#### August 2025

## **IMMANUEL**

Seek, Serve, Share,

# Today



## Today at IMMANUEL

#### 7:20 am

First Light Prayer Lobby Study

#### 8 am

Worship Service Kids Station Birth-Kindergarten

Children's Choir

Adult Bible Fellowships

Eklektos - A207

MorningStar - B203/205 9:30 am

#### **Worship Service**

**Kids Station** 

Birth-6th Grade

#### **Student Ministry**

Anchor 7-8th grade - Student Union Oasis 9-12th grade - Gym

#### **Adult Bible Fellowships**

FamilyBuilders - A209/211

Koinonia - A207

LifeBuilders - C202

MorningSong - Seminar Room

New Life - A206/208

TeamMates - Terrace Room

Telios - B203/205

Easy English Bible Class - A201

#### 11:10 am

Worship Service Kids Station

Birth-6th Grade

#### **Adult Bible Fellowships**

Ambassadors - A209/211 College - Student Union FaithBuilders - B203/205

Faith & Fellowship - A206/208

Foundry - Terrace Room

Foundry Mid- Career - C202 Sisters of Faith - W202B

Todos Juntos - A207

#### 12:45 am

Hispanos en Cristo

#### **Returning in September**

Awana

**Evening Worship Service** 

# Welcome

We are glad you have joined us to worship the Lord Jesus Christ today!

We know this is a big place and there is a lot going on. Our hope is that no matter where you are, you will seek the Lord daily, serve others around you and share the Gospel boldly.

Each Lord's day, in addition to our worship service, we offer multiple Bible Fellowships as well as programs for children and students.

If this is your first time here, please stop by the guest reception. A member of our church would love to meet you, pray with you and answer any questions you may have about Immanuel.

No matter what life stage you are in, Immanuel can connect you with others to come along side you so that we all may grow in Christ together.

#### PREACHING

At Immanuel we are committed to expository preaching. This puts the focus of our corporate worship on the message of the Bible— which is the death and resurrection of Jesus—and has the effect of placing our own thoughts under the authority of God's word, for his glory and our good.

This month we will be spending our morning worship services studying the book of Matthew.



To learn more about what we teach visit our website: ibc.church/whatweteach

#### MEMBERSHIP

Church membership is not merely a social formality; it is a supernatural expression of covenantal belonging. It is neither a retreat from rugged individualism nor a baptized version of soulless collectivism. Rather, it belongs to an entirely different category of thought—one that reflects God's design for how believers are meant to live, love, and labor together in Christ. Want to explore this vision further? Visit the Member Center (at the welcome desk) to sign up for our next membership class.

#### APP | CONNECTION CARD

We would love to know you were with us today! Download our app and fill out the online connection card or fill out a paper one provided in the pew in front of you and drop it off in a giving box on your way out of the service today.



#### IMMANUEL SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

To listen to a curated playlist of worship music often sung at Sunday morning services ibc.church/playlist



#### MISSIONS

This month our Mission Focus of the Week is for IBC's supported organizations. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### Caleb & Anna Davison - UK Christine Hollenbeck

- France

Jordan & Jenny Standridge

- Italy

Alvin & Kristen - Spain Jonathan - USA

CHILDREN AND STUDENT MINISTRY

#### **Student Focus**

Whether or not you have children in our ministries, we are commited to praying for spiritual growth in all of our students. Here is a quick overview of what they are learning this month:



KStation (2 years - 6 grade): 1 Kings, Ecclesiastes (King Solomon)



Middle school: The gospel of Mark.



High school: Continuing in Galatians.

#### **Interested in serving?**

For Nursery contact Ashley-Rose: blackwell@ibc.church For Kids Station contact Jenny: britton@ibc.church For Student Ministry contact Carly: mullinax@ibc.church

# God Tailors Your Trials

by Dan Crabtree | Pastor of Adult Discipleship

Dear brother or sister, are you in the valley? Has the grey cloud of pain and uncertainty been hovering above you? Has a sword pierced your heart and driven you to despair?

If you're in the pit of affliction, then I hope this truth will be a ray of light and comfort from heaven: Your pain has a glorious purpose.

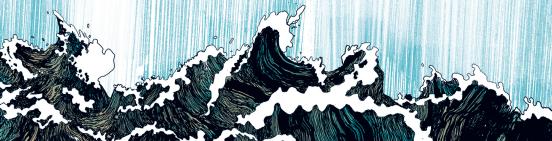
With his kind and sovereign hand, God designs your trials and hardships with an end in mind. Your Father is not some Olympian Zeus hurling lightning bolts aimlessly at earth below. He is not arbitrary, unfeeling, or aimless in his distribution of severe mercy.

No, your faithful Shepherd knows you, knows your need, and knows how to bless you better than you yourself. God is precise in afflicting you because God knows everything about you, and his purposes in your pain are good and unfailing.

And what is God's ultimate goal in your tailor-made affliction? Peter traces the hand of the Lord through your suffering all the way to the eternal praise of Christ.

"In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:6-7

There's so much encouragement to be found in these verses! First, notice that your trials are only "for a little while." For the Christian, pain always has an expiration date. But God does design our afflictions



for the present because they are "necessary." The question is: necessary for what? God ordains our pain to produce "tested genuineness," to demonstrate the precious reality of our faith. Our assurance that God is at work in us, perfecting us with every stroke, is a glorious shelter in the storm, a heaven in the midst of hell. And that fresh confidence is a cause for rejoicing (Rom 5:3-5)!

But Peter adds a blessing to this purified assurance beyond even our present rejoicing - suffering, he says, leads us finally to worship Jesus Christ. "The tested genuineness of your faith... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Oh for that day, when Christ returns, we see him in all of his glory, we are transformed fully and finally into his image (1 John 3:2), and the endless, uninterrupted, pain-free praise begins! On that day, our glad songs of "all glory be to Christ" will be fueled by faith that he refined in us through the furnace of affliction. We will look back in awestruck wonder and say, "Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Rom 11:36). With the clarity of glorified hindsight, we will not begrudge our God one moment of the suffering he laid in our path because we will see how he used every second of it to fit us for his perfect worship. Brothers and sisters, could there be a greater purpose for your affliction than the eternal praise of your Savior?

So, whatever flood you're facing, whatever loss you've endured, whatever sickness or strain or hurt or pain the Lord has brought into your life, please know, dear saint, that he has tailored it just for you. God wastes nothing – not even your affliction – but means to do you everlasting good in every movement of Providence. His sovereign design for your tailor-made pain is to conform you to the image of Christ (Rom 8:28-29), and one day to draw out a more joyful song of praise than you would ever have sung without it.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not burt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine



#### **Event Highlights for August:**

### Summer Sundae Series

Join us each month this summer as the Men's ministry hosts insightful conversations and ice cream sundaes.

learn more at ibc.church/summersundae



AUGUST 26 | 7-9pm

Ryan Bomberger

Men's Summer Sundae:

Life Has Purpose





#### FALL 2025 COURSE LIST:

- FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH
- THE ART OF MARRIAGE
- ANSWERS IN GENESIS
- WALKING WITH GIANTS: CHURCH HISTORY IN THE REFORMATION
- THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS COMPARED TO CHRISTIANITY
- THE GLORY OF ISAIAH

REGISTER ONLINE AT IBC.CHURCH/IBI

#### Mark Your Calendars

August 10 - Membership Class

September 7 - Evening service resumes

September 21 - Baptism Class

October 18 - Orchestra Concert

October 25 - Fall Fest

November 7-8 - Men of the Word Conf.

#### Bulletin

There is so much going on at Immanuel each week and we don't want you to miss out on opportunites to grow in Christ! Our weekly online bulletin offers a full list of the Sunday service order, including the songs we sang today. It also highlights each ministries notable events, has details about ways you and your family can get involved and shows our weekly contribution summary.

Check it out at ibc.church/bulletin



#### Serving at IBC

Immanuel has a new coffee team ministry. If you are interested in making coffee and connecting with people on Sunday morning, we would love for you to join our team!

Contact David: varghese@ibc.church

#### Immanuel Christian Bookstore

Our bookstore offers tremendous resources to help you grow in your study of God's Word.

Sunday:

9am-1pm, 4:30-7pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

11am-4pm

Wednesday: 11am-7pm

703.354.5219

bookstore@ibc.church

### **Employment Opportunity**

Immanuel Bible Church's Hispanic Ministry is looking for a believer who has a calling to serve with the ministry's pastor as a Pastoral Associate, who holds a master's degree in divinity from an accredited seminary and is proficient in both Spanish and English. The position is full-time. If you are interested, please email Nina at munley@ibc.church



#### **Adult Bible Fellowships**

At an ABF you will study Scripture, learn about missionaries, pray for one another, and share victories as you walk together with the Lord, growing in His Word.

For more information about each group visit ibc.church/abf.



#### Campus Map

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#### Legend

- **Guest Reception**
- 2 Atrium
- 3 Gym
- Prayer Room 4
- 5 Balcony Α A Wing
- AA **Bookstore**
- В **B Wing**
- C C Wing
- SU Student Union
- Т Terrace Room
- MP **Matthew Place**
- Seminar Room

#### 8 am

Eklektos A207 Elder: Dan Crabtree MorningStar B203/205 Elder: Steve Holley

#### 9:30 am

Telios B203/205 Elders: Chris Gleason, Dave Fowler, Jim Traficant

New Life A206/208 Elders: Tom Joyce, Jay Blackwell

#### **TeamMates**

Terrace Room Elders: Steve Holley, Dave Drum, JD Talliaferro

**Family Builders** A209/211

Elders: Nigel Azer, Michael Connor, John Neal

Life Builders 0202 Elder: Bob Hartman

Koinonia A207 Elders: Franklin Childress, Rod Turk Kirk Streitmater

MorningSong Seminar Room Elder: Chris Hayes

**Easy English** Bible Class A201 Elder: Michael Connor

#### 11:10am

**Ambassadors** A209/211

Elders:Ron Peoples,

**Buddy Lux** College

Student Union Elder: Dan Crabtree

Faith & Fellowship

A206/208 Elder: Marc Johansen

Foundry

Terrace Room Elders: Kyle White.

**Buzz Collins** 

Foundry Mid-Career C202 Elder:Bob Hartman

**FaithBuilders** B203/205

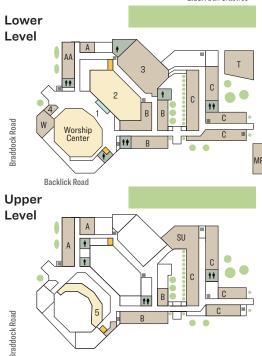
Elder: Marty Schuh, Scott Faught.

George Lawrence **Todos Juntos** 

Elder: Osvaldo Zalles

Sisters of Faith W202B

Elder: Dan Crabtree



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