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The Immanuel Church Family would like to convey their love and appreciation to Pastor Charlie and Marcia Pittman as they celebrate their 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary as our Pastor and First Lady on May 31<sup>st</sup>. They have been faithful in their leadership and friendship, and we are much blessed.

We have been truly fortunate to have them and their family (Mrs. Anita White, Andrew, Stephanie, Asher, and Abner Pittman and Matthew, Amanda, Gracelee and Elias Pittman) as part of the Immanuel Family.

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**Information on the “Spring Awakening” and Yard Sale can be found within this issue of the ImmanuelLight.**

# *ImmanuelLight*

“God with Us  
Serving God, Loving People, Sharing the Gospel”

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**Sunday, May 9, 2021**

*Happy  
Mothers  
Day*

## **The Virtuous**

She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:

**Proverbs 31:25-28**

# SPRING AWAKENING

As I have watched our Weekly Budget Reports, I have felt led to lead a project to raise funds for our church.

Immanuel is undoubtedly one of the "givingist" churches around. Our mission projects far exceed many larger churches, and we praise the Lord for that! Now, it is time to meet a budget need.

The IBC Finance Committee has approved to have a "Bring Your Offering to the Altar" Sunday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Charlie will bless this offering and we will see what God has done. Notice, I said offering, not tithing, our tithes will still be collected in the usual way. Remember, offerings are over and above the tithe.

Has God Blessed you with a special talent? Can you sew, bake, make beautiful woodwork items, etc.? If so, make, sell, and donate the funds on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Do you have items around your house that you no longer need or use? Have a yard sale or donate to a church yard sale in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We could include many items, a bake sale, a food sale, a silent auction, etc. We can develop this as we pray and seek God's will for our donations. Be sure to include your neighbors and friends and use this to introduce them to Immanuel.

If we work together and follow God's guidance, we CAN DO anything to increase our budget. We can also use this time to fellowship and work together for the glory of God with old and new friends.

Please pray about what God wants you to do, and thank you for all your help.

Yours in Christ, Anita White



**"Buck a Month" Sunday is Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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**National Day of Prayer Events**

Thursday, May 6, 2021

**Lunchtime Prayer Event** (12 noon)

Florence County Complex 180 N. Irby Street

**Evening Prayer Gathering** (7 pm)

NewSpring Church, 1100 N. Cashua

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**"Spring Awakening" Church Yard Sale**

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>



Please contact Mrs. Anita White or Mrs. Marcia Pittman to volunteer or to donate items.

We will not have a Parking Lot Ministry Day in May

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**The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**