# **GRAND PARTNERS**

#### A new ministry of Immanuel Bible Church Titus 2:1-5

## WHAT IS A GRAND PARTNER?

Any members of IBC that are senior adults, or singles, couples, or families of IBC. Membership will be verified upon application.

## WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Grand Partners is a six month program. During this time period, we encourage participants to contact each other once a week and if possible, meet physically once a month. The desire is to foster relationships between generations that may not meet otherwise. We also want to ensure our senior adults are connected, especially those who live alone or have no immediate family in the area.

#### WHAT DO GRAND PARTNERS DO?

Grand Partners connect, encourage, and grow with one another through prayer, fellowship, and relationship. Practical or counseling needs should be directed towards Care & Counseling. Learn from each other's walks and grow in your faith together!

## HOW CAN I APPLY?

For our inaugural year of Grand Partners, we ask that you secure a recommendation from a pastor, elder, or other ministry leader of Immanuel as a reference. Background checks are also required. You can email horn@ibc.church to obtain an application.

Questions? Contact the Adult Education office at 703-813-1955 or email horn@ibc.church.

## **GRAND PARTNERS**

We are so glad to have you on as a Grand Partner! Here is some helpful information to guide your time with your new Grand Partner(s).

### What is my role?

We encourage you to get to know the individual, couple, or family assigned to you. You may find similar hobbies in common, music tastes, etc. Find out how you relate to each other, share your wisdom, and encourage your new Grand Partner to be in the Word, serve the church, and pursue growth. Be in prayer for your GrandPartner as they will be in prayer for you. We hope you can create a lasting friendship!

## What is NOT expected?

We do not expect you to become regular babysitters, counselors, or anything along those lines for your Grand Partner. Practical needs and any spiritual needs should be addressed through Care & Counseling, or an elder or pastor. We ask that you use discernment when it comes to your level of involvement with your Grand Partner.

#### What happens now?

Once you have been matched, you will receive a Grand Partner profile. This will contain photos of your Grand Partner along with some other information to help you get conversations started. Once you have completed the program, you will receive a feedback form asking questions about your experience. We hope that you will have formed a new friendship that will span any differences. We encourage you to continue your relationship with your Grand Partner afterwards! Lastly, if you truly benefitted from your time with a Grand Partner, take some time to prayerfully consider asking a friend to also try being a Grand Partner.

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## **GRAND PARTNERS**

We are so glad to have you on as a Partner! Here is some helpful information to guide your time with your new Grand Partner(s).

#### What is my role?

We encourage you to get to know the individual or couple assigned to you. You may find similar hobbies in common, music tastes, etc. Our senior adults have quite the life experience and you may be surprised by what you learn! Establish some common ground and encourage your new Grand Partner to be in the Word, serve the church, and pursue growth. Be in prayer for your Grand Partner as they will be in prayer for you. We hope you can create a lasting friendship!

### What is NOT expected?

We do not expect you to become a personal Uber driver, counselor, personal shopper, or anything along those lines for your Grand Partner. Practical needs and any spiritual needs should be addressed through Care & Counseling, or an elder or pastor. We ask that you use discernment when it comes to your level of involvement with your Grand Partner.

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