



IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

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From Your Pastor in the Interim

I am grateful and honored to be called by the Immanuel Church family as your pastor during this interim season of our church's life. Even though I did not officially begin in this role until Monday, March 25, I have been working over the past month meeting with your Diaconate and Deacon Chair Pat Dunn, Rev. Asher Panton, and Bettie Jungers on transition issues and challenges our church will face in the coming weeks and months. Brandy Binkley and I have had several conversations as we plan worship over the next few months. I have enjoyed working with the deacons and each of these church leaders with appreciation for their deep love and commitment to serving our Lord through this special church family.

Rev. Panton provided caring and committed pastoral leadership during the last six and one-half years. He and I have enjoyed a friendship and collegiality during his tenure, which I will greatly miss. I know you join me in praying for Asher, Raychel, and Jack as they transition to his new role as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Shelby, asking God's best blessings to go with them.

My weekly schedule will include Sunday School and worship, along with other Sunday activities. In addition, I plan to be in the church office on

Monday and Wednesday mornings, unless visiting in the hospital or homebound members during that time or on other days of the week as needed. I will be writing my sermons and preparing for other presentations in my home study throughout the week. If you need me for any reason, Bettie Jungers in the church office or Pat Dunn as deacon chair will be able to contact me on your behalf.

One final place where I look forward to being with you is on Wednesday evenings in April and May as we take an honest and God-inspired look at the future of our church. I want us to share holy conversations with each other where we practice spiritual discernment: seeking God's will for our church – nothing less, nothing more, nothing else. As John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement said, "If your heart is as my heart, if you love God and all humankind, I ask no more. Simply, give me your hand." I look forward to joining heart and hand with you to find God's will for each of our lives and for our church family in the coming days.

Your Pastor in this Interim Season,

Greg Rogers



Korean Mission Church Events In April

Korean Mission Church has two big events in April.

The first is a cleaning day that will be held on April 14th. After Sunday lunch fellowship, the Korean Mission Church will clean and organize the kitchen, Fellowship Hall, Children's Worship Room, Youth Worship Room, and the Korean School classrooms on the ground floor.

Another one is a seminar called 'What Do Baptists Believe?' on April 21st or 28th. On this day, the Korean Mission Church plans to spend time talking, asking questions, and answering questions about the history of the Baptist Church, what our confession of faith is, and what we should do.

Please pray that April, given to the Korean Mission Church by God's grace, will be filled with things that bring God's joy.

Friday, April 12 | 6:30 pm

Oakmont Baptist, Greenville

CBFNC is partnering with Baptist Women in Ministry in hosting screenings of "Midwives of a Movement" in churches across our state. The feature documentary film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists.

But challenging religious patriarchy, and specifically Baptist patriarchy, is not only a subject of the past. It is as relevant today as it was forty years ago.

In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists.

Meetings & Events

- Wed, Apr 3** -Supper, 5:30 PM
-Spiritual Discernment for Immanuel,
7:00 PM
- Tues, Apr 9** -LINKS, 5 PM
- Wed, Apr 10** -Supper, 5:30 PM
-Spiritual Discernment for Immanuel &
Conversation with Rev. Aaron Kennedy,
Open Door Church, 7:00 PM
- Wed, Apr 17** -Supper, 5:30 PM
-Spiritual Discernment for Immanuel,
7:00 PM
- Sun, Apr 21** -Deacons' Meeting, 5:00 PM
- Wed, Apr 24** -Supper, 5:30 PM
-Spiritual Discernment for Immanuel,
7:00 PM
- Sun, Apr 28** -Worship With Oakmont Baptist Church-
60th Anniversary Service, Dr. Greg
Rogers, Anniversary Preacher, 10:30 AM

Happy Birthday!

15 Loretta Vick 24 Ray Hrinchuk
22 Angela Winstead 25 Earl Wade

Happy Anniversary!

26 Harry & Maria
Judge

