



# The Immanuel Light

*For the Living of These Days*

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## Harvest Hootenanny

Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 4pm till dark

**Grammarist:** A **Hootenanny** is an informal gathering where folk music is played in a party-like atmosphere. ... **Hootenanny** is a Scottish word for party or celebration. Originally, Americans used the word **Hootenanny** as a placeholder name, in the same manner one would use the words doohickey or thingamajig.

**Details:** BYOP – Bring your own picnic dinner. Church will provide drinks and desserts.

**Intergenerational Carnival Game Tournament** – sign-up with group members from multiple age groups and get ready to throw some beanbags, toss some rings, etc. Team with the most points wins! Ribbons will be awarded.

**Music by the Holy Pickers** (Pastor Steven Meriwether, Tim Sharp, and Friends)

**Missions Raffle** – \$1.00 per ticket. Winners get to take home prizes made by IBC members and friends.

### Call for Handmade or Homemade Goods

Do you make woodcrafts, sew potholders, bake bread? We are looking for items made by IBC members and friends to make up raffle baskets. Contact Pastor Stephanie (swyatt@ibcnashville.org or 615-297-5356) with your contributions or ideas.



“...Because he was skillful at it.”

In 1st Chronicles Chapter 15 we learn a lot about how much care King David put into the preparation of music for worship. It is easy to get lost in the names, but let these names highlight for us the detail and specificity that went into the design for music in the temple and the worship of God:

“David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their relatives as singers to lift up their voices with joy, accompanied by musical instruments—harps, lyres, and cymbals. So the Levites appointed Heman son of Joel; from his brothers, Asaph son of Berechiah; from their brothers the Merarites, Ethan son of Kushaiah; and with them their brothers next in rank: Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and the gatekeepers Obed-Edom and Jeiel. The musicians Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were to sound the bronze cymbals. Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah were to play the harps according to Alamo. And Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azariah were to lead the music with lyres according to *sheminith*. Kenaniah, the head Levite, was the director of the singing because he was skillful at it.”

There is a lot of insight in this short passage for us as we think about the care that is taken in the preparation of the music presented in our worship. Consider the words *alamo* and *sheminith* in the above passage. Scholars have speculated that these were specific theory systems used for these instruments. So, the lesson here is that they were not just to play these instruments, but they were to play according to a specific set of guidelines. Then consider the orchestration used: bronze cymbals, harps, lyres, and singing. Once again, the specificity is calculated and exact instruments are designated along with the number of players.

What captures my attention most is that specific individuals are identified for the leading of the music: Zechariah, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth (I wonder if friends called him “Shem”), Benaiah, and so on. But if you stay with this passage to the end, you get the real take-home for this musical guidebook: Kenaniah was to be in charge of the singing “because he was skillful at it.”

A skill is the ability to do something well. We are blessed at Immanuel Baptist Church to have a legacy that includes musicians that do music very well. It is a joy and honor to work with all of these fine musicians as we prepare to lead worship through the gift of music, and we are thrilled to start adding new musicians to this legacy to perpetuate this legacy that dates back to King David.

—Tim



## Immanuel Baptist Church

The mission of Immanuel Baptist Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to deepen our love for God and others, to fully engage our neighbor, and to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.

*God is calling Immanuel Baptist Church to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.*

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# VBS 2021

What a whale of a time we had! Our children learned the story of Jonah in four parts through drama, songs, crafts, reflective activities. We had several friends and visitors join us over the three days ending with water night! A big thank you to Tim Sharp and Andrew Tonks for helping lead the children in singing and doing energizers. Thanks to chair Sarah Wilkerson and the children's committee who provided food and creatively put together the decorations. Thanks to Charles and Georgina Businaro for exceeding all expectations by creating our whale room (complete with fish skeletons!), our sailboat, and coordinating the creation of a vine room. Thanks to Ann Conn and Debbie Maxwell for providing dessert Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Thank you finally to all the parents who showed up over the three days and quickly adapted to whatever was needed. I'm already excited for next year! Blessings,

Pastor Steph-

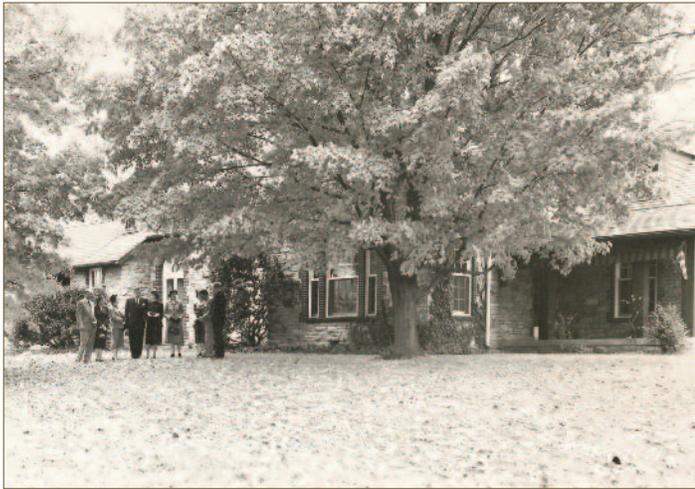


# 70 Years Ago This Month...

The property at 222 Belle Meade Boulevard was dedicated by church members on September 30, 1951. The first photo of the dedication shows the Thomas H. Malone, Jr. home prior to any construction.

After pondering a decision to relocate for 31 years, in 1950 Immanuel voted to purchase this large residence and approximately seven acres for \$54,000. From 1951 until 1954 Sunday services were held in the house as well as at the downtown site. The construction of the sanctuary (current chapel) and educational wing began in 1953. The new space was dedicated on December 19, 1954. This sanctuary with the Malone home in the background is shown in the second photo.

The Thomas H. Malone, Jr. home remained in use until it was demolished to construct the office wing in 1987, the church's 100th anniversary year. —Charles Businaro, Church Historian



## Children's Church

We are trying something new beginning in September for our children's ministry! **Children's Church** will meet once a month each month in the Fellowship Hall. Children will go directly from Sunday School to the Fellowship Hall on these Sundays. Parents, stay tuned to your email for further details about this exciting new venture!

Adults, if you would like to assist with children's church or have a gift you would like to share with the children one Sunday, please contact Pastor Stephanie (swyatt@ibcnashville.org or 615-297-5356).

Fall Dates for Children's Church: September 19, October 31, & November 21.

We will not have children's church in December as each Sunday in Advent sanctuary worship will include an element for children.



We celebrated with Melissa Clouse as she was baptized on Sunday, August 8, 2021.

# Church Family News

## PRAYER LIST

Belle Butler  
Sherry Cooper  
Norma Witherington  
Jenny Mills  
Edward L. Obermiller, father of Patty Brown

## BEREAVEMENT

Sympathy is extended to Cliff Vaughn on the death of his father, Ronald Vaughn, who died August 6 in Alabama; to Stephanie Self and Ellen Mundy Ford on the recent death of their grandfather in South Carolina.

## Sanctuary Flowers

**September 5-** given by Suzanne Dillard, Jennifer Bennett, and Donna Greek in loving memory of their parents, Sue and Don Jones.

**September 12-** given by Suzanne Brandon in loving memory of her parents, Sara Ann and Gentry Brandon, and her sister, Connie Brandon Woodham.

**September 19-** given in loving memory of Bill Coles by his family.

**September 26-** given by Steven Meriwether in loving memory of his parents, Charles Herschel and Willie Mai Meriwether.

**Together for Hope Appalachia** has published its prayer calendar for 2021-2022. You download this free resource at the following link: <http://cbfky.org/prayer-calendar-tfh> (click on the links on the left side of the page).



Each month Immanuel is trying to provide 600 individually wrapped desserts for our ministry partners at Luke 14:12. Dessert options include cookies, brownies, pastries or other items along this line. Our September collection date will be Sunday, September 29. You may drop off your desserts in the church kitchen or contact the church office if you would like to bring them the week before.

You may sign-up via an email sent from the church or via the sign-up sheet on the Room in the Inn bulletin board outside the sanctuary entrance. Thank you in advance.

Contact Pastor Stephanie ([swyatt@ibcnashville.org](mailto:swyatt@ibcnashville.org) or 615-297-5356) with questions.



Famous couple seen driving away from Immanuel after Sunday worship service!

# happy birthday to you!

### **September 1**

Savannah Horner

### **September 3**

William Vo

### **September 5**

Marilyn Shadinger

### **September 8**

Steven Meriwether

### **September 14**

Brandon Jarnigan

Peter Kihlberg

### **September 15**

Val Evans

Campbell Gnetz

Jim Hawkins

### **September 18**

Emily Cooper

### **September 21**

Mickey Tinsley

Meg Winston

### **September 24**

Faye Shaw

### **September 26**

Lane Easterly



# Calendar of Events

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Adult Educational Programming  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship/Lord's Supper and Fellowship Offering

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Adult Educational Programming  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 PDO

6:30 Stewardship ZOOM

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 PDO

6:30 Deacons' ZOOM meeting

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Adult Educational Programming  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 PDO

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship  
Children's Church

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Adult Educational Programming  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 PDO

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:15 Sunday School All Ages  
10:30 Worship

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:30 PDO

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 PDO

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5:00 Children's Choir  
5:00 Church Family Supper  
6:00 Adult Educational Programming  
-Handbells/Brass rehearsals  
-Children on Mission  
-Youth Group

7:00 Adult Choir rehearsal

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 PDO

**August Business Meeting is Sunday, August 29, following the Worship Service.**

## Summer Winds Down!

As summer comes to a close, our Youth Group had a great trip to Holiday World (left, below). Our children's summer Sunday School (right, below) ended as the kids returned to their regular Sunday School rooms upstairs. Thank you to Grover and Lauren Baker for providing special music this summer!



## Library Memorials

Recent Memorial Books featured in the library display window during September

### In memory of Randy Dover:

*Why We're Polarized* by Klein and *A Promised Land* by Obama. —Given by Kay Johnson  
*The Invisible String* by Karst. —Given by Steven Meriwether

### In memory of Marvin Gregory:

*Hamnet* by O'Farrell. —Given by Kay Johnson

### In memory of Walton Conn:

*The War That Saved My Life* by Bradley, *The Thrifty Guide to the American Revolution* by Stokes and *Patriots, Redcoats and Spies* by Skead. —Given by Kay Johnson  
*Like Fire in the Bones* by Brueggemann. —Given by Charles and Georgina Businaro

### In memory of Sue Conn:

*The Eight Doors of the Kingdom* by Philippe. —Given by Charles and Georgina Businaro  
*The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* by Richardson. —Given by Richard Shadinger

### In memory of Jim Shadinger:

*Counting on Katherine* by Becker. —Given by Charles and Georgina Businaro

### In memory of David George:

*The Pilgrim's Progress: a Poetic Retelling* by Brasseur. —Given by Dorothy Steen  
*Designed for Worship* by NPT. —Given by Bill and Elaine Fleming  
*Colossians, Ephesians* by MacDonald. —Given by Charles and Georgina Businaro  
*Wuthering Heights* (Collectible Classics edition and Fingerprint Classics edition) by Bronte; *A Christmas Carol* by Dickens; *A Tale of Two Cities* by Dickens; *Jesus According to the New Testament* by Dunn; *Big Wonderful Thing, a History of Texas* by Harrigan; *Maverick, a Biography of Thomas Sowell* by Riley; and *Galatians* by Wright. —Given by Grace-Mills Sunday School class.

## IBC Book Club News

Our first meeting of the fall will take place September 26 at 5:00pm via Zoom. Come prepared to report on your favorite book of the summer. Kay Johnson and Georgina Businaro will also update us on "What's new in the library." If you would like to participate in Immanuel's Book Club, please contact the group's convener, Richard Shadinger, at richardshadinger@gmail.com to receive group emails and Zoom links.

## Young Women's Retreat

November 5-6, 2021

Susan Crownover's Lake

House

More Details to Follow



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### First Grade Bible Presentation

We celebrate with Meredith and her parents, Derek and Susan, as she receives her new first grade Bible. Enjoy reading, Meredith!

