



Great job by everyone who was a part of “Stressing Christmas” Sunday night! Thank you again for all of your hard work.

We have a few more special services this month that I hope you are looking forward to. These are some great opportunities to invite people to attend with you.

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
Love Offering will be received

Coming up the weekend of January 19-20 we will be hosting RamCorps, a percussion/brass ensemble, from the University of Mobile. They will be partnering with us for some community outreach on Saturday, and then on Sunday they will be a part of our 11am worship service and lead the entire 5pm service. We are going to need host homes for 3 nights for these college students. A sign-up list will be available soon.

PraiSing Him,
Mark

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.*

From the Pastor

Dear IBC Family,

So what’s your favorite movie? Star Wars? Gone with the Wind? I’m sure our answers would vary greatly if we brought this up in a group setting. And it would be fun to talk about. Another question: how many times have you seen your favorite movie? Most people have seen their favorite movie more than once. I remember when I was young, my sister went to see the movie *Grease* 13 times. Yes, I said 13 times! At the theatre! Of course, movies weren’t nearly as expensive to go see as they are today. But still! 13 times?!

And with such repetition, I’m guessing you know your favorite movie pretty well, right? You know the characters, the plot, and probably some of the minor details that others have missed out on. Because interest and familiarity both help us remember.

So when it comes to the Christmas story this time of year, we know it pretty well. We hear it quite often and in many different ways. We’ve read it in the Bible, heard sermons and lessons on it (maybe even taught it a few times ourselves!), listened to songs and even whole cantatas about it, watched shows and movies, have pictures, been in the plays, and read books on this amazing story. So we have been inundated with the Christmas story ... and for a long time. We must know it quite well, right?

Or do we?

I want to invite you to our regular Bible study next Wednesday evening (19th) at 6:30 pm. If you’ll come, I will GUARANTEE you 2 things. First, I GUARANTEE that you will learn something – probably several things – about the Christmas story that you didn’t know before. And no, I’m not talking about something obscure in the Greek language. I mean something that has been right in front of you for years. And second, I GUARANTEE that you won’t look at the Christmas story quite the same again.

So next Wednesday. Come early and let’s eat together. And then at 6:30, let’s learn together.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Lane

THE RECORD SPEAKS December 9, 2018

Sunday school Enrollment	256
Attendance	130

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

2019 Budget Information

The 2019 Proposed Budget is available for review. A brief called church conference to vote will be held Sunday, December 16th immediately following 11:00 am worship.

Wednesday, December 12th we will have a time of discussion on the budget during our evening Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend if you have any questions regarding the budget that you would like to ask the Finance Committee or Church Leadership Team.

Thank You IBC & Friends!

Thank you so much for your generous basket donations. Our West Virginia Church Family was overwhelmed with appreciation.

We were able to take 42 gift baskets to be given to church members and to reach out to those in need in the community.

Candace and Team



We have some new books in our library and 1 DVD has been added. The new books are The House at Saltwater Point, by Colleen Cobble, and The Road Home by Beverly Lewis.

The new DVD is I Can Only Imagine.
Come and check out these exciting new additions to our library.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, December 12th
Family Life Center (Gym).

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

Youth Christmas Party
Saturday, December 15th @ 5:00 pm
In the Family Life Center

Invite someone!



Silver Nuggets
Statesboro Dinner and Christmas Lights



Monday, December 17th
We'll leave the Church at 2:30pm.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
During the month of December...

Pray for and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Goal: \$10,000.00

Received to Date: \$2,973.18

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE IS OPEN 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.

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.

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CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Nursery Amber Crump, Kaitlyn Strickland, Nicholas Crump, Tommy Martin	Morning Worship
Nursery Jenny Parker and Estela Anderson	Evening Worship
Children's Church Patsy & Christian Parker	Morning Worship
Security Monitors Dave Honeycutt, Chris Jeankcake, Jonathan Bethune	Morning Worship
Security Monitors Dave Honeycutt, Bruce Powell, Trey & Royce King	Evening Worship
Sunday School (Classes available for all)	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Sanctuary Choir- On this Very Night	5:00pm

Monday, December 17th

Silver Nuggets -Statesboro Dinner & Lights 2:30pm

Tuesday, December 18th

Silver Nuggets Lunch (in the FLC) 12:00pm

Wednesday, December 19th

Christ Followers Serve lunch at SBC	12:00pm
Bring your own Supper	5:30pm
Activities	6:30pm
Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Youth Choir	7:15pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:45pm

Thursday, December 20th

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

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Minister of Music
Interim Youth Minister
Organist
Pianist

Dr. Lane Sanders
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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!