



IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

June 14, 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.

Senior Center Help:

IBC is 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. Please email or call Carl if you can take the month of **August or September**. (carlschwarze@gmail.com or 734-323-3527)

Offer for Masks:

Sandy Diemer makes face masks and has offered to make some available to those who may be having difficulty getting a mask. She can be called or emailed at the information in the church directory, or contact the church office. If she doesn't answer the phone, please leave a message.



Moving Back to Pierce Lake:

Our landlord at Pierce Lake Elementary School has cleared us to return to the building for worship, so we are resuming worship at Pierce Lake Elementary School next Sunday, June 21st. Further details will be coming as we learn more about what will be required and other guidelines provided by the CDC, etc. We will communicate with the congregation when we have the plans formalized.

Congregational Survey:

We have emailed a survey to the IBC family to gather feedback as we make appropriate plans for returning to worship at Pierce Lake. We would appreciate your filling out the survey; the deadline is Friday, June 19th. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Returnable Can Collection:

The youth group will be collecting returnable cans; the proceeds will go towards future youth group activities. Beginning Monday, June 22nd, you can drop your cans off at the IBC building at Summit Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9 am until 2 pm. Please let us know if you have cans to donate, but are unable to drop them off.

IBC Missions Update

The Bruce Family/Ethnos360

June 6, 2020: One year ago, none of us could have imagined that our world now. We are now in a world where everyone in the grocery store wears a mask, our social activity is incredibly limited, Americans are having to come to terms with its blatant imperfections in regards to racism and the mistreatment of our black community, and the global impact of Covid-19 is drastically affecting our co-laborers around the world as travel is extremely restricted. The list goes on. Sometimes things really do seem impossible. We pray that you are turning to Scripture during these uncertain times. I admit, sometimes I get sucked into opinions and beliefs that aren't biblical nor helpful. These are good times of growth and self-reflection as I remember that none of this is outside of God's control and my job is to seek Him first, above all else.

A week and a half ago, we were in Madagascar, asking the Lord for a way back to the USA. Our adoption completed, we had only to find a flight off the island, but things seemed impossible as the country was still in official lockdown, especially when it came to travel. The US Embassy, who had been monitoring repatriation flights and asking for seats for US citizens, miraculously were able to secure us a flight to Qatar. I had bouts of

emotions as I realized that I was saying goodbye to my son's birth country. While he will not remember it, it holds a special place in our hearts and we can't wait until we can return someday.

We have been in the states for just over a week now. Because of Covid-19, Ethnos360 has temporarily extended our home assignment to September 2020. For us specifically, we are simply waiting until our visa processing goes through. However, because of the current situation, government and immigration offices are closed and international AND domestic travel is banned. So while we had anticipated returning home sometime in early August after finishing up Rován's medical and other paperwork, as well as introduce him to friends and family, it looks as though it may be longer than that. I miss our Asmat friends so much, but we also know that God's plans are higher than ours...

While we wait, God has provided in a way that we never thought possible. For many years now, we have been saving our finances in the hopes of possibly buying a house in the states that would serve as "home" and a small sense of stability for our kids whenever we return from the field for furloughs and in the future, for college, etc. while also being able to rent while we are overseas. We know of several missionary friends who have done this successfully. Through a realtor friend, a house in East Lansing, Michigan became available to us around the time we were headed over to Madagascar. With help from our amazing family and the graciousness of the seller to give us a great deal, we have bought the house! This has not gone without lots of thought and wisdom-seeking. So while we are in the states, and especially before we can meet with you in person, we will be spending our time working on this house and fixing it up to rent when we leave.

Tomorrow Rován turns the big TWO!! I can't believe that we have only had him for 3-1/2 months. He has now begun talking, something I was worried about at the beginning. His personality is joyful and so relaxed. God knew he would need that to be in our family. ;) We have been so blessed by him and I still can't believe our adoption is complete and that we have THREE children. We can't wait for you to meet him.

For His Kingdom's sake, Sam, Kari, Greyson, Amelia, & Rován

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).
- Give online using the secure giving platform on our website at ibcchelsea.com.

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

Go to the church website at ibcchelsea.com. You can join us in worship on Sunday mornings by clicking on the word SERMONS in the menu bar above, or on the "Sermons" bubble in the "Preaching the Word" section.

Opportunities for Assistance:

IBC would like to take the opportunity to serve those in our church/community who may need assistance:

- Grocery/errand runs for those who are high risk (elderly, immuno-compromised, pregnant or sick).
- Child care on a limited basis. For those in need of child care during this time, please let us know.
- Please contact one of the elders to coordinate any needs not included on this list as well.

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