

IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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New Year Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends,

As we step into this new year filled with hope and possibilities, we are excited to share some updates from our church community. Look what God is doing this new year!

1. Children's Ministry Coordinator Search Underway

The Personnel Committee has eagerly embarked on the task of finding a new Children's Ministry Coordinator. Their dedication and commitment to ensuring the well-being and growth of our youngest members are commendable. We appreciate their efforts and dedication as they diligently work on this crucial next step for our church.

We ask for your prayers and support that the Lord sends us the right person to help minister to the needs of the children and future children at Immanuel Baptist Church. If you have any recommendations or would like to contribute in any way to this search process, please feel free to reach out for more information.

2. New Wednesday Night Studies

We're thrilled to announce the planning of new studies for Wednesday nights! These gatherings have been delightful moments of discussions and prayer. Join us as we explore new topics and deepen our spiritual understanding. The Wednesday night discussions and times of prayer have been a lot of fun, and we hope you can join us for this enriching experience every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

3. Concert Featuring Southern Gospel Artist Daryl Mosley

Mark your calendars for a special event! Southern Gospel artist Daryl Mosley will be gracing our church with a concert on Saturday, January 21st, at 6 pm. Let's come together as a community to enjoy an evening filled with soulful melodies. Love offerings collected during the concert will support Mr. Mosley in continuing his ministry. Extend this invitation to your friends and family; let's gather and rejoice in the uplifting music and fellowship.

May this new year bring blessings of joy, peace, and unity to each one of you.

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Happy Birthday!

- 6 Frances James
- 10 Marie Williams
- 22 Bo Seibert
- 23 Nell Garner
- 25 Brenda Whichard
- 29 Stella Chambliss
- 29 J.D. Joyner



Korean Mission Church Events in January

We will spend 2023 well in the grace of God, and now we face 2024 with hope. The year 2024 is like a wilderness that we have never been to, but because God is with us, we look forward to what He will do through us.

Korean Mission Church has three major events in January. First, January 2024 begins with a blessing prayer from the pastor. In 2023, we will gather at 11 PM to hold the last service of the year, and at midnight on January 1, 2024, the pastor will begin the year with a prayer of blessing for the members of Korean Mission Church, their families, and their businesses.

And on January 7th, we will hold a New Year service, the first Sunday service of 2024. On this day, Korean Mission Church declares its motto for the year and shares what it will do to achieve that motto. And after the service, we eat rice cake soup together for lunch, following the tradition of Korean churches.

Also, on January 21st, we will receive training for deacons. We will take time to share who a deacon is and what kind of work they should do in the church.

Please pray that the Korean Mission Church begins the year with prayer, and that we can live into 2024 with the word God has given us.

Meetings & Events

- Mon, Jan 1** -Church Office Is Closed
- Wed, Jan 3** -Prayer & Fellowship, 6:30 PM
- Tues, Jan 9** -LINKS, 5 PM
- Wed, Jan 10** -Prayer & Fellowship, 6:30 PM
- Mon, Jan 15** -Church Office Is Closed
- Wed, Jan 17** -Prayer & Fellowship, 6:30 PM
- Sun, Jan 21** -Deacons' Meeting, 12:15 PM
-Daryl Mosley Concert, 6 PM
- Wed, Jan 24** -Church Conference, 6:30 PM
- Sun, Jan 28** -Communion Sunday
- Wed, Jan 31** -Prayer & Fellowship, 6:30 PM

Year End Review

Jesus told us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and take care of those in need we are showing our love for him. This past year we shared the love of Jesus in the community of Greenville through personal acts of kindness and monetary gifts.

Children in foster care have received gifts at graduation and other times; even one received a cell phone. In addition, a member assists with monthly meetings of LINKS at our church.

25 children with Salvation Army got Christmas this year and 15 seniors had a special Christmas due to donations from members of Immanuel. Five families in Fountain receive meals each week delivered by Immanuel members. A care-giver was provided a recliner to help him rest as he takes care of elderly parents.

25 families receive food through the Back Pack program--food for each week-end to assist with shortage of food in their homes. At Christmas every child at Belvoir School receives a blanket. School supplies were donated for kindergartners at Belvoir at the beginning of the year.

Welcoming Strangers: Each week members take international students grocery shopping and on other day trips. We have joined with three other churches to set up a Welcome House and help welcome a refugee family from Columbia.

We have worked with the Department of Social Services to provide 90 Grocery Gift Cards to help in emergency situations while families wait for DSS Food Stamps and other emergency situations. Food was collected for Food Bank at Salem United Methodist Church.

Over \$2,000 was donated by members to help with a liver transplant for two-year old child and 12 dozen men's socks were donated to the homeless shelter. A Special Needs teacher from our church was provided money for a special activity for her students.