



From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I always heard that time goes by faster the older you get. As someone once said, The longer you live, the quicker you can live a year. I'm starting to understand! I cannot fathom that we are already into 2019!

Just like every other year, 2018 was peppered with memorable moments, events, and changes. And it's good for us to reflect on those things, positive and negative, in order to learn lessons God has for us starting out 2019. As I think back over 2018, several memories come to mind.

2018 marked 23 years of marriage to my best friend. Yes, Jennifer has put up with me for a long time! I hope to be better over the next 23 years.

Of course, I started a new ministry in a city I have loved in a church that I have grown to love. You are some dear people, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work for the Kingdom alongside of you.

Our move was bittersweet. We love where we are, but our oldest daughter stayed behind to finish high school where she's been for the past 6 years. That's hard for ole Dad!

As is the case every year, it was always a highlight to see my kids doing well in their areas of interest.

I could go on, but I don't want to bore you with my reminiscing. You get my point. If you were writing this article, you would have some stories to tell, too.

While we're intrigued with the big stories of the year, we have a sad misconception about them.

You may have heard the saying: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." That's a beautiful sentiment, isn't it? The problem is, it's dead wrong!

Real life isn't lived in superlatives. A life worth living is built on the day-to-day, even mundane, moments.

The average meal you eat with the family, not talking about life-altering plans. Doing the dreaded paperwork that is necessary to keep the business running at its best. Reading a daily Bible passage that does not result in angelic beings filling the room with bright lights. Driving someone you love to the next appointment or practice and few words are spoken. Attending worship when you don't feel 100% and not being healed while there. Raking leaves in the middle of October, knowing you'll have to do it again a few weeks later.

None of these things are what you'll talk about at the end of the year. But it's what made the year. You may not even remember most of these times, but these events are what really built you last year. They are what made you a good worker, friend, parent, child of God.

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People are always looking for the next high, the next "big thing." I enjoy those times as much as anyone. But our tendency is to look for those things while overlooking the everyday. And in doing so, we miss out on what really builds a life. We miss out on where the real blessings come from. We miss out on what *makes a life worth living*.

I would never suggest stop dreaming. Don't drop all plans for an exciting getaway for this year. Don't TRY to be boring!

But determine that in 2019 you'll find joy in the little things. Make every moment count, even the mundane ones. It won't make your top 10 list at the end of the year, but it just might make 2019 one of the best of your life!

Pastor Lane

THE RECORD SPEAKS

January 06, 2019	Sunday school Enrollment	240
	Attendance	145
January 13, 2019	Sunday school Enrollment	257
	Attendance	146

December 2018 Giving and Expenses

Budget Giving	43,953
Budget Expenses	34,936
Restricted Giving	14,202
Restricted Expenses	600

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



All items are needed.

Please remember a donation to the food pantry as you do your shopping this week.

Please make sure all food items have not expired.

We cannot distribute food that has expired.

Email Address:

IBC's email address has changed to Immanuelbcsv@gmail.com
Please make sure you have us in your address book/contacts so our emails to you are not going into your spam file.

The Sanctuary Choir is just getting started on our Easter Musical. That means it is a GREAT time to join the choir. We can use singers for all parts, but especially tenors. If you have thought about giving choir a try, join us Wednesday nights at 7:45 in the choir room.

This weekend is going to be fantastic as we host RamCorps, a percussion/brass ensemble, from the University of Mobile. They will perform at the Savannah Mall on Saturday at 11:30am. If you can be there it would be great to have an audience for them, but also take the opportunity to invite people to church on Sunday that stop and listen. On Sunday, Ramcorps will be part of our 11am worship service and lead the entire 5pm service.

Thank you to all our host homes for volunteering to take care of these college students!

PraiSing Him,
Mark

University Of Mobile
Brass and Percussion Ensemble



January 20 at 11am and 5pm

**Welcome New Member
Roni Marie Russell
Joined January 6, 2019**
We are glad to have her be a part of our
IBC family.



Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm
In the Gym

**Our deepest sympathy goes out to Betty McGinnis.
Betty's daughter, Barbara Holt passed away January 10, 2019.
Please keep Betty and family in prayer.**

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Pray for and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
Goal: \$10,000.00
Received to Date: \$8181.50

Church Leadership Team
The Church Leadership Team will meet Sunday, January 20th
at 3:30pm in the Gaddy Building.



Childcare Needed
Thursdays from 10:00am – 12:00pm
A person is needed to look after two toddlers while parents are in the
ESL classes. If you are that person, please let Estela know at 925-5761 or
call the church office. Thank you!

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CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 13

Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Worship 11:00am
20/20 Vision Mtg. 3:30pm
Evening Worship 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 15

Silver Nuggets (FLC) 12:00pm

Wednesday, January 16

Christ Followers @SBC 12:00pm
Bring your own Supper 5:30pm
Finance Mtg. 6:00pm
Children/Youth Activities 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
Youth Choir 7:15pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm

Thursday, January 17

Men's Bible Study 9:30am
ESL 10:00am
Open Gym 6:30pm

Sunday, January 20

Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Worship 11:00am
CLT Mtg. 3:30pm
Evening Worship 5:00pm

Tuesday, January 22

Silver Nuggets 10:00am

Wednesday, January 23

Bring your own Supper 5:30pm
Children/Youth Activities 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
Youth Choir 7:15pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:45pm

Thursday, January 24

Men's Bible Study 9:30am
ESL 10:00am
Open Gym 6:30pm

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