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Immanuel Light

“God with Us

Serving God, Loving People, Sharing the Gospel”

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Administrative Professionals Day is Wednesday, April 27th.

Immanuel Baptist Church is very fortunate to have two wonderful Christian women assisting our staff and membership.

Our heartfelt thanks are offered to Miss Danielle Hicks as she has managed our church office for more than 11 years. She cares for the church related needs (and many other things) of the entire Immanuel family. It is she who keeps the train on its tracks.

Most of Immanuel’s members have known Mrs. Betty Jo Jordan for many years and we are grateful for all her hard work, dedication and fun spirit as she oversees the financial responsibilities of Immanuel Church. If you have never met your office team please drop by and introduce yourself.

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Church Members Approve Finance Committee’s Recommendations

On Sunday April 24, 2022, Immanuel’s membership approved the following motion, presented by the Finance Committee and the Deacon Board:

“Because of the continued shortage of funding and having cut expenses to the bare minimum, the church is unable to financially support two pastors. Therefore, we recommend that the church vote to eliminate the position of Associate Pastor. This recommendation is based solely on the lack of finances and has no negative reflection on Rev. Peter Rivera or his service to the Lord and Immanuel Baptist Church. Should this recommendation be approved by the church, the elimination of the Associate Pastor position will be effective at the end of the morning service worship service on May 29, 2022.”



Florence Baptist Association County-Wide Prayer Event

Thursday, May 5th, Noon
First Baptist Church, Florence

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Mother’s Day Worship, Sunday, May 8th

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Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Memorial Day Worship

Sunday, May 29th

Memorial Day Holiday

(Church Office Closed)

Monday, May 30th



Mr. Charles Benny Holbrooks
December 21, 1932 - April 16, 2022

Mrs. Fannie Lee McLellan
September 13, 1923 - April 24, 2022

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“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts Malachi 3:10

God reminded me that it is time to bring our offerings to the table again. This year we will not do a yard sale, only our offerings. This is an effort to catch up on our current budget deficit. You are encouraged to bring your offering between May 1st and 15th.

On the fifteenth, we will have a short time of dedication of our offerings, as we want this to be a sacred, special part of our worship that Sunday. Please remember that these offerings are over and above our tithes and we ask that you give prayerfully as the Lord leads you.

Immanuelites always come through in times of need, and the need is great. Thank you in advance and may God richly bless you. Love and Prayers, Anita

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Our Parking Lot Ministry Stock is Running Low!

1. Toothbrush, Toothpaste & Brush Covers;
2. Men’s and Women’s Socks;
3. Women’s Small Hairbrushes; and
4. Travel Size Unisex Deodorant.



May – August 2022

- May 1: Lynne Jackson & Samantha Allen**
- May 8: Gene Hampton & Lisa Thompson**
- May 15: Brenda Wilkes & Breanna Ashley**
- May 22: Sue Lynch & Mikayla Lynch**
- May 29: Tammy Ashley & Debbie Woodward**

- June 5: Vicki Thornton & Michelle Wilkes
- June 12: Lynne Jackson & Samantha Allen
- June 19: Gene Hampton & Lisa Thompson
- June 26: Brenda Wilkes & Breanna Ashley

- July 3: Sue Lynch & Mikayla Lynch**
- July 10: Tammy Ashley & Debbie Woodward**
- July 17: Vicki Thornton & Michelle Wilkes**
- July 24: Lynne Jackson & Samantha Allen**
- July 31: Gene Hampton & Lisa Thompson**

- August 7: Brenda Wilkes & Breanna Ashley
- August 14: Sue Lynch & Mikayla Lynch
- August 21: Tammy Ashley & Debbie Woodward
- August 28: Vicki Thornton & Michelle Wilkes

Please call Mrs. Tammy Ashley or Mrs. Brenda Wilkes at 843.407.4081 if you have a scheduling conflict.



Happy Birthdays

- 1 Mrs. Diane Parrott, Miss Danielle Hicks
- 5 Mr. Ernie Lowry
- 8 Miss Michelle Wilkes
- 12 Mrs. Uldine Cox
- 13 Mrs. Joyce Dabney
- 14 Dr. Lauren Jones
- 20 Mrs. Agnes Hershberger
- 25 Mr. Michael Lynch

Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Cecilia & Bill Burbage upon the death of her nephew, Joseph "Jody" Lawrence Ford. Sympathy is also extended to Bob and Ilene Richards and family in the loss of her brother, Anslem.

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2022 Church Budget Information

Date	Weekly Budget*	Tithes Received
March 27 th	\$4,128.41	\$1,776.50
April 3 rd	\$4,128.41	\$5,401.50
April 10 th	\$4,128.41	\$4,831.50
April 17 th	\$4,128.41	\$1,151.10
April 24 th	\$4,128.41	\$2,126.00
Easter Offering	\$4,128.41	\$1,600.00
Year to Date	\$70,182.97	\$58,383.90

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FINAL TOTAL Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for

Immanuel Goal: \$1,000.00

Amount Received: \$732.66

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"Pure Water Pure Love" Final Collection Total

\$2,352.00

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Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,

I had planned to be back in church on Easter Sunday, but that was wishful thinking on my part. My return is imminent; however, I can feel it in my bones!

I've enjoyed the beautiful get-well cards and the ones that arrived for my ninetieth birthday. I know that you thought of me and prayed for my recovery.

God has been so merciful. I don't know why I was allowed to pull through, but there is a reason, I may never know what that reason is, but I hope I'll stumble across it and accomplish the goal set for me. Hopefully I'll be back to worship with you very soon.

Love, Ginny Rhodes

Recent Gifts

Annie Armstrong Offering:

- †Mrs. Jerry Hoffman m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright
- †Bob and Betty Jo Johnson m.o. Mrs. Avis Petrotta, Mr. Mike Wainright and Mrs. Elloweese Powell
- †Mr. Zachary Rivera h.o. Pastor Charlie and Marcia Pittman
- †Rev. Peter and Carey Rivera m.o. Mrs. Ruth Turner

Pure Water, Pure Love:

- †Mrs. Sue Lynch m.o. Mrs. Maxine Watford and Mr. Rue Lynch

Easter Offering:

- †Rich and Jan DeTemple m.o. Our Parents
- †Mrs. Viva Gamble h.o. Mrs. Anita White
- †Larue and Karen Hendrix h.o. Our Lord and Savior
- †Mrs. Betty Stoupenos m.o. Mrs. Avis Petrotta, Mr. Mike Wainright, Mrs. Elloweese Powell and h.o. Birthday of Mrs. Viva Gamble

Operation Christmas Child:

- †Mrs. Anita White m.o. Mr. Benny Holbrooks

Unified Budget:

- †Rich and Jan DeTemple m.o. Mr. Benny Holbrooks and h.o. Judy, Chip and Paige Holbrooks
- †Mrs. Viva Gamble h.o. Mrs. Marcia Pittman, and h.o. the Birthdays of Miss Danielle Hicks and Rev. Peter Rivera
- †David and Verna Hardwick m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright
- †Karen and Larue Hendrix m.o. Mrs. Avis Petrotta & h.o. Dr. George Petrotta, m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright & h.o. Mrs. Avis Wainright, and m.o. Mrs. Elloweese Powell & h.o. Mr. Randy Powell.
- †Alice and Willie Howell m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright
- †Mrs. DeSira O'Cain m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright
- †Danny and Judy Thompson m.o. Mrs. Avis Petrotta & h.o. Dr. George Petrotta, m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright & h.o. Mrs. Avis Wainright, and m.o. Mrs. Elloweese Powell & h.o. Mr. Randy Powell.
- †Vicki & Lawrence Thornton m.o. Mr. Mike Wainright
- †Boyce and Jane Woodberry in loving memory of Uncle Benny Holbrooks