

Upcoming Events
 Jan 16 Ministry Evaluation Service 4-8 pm
 Jan 17 Heart 2 Heart
 Jan 21-23 Youth Winter Retreat
 Jan 30 E-Sunday
 Feb 6 Souper Bowl Sunday 6pm
 Feb 18-19 Marriage Retreat
 Feb 18-19 Children's Retreat
 Feb 20 Widow/Widower's Banquet

Nursery Schedule
Sunday, December 9th
 SS: Mark & Cathy Walgenbach
 AM Babies: Diane Trent & Mary West
 AM Toddlers: Melody Kelly & Jane Haraway
 PM: Michelle Betts & Grace Lantz
Wednesday, January 12th
 Theresa Lester & Lynn Lindsey
Sunday, January 16th
 SS: Brandon & Michelle Penninger
 AM Babies: Greg & Heather Hurtt
 Toddlers: Joel & Heather Strahan
 PM: Jennifer Groves & Becky Smith
Wednesday, January 19th
 Dawn Gore & Sarah Jones


Greeters & Ushers
Sunday, January 9th
 AM: Greeters: Harold Allen Jason Koch
 Ushers: Adult Men II
 Parking Lot: David Haraway
 PM: Greeters: Greg Garrison Bob Brown
 Ushers: John Groves Jason Koch
 Parking Lot: Carl Harrell
Sunday, January 16th
 AM: Greeters: Steve Trent Bill Van Dyke
 Ushers: Adult Men II
 Parking Lot: Keith Holt
 PM: Greeters: Mark Walgenbach Steve Pyles
 Ushers: Michael Hale Greg Hurtt
 Parking Lot: John 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

Dear Friends,

It is with a full heart that I write to you. Thank you for the warm reception, and great hugs. You guys are awesome! I especially enjoyed being part of mission's weekend. Hearing you speak about nations and needs around the world and then watching you step out and give sacrificially and joyfully so that those people might know our great Savior. Beautiful!

With Love,
 Janna Smith 

 The church is selling our old ice machine. Anyone interested, please see Paul Betts.

**E-Sunday
 January 30th**

January 5, 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.

Pastor.....1
 Youth2
 Children2
 Education 3
 Weekly Review .3
 Upcoming Calendar 4

Dear Church Family,

Greetings for 2011! A new year is already upon us, and my desire—as I preached Sunday—is that we determine to run the race well in 2011! We have a wonderful race set before us. Please make your plans to join in the race and run for the glory of God!

As we reflect on God's goodness in 2010, we see His good hand of mercy on our church. Through E-Sunday and visitation, the Lord allowed us to touch approximately 1350 homes. We baptized 7 people, we gave \$45,495.60 through all of our missions avenues, and we spent \$53,430.54 in renovations to our auditorium. Our total offerings were \$401,755.39; our total needs were \$425,412.00. We also said good-bye to Mr. Roy Voyles and Mrs. Louise Nalley, wonderful saints of God who are missed.

We're hitting the ground running in this new year, including the following events: Ministry Evaluation Sunday on the 16th, E-Sunday on the 30th, and then Souper Bowl Party on February 6th at 6:00 pm. Our annual Marriage Retreat will be held on February 18-19; along with the Marriage Retreat, Tammie and Company will be hosting the Kids' Retreat Weekend. You will want to be a part of all of these events.

In addition to these events, I'm teaching a series on Dating (1/2), Marriage (1/9), and Home Finances (1/23) on Sunday nights during the month of January. I hope you'll plan on being a part of all that we do. Your participation tells the world about God's love and His wisdom, because church is like a family. Dr. Thabiti Anyabwile wrote, "The local church is God's plan for demonstrating His wisdom and love in a fallen world. Consequently, every Christian should be an active member of a local church" (Anyabwile, The Gospel for Muslims, 147).

We're not just a social club; we're the visible expression of the Lord Jesus on earth—and you're part of that expression. Remember, Immanuel exists 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. Let me challenge you to make 2011 the year you renew your heart to show the world God's love through the church.

For the glory of Jesus,
 Bro. Stan



YOUTH

Dates to Remember
 Jan. 21-23—Winter Retreat
 -\$60/person
 -\$50/person-families

Winter Retreat will increase to \$75.00 per person after Sun. Jan. 9th

The First Christmas and the Failure of Things

Nathan Washburn

This Christmas was a bit different than other Christmases I've experienced. We read the birth narrative from Luke 2, but that was about all we did to celebrate. I didn't give any presents to anyone, nor did I receive any presents. We didn't have a Christmas tree in our apartment, and we didn't attend any special Christmas service at a church. Christmas Day came and went and was treated just like any other day.

For some this seems inexcusable. We *have* to celebrate Christmas in a big way, right?—after all, Jesus is the Reason for the Season, and if we don't pull out all the stops, we're seen as less devoted to the cause of Christ. This is not the case. Think about it—that very day Jesus was born there were no celebrations, no songs, no presents, no lights. There was only an exhausted, pensive mother and a shocked father still trying to make sense of things. That's so often how God works—in the dark, quiet stables of the night, not in the bright, glitzy celebrations of the masses.

As you reel from the gifts that were given and received and begin to get back to normal life again, realize that the things that you received do not satisfy and that your thirst can only be quenched by the fountain of Living Waters. Satisfaction in Christ is not measured by lights on rooftops or by the dollar-amount of a gift given. Satisfaction in Him is a personal choice to push aside anything that detracts from the simplicity of knowing Him and to pursue Him with everything you have. This new year, get back to a simple, distraction-free walk with the Love of your life.

Children

Dates to Remember:
 January 16:
 CHURCH-WIDE MTG
 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 January 17:
 HEART 2 HEART
 LUNCHEON (9:00 - 1:30)
 January 30:
 E-SUNDAY
 February 6:
 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
 February 18 - 19:
 KIDS' RETREAT
 WEEKEND

SS Memory Verses

January 2 ~ WEEK 1
 GENESIS 1:1
 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
January 9 ~ WEEK 2
 GENESIS 1:27
 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

HEART 2 HEART

TAMMIE DANIEL

WHEN: Monday, 01/17 (Martin Luther King Day)
 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
WHAT: Service Project
 Serving at Young At Heart Luncheon
WHO: ALL 1st - 6th Graders
WHERE: IBC Fellowship Hall
 * Free Lunch Provided: Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert *
 ** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED **



KIDS' RETREAT WEEKEND



WHEN: February 18 - 19
WHAT: Retreat during Marriage Retreat
COST: FREE if parents attend MR
 \$30/child if parents do not attend MR

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
 DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!!!**

Mark Your Calendars

Paul Betts

Here are some upcoming activities to mark on your calendar:

- **Discovering Immanuel**, our class for new members, kicks off this Sunday, January 9, at 9:30 during Sunday School
- **Evangelism Sunday:** January 30; come help us invite others to our annual Souper Bowl party at the church on February 6; most importantly, invite others to take part in the marriage supper of the Lamb by sharing the gospel and seeing people put their trust in Christ
- **Discipleship University** will begin again on February 13 at 5 pm
- **REAP** is our weekly outreach event and occurs every Sunday at 3:45 or 4:45; if you are not on a team, see me or one of the other staff members, and we will assign you to a team; you can make visits, write letters, or keep nursery

I hope your new year has started well. I trust your desire is to walk more intimately with the Lord this year than ever before. May we all "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

R.E.A.P.
 Jan. 9
 E-Team

Jan. 16
 A-Team

Meet at 4:45

Immanuel's Annual Marriage Retreat
 February 18-19th
 \$120.00

Souper Bowl Sunday
 February 6th
 6:00 pm

Bring your favorite soup, and come cheer on your team!

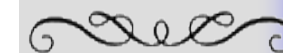
Widow & Widower's Banquet
 February 20th

In the fellowship hall, immediately following morning worship services.

Nursery Workers NEEDED!!!

If you would be willing to serve JESUS, by serving in the nursery, please see Heather Hurtt or Tammie Daniel.

		Two Weeks in Review			
		12/19	12/26	12/19	12/26
Offerings:				\$ 7,335.40	\$ 11,756.54
Sunday School:	126 108	Weekly Needs:		\$ 8,181.00	\$ 8,181.00
Morning Worship:	164 154	Offering to Date:		\$ 401,775.39	(thru 12/31)
Evening Worship	97 —	Needs to Date:		\$ 425,412.00	(thru 12/31)



If you have not received either newsletter from Nathan & Jennifer Washburn, and you would like to, please send an email to cwalgenbach@discoverjoy.com

