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# The Grand Life

THE OFFICIAL 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](mailto:horn@ibc.church).** Hope to see you soon!

## **April 21st Luncheon - ICS Kindergarteners**

Some of our precious Kindergarten students will be joining us for lunch! Come and listen to some songs and have lunch with the cutest little conversationalists. Each table will have spots saved for children, and this will be a much shorter program than usual to accommodate their schedule.

***Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 18th. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.***

## **May 19th Luncheon - Burke Acoustic Musical Society**

We will end the year with a performance from a Grand Life favorite, Burke Acoustic Musical Society. Joins us as Pastor Bob Hartman, Pastor Alex Hairgrove, Pastor Steve Holley, David Leach (Chief Operating Officer & others as they perform great music.

***Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 17th. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.***

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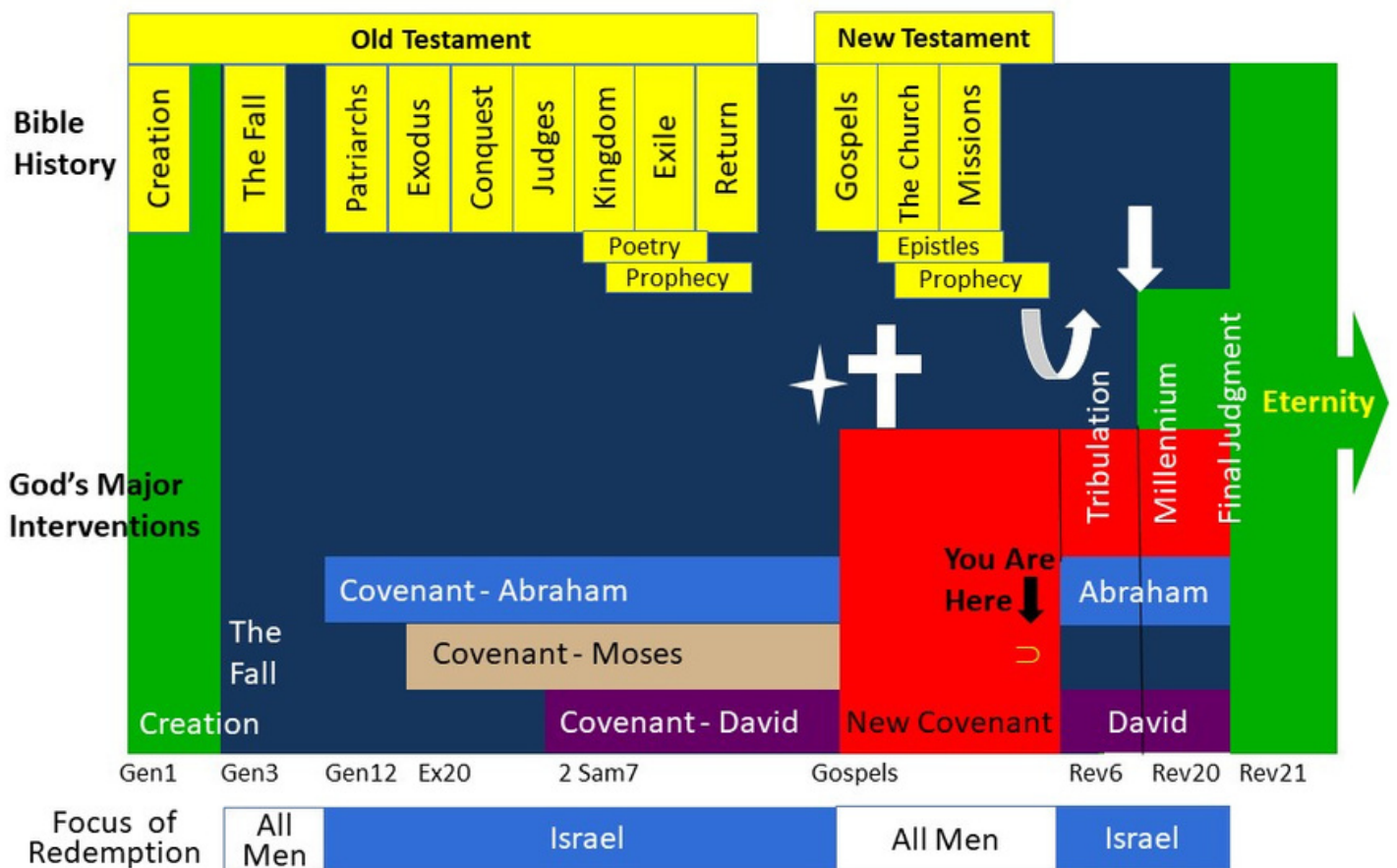
# January 23rd, 2023 Luncheon - Panorama of the Bible with Jim Battle

by Jennis Horn

For our January Luncheon, we had the privilege of having Jim Battle as our guest speaker. Jim holds a Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Studies from Liberty University. Part of his research project for his degree was the Bible metanarrative. He also previously served as an elder at his previous church for over 20 years.

Jim took Grand Life through the Bible from beginning to end and helped us frame as God's love story for His people. We connected the Old Testament to the New Testament and overall covered how the Bible comes together to provide a big picture of God's plan. If you would like to check out his website, you can do so by looking up <https://www.panoramaofthebible.org/>.

## The Bible at a Glance



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## February 14th, 2023 Luncheon with Bootz & Dan

by Gary Holmberg



We had a big crowd for our February luncheon. These guys are popular. "Bootz" is Pastor Alex Hairgrove, and Dan is Pastor Dan Crabtree. But they were augmented today by Pastor Bob Hartman on bass and Immanuel's junior high director JJ Engelbrecht on rhythm.

Bootz and Dan like country music from the 1990s, but they expanded their repertoire today, going decade by decade beginning in the 1950s. From the 1950s, they did "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by the Tokens and "All shook Up" by Elvis Presley. From the 1960s, they did "Hit the Road, Jack" by Ray Charles and "Son of a Preacher Man" by Dusty Springfield. From the 1970s, they did "Don't Mess Around with Jim" by Jim Croce and "Ramblin' Man" by the Allman Brothers. For the 1980s, they really raised their game. They brought out Dolly Parton to sing her song 9 to 5. Dolly was made up to look exactly like our own Jennis Horn. The group also sang "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey from that decade. Finally, from the 1990s, they performed "Neon Moon" by Brooks and Dunn and "Daddy's Money" by Ricochet.

Dan then called up his children and JJ's children. Can anyone say, "super-cute." While the kids were there, they led us in singing The Doxology. To top things out, the Immanuel Christian School kindergartners streamed in and lined the front of the room to sing for us.

Hannah's kitchen had a great lunch buffet for us as usual: a delicious chicken casserole with mushrooms and other good stuff, green salad, rolls, and chocolate-chip cookies.



# March 24th, 2023 Getting to Know You Luncheon

by Gary Holmberg

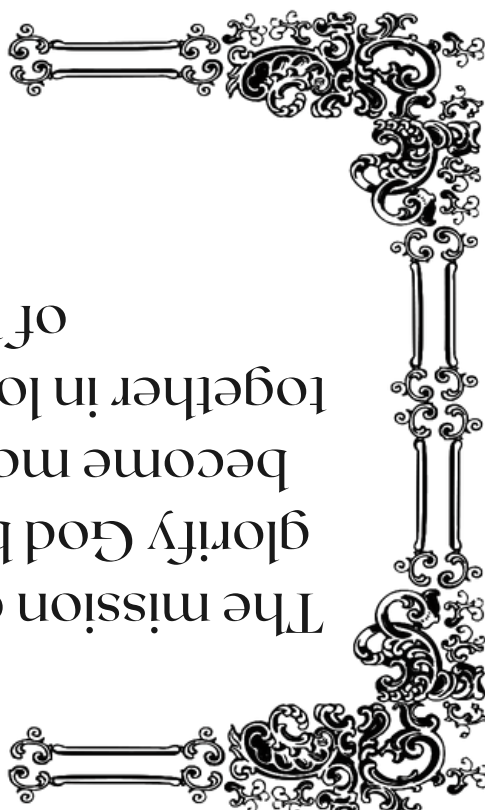
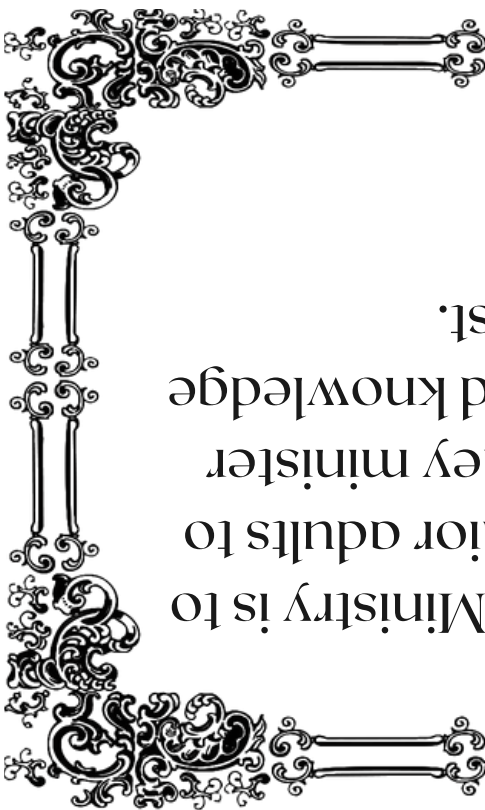


We had a good crowd for our March luncheon, including some folks who were pretty new to Grand Life. Our theme was, “Getting to Know You,” and we played a couple of games to help accomplish just that.

The first game was sort of a Bingo game. We started with a 5x5 bingo card headed with the label, Find a Friend. Each square of it contained something that could apply to one or more people in the room. They were such things as Loves to dance, Has lived in another country, Has lived on a farm, Loves heights, Hates lima beans, Is left handed, Is a twin, Has broken the same bone twice, Has 4 siblings, and 15 more. The middle square was free. We needed to circulate around the room and find people (not at our own table) who fit in one or more of those categories. It was fun learning about each other, and a few people got bingo. Jennis reviewed the various categories and elicited some more things about people in the group.

The second game started as a solo game but ended in sharing. Each of us took a blank sheet of paper and did an acrostic of our first name. We put the letters in a vertical row, then wrote a word, phrase, or sentences beginning with each letter. Lots of people thought it was hard, but we all finished. We shared around each table and selected the best acrostic from each table. The person who wrote that acrostic then shared it with the whole group. There were some innovative and funny entries.

Hannah’s kitchen fed us well as usual. The menu consisted of shepherd’s pie, a green salad, rolls, and cookies.



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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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