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Don't forget to contribute to the Belvoir Ministry Fund throughout the year. We will use the money each December to buy books for the Belvoir children.

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A Note On Worship From Steve

Dear Immanuel Baptist Church:

You already know how valuable our community is for helping people strengthen their relationships with God and with each other through our Sunday Worship Service. On June 6, our Worship Leader, Ishmael Strickland performed his last service for IBC.

Beginning June 13, IBC began financially compensating musicians to lead our music during the Worship Service. The cost is \$150 per Sunday and IBC is asking the congregation to support this new program by purchasing one Sunday (or more) for the five Sunday performances during August.

We are pleased to announce members have already donated for the Sundays through the end of July.

We pray the remaining five Sundays will be covered by our church members in designated giving by choosing the Sunday program you wish to support and notifying the church office of your selection.

We are excited to spread our mission for IBC, but we cannot do it without your help! Your gift will allow our Worship to continue to be a vibrant part of IBC.

Would you consider contributing \$150 for one selected Sunday service to help IBC work toward our mission? Together, we can continue to praise God and reach out to our church community in a loving and spiritual manner.

Steve

Steve Tomlinson
Deacon Chair - Immanuel Baptist Church

Note: Anyone who is interested in helping, please contact Bettie in the church office to sign up for a Sunday.



*coffee with
the pastor*

Please call the church office at 252-758-1240 if interested

All are welcome!

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Rev. Asher Panton, Senior Pastor
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Mrs. Bettie Jungers, Administrative Assistant

A Note From Pastor Lee

Encouragement

Encouragement is something everyone needs and something everyone can do. We need encouragement because our lives are never easy, and as Christians we must motivate the spiritual growth of others.

Language is the most important element of encouragement. The language we use can either save or kill people. We should use this God-given language not to hurt others, but to empower and encourage others with good words. When we are quick to listen attentively and slow to speak, people can receive a lot of encouragement and new strength through us. Empathic listening is also important when it comes to encouragement. We have to sit face to face with other people, make good eye contact and respond to their words diligently. We must be careful not to show negative manners in our facial expressions, gestures, and posture. Always, the motive for this encouragement should be love. Otherwise it will fail. When we advise, exhort, and judge others without love, we are merely condemning and criticizing them. With loveless encouragement, we potentially inflict deeper wounds on the opposing individual, which may sever the relationship you have with them.

Christians should give and receive encouragement through the Word of God. In particular, the church is the body of Christ, and since we make up that body, we must encourage one another within the body. When we respect each other we are in turn respecting ourselves.

Consider whether your heart has been hardened or narrowed as we go through this pandemic. It is possibly that, due to the difficult time we find ourselves in through this pandemic, our hearts have been hardened with negative influences. In times like this, we should strive to become a community overflowing with God's grace and love by loving, helping, comforting, encouraging, holding, and embracing one another.

The world and its desires pass away,
but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:17

Meetings & Events

Sun, Aug 15th

- Deacon's Meeting, 5 PM

Sun, Aug 22nd

- Communion, 11 AM

Welcome House

On Saturday, July 17, a group from our church visited the Welcome House---Raleigh. Welcome House was established in 2015 and is temporary housing ministry for refugees and immigrants who do not have a place to live upon arrival in the United States. All of the refugees and immigrants have been vetted by the U.S. Office of Immigration.

The house was donated by Crabtree Valley Baptist church. The Welcome House is a partnership with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC). This ministry assists the new arrivals with locating a job as well as permanent housing. Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBFNC field personnel, work with local churches and individuals to welcome and love their international neighbors. Their main goal is to share the love of God in Christ Jesus through the ministries of hospitality and friendship. Our church has donated household furnishings and money. In addition, a group of our students worked one Saturday before the Pandemic hoping to move donated furniture to be used in setting up apartments for the new arrivals.

