

**Upcoming Events**

- May 8 No Evening Services
- May 11 Wednesday Night Meal @ 5:45 pm
- May 15 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 15 E-SUNDAY
- May 16 Young at Heart—Cracker Barrel 11am
- May 21 Men's Building Project
- May 22 Veteran's Luncheon
- May 22 New DU term begins
- May 30 Church office closed
- Jun 4 Women's Prayer Breakfast
- Jun 8 Business Meeting
- Jun 13-17 Vacation Bible School
- Jun 20-24 Youth Summer Camp
- Jun 27-30 Kid's Camp

**Greeters & Ushers**

**Sunday, May 8th**  
 AM: Greeters: Jason Koch Bill VanDyke  
 Ushers: Adult Men II  
 Parking Lot: Keith Holt  
 PM: Greeters: No Evening Services  
 Ushers:  
 Parking Lot:  
**Sunday, May 15th**  
 AM: Greeters:  
 Ushers: Adult Men II  
 Parking Lot:  
 PM: Greeters: No Evening Services  
 Ushers:  
 Parking Lot:

**Nursery Schedule**

**Sunday, May 8th**  
 SS: Greg & Heather Hurtt  
 AM Babies: Tammie Daniel & Bonna Lockley  
 AM Toddlers: Katy Gunter & Diane Trent  
 PM: No Evening Services  
**Wednesday, May 11th**  
 Dennis & Barbara Lee  
**Sunday, May 15th**  
 SS: Mary Hurtt & Phyllis Rutledge  
 AM Babies: Jane Haraway & Melissa Koch  
 Toddlers: Brock & Olivia Sund  
 PM: E-Sunday  
**Wednesday, May 18th**  
 Dennis & Gayle Wofford

**Church Staff**

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<i>Children's Minister</i>	
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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.**

**Veteran's Luncheon**  
**May 22nd**  
 Immediately Following Morning Worship.  
 Please sign up in the foyer.



**Our Global Mission Offering**  
**was mailed May 2, 2011**

**Goal: \$55,000.00**

**Amount Sent: \$60,000.00**

**(\$54,000.00 to Lottie Moon)**  
**(\$6,000.00 to Annie Armstrong)**

# The Encourager

A Newsletter of Immanuel Baptist Church

May 4, 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,

The last weeks have been bittersweet. We had a wonderful time in the Word and prayer on Resurrection Sunday; a great attendance, a great day in the Lord, and a great musical ministry by our choir in the evening. Last Sunday as well we had a good day in Christ; God spoke to me and blessed me through His Word and especially through His people. Our joy was tempered, however, by the reality of Tammie's cancer; listening to you pray for her and commit to pray and fast for her in the coming days encouraged me in ways you can never know. You are an amazing congregation that reflects the glory of Christ. Please be praying for Tammie in the coming days; we are a body, and when one member hurts, we all hurt.

This Sunday is **Mother's Day**; we'll be honoring mothers with a special gift for each mother who attends (and it won't be cheesy either :)! I hope you'll be here to honor your mother and to honor our Lord Jesus as well. We will not have evening services so that we can spend the day with our moms. If your mother is in heaven (as mine is), remember to thank God for her memory and her influence in molding your heart. **Mothers mold hearts!**

On Sunday, May 15, we'll have two special emphases: we will **honor our graduates** in the morning service. If you know someone who is graduating, please call the church office so that we can mention all graduates in the bulletin. We'll also have a gift for every graduate who attends the service.

Our second emphasis on the 15th is **E-Sunday**. We'll go out into our community to tell our friends and neighbors of the love of Jesus. Please plan on being a part of this special day. E-Sunday allows us to fulfill God's purpose for our church—we exist to exalt 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. Join us as we do God's will together.

For the honor of the King,  
 Bro. Stan

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**YOUTH**

May 29  
Camp Fundraiser  
  
June 20-24  
Summer Camp

Children

**Dates to Remember:**

June 1  
VBS TIE DYE @ 4:30  
June 4 & 5  
VBS POSTCARD  
DISTRIBUTION  
Sat. 12—2pm  
Sun. 2-4pm  
June 10  
VBS DECORATION DAY  
10:00—3:00pm  
June 13-17:  
VBS 9:00—12:30  
June 19  
VBS FAMILY DAY  
June 27-30:  
KIDS' CAMP

**A Conduit of Blessing for the Nations**

Nathan Washburn

God's heart is for the nations to know His son. That's why he has blessed us—his adopted children.

Psalm 67:1-2 says, "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." The reason we ask for God's blessing on our lives (the first part of the verse) is so that we can take that blessing, whatever it may be, and give it away (the second part of the verse). We are not to keep his blessings for ourselves and spend them on our desires. Fulfillment is found in giving away, not in hoarding. Happy is the gardener who gives the abundant produce away immediately as it produces, but disappointed is the gardener who cans all of the extra produce to keep for himself and 15 years later has to throw it all away when it turns bad. Similarly, I believe that God has blessed us (his children) so that we can give it away.

Giving our money, time, talents, or resources also ensures that we will not look to root our joy in those things. We are not to find joy in God's blessings; we are to find joy in God. His blessings are for the purpose of providing means so that we can lead other people to find joy, not in blessings, but in God. The end of blessings for believers and the end of missions is joy in God. Whether its money or time or talents or resources—whatever God has given you, give it away so that your joy may be in him rather than things and your things may be used to bring others to have joy in God. In other words, lay down your life—and the things in your life—for the sake of the gospel and the joy of the nations. Your joy as well as the joy of the nations depends on it.



TAMMIE DANIEL

**Vacation Bible School**

**When: June 13—17 (9:00—12:30)**

**Who: 3 yrs old — 6th graders**

**VBS TIE DYE DAY**

**When: June 1, 4:30-6:15pm**

**Shirts need to be washed & wet**

**If you cannot attend, please bring dry shirts to Ashley Nelson by 5/25**

**VBS POSTCARD DISTRIBUTIONS**

**When: Sat. June 4, 12-2pm & Sun. June 5, 2-4pm**

**We will be distributing VBS postcards to the Magnolia, Eastover, and Allendale neighborhoods.**

**VBS DECORATION DAY**

**When: June 10, 10:00-3:00pm**

**Pizza provided for lunch**

**WANTED: VBS VOLUNTEERS**

**We are in need of more workers for VBS. If you are willing to let God change your life through serving in VBS, please contact Heather Hurtt. hurtt@att.net or (901)326-4543**

**Assertive Discipline, Part 2**

Paul Betts

Part 1 of this article ended by posing this question: how can parents and teachers ensure that children and students obey directions the first time without training them to ignore directions the first few times they are given; that's where Lee Canter's "Positive Reinforcement" technique comes into play. I know it sounds like psycho-babble (at least that's what I thought until I tested it), but it really changed the dynamics in my classroom.

Before using this strategy in my classroom, I would give directions only to have six to eight students raise their hands to ask what I had said. I would then repeat them over and over to frustration. I want to describe how I used positive reinforcement to teach my kids to obey my directions without training them to ignore me. Standing in the front of the classroom, I tell the students to turn to page 73 in their math books. Immediately (so as not to give students time to cry, "What page did you say?"), I would find students who had begun to find page 73 and say, "Susan, great job! Thanks for turning to page 73 so quickly." "Bobby, way to find page 73! Thanks for listening." I would find about 3-4 students who immediately obeyed my directions and praise them. The key was to praise students who were in the vicinity of those who were not listening or obeying my instructions. It was amazing to see how quickly the disobeying students would begin to scramble to find page 73 so they too could be praised. In using positive reinforcement, I encouraged my students by praising them, but I also repeated my directions in a way that did not train my students to ignore me. They heard the directions again as I praised the other students. It was unbelievable to watch over time how the dynamics of discipline improved in my classroom (as well as my sanity and frustration level). I had fun praising my students instead of yelling at them. The students beamed when they were praised in front of their classmates. The students' listening abilities improved and more time was devoted to instruction instead of repeating directions.

R.E.A.P.

No REAP this week due to Mother's Day

**Wednesday Night Meal**  
May 11th @ 5:45 pm  
Chicken Tenders, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Green Beans, Drink & Dessert  
Please sign up in the foyer.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday**  
  
May 15th  
If you are graduating from high school, college, etc., this year, please submit your name to the church office.

  
**E-Sunday**  
May 15th

  
Young at Heart  
May 16th

**Blood Pressure Checks**  
Every 2nd Sunday

Two Weeks in Review					
	4/24	5/1		4/24	5/1
Offerings:			\$	6,442.20	\$ 10,249.00
Sunday School:	161	125	Weekly Needs:	\$ 8,175.00	\$ 8,175.00
Morning Worship:	251	165	Offering to Date:	\$ 150,271.01	(thru 5/1)
Evening Worship:	167	54	Needs to Date:	\$ 147,150.00	(thru 5/1)