



IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH

October 18, 2020

Announcements

Special Business Meeting:

The results from the special business meeting last Sunday were that both motions passed, and we will move ahead with plans to handle the sale of Summit Street, and the sale/removal of the parsonage. The Church Board wants to thank the congregation for their participation in last week's meeting, great questions and input. As we move forward, please pray for wisdom and guidance as we seek to follow God's direction.

Nursery:

We plan to re-open our nursery, with COVID guidelines in place, and be able to serve the needs of our families with younger children. Once we are able to staff our nursery (only the morning services) through January 2021, we will open. Nursery is available for children ages birth through two years old. Please see the SignUp Genius that was emailed. You can contact Stephanie DeMaagd if you have any questions.

Missionary Focus:

Next Sunday, October 25th, during our morning worship service, Dr. Bob Cropsey will be sharing with us about his ministry in Togo, West Africa with ABWE. We hope you can join us!

Halloween Outreach:

We will be serving our community by giving out treat bags and tracts during Chelsea's trick-or-treating time on October 31st. We are asking for donations of candy; the deadline is Sunday, October 25th. There is a collection box at the back of the worship center.

Morning Bible Study:

Beginning Sunday, November 1st at 9:30 am, we will have a Morning Bible Study for adults. Please join us in the classroom in the 300 wing at Pierce. Luman Strong will be teaching on "Redeeming the Time."

Redeeming the Time: Time is one of the greatest gifts God has granted us as His children. We all get 24 hours in a day to live, but how we view time makes all the difference in terms of how we live during our very brief time here on Earth. Too often, too many people, Christians included, squander time, seeing it as a renewable resource. Only after certain watershed moments in life - a child's graduation, retirement, a birthday - do we realize the brevity of time, but with regrets. This Morning Bible Study session will examine "time": how God sees it, the purpose of time, and how we, as His children, should handle this precious resource. We have a gift, and our responsibility is to redeem it.

Worship Service Time Change:

On Sunday, November 1st, not only will the Morning Bible Study begin at 9:30 am, but the worship service will move to 10:30 am. Please note that this morning is also the end of Daylight Saving Time.

Kids' Worship:

We will be starting a Kids' Worship time on Sunday, November 1st during the 10:30 am worship service. Children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome. We will be meeting in the media center. Contact Priscilla Schwarze if you have any questions.

Jezekiel's Commissioning:

We will be holding a commissioning service for Jezekiel Van Der Decker on Sunday, November 8th. We will be taking a love offering for him. Join us as we send Jezekiel off to serve in PNG.

IBC Missions Update: Every Child Ministries

October 10, 2020: Every Child Ministries focuses on opportunities for education, physical needs, and spiritual growth for the children in DR Congo, Ghana, and Uganda.

At ECM's virtual (fundraiser) Banquet, Executive Director Mark Luckey shared the goals of ECM's ministries for the coming year: eliminate abuse and neglect that divides communities, ending mistreatment and restore the children and their communities. Children are abused, discriminated, and are everyday prisoners in their own homes. Children with albinism and disabilities are seen as cursed. ECM is working to educate the communities and churches about children's conditions, physical and mental disabilities, all while demonstrating God's love and sharing the Gospel of Jesus.

The National Director in **Uganda**, Brian Mukalazi, spoke briefly on behalf of his 31 staff and missionaries. Their areas of focus: albinism, disabilities, orphans, and street children. They are educating/teaching at their Hope Centers, as well as family empowerment, providing food supplies and medical needs for the children.

The National Director in **Ghana**, Edward Sekyere, spoke briefly on behalf of his 45 staff and missionaries. Their focus: street children, less privileged, albinism, orphans, child slavery, and trafficking. One of their goals for the coming year is to get a medical clinic up and running at their Haven of Hope.

Founders John & Lorella Rouster reported on the happenings in **DR Congo**. (Lorella is still active in ministry work there, as well as with a Congo Radio program.) The COVID pandemic brought about creative ways to keep the children's groups going, which involved other adults not normally involved. Staff seminars are still being done to train Sunday school teachers. Translation work of Sunday school materials, writing lessons, and printing of materials has just been completed and more are being written, translated, and printed.

Since this event was a fundraiser, their prayer request is FUNDING! ECM will be launching an on-line store from their website selling homemade items from Uganda as well as some ECM promotional merchandise.

Church Information

Service Details:

Our schedule includes Sunday morning prayer time at 8:30 am in the west end of the main hall, worship service at 9:30 am, and evening service at 5:45 pm.

Instructions on Giving:

- You can mail your check to Immanuel Bible Church (145 East Summit Street, Chelsea, MI 48118).
- You can put a check in an offering box located at the back of the worship center at Pierce Lake.
- Give online using the secure giving platform on our website at ibcchelsea.com.

Online Giving:

When you give to IBC online you are asked to designate your giving to a fund. These are:

- General Fund - everyday business of the church
- Building Fund - accruing for a new church building
- Barnabus Fund - for special situations administered by the elders
- Missions Fund - goes toward the entire missions budget
- Other - when this fund is selected, you will be asked to designate where the money should go

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 "LiveStream" bubble on the home page.

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