

IMMANUEL ECHO

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



IMMANUEL BAPTIST
"GOD WITH US" CHURCH

AT A GLANCE THOUGHTS & MORE

Beautiful Beatitudes

Matthew 5:5 *"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."*

This verse describes a specific kind of blessedness, this beatitude encourages believers to live a life of humble trust in God, letting go of pride and self-assertion, and choosing gentleness, forgiveness, and love, knowing that God will bless and reward those who follow His way.

Matthew 5: 6 *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."*

This beatitude acts as a bridge between the earlier beatitudes, which highlight our need for God's grace, and the later ones, which describe the characteristics of those who live by that grace. It also connects to the idea of God's kingdom, where righteousness will ultimately prevail, and those who long for it will be blessed to experience its fullness.

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Fall Schedule Starts the Week of Sept. 7!

Sunday

9 am - Fellowship
9:15 am - Sun. School
10:30 am - Worship

Wednesday

11:30 am - Soup Kitchen
5:45 pm - Wed. Meal
6:15 pm - K-5 & Middle School Start
6:30 pm - HS & Adult Start

HELPFUL INFO

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M-F 8 am-Noon



September Highlights

- 9/1 - Labor Day - Office Closed
- 9/7 - Rally Sunday! Breakfast!
- 9/10 - Wed. Night activities START
- 9/14 - Sunday School resumes
- 9/20-21 - ABY State Convention



MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor

Brian Keithline

Pianist

Dawn Bergeron

Visitation Minister

Karen Anderson

Office Manager

Lori Stauffer

Technology

Position Open

Nursery

Lexi Clementich



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Karen's Corner

Happy September, church!

I just love fall, and I'm so looking forward to the beautiful change in our seasons! It's Back-to-School time and we will be getting back to "our regular scheduled programming" soon. There are a lot of opportunities for gathering together with our fall schedule, so be sure to check them out!

I would like to highlight a couple of items. The first is the return of **Craft and Fun Day**. We will meet at the church on Sept. 6 from 10 am to 2 pm with a potluck lunch at noon. This is an opportunity for you to bring a craft or a crafty project to work on. I would love to share my hobby for making cards with anyone who would like to learn. I will be offering a set of 3 cards to make and to take. I know there are some sewing ladies who plan on creating with some fabric we've had donated. Also, the Immanuel Baptist Church puzzle table will be introduced!

Plan to swing by for a little bit or for the whole time to work on a project of your own, to try your hand at making cards, to put together the puzzle, to see if you can help with the fabric projects, or to stop in for lunch and a visit.

Have you been to the **Roosevelt Park Zoo** lately? How about going with me on **Friday, Sept. 12?** We'll meet at the church at **10:45 am** and leave for the zoo at **11 am**. We can decide after the tour of the zoo if we'd like to go to lunch together!

Mouse River Players is beginning their new season in September. The first show is "The Haunting of Hill House." Please sign up on the bulletin board by **Sept. 7** so I can order tickets for the Sunday, Sept. 21, matinee at 2 pm.

Don't forget to check out the calendar in the newsletter to see what other activities are available at IBC this Fall. Enjoy the beauty of this season! -- *Grace and peace, Karen*

"For the grace of God (His unmerited favor and blessing) has come forward (appeared) for the deliverance from sin and the eternal salvation for all mankind."

Titus 2:11 AMPC

Evening Women Fellowship

I hope you're hungry for homemade soup, bread, desserts, and more! Please join us! Not only for great food but also fellowship!

Please join us **Sept. 18 @ 6 pm** at Wanda's:
1607 12th St SW.

Please don't forget your Blessing items!
Thanks, **Wanda**

White Cross

We are teaming up with Evening Women's Fellowship for a diaper drive starting and ending in September!

A **BIG** thank you to Eugene Zaderaka! We really are blessed by your donation of fabric! We will keep you posted on our projects!

- **Marliss**

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered" - Proverbs 11:25

Stewardship Report

As of August 25, 2025:

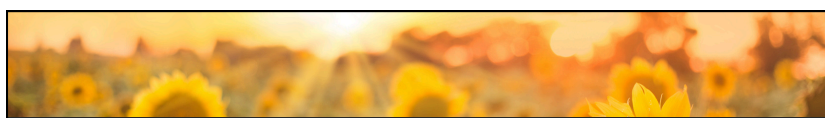
TOTAL BUDGETED TO DATE	\$239,869.66
TOTAL RECEIVED TO DATE	
BUDGETED WEEKLY NEED	\$7,054.99
WEEKLY YTD AVERAGE	

Upcoming Meetings

CE Board - Sunday, Sept. 7 after worship

Trustee Board - Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 5:30 pm

Diaconate Board - Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 7 pm



WHAT'S HIDDEN IN THE TALL GRASS

Perhaps I broke the Scotts Turf Builder Code — or perhaps I treaded upon some sacred territory for husbands: “Thou shall mow thy grass once a week ... or as often as thy neighbor mows HIS yard.” Perhaps there is a red-bearded Scotsman, a green thumb guardian, weeping over what was once a well-manicured yard. (Have you seen the Scotts lawn care commercials?). Regardless, my fescue needed rescue.

For both the last week of July and also early August, I ALLOWED my grass to grow untouched. A series of rain storms had dampened it too much. My own busyness, combined with how vibrant the nutrient-rich grass had grown, persuaded me to grant some late summer autonomy to the lawn. While the Three Musketeers of my neighbors mounted their steeds — John Deere, Cub Cadet, and Troy-Bilt — to ride valiantly into battle — I waited ... and I observed.

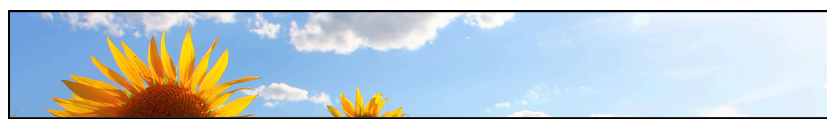
And my conclusion is this: Only when we let the “green grass grow” can we discover the treasures sheltered by its tall height. For example, on one particular Sunday morning, I saw a woodchuck hunkered in the yard for his herbivore breakfast. On another day, I stumbled upon five baby rabbits frightened by the weather. On numerous occasions, the grass would wiggle as frogs hopped towards the river. No — the grass was never close to earning a “wilderness protection area” status ... but it was taller than usual.



And so, I offer this theological observation: When we — as Christ-followers — “grow” in Christ — and when we allow his plans to naturally develop — we will DISCOVER some new insights. We will see “who” God brings into his church for a Sunday visit. We will see “how” God answers prayers or “how” God brings “workers” into the vineyard of faith. We will see “why” patient time spent in communion with our Heavenly Father refreshes our outlook in a troubled world.

I strongly believe that all too often, we have an inclination to manufacture or to manipulate projects in order to achieve a desired result — to such an extent that it suggests some doubts about God’s provision. We know that God has created both the heavens and the Earth and yet, a little thistle of doubt still exists among the wheat of His Word. It’s as if to say, “Lord, I know you CAN do ALL things, but I better handle this myself ... I think I know what’s best.”

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WHAT'S HIDDEN IN THE TALL GRASS

It's not that we're the epitome of rebellion or disobedience — far from it! Instead, we are accustomed to routines, rituals, and responsibilities that are inherent in this earthly life. For example, it seems a little scandalous to let your yard grow LONG — almost like a teenage boy with long hair. As a homeowner in a respectable neighborhood, the expectation is to mow the lawn at least once a week. But in doing so, we might sometimes miss out on a few visible and spiritual reminders of God's presence (and creation) in this world.

Of course, I don't entertain the notion that a couple weeks' growth of grass now elevates my humble abode to the level of the West Minot wildlands. But, the few unexpected visitors who passed through — for a brief moment — reminded me of the joy of living in the rural Tennessee countryside many years ago. It also reminded me of how my faith grows when I allow Jesus to nurture me.

So let's allow Jesus to "grow us" to new heights in this season of life.

P.S., Yes, I mowed my lawn several weeks ago and "baled the hay." I also have Scotts Fall Weed and Feed on hand to prep for the upcoming fall season. John Deere riders, unite!

Blessings,

Pastor Brian



Spiritual Gifts

Did you know that when we CONFESS our faith in Jesus Christ, something extraordinary happens? Yes, this invitation "changes" our lives, but we're also imbued with the Holy Spirit — AND a particular spiritual gift.

These gifts are GIVEN so that God's Church (locally and globally) is always EQUIPPED with every resource and every ability to serve Him and to serve others.

There is SOMETHING that God has GIVEN to YOU — something that is unlike any other ability. And ONLY when we use these gifts together will we EVER EXPERIENCE the fullness of Christ on earth.

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IMMANUEL CELEBRATES
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



*Happy
Anniversary*

September Birthday's

1st Reese Schneider
2nd Bruce Bolyard
4th Robert Holmen
14th Jacob Holmen
15th Jacki Johnson
17th Lonna Jo Browne
20th Deme Schlecht
26th Kade Anderson, Brysen Hansen

September Serving Committee

Mary Lou Keithline, Connie Samuelson,
Lori Stauffer, Leah Umbley

ABY CONVENTION 2025



Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. to Sept .21 at 2 p.m. for grades 7-12.
Cost: \$50 for both SAT/SUN or \$25 SUNDAY ONLY.

PLEASE COME TO BOTH DAYS OR AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE!
REGISTER: EMAIL - ABCDAKLORI@GMAIL.COM
QUESTIONS? CALL - 701-595-2313

September 4th

Mike & Lindsey Anderson

September 2nd

Daniel & Kami Roberts

September 6th

Tim & Kay Eaton

September 20th

Scott & Connie Samuelson

September 26th

Jim & Burdette Bolstad

September 29th

Ron & Tania Novak

September 30th

Mitch & Donna Hegstad

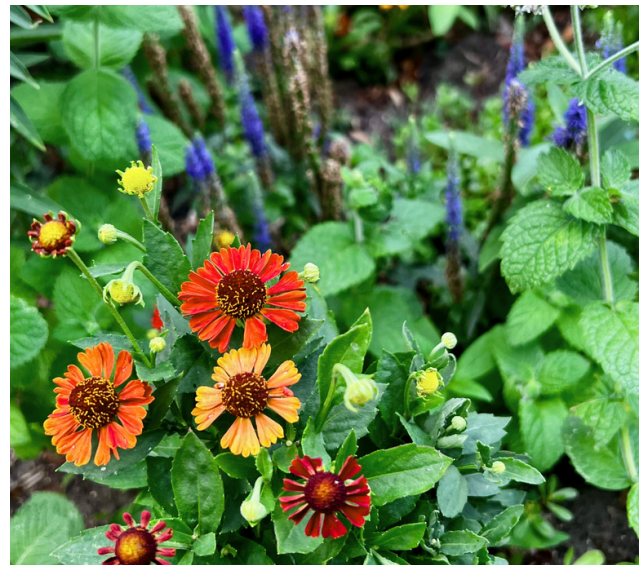
NEXT

10/12 – Advisory Board

10/15 – No Wednesday Activities

10/19 – Qrtly. Business Meeting

MONTH





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>Senior Saints, sign up for MRP tickets by 9/7!!</div> <div>DON'T FORGET!</div>				9am Brunch Bunch Parker	10 am Bible Study	10 -2m Craft Day!
7 RALLY DAY! 9:15 am Breakfast & Fellowship 10:30 am Worship CE Meeting		9 5:30 pm Trustee 7pm Diaconate Meetings	10 11:30 SK 5:45 Family Supper 6:15 K-5 th & Middle School Start 6:30 HS & Adult Start	11 9am Brunch Bunch Homesteaders Senior Saints 10:45 meet @ Church Leave for Zoo 11am	12 10 am Bible Study	13
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