



IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

April 5, 2020

Announcements

Good Friday and Easter Services:

On Good Friday we will release a short message from Pastor Park. On Easter, in addition to the message, we plan to set time aside during the service for a virtual communion. Obviously, each household will need to provide their own elements. Our virtual communion will remind us of Jesus' sacrifice, so don't get hung up on what to use for the "bread" and "wine."

30 Day Challenge:

This week we are rolling out a 30-day challenge for our kids to read the Bible. If kids complete the 30-Day challenge and read their Bible for the appropriate amount of time each day AND bring their completed Challenge Form to Sunday School/church on May 10, they will receive a prize. *(Given current events, this date is a fluid one. We will keep you updated.)* The challenge details and form were emailed out. If you did not receive it, please email the church.

Church Office Closed:

Office hours are now cancelled until further notice due to the "Stay at Home" order. We will continue to update you as the situation requires.

Sunday Morning Prayer:

During the Coronavirus crisis, Sunday morning prayer time continues via teleconferencing at 8:30 AM. You can use the call in number: 605-313-5297 – Access Code: 577829. Contact Rod Bowers if you have questions.

Instructions on Giving:

There are two ways to remain faithful in giving back to the Lord.

- You can mail your check to Immanuel Bible Church (145 East Summit Street, Chelsea, MI 48118).
Dropping a check off at church is no longer an option as the office is now closed until further notice due to the "Stay at Home" order.
- Give online using the secure giving platform on our website Click on the "Financial Giving" link in the top right corner of IBC's home page at ibcchelsea.com.

Instructions to view or listen to this week's message:

Go to the church website at ibcchelsea.com, and you'll see instructions on the main page. You can join us in worship this Sunday morning by clicking on the word SERMONS in the menu bar above, or on the "Sermons" bubble you can reach by scrolling down to the "Preaching the Word" section. This week's sermon will be the first one listed. You can either listen or watch by clicking on the links.

Opportunities for Assistance:

IBC would like to take the opportunity to serve those in our church and community who may need assistance during this time. PLEASE let us know how we can serve you. A couple of current outreaches that are available until further notice include:

- Grocery/errand runs for those who are high risk. For those who are high risk (elderly, immunocompromised, pregnant or sick), let us help pick up and deliver your groceries, medications, or anything else you might need. We have had numerous volunteers offer to help with grocery pick-up.
- Child care on a limited basis. For those in need of child care during this time, please let us know. We have several families available to help watch kids on a limited basis.
- Please contact one of the elders to coordinate any needs; this includes anything you may need help with that is not included on this list as well. Please feel free to extend this offer to any person you may know of that needs extra support or encouragement during this time.

IBC Missions Update

ABWE/Dr. Bob & Shirley Cropsey:

March 26, 2020: So much has happened in the last month. None of us could have predicted Coronavirus was going to affect our lives so quickly and profoundly as it has. A month ago, I left on a flight for Bangladesh with my good friend, Dr. Tiziano, taking PT equipment as a gift to celebrate the opening of Memorial Christian Hospital's new 110 bed hospital. There were no known cases of coronavirus in country when we arrived, but it was no surprise it was beginning to happen as we were leaving a week later being so close to the epicenter in China. Today, we see that the virus is exploding exponentially in many places in the world, including right here in the USA and right where we live in SE Michigan.

How you can pray for our healthcare missionaries overseas:

- Pray especially for Memorial Christian Hospital's staff in Bangladesh in their new building which is surrounded by over 10 million people. They have many health needs already to care for and now a potential flood of Coronavirus cases looms on their doorstep with a very small missionary staff. Pray that God will once again give them strength, great wisdom, and insight in how to best use their limited resources, including themselves, to be a solace of hope for many over the next few months.
- Pray for our medical teams and chaplains in all locations as they boldly witness of the Good News to their patients, even as they are short staffed due to the recent loss of many short-term healthcare missionaries. Many of them had to leave ahead of schedule or risk not being able to return because of cancelled flights. This also prevented other short term help from arriving who couldn't come to help as the quarantine requirements both arriving from the States for two weeks and another two weeks after returning.
- Pray that the needed medical supplies & equipment will be available. None of our hospitals have ventilators currently, only ambu bags to assist patients with respiratory problems.
- Pray for their personal safety and for an adequate supply of protective gear.
- Pray that their internet and cell phones function so that they can encourage each other, their pastors and Bible study classes, call national friends to witness to them, and update their families back home.
- Pray that they can find necessary food and supplies locally with the restrictive travel bans.
- Pray that we can find short-term helpers ready to serve for all of our hospitals; surgeons, family practice, peds, internal medicine, NP's, PA's, construction workers & team leaders, maintenance workers, and hospital administrators when travel is permitted again for Togo and Bangladesh.

Shirley: Her increasing difficulties eating and hip pain resulted in more X-rays, CT scans, and MRI revealing that both her hips need replacement soon. She is scheduled for her L hip replacement April 27 currently. Pray that can proceed on schedule. She also needs both joints in her jaw replaced so she can eat more normally. She sees her oral surgeon in May for his evaluation. She is also on a new immune modulator injection weekly for her joint pain and after two injections it is helping some with her joint pain for which she is grateful. She is hoping to get on the monthly infusion soon, greatly reducing the cost.

Mom Cropsey: Upon returning home from her Christmas visits with all of her children and their families, Mom had several falls at home. The last one caused significant low back pain without any fractures but put her in a rapid decline, eventually requiring hospice care at home. It was a special week with all of my siblings joining together for her last week, loving on her and comforting her. On January 20th she was welcomed into Heaven by her Savior and without a doubt Dad was standing there as well. Her funeral was truly a joyous celebration of her amazing 98 years of life. We know now she is more alive than ever!

In times of trouble where do you turn? If we worry and can't believe God can take care of us in the next four months of Coronavirus, then how can we believe He can take care of us forever? A favorite passage that we love to use personally and share frequently is Philippians 4 written by Paul in prison, inspired of God. It starts out: *1. . . so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved . . . 4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Wishing all of you God's peace & protection as we serve Him together in these days of special opportunities,
Bob & Shirley

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