



IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

May 17, 2020

Announcements

Sunday Morning Prayer:

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

Vacation Bible School:

We are sorry to announce that Vacation Bible School is cancelled for summer 2020 due to COVID-19.

Senior Center Help:

Once again, IBC will be mowing the garden area at the Senior Center. The mowing takes about 45 minutes and needs to be done once a week. A reliable push mower is located in the shed next to the garden. We need people to sign up for July, August and September. Please email or call Carl if you can take a month (carlschwarze@gmail.com or 734-323-3527).



IBC Missions Update



Larry & Kelly Bigelow/SEND International

May 6, 2020: Two of the Bigelow's three children are in Alaska: Aaron is working at the airport and Abby is doing college from home. Josh and his wife are living in Michigan. Larry is reading for an audit. A new stress is that they will be moving to a new location in Anchorage soon. Pray for calmness and alertness to God's leading in the location of the new home.

Brian & Sherri Jenks/Awana



May 5, 2020: As we are in Michigan, like you, things are probably pretty much the same as far as what we can and can't do. We are healthy in all ways and are doing well. We continue to serve our churches in any way we can. You would think with each church having a children's ministry like Awana, things would have just stopped and the club year would have been over. Nothing could be further from the truth. For a lot of our churches, Awana didn't stop, it just went digital! Some of our churches are doing Virtual Awana through Facebook Live, YouTube Live.

Some have their Awana Leaders doing lessons by videos. Some are using old fashioned technology and calling their clubber on the phone or mailing letters and cards to their clubbers. Some are doing Zoom meetings, so that clubbers can see and talk with their friends and their leaders. While we are not traveling as much, we are still very much doing our ministry from home. Our main goal (as always) is to be an encouragement to the churches we serve, so we have stayed in regular contact with them throughout all this.

In some cases, these challenging times have been a blessing in disguise and I believe that God continues to use it in a mighty and powerful way. I believe that it has caused us to slow down. It has brought people closer to God, and I believe in many cases, families closer together, too. It has been amazing how God is using this crisis for His benefit, when we allow Him to. We pray that when we get back to a more "normal" time, that many people will still allow some of these changes that happened to continue rather than just going back to the way it was. Thanks for your prayers and concerns for us and our ministry, and I hope that what we shared will be an encouragement to you as it has to us.

Church Office Closed:

The church office is closed until further notice due to the "Stay at Home" order. We will continue to update you as the situation requires.

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.

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