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Understanding The Name

The name "Immanuel" (im-ma-nu-AIL) first appears in Isaiah 7:14 as part of a prophetic word that Isaiah spoke to King Ahaz of Judah (the southern kingdom) at a time when Syria and Israel (the northern kingdom) had formed a coalition against Assyria. The prophet Isaiah counseled Ahaz not to join in their uprising against Assyria, the region's greatest power, assuring him it would not succeed. He urged Ahaz to trust in the Lord rather than to appeal to Assyria for help against Syria and Israel, who were threatening to invade Judah for not joining their uprising. Then he invited Ahaz to ask the Lord for a sign to confirm the prophetic word, but the unfaithful king refused, having already decided to place his trust not in the Lord but in Assyria.

In response to Ahaz's refusal to trust God, Isaiah proclaimed: "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of human beings? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Shortly after that Syria and Israel were soundly defeated, exactly as Isaiah had prophesied. Many years later the southern kingdom of Judah was destroyed by Babylon, its people taken captive.

Matthew's Gospel recalls Isaiah's prophecy, applying it to the child who would be born of Mary, the virgin betrothed to Joseph. The sign given hundreds of years earlier to an apostate king was meant for all God's people.

In fact the Bible is nothing if not the story of God's persistent desire to dwell with his people. In Jesus, God would succeed in a unique way, becoming a man in order to save the world not from the outside, but from the inside. Immanuel, God with us, to rescue, redeem, and restore our relationship with him.



For our nation as we are going through troubled times

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Henry Coriell not doing well. Prayers for faith and healing.

Tim Wolfe dealing with a severe back injury.

Troy Gahm has been diagnosed with meningitis. He is dealing with it at home.

Homer Miller now in a rehab facility but still struggling with infection, weakness and periods of confusion.

Kayla Meredith had her appointment at Cleveland Clinic; for the next month Kayla will be treated for asthma and then will have another evaluation.

Eric Copas has been suffering for several months with back pain. Surgery scheduled December 29.

Esther Crisp continues to recuperate at home.

Praise Report: Jim Jacobs had a second cataract surgery this week and is seeing very well.

Leslie Allison seeing neurosurgeon January 10 about an herniated disc in neck.

Livie Amato (8 year old daughter of Ben and Adrienne) having an insulin pump installed soon.

Melissa Gampp recuperating at home after surgery on Monday and a 3 day recuperation in the hospital.

Megan Coriell (Kathy Coriell's daughter-in-law in Norwalk, OH) having some issues with her heart and was scheduled to see a specialist in Cleveland this past week.

Praise Report: Lainey Parker had her heart repair surgery Thursday at Children's Hospital in Columbus. All went well and she was moved from CICU to C5 (cardiac floor) on Saturday. Down to just heart and blood oxygen monitors. Another 4 or 5 days and she should be able to come home. Praise the Lord!

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Carol Gammon** (Bill's daughter and Price's sister) who passed away Friday, December 16, about 4:30 pm in her home. Burial was Saturday at a graveside service for the family in Aiken, SC.

To the family of **Larry Joe Bryant** (Amy Graff's cousin) who passed away Dec. 10th.

In the News

Congratulations to **Ashley Oesch** who was crowned the 2011-2012 Basketball Homecoming Queen at Minford High School on Friday at the Minford-Waverly game.

Congratulations

Teresa Mooneyham completed all requirements for Intervention Specialist (Education) at Shawnee State this past week. Her certification test score was nearly perfect: 176 out of a possible 180.

Also congratulations to **Matthew Risner** who took first place in his age category for the NFL Punt-Pass-Kick competition last weekend for the Bengals division of the competition. Matthew was one of four finalist who competed before the Bengals game and was given his trophy on the 50 yard line during the half-time break.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/18 Lk 23:1-25; Mt 27:3-10

12/25 No Classes

1/1 Mt 27:32-66

Jn 19:23-24

1/8 Mt 28:1-15; Lk 24:13-43

Jn 20:1-8; Mk 16:1

1/15 Jn 20:26-31; 21:1-25

Mt 28:16-20; I Co 15:7

Lk 24:44-49

1/22 Preaching

1/29 Lk 24:50-53; Ac 1:9-12

Mk 16:19-20

2/5 Ac 1:1-8; 1:13-26

Wednesday

12/21 Gen 32-36

12/28 Gen 37

1/4 Gen 39-40

1/11 Gen 41-42

1/18 Gen 43-44

1/25 Gen 45-46

2/1 Gen 47-48

2/8 Gen 49-50

Coming Events

12/25 Worship Assembly at 2 pm

Changes for December 25

Due to the fact that Christmas falls on Sunday this year we are adjusting the schedule for that day. We will meet for worship at 2 pm in the afternoon. No classes will be held in the evening. **The Elders.**

Teen News

The Teen Christmas Party originally scheduled for December 18 has been postponed. The new date will be announced soon.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Gabe Coriell is holding a meeting with any women of the congregation with an interest in Women's Ministry. The focus of this meeting is to discuss events, activities, and budget of the coming year. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the annex.

Coats for Kids/White Christmas Deadline

It is time for our annual "Coats for Kids" and "White Christmas" drive. As expected due to economic stress for many families in our area, the requests from Minford School District are up this year. Coats will be purchased first, then with any leftover money, White Christmas will take place. Please give donations to **Kristine Coriell, Eugene Risner**, or drop it in an offering box in an envelope marked "Coats for Kids."

Today is the deadline for getting your money turned in.

Treats for the Troops Today

We will be sending rice krispie treats (any variation) to the troops that are still overseas. We are collecting them today up through our evening service. Feel free to make as many batches as you would like, but please include \$1 for shipping with your treats. See **Heather Gragg** with any questions! Also, if you would like to send a personal message along that would be great!

Homeless Shelter Donation Today

For anyone interested we are taking up a donation of gallon size freezer bags for the homeless shelter today. Please place donations under the coat rack in the foyer no later than this evening.

Tables and Chairs--Reminders

We have a system set up for our members to borrow tables and chairs from the building when needed; however, there are a few things we need to keep in mind.

1. Be sure and check that any event scheduled for the building will not require the tables or chairs you are about to carry away from the building.
2. Be sure and sign out the tables and chairs via the chart on the storage room door and sign them back in when they are returned.
3. Return the tables and chairs as soon as possible so that they are available to others.

Thank you for your help in this matter. **The Deacons**

Strawberry Point Mission Trip Coming

A mission trip to Strawberry Point Christian Camp on Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada is being planned for this summer (June 16th to June 22nd). The major goal for this trip is the construction of a new pavilion. Please see **Caleb or Jacob Miller** if you are interested in coming and have any questions.

Room Changes

The Two's and Three's have a new classroom. They are now located in Room 4 (Joan Coriell's old classroom). The room has been enlarged and carpeted and is now a wonderful place for our two's and three's. The room change is effective immediately.

Christmas Program Has New Star

Friday evening the youngsters of our congregation presented their annual Christmas Story program based on the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus. The kids did a wonderful job; however, the star of the evening was probably the little burro/donkey who just wouldn't cooperate at all. A big thank you to Kara Jo McCray who worked very hard to control the donkey throughout the play. Thanks to all adults who helped to put this together.

Scheduling of Building—Changes

In the past we have let our building be used by community groups on a first come-first served basis. Occasionally we have found ourselves unable to schedule events or gatherings involving church members because the building was already promised to someone else. Starting this year, we would like to handle scheduling in a different way. The month of January is reserved for the church and/or church members to schedule whatever dates they may need for the entire year of 2012. In February we open things up to other groups for showers, parties, group meetings, etc. This will require a little more foresight and planning on our part but should help us to have the building available when we need it. Scheduling is still handled through **Delores Gampp**. This change does not mean that an event cannot be scheduled at the last minute as we go through the year. It is an attempt to make sure our members get a chance to schedule the building before anyone else does. Please get your dates set up with Delores sometime in the month of January. **The Deacons**

Spirit Club

To be announced.

Winterfest 2012

Dates for this year are Feb. 17 to 19th. To register, sign up at <http://jjriley.net>. Your online registration is not complete and confirmed until you make a \$50 deposit to Shaun McCray. Total cost for this year will be \$110. Registration is limited to the first 100 people. See **Jamie Riley** or **Shaun McCray** for more information.

Early Deadline

Articles for next week's bulletin need to be submitted by 6 p.m. Friday due to the holiday.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

December 18

Rich Book
Shaun McCray
Aaron Kallner
Mark Gampp
Steve Miller

December 25

Don Coriell
Nick Davis
Zach Coriell
Tim Coriell
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Aaron McCray
Shane Mougey
Dewey Cordle
Tim Gampp
Jason Coriell

Lk 23:1-25; Mt 27:3-10

**We will hold a single
worship service at
2 p.m. on Sunday
12/25 due to the
holiday. No evening
classes will be held.**

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
Steve Williams
Genesis 32-36

Gabe Coriell
Jason Coriell
Genesis 37

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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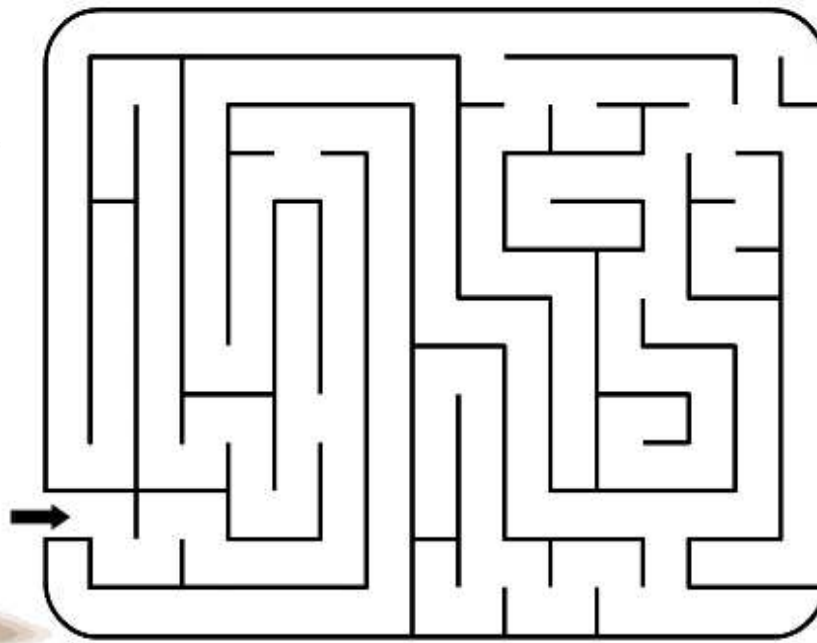
Children's Bible Time

December

3-5: Kristin Riley, Autumn Risner, Kendall Riley
6-8: Jamie Riley, Tyler Jones, Luke Purpero



Many of our members also keep in contact via Facebook. Ask about joining one of our church related groups there.



Read Luke 2:1-7, then guide Mary and Joseph on their journey.