

**Upcoming Events**

- Apr 16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9am
- Apr 17 Choir rehearsal after pm service
- Apr 23 Resurrection Day Party 10am
- Apr 23 Choir Dress Rehearsal
- Apr 24 Easter Program 6pm
- Apr 25—May 2 Mexico Mission Trip
- Apr 27 Wednesday Night Meal @ 5:45pm
- May 1 VBS Here & Now 5pm
- May 1 5 Minute Sermon Night
- May 6 Mother's Night Out 5:30-9pm
- May 11 Wednesday Night Meal
- May 15 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 15 E-SUNDAY
- May 16 Young at Heart—Cracker Barrel 11am

**Greeters & Ushers**

*Sunday, April 17th*

- AM: Greeters:  
 Ushers: Adult Men II  
 Parking Lot:
- PM: Greeters:  
 Ushers:  
 Parking Lot:

*Sunday, April 24th*

- AM: Greeters:  
 Ushers: Adult Men II  
 Parking Lot:
- PM: Greeters:  
 Ushers:  
 Parking Lot:

**Nursery Schedule**

- Sunday, April 17th*  
 SS: Brandon & Michelle Penninger  
 AM Babies: Katy Gunter & Jennifer Washburn  
 AM Toddlers: Brock & Olivia Sund  
 PM: Sharon Kratzer & Becky Smith
- Wednesday, April 20th*  
 Sarah Jones & Marion Grove
- Sunday, April 24th*  
 SS: Greg & Heather Hurtt  
 AM Babies: Tammie Daniel & Lorena Watson  
 Toddlers: Grace & Carl Jackson  
 PM: EASTER PROGRAM
- Wednesday, April 27th*  
 Theresa Lester & Jennifer Groves

**Church Staff**

- Pastor*  
 Dr. Stan May (901) 848-4118
- Associate Pastor*  
 Nathan Washburn (901) 831-6290
- Education Minister*  
 Paul Betts (901) 246-5278
- Children's Minister*  
 Tammie Daniel (901) 237-3204
- Secretary*  
 Cathy Walgenbach (901) 359-2948

**The third Sunday of each month, IBC is represented in an afternoon music and devotion time at 2:30pm at the OB Assisted Living Facility on Goodman Road. Everyone is invited to attend, perform special music or bring the devotion. If interested in serving, please call Joan Conley at 893-6629.**

**Wednesday Night Meal  
 April 27th @ 5:45pm**

**Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese,  
 Green Beans, Dessert & Drink**

**Please sign up in the foyer.**



**Young at Heart  
 May 16th**



**Blood Pressure Checks  
 Every 2nd Sunday**

# The Encourager

A Newsletter of Immanuel Baptist Church

April 13, 2011



*Worship Times*

**Sunday**

- Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.
- Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m.
- Visitation  
3:45 p.m.
- Discipleship  
University  
5:00 p.m.
- Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

- Adult Prayer Service
- Youth  
Children  
6:30 p.m.

Dear Church Family,

What a joy to serve as your pastor! I thank God for the powerful realization of His holy presence as we meet. His joy is evident in your singing, His love in your greeting, His purpose in your giving, and His passion in your heeding the Word of God preached. I have never in my life looked forward to preaching every Sunday as I do now. Thank you for being a people of God who love Him, His Word, and His church!

Easter is just around the corner; what a joy to announce to the world, "He is risen from the dead"! His resurrection changes everything; if Jesus is risen, then all of His claims are true, and all people one day will be judged by Him—both as Judge and as the Standard of judgment. If Jesus is risen, then He—and He alone—gives meaning and purpose to this life. If Jesus is risen, then every person on the planet needs to hear the best news human lips ever uttered or human ears ever heard—He is risen!

We'll be celebrating **Easter** both with a joy service in the morning and with a special **Choir Program** in the evening. You'll not want to miss either service on this great Sunday.

On April 25, our **Mexico Mission** Team will fly to Leon to work with our own Janna Smith. Please be in prayer for Nathan Washburn (team leader), Paul and Michelle Betts, Greg and Heather Hurtt, and Louie and Tonya Porter. We're asking God to give them a powerful week for the glory of our God.

On May 1, we'll have **5-minute** sermons in the evening service. Please let me know if you want to preach that Sunday night—and get your message ready!

All that we do is to fulfill our purpose; **to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord by glorifying Him in worship, growing His children in grace, and going with the gospel to Olive Branch and the ends of the earth in the power of the Holy Spirit.** Are you fulfilling God's purpose?

Because He's Risen,  
 Bro. Stan

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Please pray for our "2011" Mexico Mission Team

April 25 - May 2

Nathan Washburn, Greg & Heather Hurtt,  
 Paul & Michelle Betts, Louie & Tonya Porter,  
 & Janna Smith, team leader

**YOUTH**

May 29  
Camp Fundraiser

June 20-24  
Summer Camp  
\$50 deposit by May 1

**Children**

**Dates to Remember:**  
 April 23:  
**RESURRECTION DAY PARTY (10:00-11:30 am)**  
 May 1:  
**VBS HERE & NOW MTG**  
 May 6:  
**MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT 5:30-9:00 p.m.**  
 June 13-17:  
**VBS**  
 June 27-30:  
**KIDS' CAMP**

**SS Memory Verses**

**April 10~ WEEK 1**  
 LUKE 22:19-20  
 "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."  
**April 17 ~ WEEK 2**  
 LUKE 23:42-43  
 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

**Spring Cleaning**

Each spring the ground finally thaws and the grass begins to grow, the trees turn from brown and empty to light green and full, and the days begin to get longer and warmer. People begin stirring about, and as they stir, many of them do some spring cleaning in their homes. They clean their houses and get rid of things they don't need anymore or just don't want in order to make their home feel a little lighter and newer. (And some just do it for a tax write-off!) Many also do some spring cleaning outside. In their garage or shed they get the mower and trimmer out to prepare for the endless yard work and organize their work space for the grueling summer ahead. In the yard they prune some plants for new growth and take others up completely to replace them with new, vibrant ones. All of this is done in order for their homes to be more beautiful and enjoyable. Spring can also be a time in which we think about our spiritual lives being renewed. For those of us who follow Christ, we know that he has made us new once for all. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Cor. 5:17) However, many of us feel like we're not new anymore. Old sins may have crept back into our lives and we feel dejected and depressed because we couldn't shake them. New sins may have come into our lives and we can't figure out how to fight them. Maybe we've become complacent and dust has settled on our walk with Christ and we need to brush it off and get moving again. Maybe we need to be brought low off of our pedestal of self-righteousness to be reminded that it is nothing of ourselves that secures our salvation, only God's grace. Many of us may just need an answered prayer to remember God still hears us. It is at this point that we need to remember that although he *has made* us new, it is also true that he *is making* us new. God's salvation is something that is already done, but it is something that is also being done continually. He who sits on the throne says, "Behold, I am making all things new." (Rev. 21:5) His grace in our lives is continually unfolding in new ways, and he's not finished yet. When you are tempted to despair, remember that God is always working on you, weeding out the flower beds of your heart and cleaning out the closets of your mind. It gives great comfort to know that we can rest on the promise that we've already been made new (2 Cor. 5:17) and he is making us new (Rev. 21:5).

Nathan Washburn

TAMMIE DANIEL

**RESURRECTION DAY PARTY**

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, 04/23  
 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

**WHERE:** IBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

**WHO:** KIDS BIRTH - 6TH GRADE

**WHAT:** BIBLE STORY, EGG HUNT, REFRESHMENTS, GOODIE BAGS...AND MORE



**VBS HERE & NOW MEETING**



**WHEN:** Sunday, 05/01  
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**WHO:** ALL VBS Volunteers

**WHERE:** IBC Fellowship Hall

**WHAT:** Time of Vision, Instruction, & Planning

**BRING QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS**

**Assertive Discipline, Part 1**

Paul Betts

The word "discipline" evokes many emotions in the minds of all of us. For school teachers, it is a major issue in their classrooms. Most teachers struggle to maintain consistent discipline in their classrooms. For me, as a former teacher, discipline was always a focus for my planning before and during the school year. However, Lee Canter changed all of that for me. My principal required the whole school staff to take his "Assertive Discipline" class via video. One of the most crucial lessons I learned from that class is how to get my students to follow directions without repeating them a hundred times in frustration and anger. Mr. Canter made the point that as parents and teachers, we teach our kids to ignore our directions. How many of us can remember our parents telling us to clean our rooms while we were engrossed in watching TV or playing Atari video games. For me, the scene would go something like this: I'm in the living room watching the *A-Team*. Mom walks in and says, "Paul, go clean your room before company comes." I respond, "Okay, Mom, in a minute." A few minutes later, she walks in again and repeats her original directions. I respond as I did before. This happens a third time with a little more aggravation in Mom's voice and a little more whining in mine. With the fourth entrance, a belt accompanies her as she explains to me what she will do with it if I don't go RIGHT NOW to clean my room, to which I respond by jumping from the couch (in *A-Team* fashion) to go clean my room. What was my mom's mistake; how could she have ensured that I obeyed her the first time, and what does this illustration have to do with teaching? I'll have to tell you that in the next newsletter.

R.E.A.P.

April 17  
A-Team

All teams meet at 3:45

**Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 April 16th @ 9am**

We will meet at Hazel's Restaurant for food and fellowship, and then go to the church for a time of prayer.



**5 Minute Sermons  
 May 1st  
 Evening Service  
 If you would like to preach, please see Bro. Stan.**

**The choir and drama departments will present**



**He Lives!  
 April 24th  
 6:00 pm**

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our LORD Jesus Christ.



**Graduate Recognition Sunday  
 May 15th**

If you are graduating from high school, college, etc., this year, please submit your name to the church office.

Two Weeks in Review

	4/3	4/10		4/3	4/10
Offerings:				\$ 10,846.45	\$ 9,172.00
Sunday School:	146	145	Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,175.00	\$ 8,175.00
Morning Worship:	189	175	Offering to Date:	\$ 124,087.81	(thru 4/10)
Evening Worship:	83	96	Needs to Date:	\$ 122,625.00	(thru 4/10)