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# The GRAND Life

THE 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 hours**

**Tues 11 AM - 4 PM**

**Wed 11 AM - 7 PM**

**Thurs 11 AM - 4 PM**

**Sun 9 AM - 1 PM.**

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## **January 17th Luncheon - Bootz & Dan**

Start the new year with the musical talents of Pastor Alex Hairgrove and Associate Pastor Dan Crabtree as they perform some of their favorite country music songs from the 90's and beyond! You'll enjoy their delightful banter and their friendship that has grown from a mutual love of country music and Jesus!

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

## **February 7th Luncheon - Getting to Know You**

This is a chance to get to know each other in Grand Life! There seems to always be new faces, so what better time to get to know some of those faces? Bring a friend, bring your reading glasses, and be ready to share some unique facts about yourself with your table!

***Please RSVP by Monday, February 3rd. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.***

## **March 14th Luncheon - Dominican Republic Missions**

Pastor Bill Price who oversees our music and worship ministry will present a recap of their recent missions trip to the Dominican Republic. Come and hear how music & worship has made an impact on the people of the Dominican Republic in a unique way! This particular missions team is comprised of whole families as well as adults, and broken up into several teams. Come and see how Immanuel is equipping it's people to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

***Please RSVP by Monday, March 10th. We will meet in the Atrium at 11 AM.***

# September 27th Luncheon - Rwanda Missions Recap

by Jennis Horn

Pastor Michael Connor, head of Missions & Outreach, presented on Immanuel's summer missions trip to Rwanda. In years past, Immanuel has sent medical teams, mens teams, and women's teams. Pastor Michael shared that the elements of a successful short-term mission trip include prayer, affection, mutual encouragement, centrality of the gospel, and support. Immanuel partners with Africa New Life, a ministry that clothes, feeds, educates, and shares the gospel with children and their families.

This summer, our Women's ministry director Bethany Drum, along with some other Bible study leaders and our children's ministry director, presented a theology class for the young college ladies. They also took a day to visit the children in the daycare, gave a devotional to the women in the development program, and put on a VBS for the children together with the men's team. While the women were dedicating their time to the women and children, the men's team built benches for churches, put on a half day men's conference, and then teamed up with the women for VBS. Towards the end of the trip, our hardworking team also enjoyed a safari. Through our partnership with Africa New Life, we have helped transform the lives of thousands of children! If you would like to learn more about Africa New Life, please go to [africanewlife.com](http://africanewlife.com).



## October 25th Luncheon - Burke Acoustic Musical Society

by Gary Holmberg

Today, we were serenaded by one of our favorite groups, the Burke Acoustic Musical Society, led by Pastor Bob Hartman on his mandolin and ukelele. Other musicians were David Leach on guitar, Bob Snyder on guitar, Pastor Alex Hairgrove on guitar, Pastor Steve Holley on the dobro, Buzz Collins on banjo, Jerry Kelleher on bass guitar, and Pastor Tom Joyce on the cajon (pronounced like "cahon," a rhythm box). Tom also played harmonica on a couple of numbers. Jennis Horn and Alaura Kratzer also sang a duet. As usual, the style was bluegrass which the guys love and do very well.

They led off their concert with "Highway 40 Blues", with Alex leading. That was followed by "Have You Ever Seen the Rain", with David and several others singing. David and Bob Hartman did a vocal duet on "Working on a Building". Bob Snyder sang "Good Good Father" and David and several guys sang "The Weight". Then it was the time for our ladies' duet with the guys. Jennis and Alaura came up on the stage and sang a warm and beautiful rendition of "Harvest Moon", blending beautifully with the band behind them. The audience definitely appreciated it. Buzz Collins next led with his banjo on a Flatt & Scruggs song, "Earl's Breakdown". Then Bob and David did a duet on a sad song, "Poncho and Lefty". Alex followed with a Hank Williams song, "Why Don't You Love Me". Bob Hartman favored us with his own humorous composition, "Ain't No Bobs in the Bible", and Bob Snyder sang "Heart of Gold". Bob Hartman led all of us in singing the beautiful hymn "Victory in Jesus". Then, as an encore, Bob Snyder sang "Country Roads". I looked over at Carol Cantrell, our West Virginia girl, and she had a big smile on her face. And the audience gave the guys (and the girls) a big round of applause.

Hannah's Kitchen had another delicious lunch for us: shepherd's pie, salad, rolls, and pumpkin cake with whipped cream. It was all very good.



## November 12th Outing - Sight & Sound Theater

by Steve Holley

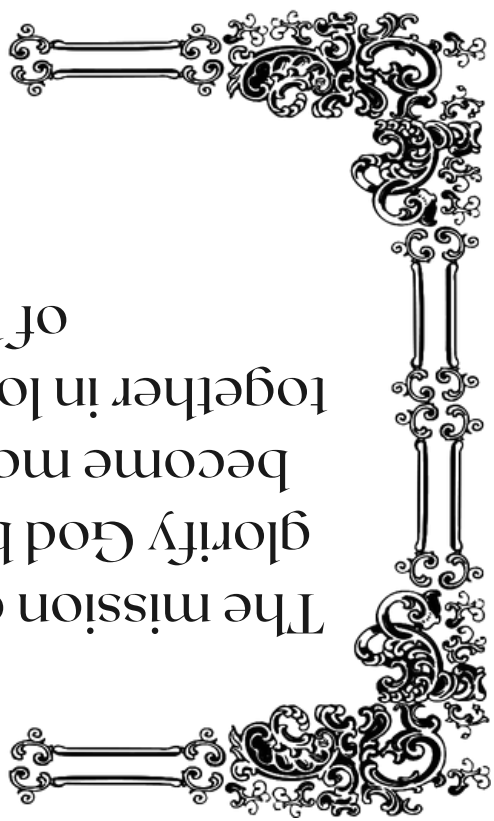
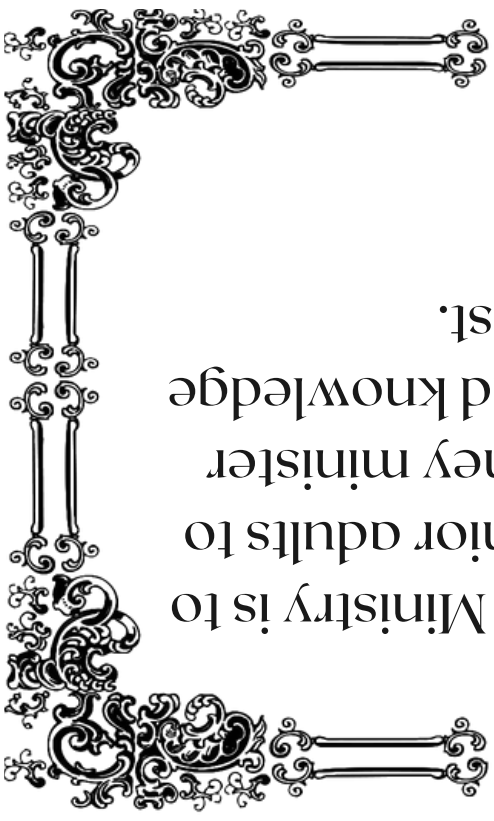
On November 12th, the Grand Life ventured north to the Lancaster County PA area to the Sight & Sound Theater where we enjoyed the marvelous production of "Daniel." The biblical accuracy was outstanding; and the staging, scenery, acting, and musical presentation was, without question Broadway quality. Following the play, we enjoyed a wonderful family-style lunch at the Hershey Farm. What a great way to spend a day with the mighty fine Grand Life folks!



Merry  
*Christmas!*

6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and uphold it  
with justice and righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7



Grand Life Leadership Team  
Pastor Bob Hartman  
Gary & Elaine Holmberg  
Jennis Horn

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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