



From the Pastor

Dear IBC Family,

What a great Sunday! We heard a powerful message from Pastor Lane challenging each and every one of us to grow in the area of prayer. We must make it a priority – both personally and corporately.

If you were not at the Hanging of the Green service you missed a real blessing. The singers sang wonderfully, and what a joy it was to be accompanied by an outstanding group of musicians – including our own Brett Waters and Dorothea King. Thank you to everyone who helped with this service.

Still to come:

December 9 at 5pm
“Stressing Christmas”
Music and Drama presentation
Featuring all of our choirs
(written by Alicia Powell)

December 16 at 5pm
Musical “On This Very Night”
Sanctuary Choir

December 24 at 5pm
Christmas Eve Service
Carols, Candlelight, and Communion

December 30 at 11am
Darrell and Dawn Ritchie

January 20 at 11am and 5pm
University of Mobile RamCorps

PraiSing Him,
Mark

THE RECORD SPEAKS December 2, 2018

Sunday school Enrollment	256
Attendance	123

November Giving and Expenses

Budget Giving	29,018
Budget Expenses	39,129
Restricted Giving	1,809
Restricted Expenses	1,871

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year outside New York City, New York scientists found traces of copper cable dating back 150 years. They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a Los Angeles archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet somewhere just outside Oceanside. Shortly after, a story in the LA Times read, “California archaeologists report a finding of 250 year old copper cable and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.”

One week later, a local newspaper in Atlanta reported the following: “After digging down about 30 feet deep in his pasture near the community of Social Circle, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Bubba has therefore concluded that 350 years ago, Georgia had already gone wireless.”

While Georgia is definitely more advanced in every way to other states, even we can’t claim the top spot in this story. You see, over 2000 years ago, Jesus secured for us the first wireless communication directly with God. That communication is called prayer. Now what do you think could happen at IBC if we spent as much time on that ancient communication system developed by Jesus as we do on the more modern (and much more limiting) communication systems we carry around in our pockets?

Praying with you!
Pastor Lane

2019 Budget Information

The 2019 Proposed Budget will be available in the vestibule Sunday, December 9th for review and a brief called church conference to vote will be held Sunday, December 16th immediately following 11:00 am worship. If you would like to discuss the budget, please feel free to contact one of the Finance Team members.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Dec. 2 - Dec. 9

During the month of December...Pray for and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Goal is: \$10,000.00

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE IS OPENING FOR BUSINESS

Mail your cards to your friends who attend Immanuel. Please do not mail to shut-ins or those who will not be here to check their "mail." Cost of mailing is 10 cents per card and goes to The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions.

POINSETTIAS

It’s time to order Christmas Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary again this year!

**The cost is \$7.50
The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE to order
your poinsettia is NOON ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th.**

**FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE, GADDY BLDG.,
SANCTUARY & FLC. PLEASE RETURN FORM AND MONEY
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Special Request for December: Batteries of all sizes

As the holidays approach there is a greater need of all food items for the food pantry.

*Please make sure all food items have not expired.
We cannot distribute food that has expired.*

Newsletter changes to make note of:

The December 17th Immanuelite will take you through the end of 2018. Beginning in 2019 our newsletter schedule will change to semi-monthly, published on the 14th & 28th of each month.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, December 5th
Family Life Center (Gym).

5:30 pm Bring your own Supper
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Begins



Friday, December 7th
6:30 – 9:00pm

Crafts, games, snacks
and more!

Good Neighbor Class Christmas Party
Saturday, December 8th at 12:00pm
Carey Hilliard's on Abercorn

Men's Bible Study
Thursday, December 6th at 9:30am
Breakfast will be served and we will finish the book of Job.
All men are invited to join us.

Youth Christmas Party
Saturday, December 15th @ 7:00 pm
In the Family Life Center

More details coming soon!



Birthday Party for Jesus
Sunday, December 23rd During Children's Church



Children up through 5th grade are invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

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CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES Sunday, December 9, 2018

Nursery Melissa Bond, Deborah Chatland, Regina Brunson, Rebecca Marshall	Morning Worship
Nursery Patsy Parker, Beverly Purcell	Evening Worship
Children's Church Shane & Deborah Sullivan	Morning Worship
Security Monitors Bruce Plummer, Dylan Chatland, Dean Patrick	Morning Worship
Security Monitors Joe Chapman	Evening Worship
Sunday School (Classes available for all)	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	5:00pm

Tuesday, December 11th

Silver Nuggets	10:00am
His Hands and Feet (at CBC)	4:00pm
In His Steps	7:00pm

Wednesday, December 12th

Christ Followers	10:00am
Bring your own Supper	5:30pm
Activities	6:30pm
Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Youth Choir	7:15pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:45pm

Thursday, December 13th

Men's Bible Study	9:30am
His Hands and Feet (at CBC)	5:00pm
Open Gym	6:30pm

Friday, December 14th

Family Life Center in use 11am-3pm

Saturday, December 15th

Youth Christmas Party	7:00pm
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