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9:00 am classes  
 10:30 worship

a gospel-centered  
 community for others

to:



may 2009  
**Immanuel  
 Church**

## Tell of His Wonderful Works

Psalms 105 for Immanuel Church

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

<sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done for his people, for those who serve him at Immanuel Church.

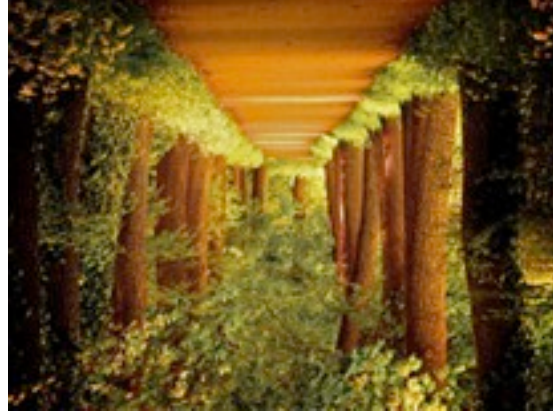
<sup>6</sup> Remember how he provided a place for us to gather, one that meets

all of our needs. When we didn't have enough money to offer, he provided grace through the Otter Creek Church of Christ. Remember how they reached out to us in friendship and leased the building to us well below the market rate then renewed our lease with no rate increase for another year.

<sup>7</sup> Remember how he has brought 23 new members to our church and has doubled our attendance this year.

<sup>8</sup> Remember how he has provided for us financially, how we ended 2008 with no debt, how he has given us in one year what we thought would take three to establish. When we didn't have enough money to meet the weekly bills, he has provided in unexpected ways at just the right time.

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<sup>9</sup> Remember how he has connected us to other churches through the Acts 29 Network so that we wouldn't stand alone. Remember how our pastor has been welcomed and

esteemed by the other pastors in Acts 29.

<sup>10</sup> See how he has given us the opportunity to help plant another church in Nashville through Acts 29 pastor Jeremy Rose.

<sup>11</sup> See how he has provided for our youth by allowing Jeremy Rose to serve as an interim youth pastor during his first few months in Nashville.

<sup>12</sup> See how he has increased our youth group from one young woman to nine young people.

<sup>13</sup> See how he is making Immanuel into an international church with people from many nations. See how he has brought wonderful new friends from Nepal to worship along with our friends from Cameroon, from Congo, from Japan, from Honduras, and from the States.

<sup>14</sup> See how he is making us an intergenerational church with wisdom from all age groups and with new

young couples and families joining

<sup>15</sup> See how he has established healthy infrastructures and filled us with people of diverse talents. See how our small church body is equipped with varied gifts remarkably suited to our unique needs.

<sup>16</sup> See how he has given us a strong and vibrant children's ministry and filled it with precious little souls eager to learn his word. See how he is adding to our flock with newborns—

Oliver Bunin and now Liam Evtits.

<sup>17</sup> Remember how he has provided wisdom through our faithful Interim Leadership Team, and see how he is now raising up elders and deacons.

open for more...

# Vision Report

2009 May

a newsletter of  
Immanuel Church



"Be a smart investor. Put it where you'll never lose it."

## from our pastor

### Why tithe?

by Pastor Ray Ortlund

Money is a useful tool, given to us by God for his purposes. But unlike God, money can let us down. The present economic downturn confirms "the uncertainty of riches" (1 Timothy 6:17). Jesus told us how to invest our money with certainty: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20). In other words, "Be a smart investor. Put it where you'll never lose it." Or, to quote Jonathan Edwards, "Men may be as covetous as they please after spiritual riches and as eager as they please to heap up treasure in heaven." Here's a practical way to do that. Each month take out a sheet of paper. Write at the top your gross income for that month. Subtract ten percent and write that check to your church. That is the tithe. Then subtract your taxes and set that aside. Then you live off the rest. You might be able to give further offerings, in addition to

your tithe, and spread your eternal investments still more widely. That's what Jani and I do, and we have never regretted it. Let's be a church of tithers together, heaping up treasure in heaven. The cause of Christ is the only investment on the face of the earth that cannot fail, because he guarantees it.



### Welcome new members

We're happy you're part of the family!

Megan and Keith Cook, Nicole Chumbler, Rachel Copley, Peter Frick, Tammy and Joe Kowalski, Stephen Mabry, Linda and Bob Pedde. *Next new members' class: August. 29.*

### Psalm for Immanuel

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<sup>18</sup> Remember how he has established our small groups, and see how he is knitting our hearts together in strong, Christ-centered relationships with one another.

<sup>19</sup> More than all of these, remember and see how he has blessed us with his own felt presence. He is our treasure and our portion forever! May God be glorified through our Lord Jesus Christ!

<sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD!

## upcoming events

### May 9 | Car show

We're opening up our parking lot to make new friends and to host our first car show, Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 am- noon. Invite someone you know who might enjoy seeing antique, classic, exotic and fast cars. If you'd like to enter your car (no Ford trucks allowed), bring a non-perishable food item. Contact Bob Alley at 373-2051.

### May 16 | Work Day | 9:00-noon

Join us for our annual Clean Immanuel Day on Saturday, May 16, 9- noon. We'll be planting, organizing, and cleaning. Bring your garden tools and gloves and be ready for some fun!

### June 22-26 | Fine Arts Camp

Immanuel Children's Ministry and Global Target Network/YWAM, in conjunction with Standing Room Only

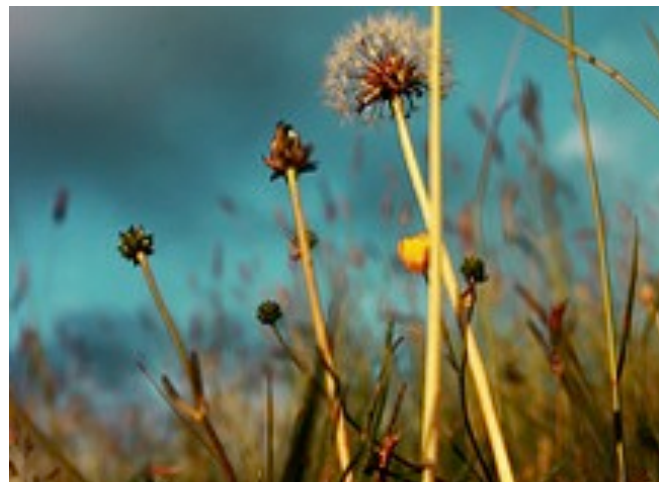
productions, Inc., are hosting our first Performing Arts Camp, 9:00AM -- 3:00 PM Do you know someone who likes to sing and dance and put on a show? Contact Jacqueline at sronashville@yahoo.com.

### Coming...

- July 11 - Pool Picnic at the Andersons'
- July 19 - Dr. Ray Van Neste
- June 22- 26 - Fine Arts Camp
- July 26 - Rev. Jeremy Rose
- Aug 29 - New Members' Seminar

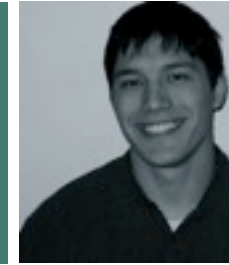
### Special days/ Special people

- 1 Paulette and Tandy
- 7 Virginia Rohrer
- 13 Leonard and Ann
- 16 David LaPell
- 18 Stephen Mabry
- 28 Terri Stilwell
- 30 Ellen Anderson



### events at a glance

- 3 - Tom Cox preaching
- 9 - car show
- 10 - congregational mtg. to elect elders/deacons
- 16 - work day 9:00-noon
- 17 - install elders/deacons
- 24 - communion



## meet a member

### Peter Frick...

is originally from Blaine, Minnesota. It was 20 degrees below zero on the day he was born. The cold weather apparently agreed with Peter, because he went on to study physics in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, graduating in 2007.

Peter met Christ during his freshman year of college. He says,

*God let me meet some really sincere people who happened to be Christians, and he was working through my changing circumstances to bring me to himself. At that point in my life, I didn't want a lot. I really only wanted one true, real*

*thing that I could lean on and give myself to. God loved me enough to take away what was most precious to me and let me see that I didn't really have hope in my life. He has satisfied my desire for that one true thing with himself, and I'm so grateful that He took away what was lesser, transient, and corruptible and has given me what's pure and proves itself better each year.*

Peter is now finishing his first year in the Chemical and Physical Biology Ph.D. program at Vanderbilt. His research is aimed at showing how cells behave differently in various cancer cell lines. The ultimate aim of the research is predicting tumor growth.

Peter also likes to stay active and play sports, as long as they have nothing to do with swimming. He says, "I'm so grateful to have found Immanuel. It has got to be the easiest church to go to with such warm people, a reverence for the sum of God's word, gospelcentric teaching, and encouragement for sinners like me."

### Homemade meals needed

We'd like to stock our new freezer with food to give away to our friends who have a need. Bring a meal to the kitchen freezer tagged with date, contents and cooking instructions. Thank you.

### Thank you ILT

Immanuel would like to thank the Interim Leadership Team: Bob Alley, Daniel Cortez, Sean Jackson, John and Melinda Perry, and C.A. Stilwell. These people gave themselves fully to lay the groundwork for the next stage of leadership and growth. We honor and appreciate them!