

FALL 2023

The Grand Life

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH'S SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

RSVP TODAY!

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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 is open
Tuesdays 11 AM - 4 PM, Wednesdays 11
AM - 7 PM, Thursdays 11 AM - 4 PM,
and Sundays from 9 AM - 1 PM.
You can reach them at 703-354-5219.

September 15th Luncheon - Bill Price

Start the new Grand Life year with a new face and some worship! Bill Price and his Charlene have been a part of Immanuel since October of 2022. Prior to becoming our new worship pastor, Bill and his wife lived in Williamsburg, VA. Bill will lead us in a devotional followed with some worship. What a great way to start a new year of Grand Life events!

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

October 20th Luncheon - J.J. Engelbrecht

J.J. Engelbrecht has the arduous task of leading our middle school students here at Immanuel! Part of that task is leading them on missions trips during the summer. Come and meet his sweet family and hear about how this summer's missions trip to Manchester, Kentucky has impacted the students and him. J.J. and his wife Alyssa along with their three children will join us.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 16th. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.

Immanuel Events to Consider

October 28th - Trunk or Treat

Join us for our first Fall Outreach Festival! Sean Mornan, our Director of Evangelism, is working hard to create a fun, safe, and Gospel centered outreach opportunity for the community around us. There will be live music, food, games, and activities for families to enjoy. You can sign up to volunteer as well! <https://immanuelbible.church/visit/fall-outreach-fest>

December 7th-10th - Christmas Concerts

Mark your calendars now for Immanuel's annual Christmas concerts! Rehearsals are underway, and tickets will be available for purchase in the next couple of months. The concerts are a great time to bring in friends and family to hear wonderful worship celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. Tickets will be available online and in person at our bookstore.

April 21st, 2023 Luncheon - Immanuel Christian School

Kindergarteners

by Gary Holmberg

We had a special treat for our April luncheon. We shared a lunch with the kindergarten kids of Immanuel Christian School, a big bunch of them. We had 25 Grand Lifers but were easily outnumbered by the 42 kindergarten kids. We sat at nine tables, with a mix of Grand Lifers and kindergarten kids at each table. The kids brought their lunches, and we old folks (mature folks?) ate from the buffet as usual.

Elaine and I had four kids at our table: Jackson, Lincoln, Scarlett, and JoJo. We got to share our lives a bit and get to know each other as we ate. One conversation aid was, 'What's Your Favorite?' It was fun conversing with them, they were nice kids, and time passed quickly.

The whole group of kids lined up and sang to us a couple of times. One of the numbers was about the fruit of the Spirit, and the singing was accompanied by some fancy and colorful signs with words like "peace" and "joy." As they were singing, they even remembered to sing Happy Birthday to Jennis, whose birthday would be the following Monday.

Hannah's kitchen had a nice lunch buffet for us: chicken-salad sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit salad, and chocolate-chip cookies for dessert.



May 19th, 2023 Luncheon - Burke Acoustic Musical Society

by Gary Holmberg



We had a big crowd for our May luncheon, the last until fall. The Burke Acoustic Music Society, everybody's favorite bluegrass band, was with us. In the order in the picture above, the band members today were Jerry Kelleher, Alex Hairgrove, David Leach, Bob Snyder, Bob Hartman, Steve Holley, and Buzz Collins. Bob Hartman had a mandolin, Buzz Collins had a banjo, and the rest of the guys had guitars. Jerry's twin brother Dave Kelleher was the sound technician.

The band performed for about 45 minutes and did 14 songs. They led off with Alex Hairgrove's signature number, 'King of the Road'. He sings it as well as anyone outside of Nashville, and maybe inside, too. Although Alex is on sabbatical, he couldn't turn down a gig with Grand Life. Bob Snyder, complaining of throat problems but singing very well, took the lead on the second song, 'I Am a Pilgrim'. Then David Leach led on 'Take a Look Around', which seems as if it should be titled 'Living in God's World'. Bob Hartman and others sang 'Speakin' to That Mountain'.

And then we had a special treat. Jennis Horn joined the band, let down her hair, and belted out a great rendition of 'Stand by Your Man'. After this, Alex, probably the only one in the band (or in the room, for that matter) young enough, sang 'When I'm Sixty-Four'. That was followed by an all-instrumental version of 'Earl's Breakdown', featuring Buzz Collins on his banjo. After this, Alex sang a Marty Robbins song, 'Story of My Life'.

The band followed with three worshipful songs. They led the audience in 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'. David and others sang 'Beautiful Sky'. And Bob Snyder and Alex sang 'Fields of Gold'. The band then did a rousing version of 'Jambalaya', with Alex leading the singing.

The band finished with two more worship songs. Bob Hartman led with 'Blood Medley', which he described as a "hash of hymns about the blood of Jesus."

It is a clever merging of four hymns: 'Nothing but the Blood', 'Power in the Blood', 'Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb', and 'Glory to His Name'. The second number was 'Mortality Be Swallowed', composed by Bob Hartman, and looking forward to our promotion to Heaven.

Steve Holley led us in prayer to thank the Lord for the food we were about to eat. Hannah's kitchen had a great lunch buffet for us: pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, and chocolate-chip cookies for dessert.



Upcoming Events at Immanuel

A graphic for Bible Studies featuring a banner with the words "BIBLE STUDIES" in a stylized font, surrounded by various flowers and leaves. The background is a solid orange color.

Join a Women's Bible Study this Fall!

All classes begin the second week in September.

Sign up at ibc.church/women

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MEN OF THE BIBLE

A weekly bible study for men of all ages.

**Begins Tuesday, September 5th
6:45pm | at ICHS**

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A graphic for GriefShare featuring a wooden bench in a park with many fallen leaves on the ground. The background is a dark, misty forest scene.

GRIEF SHARE

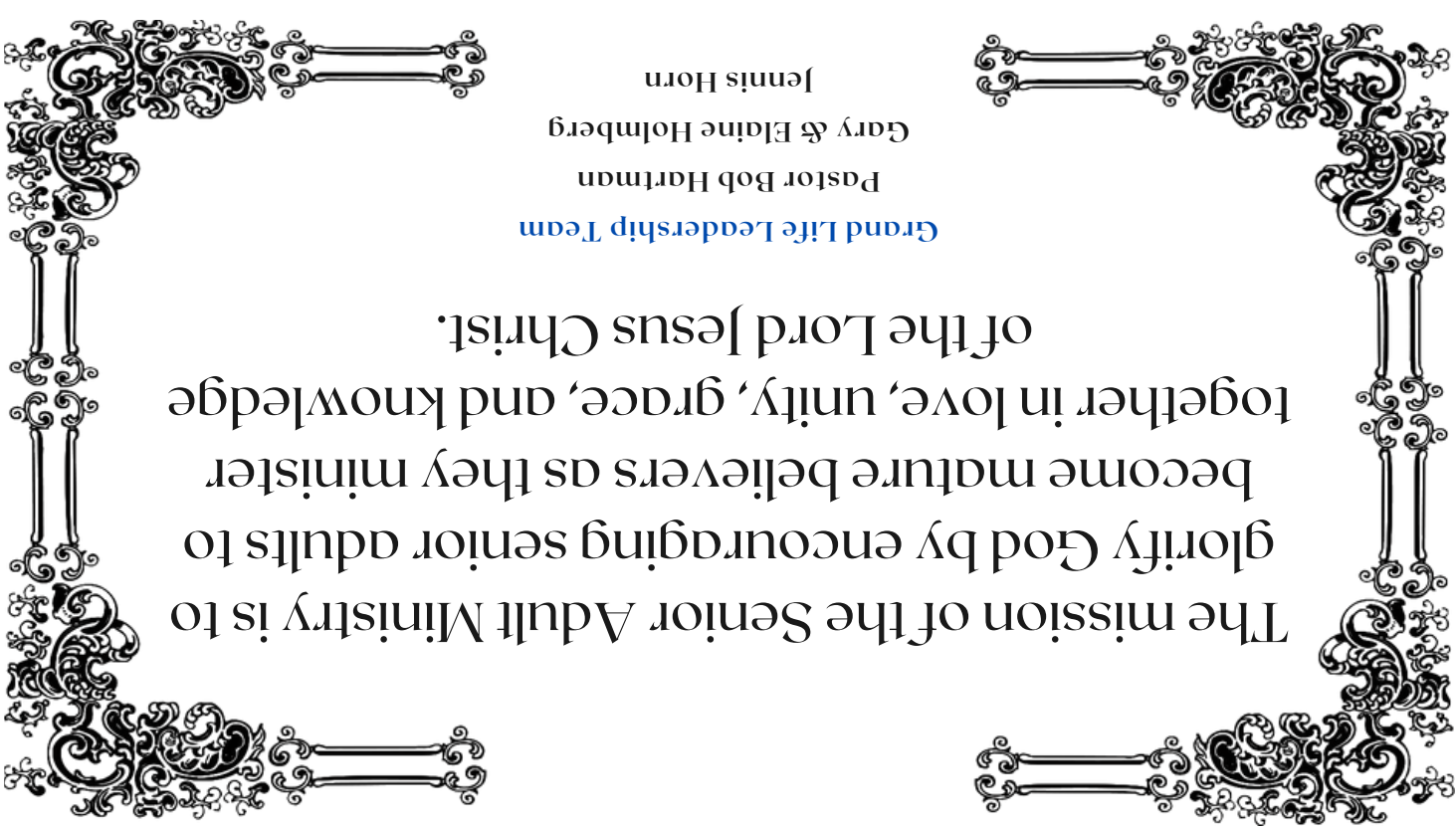
Grieving the loss of someone close to you?
Find comfort and support at GriefShare

Thursdays | 7-9pm
Sept 14 - Dec 14
ibc.church/griefshare

A graphic for Fall Outreach Fest featuring a large pumpkin in the center, surrounded by leaves. The words "FALL OUTREACH FEST" are written in a stylized font across the pumpkin. Below the pumpkin, it says "SATURDAY · OCTOBER 28 · 1-4pm".

Join us for a church-wide afternoon of games, snacks, music and worship!

Learn more or sign up to volunteer at ibc.church/fall



The mission of the Senior Adult Ministry is to
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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