

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Ken Raper
- 4 Brian Hilliker
- 4 Diane Myers
- 10 Dennis Winstead
- 12 Joan Wade
- 13 Billy Battles
- 15 Randy Millar
- 16 Chris Varner
- 19 Herb Corey
- 22 Vickie Burlington
- 25 Nick Lietz
- 29 Shirley Martin
- 29 Hassell Bailey



Congratulations

to Dylan & Krista Nixon on the birth of their son Micah James Nixon. Micah was born Saturday August 22 at 8:08 PM. He weighed 9 pounds and was 20.75 inches long. Everyone is doing well.

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Happy Anniversary!

- 21 Mark & Nancy Raysin
- 27 Asher & Raychel Panton



For several years, Immanuel has donated school supplies for the kindergarten children at Belvoir Elementary. Thanks to your donations, we were able to provide these. Thanks also to Laurie Lietz (and Brian) for heading up the shopping for this project. Please pray for our Belvoir staff, students, and their parents as we deal with all the changes for everyone this year.

All ladies
are
welcome!
Tuesdays
at 2pm
on
ZOOM

TUESDAY
TEA
TIME



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COVID-19 Update From The Pastor

Dear Church Family,

I realize that it has been a few months since we have used the newsletter to update you all on the current state of our reopening plan. This past week, our deacons met on Sunday, August 16th with the purpose of deciding whether it is currently safe for us to resume our worship services in person. In this meeting, it was unanimously voted that it would not be safe for our church to resume meeting in September as we had previously hoped. After speaking to many of you, this decision also reflects the general consensus of our church at large.

With that said, our leadership will revisit this discussion in our next meeting on **Sunday, September 20, 2020**. Our top priority is to do our best to love one another by doing all we can to keep our congregation safe, both young and old. I know we are eager to be together again, and I look forward to the day when we can confidently and safely gather in the sanctuary again.

As I have mentioned before, the mission of the Church around the world will allow continue as long as the Spirit of God lives within its people! With that said, we encourage you all to continue to worship and gather with us in our many online formats throughout the week. We will post those ways below. While we may not be able to meet face to face, we look forward to continuing to connect with you throughout the week.

Grace and Peace,

Asher

WOMEN'S
TUESDAY TEA TIME
on ZOOM
TUESDAYS 2PM

COLLEGE CAMPUS
BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP
ECU CAMPUS
THURSDAYS 7PM

AL JOYNER'S
BIBLE STUDY
SATURDAYS 1PM

JOIN US ALL WEEK LONG!
CHURCH FROM YOUR LIVING ROOM

SUNDAY WORSHIP | FACEBOOK,
YOUTUBE, AND WEBSITE | SUNDAYS 11AM

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION
FACEBOOK
CHILDREN'S PAGE
SUNDAYS 10AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
w/ PAT DUNN
on ZOOM
SUNDAYS 9:30AM

WEDNESDAY
PRAYER MEETING
ON ZOOM
WEDNESDAYS 7PM

COLLEGE & CAREER
SMALL GROUP
W/ LESTER
on DISCORD
WEDNESDAYS 7PM

A Note From Rev. Lee

Outdoor Worship

The non-face-to-face time is going longer than expected. We are keeping together as non-face-to-face and it is the best defense in the coronavirus situation. The coronavirus is already 6 months old, and we don't know when it will end. In this situation, Korea Mission Church started offering outdoor worship services at one of the picnic shelters in front of the church on July 5th. Of course, we also provided online worship services for those who could not attend outdoor worship services. In 4 months, we worshiped while looking at each other's faces, and we were so grateful and happy.

Mr. Lee, the children's minister and I went to the place of worship early to disinfect tables and chairs. All attendees of the outdoor worship wore masks and thoroughly observed hand sanitization and social distancing. However, there were some problems after the first outdoor service. First, the weather was too hot. Second, the lawn was mowed at the time of worship at the baseball field, which interfered with the worship service. And finally, because of the picnic shelter's environment, people had to turn their faces to the side throughout the worship service. But what I am grateful for is that a deacon who attended the outdoor worship gave all attendees a mini portable fan as a gift. Also, due to the consideration of Pastor Asher and Immanuel Baptist Church who knew the problems of our outdoor worship service, we began to offer outdoor service in the church parking lot from July 17th.

When we held the outdoor service in the church parking lot, a little more people attended. A large tree in the church parking lot provided shade and wind throughout our worship. And with attendees of outdoor worship bringing their own chairs, with sufficient social distancing, people can worship while looking straight at me. Of course, all attendees of the outdoor worship wore masks and hand sanitized.

During our two months of outdoor worship, we realized how blessed it was to have gathered together in church before. The most grateful thing about our outdoor worship service is that no one has been sick, and there was news of rain every Sunday, but it never rained. In addition to this, there are so many things that I am grateful for while offering outdoor worship services. To list them, this page will not be enough.



I am always grateful to Pastor Asher and Immanuel Church for praying every day for our Korean Mission Church.



Immanuel Baptist Missions In The Time Of Coronavirus

Through the grace of God and the generosity of Immanuel Baptist members, our church has traditionally contributed significant funds and volunteer time to many mission efforts in the name of Jesus. In the past few years, our church has contributed to various needs in the community, such as Belvoir Elementary School (backpack program for nutritionally-insecure children, school supplies, gifts, etc), Beyond Capernaum (meeting place and support for special needs adults and their families), LINKS outreach to foster children, the Christmas Angel Tree (providing Christmas gifts to children whose parents cannot afford them), Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, International Student Ministry, Community building Tuesday night suppers at Grandma Pat's, Free food Mondays for international students, and many, many more.

As you are all well aware, these are times in which we have had to rethink many things: the way we worship, the way we buy groceries, the way we visit with family and friends, just to name a few.

In previous years, our main source of funds for Immanuel Baptist Missions has been our Parking Lot ministry which provides parking for ECU football games. This effort has historically netted us upwards of \$10,000 per year! This year, however, even if the ECU football games take place, we will certainly not have the usual 50,000 spectators in the stands.

The IBC missions council has been brainstorming about ways to raise funds for the missions we support in this special year. In addition to creating successful fund raising ideas, we also must develop safe and non-contact ways to distribute any products or services to church members and the community.

How can you help? Cash donations to the Missions Council are always welcome. There is also a special Belvoir School fund account to which you can contribute directly to that mission effort. If you would like to contribute your time and energy to fund-raising, this is a good time to get involved!

God has blessed and will continue to bless our service to and caring for "the least of these."



CONGRATULATIONS KAILA LIETZ!

Kaila is the recipient of the 2020 Brotherhood Scholarship. Kaila is beginning her college career at Randolph College in Lynchburg, Virginia. Kaila is majoring in Sports and Exercise Science - Strength and Conditioning.