace, and knowledge  
of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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