

# THE VISION

August, 2016

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**“Honesty Let’s Us Know Where the Work Is!”** said Rhonda Grammer

One of the goals that the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, along with the Church Council, along with myself have set for a couple of years now includes the development of small groups.

Statistics report that as a church grows larger, it is important for strong relationships to form and grow deeper. More intimate and stronger relationships allow us to ask each other difficult questions that creates an accountability that is very important and healthy in our spirituality.

Jordan Grammer has worked on the formation of small groups over the last year. He has researched the process, visited with other church leaders, and had personal conversations with church members from our church. After much hard work and faithful decisions, we began the small groups last week. Rhonda Grammer is the Small Group Leader of “Unplugged.” The host home for this group is Nancy Darnell. The focus of this group is to be very intentional in spending time, quality time, with God—listening to God—talking to God—learning from God—and loving God. Another Small Group Leader is Christal Akers. The host home for this group is the Parsonage. The focus of this group is to ask ourselves, “Are we really committed to God and God’s ways?” Are we a fan of all the exciting things about God, or do we truly follow the ways of Jesus on a daily basis? The third Small Group Leader is Errick Cameron. The host home for this group is Ron and Mary Ann Goldsmith. The focus of this group is to give God thanks for the Blessings we receive, but also ask God how we can be the biggest blessing to others.

As the Small Groups grow, our spiritual formation process will always remind us of the hard work of which we are invited to participate. Forming faith, growing our souls is hard work, even sometimes painful work. I encourage the growth in these groups to embrace opportunities to laugh together, cry together, struggle with honesty, challenge with suggestions—grow faith! As we are honest, we begin to understand where our work lies. Just as an athlete joins a gym to work out to build stamina and muscle condition, we as Christians commit ourselves to a time set apart to build spiritual endurance and soul condition.

Thanks to each of you who have chosen to participate. If some of the times or places didn’t work out for you in this particular time, other groups will be offered in the future. It Takes Strong to Make Strong! Blessings as we grow!

*Pastor Jackie*

## Children's Ministry

### Kid's Night Out

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join in an evening of fun that includes dinner, games, crafts, popcorn and a movie! Kid's Night Out will be held on Friday, August 26 from 5:30—8:30 pm. There is no cost to attend. Please call the church office, 656-4648 to register your child, or sign them up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room. Helpers are needed! Speak to Kiffon Lewis or Jill Winte.

### Community Children's Ministry



On Sunday, August 14, we will be offering a Brunch after our Contemporary Service, 9:45 am thru Hospitality Time, and after the Traditional Service, 11:45 am—12:15 pm. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$5 children 6-13, and children 5 and under are free. Proceeds will be used to purchase coats for the Head Start Children in Edwardsville and any remaining monies will be used to help any needy families in District #7 schools.

A sign-up sheet is in the Hospitality Room for you to donate foods needed to prepare this Brunch. If you don't cook or care to shop for food items you may make a monetary donation by dropping a check in the offering plate with "CCM Donation" on the memo line. OR you may see Sharon Koenig with any questions. If you are unable to attend the Brunch and would like to make a donation, there are envelopes on the Christmas Tree that you can put your check in and drop in the basket. Thank you for your generosity in helping the Community Children's Ministry.

**Sunday, August 14**  
**A Special Day for Kids!!**  
**At Both 8:45 am and 10:45 pm Services**

### Blessing of Backpacks

We will have our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks* for all students. Bring your school backpacks and friends to church that morning!



### Bible Sunday

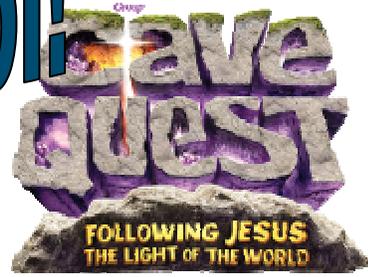
We will hand out engraved Bibles to those children entering 3rd grade. If your child will be going into the 3rd grade and you did not receive a letter from us, please notify the church office as soon as possible. Thanks!

### SAK Update

The SAK (Serving Area Kids) Program has handed out more than 3,400 lunches in Edwardsville this summer (as of July 20th). Kudos to our directors Sherry Buhrmester and Paige Brase for all of their hard work—and to the many, many volunteers who have made this effort possible. Last distribution date is August 15th.



# Vacation Bible School!



## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women are providing concessions for the August 4th Municipal Band Concert. They are asking the congregation for donations of pies, cookies, brownies, and bar cookies for the stand. Donations should be delivered to City Park by 7:30 on the day of concert. If you have any questions, please contact Joann Schaaake.

### America's Night Out Against Crime

*Hosted by Edwardsville Police Department*

August 2, 2016

5:30—8:00 pm

Edwardsville City Park

Free giveaways to first 100 children

Music & Entertainment

Free snow cones, hot dogs

Free bounce houses

Child Identification Station

Children's Museum Table

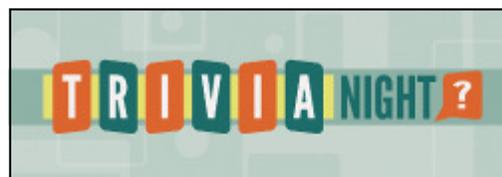
YMCA Craft Table for Kids

Distracted Driver Simulation

Watershed Educational Table

### Trivia Night!!

Don't forget our *Blast From the Past* Trivia Night that will be held this Saturday, July 30. Check with Jordan Grammer (618) 979-4765 to see if there are still spaces available. Questions will cover different eras from the past—no history degree required!! Cost is \$10 per player, with 8 players per table. Doors open at 5:30 pm and play begins at 6 pm. Thanks for your support of our Youth Group!



### Scrip!

Scrip is a great fundraising opportunity whereby you purchase gift cards for things you already use (i.e., groceries, gas, meals out, etc.) and a percentage of your purchase comes back to Immanuel. Hundreds of local merchants participate in this program. Each merchant offers a different percentage—some as high as 16%! With just a little planning ahead you can use Scrip gift cards to purchase most of the things you buy every day. Orders are placed on the last Sunday of each month. You may pick up a list of merchants and order forms from the Hospitality Room, or view them on our website. We appreciate your support of this program!

## Meals on Wheels

Immanuel is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of August, and we are still in need of a few more volunteers. Currently Wednesday, August 3; Friday, August 5; and Thursdays, August 11, 18 and 25 need volunteers. Call the church office (618) 656-4648 if you can help. Thanks!

## IGRC Nears its \$1M Goal

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference expects to complete the "Making Dreams Possible" scholarship endowment campaign for Africa University within a month. The campaign honors and celebrates the 40+ years of ministry and leadership by Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton and Mrs. Beverly Keaton, who are retiring in August. "The people of this conference are wonderfully generous," said Rev. Beverly Wilkes-Null, chair of the IGRC's Africa University Committee. "We have a great team and they just keep on telling the Africa University story, and that makes all the difference in the world." Through this campaign, the conference aims to endow seven and a half scholarships at AU, named in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Keaton. Immanuel held a Benefit for Africa University in February, and requested special donations that helped us to reach our goal of donating \$2,244.00 towards this campaign.

## New Bishop for IGRC

The new Bishop Frank Beard has been appointed to Illinois Great Rivers Conference effective September 1, 2016. He is from Indiana and steps into this responsibility as a new Bishop. Further details will be forthcoming

## Contribution Statements

You may pick up your contribution statement for the first half of 2016 from the church entryway. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please call the church office, (618) 656-4648.

## Address Changes?

If you change your address, please notify the church office. We used to be able to get these changes from the Post Office, but now that we e-mail most things, we are sometimes not aware if you have moved. We like to keep our church records as accurate as possible. Thank you!

## Thank You!

A special thank you to all the wonderful people who have had me in their prayers these last couple of weeks and have sent cards and have called me. I certainly appreciate them all. And a Special Thanks for the balloons—they made my day!

- Floyd Fisher

## Prayer Ministry († Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

- † Family of Marilyn Schwertman, mother of Chris Schwertman, at her passing  
Family of Bob Jones of New Bethel UMC, in his passing
- †† David Stoeckel, father of Christal Akers-Helle  
Van Johnson, hospitalized with infection at Alton Memorial Hospital  
Jennie Lynn Totten, recovering from a light stroke
- ††† Mary Workman, mother of Kathy Coady, health issues  
Libby Metcalf, finishing her recovery at University Manor Nursing Home
- †††† Family of Lois Whitworth, friend of Joanie Green, upon her passing  
Alexis Tharpe, recovering from accident  
Nicole Lupton, participant in Ageless Grace, recovering from surgery  
Grandparents of Adam Jones, husband of Grace Havis, working through  
health issues—need healing prayers for them and those who support them  
Collin Rives, grandson of Bill & Judy Daubenspeck, continued cancer treatment  
Annabelle, baby of a friend of Linda Hawkins, in critical condition  
Bill Daubenspeck, recovering from knee replacement

## Concert Opportunities!

**Big Daddy Weave's** Beautiful Offerings Tour, also featuring Plumb and We Are Messengers, will be performing at the Bethalto City Park on Friday, September 16th. General Admission tickets are \$18.00 and may be purchased at Sunshine Shop Granite City, Dee Lux Diner Roxana, Family Christian Book Store Alton Mall, or online at [carmenconcerts.com](http://carmenconcerts.com). Gates open at 6:00 and show time is at 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Community Hope Center!!

**Third Day** will be performing with special guest Warren Barfield on Friday, August 26th at First Baptist Church of O'Fallon, Illinois. Go to [iTickets.com](http://iTickets.com) or call (800) 965-9324 for ticket information.

**August  
Noisy  
Offering**

**Liberia  
Minister's Fund**

**Advance  
Special No.  
15124A**

### Receipts to 6/30/2016

	January	February	March
Contrib.	\$14,605.00	\$11,923.00	\$10,642.50
Online	1,590.00	2,085.00	1,640.00
Other	<u>4,294.76</u>	<u>1,594.16</u>	<u>3,306.05</u>
	\$20,489.76	15,602.16	15,588.55
	April	May	June
Contrib.	\$11,435.36	\$14,510.01	\$12,511.38
Online	1,640.00	1,640.00	1,665.00
Other	<u>1,945.92</u>	<u>3,567.85</u>	<u>2,797.37</u>
	\$15,021.28	\$19,717.86	\$16,973.75

Total needed per month to meet the budget  
and pay all of our Apportionments

\$17,269.00

## Faith in Action

Faith in Action is an ecumenical organization that is busy at work in the community of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. Faith in Action provides rides, occasional yard work, or light house cleaning for citizens 60 years and older. Faith in Action is in need of volunteers due to the number of needs growing within our communities. Marcia Golden is the Director of Faith in Action. And, Kendra Moffett works closely with Marcia in forming a beautiful team of support and service. Rita King has kept clear and concise financial records to support the important work that is needed. Pastor Jackie serves on the Board for Faith in Action and finds great reward in having the opportunity to connect folks with this valuable ministry.

If you are willing to volunteer to provide help, please call the Faith in Action office—(618) 692-0480. If you are interested in asking for assistance, you can call the same number.

## Congratulations!

Paige Elizabeth O'Bryan was born to Taylor and Rachelle O'Bryan on Thursday, June 23. Paige joins big sisters Peyton and Parker. Grandparents are Glenn and Lynn O'Bryan, and great grandparents are Leonard and Carolyn Land. Congratulations and God's blessings to this family!!

## Change of Address...

Effective July 30, please note the new address and phone number for Gwen Cornell. Her cell phone number will not change: (630) 525-0868. Gwen will be living in a newly purchased home with daughter Kelly and granddaughter Shannah:

829 Wildwood Drive  
Bethalto, IL 62020  
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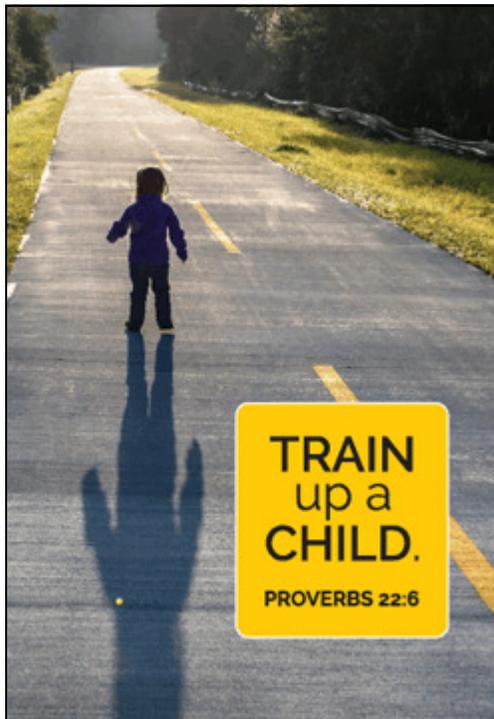
Instrument Director

David Bryant

Choral Director

Jordan Grammer

Contemporary Worship Leader



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Joint Contemporary Service**

8:45 a.m.

In Sanctuary

**Common Time**

9:45 a.m.

Includes:

Sunday School

Middle School Study

Wired Word Discussions

Seekers Class

Coffee + More

**Traditional Service**

10:45 a.m.

In Sanctuary

**5th SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00 am Common Time

10:00 am Blended Worship

**Nursery Available All  
Morning**