

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec 4 Joy SS Class Christmas Party 6 pm
- Dec 4 Youth SNAC—Christmas Party 6-8pm
- Dec 5 E-SUNDAY
- Dec 8 Christmas Dinner 5:45 pm
- Dec 11 Choir Dress Rehearsal 11:30-2:30 pm
- Dec 11 Missions Banquet 6pm
- Dec 12 Global Missions Offering
- Dec 12 IBC Christmas Program 6pm
- Dec 13 Young at Heart @ The May's 11am
- Dec 15 Christmas Box deadline
- Dec 15 Business Meeting
- Dec 17 Women's Cookie Exchange 7-9pm
- Dec 18 Jesus' Birthday Party 10-12pm
- Dec 18 Couples I SS Class Party 5pm @ IBC

**Greeters & Ushers**

*Sunday, December 5th*

AM: Greeters: Bill VanDyke Harold Allen  
Ushers: Adult Men II  
Parking Lot: Matt Rushing

PM: Greeters: E-Sunday  
Ushers:  
Parking Lot:

*Sunday, December 12th*

AM: Greeters: Harold Allen Jason Koch  
Ushers: Adult Men II  
Parking Lot: David Haraway

PM: Greeters: Greg Garrison Bob Brown  
Ushers: Christmas Program  
Parking Lot: Carl Harrell

**Nursery Schedule**

*Sunday, December 5th*

SS: Mary Hurtt & Sandra Harvey  
AM Babies: Glenn & Jeanne Miller  
AM Toddlers: Raymond & Ashley Nelson  
PM: E-Sunday

*Wednesday, December 8th*

IBC Christmas Dinner

*Sunday, December 12th*

SS: Kay Morton & Melanie Harris  
AM Babies: Carl & Grace Jackson  
Toddlers: Joel & Heather Strahan  
PM: Michelle Betts & Grace Lantz

*Wednesday, December 15th*

Wanda Farrar & Trista Pannell

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Young at Heart  
Dec. 13th  
@ The May's  
Please sign up in the foyer.  
We will leave the church at  
11:00 am, and meet there  
at 11:30 am.

**CHRISTMAS BOXES**

Please begin bringing non-perishable food items for this year's Christmas boxes. The deadline to turn in food will be December 15th. You may place your food items on the metal table in the kitchen. Thank you!

**E-SUNDAY  
Dec. 5th**

Ladies'  
Cookie Exchange  
Dec. 17th  
7—9 pm



@ Vicki Pyles home  
4440 Nail Rd.  
Bring your favorite cookies  
and the recipe!



The church is selling our old ice machine.  
Anyone interested, please see  
Nathan Washburn.

# The Encourager

A Newsletter of Immanuel Baptist Church

December 1, 2010



*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,

I marvel at the grace of our God who allows me to serve as your pastor. How I thank Him for this goodness! I praise Him for Ed Bender's confession of Christ, and for His sending to us Gaye Sawner and Margaret Sawner and Steve and Cindy Nichols by letter. Immanuel is a richer body for these additions. My hope is that every member be plugged in fully to fulfill God's purpose.

God's purpose for Immanuel is clear: we exist 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. One way we accomplish His purpose is through our **Global Missions Offering**, which we will receive on December 12. Our goal is **\$55,000**, of which 90% will go overseas to proclaim Christ to the nations through our *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*, and 10%, which will go to proclaim Christ in the US through our *Annie Armstrong Home Missions Offering*.

We are asking you and your family to pray and ask God how much He would have you give to fulfill His purpose to make His Son known to the ends of the earth and in the US. Please pray and seek the Lord as a family and trust God to guide you. As I said Sunday, giving reflects God's heart, fulfills His purpose, and shows His priority, as John 3:16 demonstrates, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Give gladly to see God's Son proclaimed, God's kingdom extended, and God's love made known.

For every tribe, every tongue, and every nation,  
Bro. Stan

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**Global Missions**

**Dates to remember...**

**December 11th - Annual Missions Banquet 6pm**  
**December 12th - We will receive our 2010 Global Missions Offering**

**Immanuel's Goal: \$55,000.00**

**YOUTH**

**Dates to Remember**

- Dec. 4—Christmas Party @ 6:00 p.m. @ Phyllis Rutledge's house**
- Meet at church at 5:45 p.m.
- Bring \$3 gift (wrapped)
- Dec. 11—Missions Banquet**
- Girls SS-China
- Boys SS-Spain
- Jan. 21-23—Winter Retreat**
- Sign up by Jan. 1
- Pay \$10 deposit with sign up
- \$60/person
- \$50/person-families

**Children**

**Dates to Remember:**

- December 5
- E-SUNDAY
- December 11
- MISSIONS BANQUET
- December 12
- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- December 18
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY
- JESUS PARTY
- December 22:
- CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**SS Memory Verses**

**November 28 ~ WEEK 1**

I CORINTHIANS 15:3  
For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

**December 5 ~ WEEK 2**

MATTHEW 26:2  
"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified"

**Kazakhstan Bound**

In just a few days from now, we will be flying out of Memphis International Airport to go to Karaganda, Kazakhstan to adopt a child for whom we have been praying and waiting and growing to love dearly throughout the process. We have the baby's room prepared (thanks to A LOT of help from you all) and can't wait to bring him to his new home and new family. As we've seen adoption from a new perspective, it has opened our eyes to the wider application of the love bound up in the gospel.

**1. We love this child even though he doesn't even know we're coming for him.** This baby has no clue or understanding that we're coming to adopt him and want to pour out love on him. To a much greater degree, we really have no idea how much our Father loved us in order to reach across the gulf sin fixed between us. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) He loves us so much.

**2. We have done all of the work in this adoption.** When we get to Kazakhstan, lay eyes on this baby, bond with him, and go to court for them to declare him ours, I doubt that he will ever say that we adopted him because of anything he did. We filled out the paperwork, we prayed for him, we absorbed the cost, we sought him. That's salvation. It is all a work of God's grace in our lives, and there is nothing that we have contributed to our salvation that we can point to and say, "Look, I helped." "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**3. The life we have for him is better than the life he knows now.** Babies in an orphanage, no matter how good the orphanage is, still lack individual care and attachment that makes them feel secure in their environment. We have a place prepared for him, we have love to give him, and he has a great and satisfying life ahead of him. When God saves us, He saves us to a life that is so much better than the life we have known. Why do we ever look back a long for things the way they were? Life is better in Christ.

We leave from Memphis on Tuesday around 2:30 p.m. and will be home in late January or early February. Please pray for us while we're gone, and know that we love and miss you and will be home soon.

Nathan & Jennifer Washburn

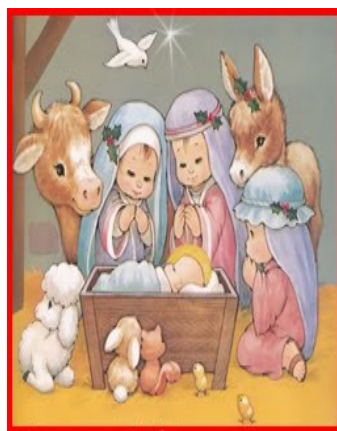
**MISSIONS BANQUET**

TAMMIE DANIEL



- WHAT:** MISSIONS BANQUET
- COUNTRY:** RUSSIA
- WHO:** ALL 1ST - 6TH GRADERS
- WHEN:** SAT., 12/11 6:00-8:00 pm
- WHERE:** IBC FELLOWSHIP HALL
- GUEST:** MISS JANNA, IMB MISSIONARY TO MEXICO
- \*\* PIZZA FOR DINNER...AND A SPECIAL TREAT \*\***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS**



Happy Birthday Jesus

- WHAT:** Birthday Party for Jesus
- Cake, Craft, Games, & More**
- WHEN:** Saturday, 12/18
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
- WHO:** Birth - 6th Grade

**\*\* PARENTS WELCOME \*\***

**Teaching to Change Lives**

Paul Betts

In his book *Teaching to Change Lives*, Howard Hendricks discusses seven "laws" of an effective teacher. If you teach in any capacity, I would encourage you to get this book, read it, and apply the principles to your life. I have the video series that features Dr. Hendricks teaching these laws; if you would like to check it out, let me know, and I will make arrangements for you to view it.

The Law of the Teacher is the first concept that Dr. Hendricks examines in the first chapter. I just want to give you a few of the highlights that I noted in my reading. The first lesson that we as teachers need to understand is that "if you stop growing today, you stop teaching tomorrow." He says that we are students among students. None of us have "arrived" yet, and we should always look for ways to improve our teaching. We must keep growing and changing. Effective teaching only comes through a changed person.

Dr. Hendricks gives three suggestions for growing intellectually. **1) Maintain a consistent study and reading program.** He says that if you have an hour to read each day, then read for 30 minutes and take the remaining 30 minutes to reflect on what you read. Reading is of little value if you don't couple it with reflection. He also says to become a reader of people. Find out what people know. Ask questions. Pick their brain. Learn from others. **2) Enroll in continuing education courses that will improve not only what you know, but your skills as well.** These courses can be taken online, at a local community college or university, or within our church association. The most important course, however, is your own personal Bible study time. "When the Word of God is at the heart of a teaching ministry, no one alive can fully imagine the impact it can have." **3) Get to know your students.** First, know the general characteristics of the age group you teach or spend time with. Second, know your students personally and individually. Find out as much as you can about them. Pray for them. Spend time with them. Live life with them.

I hope these insights are helpful. These principles can be applied to all teaching. Whether you teach the Bible in a class, or teach in public schools, or teach in your home, these principles are effective.

**IBC CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Dec. 8th @ 5:45 pm**

The church will provide the ham, rolls and drinks. Please bring 2 side dishes and a dessert.



**Immanuel's Christmas Program**  
**Dec. 12th @ 6 pm**

Please come and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**Two Weeks in Review**

	11/21	11/28	Offerings:	11/21	11/28
Sunday School:	120	137	Weekly Needs:	\$ 5,197.00	\$ 6,159.20
Morning Worship:	152	170	Offering to Date:	\$ 8,181.00	\$ 8,181.00
Evening Worship:	83	85	Needs to Date:	\$ 366,841.28	(thru 11/28)
				\$ 392,688.00	(thru 11/28)

**R.E.A.P.**

**Dec. 5 R-Team**

We are asking that at least one team from the R-Team visit our Sunday visitors for E-Sunday

**Dec. 12 E-Team**

