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## Two to Tango



### MARRIAGE CONFERENCE



Featuring: Mark and Ginger Whitacre  
Saturday, April 20th 10am-3pm  
Immanuel Boone Campus  
\$10 per adult, \$10 per child (max \$30 for children)  
Lunch and childcare provided! Register by April 16th.

To register, visit  
[immanuel-nky.org/events](http://immanuel-nky.org/events)  
or scan the QR Code:



Mark Whitacre is responsible for uncovering the ADM price-fixing scandal in the early 1990's (the basis of the 2009 movie *The Informant!*). His wife Ginger forced him to turn himself in. He wore a wire for the FBI every day for three years. Don't miss hearing the story of redemption God has worked in their lives and marriage! We will explore how God authored marriage to be a relationship of mutual love and investment by both partners - with Him at the center.

#### EVENT SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

- 9:30-10:00 Registration of Children
- 10:00-10:30 Welcome and Icebreakers
- 10:30-11:30 Mark Whitacre Testimony (Part 1)
- 11:30-12:30 Table Discussion/Catered Lunch
- 12:30-2:00 Mark and Ginger Q&A
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15-2:40 Worship and Communion
- 2:40-2:55 Takeaways and Next Steps

### JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE RETIREMENT WITH PAULA COYLE SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>



On **Sunday, April 28th** following each service, we will give a **BIG THANK YOU** to Paula Coyle for her 11 years of service here at Immanuel. Paula and her husband, Geoff will be in the welcome center and would love to receive hugs and good wishes from her Immanuel family. If you would like to send a card or note to Paula, or make a love offering, you can send that to the church, and we will pass it on (checks must be made payable to Paula). You may also send it to her home address at: Paula Coyle, 9 Observatory Pointe Dr., Wilder, KY 41076.

*Paula writes ... Thank you for allowing me to serve at Immanuel. I pray I have shown the love of Christ and have been a light to others. I want to thank the people of Immanuel. They adopted me as one of their own, loving me, praying for my family, and being so generous to us. I am most blessed to have been a part of this amazing church family. I thank God for my coworkers as well. We shared many wonderful times, much laughter, and some tears, and I pray that God will continue to use each of them as they serve Him and others. I am so excited about this next chapter of life! We plan to do a little traveling, spend more time with family and our nine grandchildren and I may even teach Geoff to cook! One of my favorite Bible verses is Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Immanuel (God with us), keep shining your light for Jesus! Pray for Geoff and I and we will pray for you. This is not "goodbye" but "see you later!" I love you all.*

Keep Paula and her family in your prayers as she explores her new journey!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BOONE CAMPUS

### MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> - 8:30-9:30 AM

Boone campus Men's Breakfast has been well attended with nearly 75% of the campus's men showing up to eat. Last month, we feasted on biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, and fresh fruit salad. We enjoyed fellowship and just catching up with each other. April 28<sup>th</sup> is the next opportunity to hang out with the guys. Bob Baur will be cooking up an old family favorite. Hope to see you there, bring a friend and your appetite.



**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:** April 3, 10, 17, and 24

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM:** We will be building 500+ pantry boxes for March's distribution Saturday (April 13<sup>th</sup>). If you do not mind lifting and moving product, we will be building our assembly line on Tuesday afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. All welcome.

### IMMANUEL KID'S DAY OUT PRESCHOOL

Our 4-year-old classes and some of their families helped Immanuel Food Pantry fill over 200 boxes for this Saturday's food distribution! We have been learning that Jesus loves everyone and wants to be everyone's friend. Today, we were able to see that kind of love in action! It was fun partnering with the food pantry and our KDO families to make this happen. Immanuel has a free drive-thru food pantry distribution the second Saturday of every month from 9am-11am and is open to anyone in the community in need.



### BOONE CAMPUS WELCOME CENTER

The Boone Campus Coffee area received a beautiful makeover this past month. Special thanks to Luke Eimer (and his mother Erin) who helped to coordinate the project in fulfilling his service requirements for his high school, Calvary Christian. Join us for refreshments and fellowship while enjoying the fresh new furniture Luke's project has provided!



## MISSIONS UPDATE

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE AND PANTRY

Thanks to all who donated to the Lenten Food Drive (orange bags) for Immanuel Food Mission! We collected over 4,000 lb. and 300+ bags. Wow. That will cover at least a month's worth of food and feed over 500 families! God is so good. Thanks to all our faithful volunteers. There's a lot going on throughout the month to help prepare for our large distribution on the 2nd Saturday of the month. And we're always looking for people to jump in and help out! We have small and big roles. Heavy-lifting and no lifting roles. Inside and outside jobs. Driving, data entry, dishwashing, praying, and serving food. There is truly something for everyone. If you want to plug in, please call or text Pastor Chad or Malinda (Pantry Hotline 859-334-0053).



Emptying and Sorting Orange Bags



Wed Night Meal Prep



Meat Prep



### EASTERN KENTUCKY MISSIONS

On March 3, our Eastern Kentucky Mission Team hauled another two trailer loads of blessings to our brothers and sisters at the Rousseau Fire Department. We are thankful to be partnering with them and their community as we continue to help the flood victims from the July 2022 Flood. Our next scheduled trip will be in the month of May. Please contact Sue Hill or Amy Baur if you are interested in helping to serve.



## KEEPING THE LORD CLOSE DEVOTIONAL: APRIL 1 - 31, 2024

*Daily Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, thank you for the unfailing love you pour out on all your children. Let your Holy Word speak to me through the Holy Spirit and teach me your ways. AMEN.*

1 Mark 16:1-8

2 Luke 15:11-32

3 2 Kings 19:1-19

4 Matthew 5:1-12

5 Mark 9:14-29

6 Joshua 1:7-9

7 Psalm 139:13-18

8 Matthew 8:23-27

9 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

10 John 4:4-24

11 Luke 11:1-13

12 Matthew 25:31-40

13 John 8:1-11

14 1 John 3:16-18

15 Psalm 138:1-8

16 Matthew 28:18-20

17 Psalm 46:1-11

18 Revelation 3:14-21

19 1 Peter 5:1-10

20 Colossians 4:2-6

21 Matthew 18:1-5

22 Psalm 19:1-4

23 1 Thessalonians 5:12-16

24 Hebrews 12:1-11

25 John 16:1-15

26 Matthew 14:13-21

27 Psalm 71:7-18

28 Romans 2:1-11

29 Luke 13:31-35

30 Psalm 100:1-5

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**YOUTH SUNDAY**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES  
LED BY YOUTH!

APRIL 21ST - LAKESIDE PARK  
APRIL 28TH - BOONE



## YOUTH SUNDAY

LAKESIDE PARK - SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

BOONE - SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

LED BY IMMANUEL YOUTH!

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will be led by students from our youth group! We will have a lot of opportunities for our youth to participate, so mark your calendars and come support them!

## IMMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



High school seniors and college students considering further seminary training, we encourage you to apply to the Immanuel Scholarship Fund by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be available at the church office, online at [immanuel-nky.org](http://immanuel-nky.org), or from our Youth Minister (Jacob Booher). Last year, our church awarded over \$6,000 to students attending schools for post-secondary education.

## MEN'S MINISTRY



**Men's Camping Trip**  
Fri-Sat, May 3-4



**MEN'S MINISTRY  
BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>  
8:30 – 9:30 AM  
IMMANUEL  
BOONE CAMPUS**

All men welcome to join one of these men's studies!

- **Tuesday Morning Men's Study** - Weekly at 9:00 am - Lakeside Park Rm 204 -Topic: "Eternity is Now in Session" by John Ortberg
- **Wednesday Evening Men's Study** - 6:30 pm - Lakeside Park-Topic: Major Christian Doctrines (Wesley Night Study)
- **Saturday Morning Men's Study** - Weekly at 8:00 am (except on the second Saturday of the month) Boone -Welcome Center  
Topic: Seven Habits that Build Spiritual Endurance





### IMMANUEL KIDS SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY

Immanuel Kids Ministry is available for all services at each worship hour. Children are welcome to stay in our care for the duration of your time here. Opportunities available for children, infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### SAVE THE DATE - SUMMER MINISTRY 2024



- Vacation Bible School - Boone Campus - Monday, June 17 - Thursday, June 20
- Vacation Bible School - Lakeside Park Campus - Monday, July 22 - Thursday, July 25
- Music Camp - Monday, June 3 - Friday, June 7

### 252 Kids and First Look April Themes



**Club 4/5  
Lock In**

Overnight full of fun, food, & fellowship!

Drop off: Fri, May 3rd - 6:00-6:30 pm  
Pick up: Sat, May 4th - 8:00-9:00 am

**\*Last day to register – April 30th**

What to Bring?  
What Not to Bring?

Register at [immanuel-nky.org](http://immanuel-nky.org)




Immanuel's 2024 Upward League had 80 players, 15 coaches that made up 10 teams. Thanks to all the players, parents, coaches, referees and game day hosts for their remarkable contribution this season!

*Parent Feedback: We have had the most amazing Upward experience! This was Rory's first-time playing basketball, and she is loving it! Her coaches on the Polar Bears team have been wonderful in teaching the skills needed to play the game and devotionals. The kids on her team have become close and are all great, as well as the parents. Everyone who has come to watch her play has commented on the inclusiveness of the players and kindness of the referees. It's been a blessing!*

**Join our Facebook Page!**  
<https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelNKYKids/>

Download the Free Parent Cue App on the Google Play Store or the App Store. This App provides you with ways to connect with your child throughout the week.



ASPIRE

LEBANON, OH - APRIL 26, 2024

\* ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN \*  
SPACE IS LIMITED!



Join us for an amazing ladies' night out!  
Aspire is a one-night women's event full of  
laughter, learning, stories & music with 3 ladies taking the stage.

1 Bible Teacher – 1 Comedian – 1 Musician

\$50 per person (with dinner) OR \$40 per person (no dinner)

Departure in a minibus to Lebanon Ohio from Immanuel Lakeside Parking Lot at 5:30 PM with a Box Dinner on the way!



CINDERELLA'S CLOSET 2024

Students from all over Northern Kentucky come to Immanuel to experience God's extraordinary love by receiving a full prom package (dress, shoes, and jewelry) **all free of charge**. The Cinderella's Closet Prom Boutique served 331 students in less than three days! Thank you for turning dresses into dreams! Cinderella's Closet had a very special Fairy Godmother this year-Teak, a service dog in training with **FOUR PAWS**. Tiki was a very good girl and



spread joy with everyone she met. We were honored to be a part of her education on her way to serving others! Thank you Immanuel for the love and support over the last 17 years!



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Prayer  
Breakfast

Saturday, June 1st

8:30-10:30AM

Lakeside Park  
Campus



TOOLITTLECHILDREN  
TLC

Ladies Day of Service

Lakeside Park Campus

Saturday, April 27th

DEBORAH CIRCLE MEETING - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

12:30 PM - FLORENCE LAROSA'S

We will be celebrating Spring with lunch out on Friday April 26, 2024 at 12:30 PM. We will meet and eat at LaRosa's Restaurant at 5880 Merchant Street in Florence, 41042. We would love to have you join us!

SARAH CIRCLE MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

10:30 AM - LAKESIDE PARK CAMPUS WESLEY HALL

We will host Sgt. Clark from the Erlanger Police Department and his K-9 partner, Bobo to learn about the work they do. All ladies are welcome to join us for refreshments, fellowship and an informative morning!



### CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!



Greetings from your Worship and Music Ministry teams! We hope your Lent and Easter journeys richly blessed you.

As we move forward into the spring and early summer seasons, we invite you to check out these opportunities!

### SUMMER MUSIC CAMP FOR KIDS! MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 3-7 9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. IMMANUEL LAKESIDE PARK CAMPUS



- Who: Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- We'll prepare a gospel-based dramatic musical and share it in worship on June 9!
- Daily activities include Bible study, singing, set design, crafts and healthy snacks.
- Watch for registration info and more details!



### CHANCEL CHOIR/SUMMER CHOIR

YOU are invited to come sing with our Chancel Choir! Rehearsals continue each Thursday evening, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, through the end of May. We hang up our robes from May-August, but we continue to sing God's praises throughout the summer. Summer Choir rehearsals: 7 – 8 p.m. from June 6 – August 29. Come join us!

For more information on Immanuel's Worship and Music Ministry opportunities, contact Joanne Brumm, Minister of Music at 859-341-5330 Ext. 21.

## STEP OUT AND SERVE



### CAN YOU HELP MAKE OUR WELCOME BIGGER?

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."*

(Matthew 25:35)

Our hospitality team mission is to **reveal the love of Jesus** for all who enter – especially the **stranger**. Among our Sunday morning worship services it takes *at least* 30 people to welcome others well, especially those new to our fellowship. Can you help us extend Jesus' welcome? If you are able to serve as a greeter, usher, cart driver, or hospitality coordinator, or prayer minister, sign up via our website ([immanuel-nky.org](http://immanuel-nky.org) → **Serve** → **Hospitality Team**) or [office@immanuel-nky.org](mailto:office@immanuel-nky.org). Serving even once a month for a season is very helpful!

### SUNDAY CHURCH RIDE-SHARING DRIVERS NEEDED!



There are a number of people in our church family that would love to worship in-person with us on Sunday, but need a ride. We are looking to connect those that live near one another to limit additional drive time. If you can potentially provide a ride (regularly or occasionally), reach out to Wesley Phillips at [office@immanuel-nky.org](mailto:office@immanuel-nky.org) with your **name**, **address** and **normal Sunday morning arrival time and departure time**.

## ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS



My family and I have always believed in walking by faith and not by sight. Most are familiar with 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:7, *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* God's plan for us as His children here on earth is that our walk with Him be a walk of faith. Faith has to do with things not seen or perceived with our physical senses. I believe this is one of the most challenging tasks. The Lord desires that we be disciplined and attentive to details, and I am a person who likes to plan ahead. But the Lord also wants us to depend on Him.

To "Walk in faith" is to have confidence and believe in God despite being unable to see or verify it. It involves acting on faith rather than based on facts or assurance. In contrast, "Devotion" refers to a great dedication to God. It entails a sense of commitment and devotion to God that is frequently motivated by a profound personal belief.

Together, "walk in faith" and "devotion" can be a powerful combination, as they can provide a strong sense of purpose and direction in life. Walking in faith can help to strengthen one's beliefs and provide guidance in times of uncertainty, while devotion can provide the motivation and commitment needed to pursue one's goals and aspirations.

Everyone anticipates a unique experience as we navigate life together. Keep in mind that God has everything under control. I like to say, enjoy the journey; we are only here for a short time.

God bless,  
Christopher Cate  
Administrator/Executive Minister

## JOIN A SUNDAY GROUP OR CLASS



We have several open groups that meet each Sunday to connect and grow in Christ. If you don't have a group, now is a great time to plug in!

- Go deeper with your study of the Bible
- Invest in your faith
- Grow your relationships with others from your church family

### 10:00 - 11:00 AM

- ***Growing Together*** - Led by Gordon Suggs - Room 205
- ***WOW (Walk on Water)*** - Led by Carol Thomas & Sam Wood - Room 204
- ***Seekers*** - Led by Craig Schwarting - Room 302/306
- ***Cornerstones of Faith*** - Led by Betty Minor - Room 304

### 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

- ***Parent Fellowship Group*** - Led by Wesley Phillips - Room 102/104

Looking for non-Sunday groups and opportunities? Explore all our adult groups, classes, ministry teams, and recurring service opportunities here! You can search by type, location, day of the week, and demographic/gender to identify the opportunities that fit your desire and schedule.

Questions regarding the adult Sunday School classes, contact Wesley Phillips at [office@immanuel-nky.org](mailto:office@immanuel-nky.org).



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