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55+ NEWSLETTER

Immanuel Baptist Church

Shawnee, Oklahoma



"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13b-14)

There's a song that's been on my playlist lately called "Press On" - based on the verses above, this song encourages us to continue running the race that God has set before us. It's a reminder that Christ is ever with us, and we look forward to the day when He comes again! In our world today it can be easy to stop pressing on in Christ. There are many things that can discourage us: pain, loss, evil, apathy; these are but a few things that can take our eyes off of the prize of God's call. When we pay more attention to the bad news of the day than we do to God's word, we can eventually fall prey to the world.

What should we press on toward? Here is what Paul was talking about. "That I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3:9-11)

So, this summer, let's press on to know Christ more, and become more like Him. Spend time with Him in His word, and share that relationship with others.

"And may He find us waiting with our lamps burning still

Keeping watch through the night, 'til He comes

For soon it will be morning and the sun will appear

Christ who brought us this far brings us home" (Press On, Ben Shive and Kristyn Getty)

Upcoming Events

June 4th—5:30 p.m. Reception for Leanne Howard retirement

June 12th-14th—Eureka Springs Trip

June 13th-16th—Pray for Cross Timbers Children's Camp

June 19th—TNT— Noon — JOY Choir program

June 26th-July 1st—Pray for Falls Creek Student Camp



OBU @ IBC

May 31st –August 2nd 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

OBU @ IBC is an opportunity to learn from OBU Professors each week of the summer. The OBU Professors will be picking the topics and delivering content that will encourage, challenge, and build you up in the faith.

May 31st-Dr. Matt Emerson

June 7th-Dr. Matt Emerson

June 14th-Dr. Bobby Kelly

June 21st-Dr. Micah Meek

June 28th-Dr. Matt Emerson

July 5th-Dr. Micah Meek

July 12th-Dr. Micah Meek

July 19th-Dr. Heath Thomas

July 26th-Dr. Heath Thomas

August 2nd-Dr. Heath Thomas

IN THE LOOP:

See a full listing of events at ibcshawnee.org/events

June 1st— 55+Game Day — 9:00 a.m.

***June 4th— Leanne Howard's Reception — 5:30 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.
Student Worship Center***

June 5th—55+Travel Team Meeting — 10:00 a.m.

June 7th—Wednesday Night Meal — 5:00 p.m.

—OBU @ IBC—6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Matt Emerson

June 8th— 55+ Game Day —9:00 a.m.— (Pizza Day)

June 12th-14th—Eureka Springs Trip

June 13th-16th —Pray for Cross Timbers Children's Camp

June 14th—Wednesday Night Meal —5:00 p.m.

—OBU @ IBC—6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Bobby Kelly

June 15th—55+ Game Day —9:00 a.m.

June 18th—Father's Day

June 19th—TNT—12:00 p.m.— Joy Choir Program

June 21st—Wednesday Night Meal —5:00 p.m.

—OBU @ IBC 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Micah Meek

June 22nd—55+Game Day —9:00 a.m.— (Pizza Day)

June 26th —July 1st —Pray for Falls Creek Student Camp

June 28th— (No Wednesday Evening Meal)

—OBU @ IBC —6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. with Dr. Matt Emerson

June 29th—55+ Game Day —9:00 a.m.

Local Mission Opportunities

Community Market— Thursday mornings

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