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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
"GOD WITH US"

AT A GLANCE

thankful (the outward action and command)
grateful (the inward heart posture and response to grace)

The Command to Give Thanks (Regardless of Circumstances)

These verses highlight that thanksgiving is an act of obedience and faith even when life is difficult.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*
Colossians 3:15–17 *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ... And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*
Ephesians 5:20 *"...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Entertaining His Presence (Worship & Praise)

In the Old Testament, thanksgiving was the literal doorway to experiencing God's presence in the Tabernacle and Temple.

Psalm 100:4 *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."*
Psalm 107:1 *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."*
Psalm 95:2"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

The Cure for Anxiety and Worry

The Bible links a thankful mindset directly to mental and emotional peace.

Philippians 4:6–7 *"Do not be anxious about anything, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God,* which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Colossians 4:2 *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."*

Gratefulness for an Unshakable Kingdom

These verses focus on the internal heart of gratitude (charis / grace) for what God has fundamentally rescued us from.

Hebrews 12:28 *"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be grateful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."*
2 Corinthians 9:15 *"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"*
Psalm 103:2 *"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits."*

November Highlights

- **Twiced Blessed 11/15-12/31**
- **11/22 Senior Saints Banquet**
- **11/25 Thankgiving Eve Service**
- **11/26 Thankgiving**
- **11/29 Hanging of the Greens**
- **Check calendar for various Meetings**

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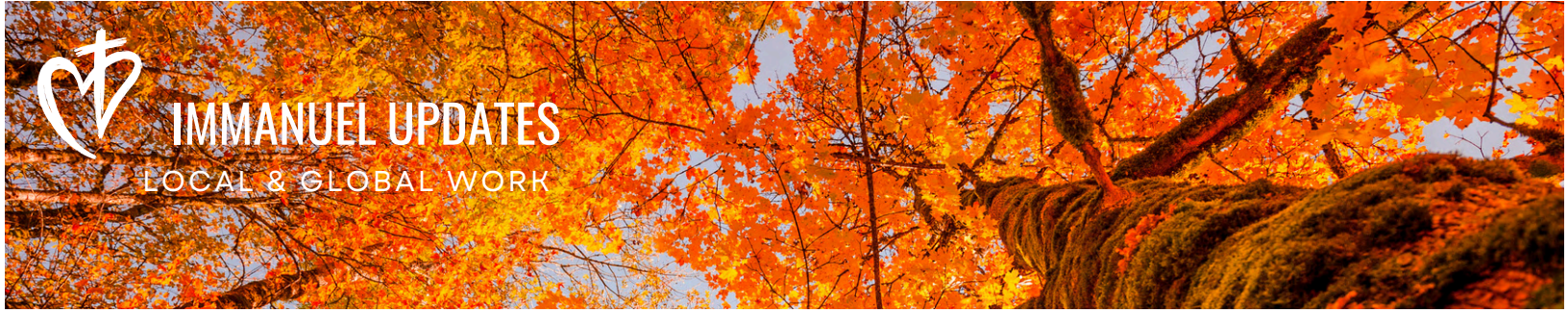
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Nursery

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Operation Christmas Child

Is upon us! Last year we packed 109 shoeboxes! Let us top it this year! We will collect items from Nov. 1-11 and pack on that Wednesday night. Please drop off items in the collection bins located in the foyer!

Luke 2:10
The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid. See! I bring you good news of great joy which is for all people.

1. The "WOW" Item (Choose One)

- Small backpack or purse
- Soccer ball with a small hand pump
- Stuffed animal
- Doll or action figure
- Outfit of clothing to wear (t-shirt, shorts, dress)
- Large toy truck, car, or hobby kit
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or recorder)
- Toy cars (Matchbox or Hot Wheels)
- Yo-yos and Slinkys
- Building blocks or LEGO sets
- Small balls, jump ropes, or Frisbees
- Playing cards or travel-sized games
- Play-Doh (with a small cookie cutter or tool)
- Plastic animals or dinosaur figures
- Kaleidoscopes, magnets, or finger puppets



Kid's Club Mission Opportunity

High Need Items:
- hairbrushes
- wash cloths
- socks
- craft/sewing kits
- coloring books
- cinch bag

Drop off:
- Church Foyer -
- By - November 11th

Thank you for helping us spread God's word around the world!

Upcoming Meetings

- **CE Board- Sunday, 11/1 following Worship**
- **Trustee Board- Tuesday, 11/10 at 5:30pm**
- **Diaconate Board- Tuesday, 11/10 at 7:00pm**

Evening Women Fellowship

We will meet Tuesday, November 17th at Beryl Hornberger's (3810 Aster Loop) at 7:00 pm and be on our way! Complete Lesson #2 "Boldly Go". Pat will lead us, and Diane will be the hostess. Please bring your 2nd Story items. If you would like to join or need a book please call Wanda at 721-7434.



Carving for Pumpkin Walk!



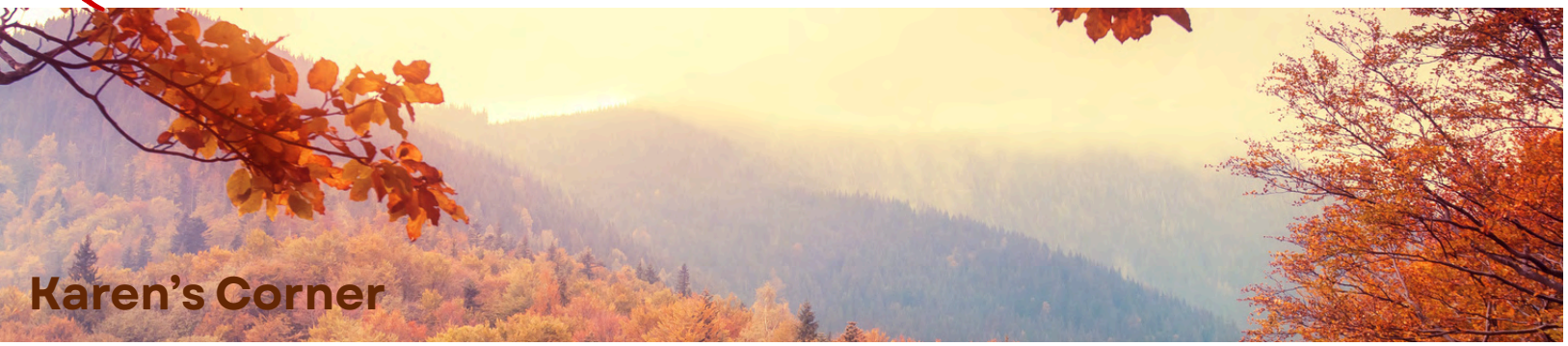
Parents we will start rehearsals for our program,
The Twelve Days of Christmas
Karen will be directing. Here is the schedule:

Sunday's	Wednesday's
11/8	11/11
11/15	12/2
11/22	12/9
11/29	
12/6	



Dress Rehearsal:
Saturday, 12/12 time TBA.
Program Sunday, 12/13

Please try to have your child at every practice!
Thank you!



Karen's Corner

November is here! Let's be grateful!!

We'll be having the Bible hike on Thursdays, Nov 5th and 19th at 1:00 pm. We'll be exploring Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs together. This is a very informal time of exploring books of the Bible via video casts with some of our favorite Bible teachers and authors.

We're also starting a new Friday morning Bible study on November 20th at 10 am here at the church.

We'll be studying Louie Giglio 's Advent study, "Waiting Here for You". Please join us for this 4-week study as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We won't meet on November 27, the day after Thanksgiving, but we will finish the study the first three Fridays in December.

Our community theater, Mouse River Players, is doing the production "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" November 20, 21, 27, and 28 at 7:30 pm and November 22 and 29th at 2:00 pm. I will not be getting group tickets, but I'd be happy to help you book your seats if you need some assistance. If you come to the show, you may recognize some familiar faces on stage! I hope you will attend.

On Sunday, November 22nd, we will be having our annual Senior Saints Banquet right after church. I'm not sure what is on the menu, but I have no doubt it'll be delicious. Then after the meal we'll have a little sign-a-long with Gary Price and Friends. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we can have a head count to give to the caterers. It's our way of saying thank you and honoring our IBC Senior Saints. We'd love to have you join us!

You can check out other places in the Newsletter for activities and opportunities for fellowship and service.

If you'd like to visit with me or if I can be praying for you in some way, please contact me, I'd love the opportunity!

Take care and be on the look out for many reasons to be grateful in November.

With God's love in my heart for you,

– Karen

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who being to Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT

IMMANUEL HEARTBEAT
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LORD, JUST SAY THE WORD

"When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.' Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well" (Luke 7:9–10, NIV).

Sometimes faith is simply to submit. Not to retreat. Not to relinquish. Not to give up. But to step back from the moments that cloud our minds or quicken our hearts, to reach toward heaven, and to simply say, "Lord, just say the word."

Perhaps the Lord will speak and fulfill our wishes. Or He might speak and challenge our thoughts — and perspectives. Either way, He will have acted according to His will, not ours. And that should bring some relief!

Our Scripture comes from Jesus' remarkable encounter with a Roman centurion — a man whom He never actually met in person.

This centurion, who reveres God and His people, has a beloved servant who is gravely ill and near death. He sends Jewish elders to plead with Jesus to come and heal the dying man. But as Jesus approaches the house, another group of messengers intercepts Him with an unexpected request: "Lord, don't trouble yourself."

The centurion considers himself unworthy to have Jesus enter his home. Yet he also recognizes something extraordinary about Jesus: **His authority**.

As a Roman commander responsible for approximately one hundred soldiers, the centurion understands authority. He knows the process. Give a command, and it will be carried out. How much more, then, could the authority of Jesus — the Lord of lords — accomplish a miracle even from a distance? "But say the word, and my servant will be healed" (Luke 7:7).



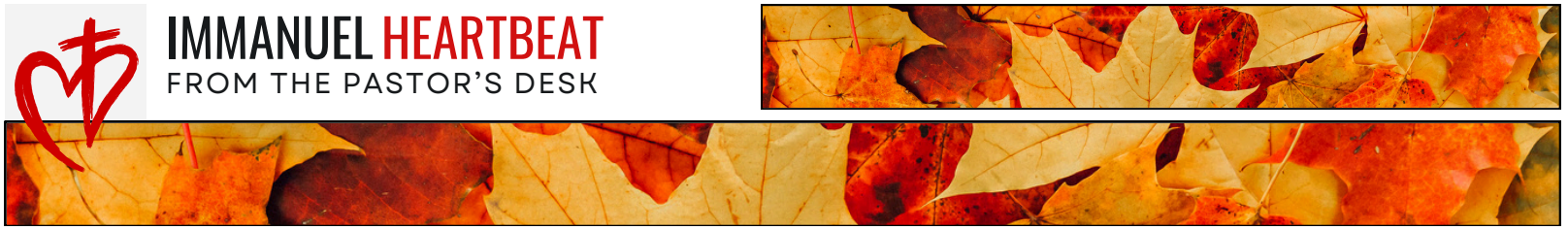
It is this remarkable submission and trust in Jesus Christ that causes Jesus to marvel at the centurion's faith. Sometimes what seems like a restrictive act on our part — simply to "hand it over to Jesus" — actually turns the key and opens the door to the power of heaven.

I was reminded of this truth a few weeks ago when I was encouraged to take a two-day camping trip.

I don't own a camper or a trailer. For me, camping has always meant remote tent camping. My last adventure was nearly 26 years ago in the Colorado mountains, during a time in which I was really coming to faith in Jesus Christ. So this time, I picked a quiet destination and headed toward the campground. What had been a perfectly sunny day soon turned threatening. Gray wisps of clouds blanketed the horizon. Drops of rain formed translucent patterns on the windshield before becoming a downpour.

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LORD, JUST SAY THE WORD





Oh wow! I thought, *I've never had to put up a tent in the rain before!*

All I could do was to pray for some relief. "Lord, just say the word." Oddly enough, when I arrived at the campground, the area was still dry — as though a breath of wind had pushed the storm away. But everything else went wrong.

The tent's rainfly wouldn't fit properly, requiring nearly an hour of Laurel-and-Hardy-styled reconfiguration. The electric air pump hesitated to inflate the mattress without a prayer-filled intervention. By then, the sky had darkened and the temperature had dropped. The campfire refused to start, and the gas lantern's mantles kept slipping off. My only dependable source of light was from a tiny keychain flashlight!

Sometime after midnight, I discovered just how cold the ground can feel in October. I covered myself with a small sleeping bag, a blanket, a hoodie, and even a moving blanket originally intended for the tent floor.

The night lingered as the surrounding woods came alive with the rustling leaves and the snapping of twigs. When the early morning light finally appeared, I made another discovery: the ground seems to get considerably lower with age! After a slight groan, I asked myself, *Is this meditation with God?!*

But that new day brought a new perspective. I had two options.

I could pack up and retreat, frustrated that nothing had gone according to plan. Or I could submit to God, surrender my expectations, and ask Him to salvage the experience.

After all, I had come seeking more of His presence. And isn't that much like life?

We cannot change past events, but the future remains ripe with opportunity. We don't always say the right words or make the right decisions (but the Lord does). And how often do we wish that we could simply speak a word and change something for the better — much like the centurion desired to do for his dying servant?

But the centurion understood something we often forget: **Faith isn't about having the authority to change everything**. It's about **trusting the One who does**. Sometimes submission means releasing our expectations, our frustrations, and even our carefully constructed plans into the hands of Jesus Christ. So perhaps the greatest expression of faith isn't telling the Lord what needs to happen next.

Perhaps it's simply saying: "**Lord, just say the word**."

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship CE Meeting	**2**	**3**	**4** 11:30 Soup Kitchen 5:45 Family Supper 6:15 Kid's Club. MS & HS 6:30 Adult BS	**5** 9am Brunch Bunch Homesteaders 1pm Bible Hike	**6** 10:00 am Bible Study	**7**
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22 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Senior Saints Banquet	**23** Newsletter Deadline	**24**	**25** 6:30 Thanksgiving Service 11:30 Soup Kitchen	**26** 	**27** 10:00 am Bible Study	**28**
29 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Hanging of the Greens & Pizza	**30**	"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise: give thanks to him and praise." his name." "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever: his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:4-5				

IMMANUEL CELEBRATES
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthday's Happy Birthday

1st Layne Novak
5th Joyce Rostad
6th Jim Aspaas
Delmar Fandrich
10th Ian Lund
12th Holly Fegley



15th Brian Miller
18th Scott Faul
21st Dee Johnson
28th Tessis Samuelson
30th MaryLou Keithline

Happy Anniversary

November 18th
Yoa & Kaliah Jackson
November 24h
Tim & Vikki Miller
November 25th
Brad & Michele Schimke

Next Month
Twice Blessed Offering
Christmas Program
Christmas Eve Service

November Serving Committee
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Deme Schlecht, Joyce Schoenberg

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