



*Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!"*

*Luke 24:5-6a,*

NKJV

The early disciples of Jesus were looking for Him, but because of their natural presuppositions, they were looking in the wrong place. People are doing the same thing, still today. They are looking for life. The trouble is, they are usually looking in the wrong places.

Many will be looking for life in a beachfront resort during Spring Break week. Some will be looking for life in new projects for the house or yard. Others will be looking for life back out on the golf course or out in the bass boat.

Although there is nothing wrong with these, in and of themselves, those who are looking

for new life will not find it by only engaging in the haunts and habits they have always returned to, year after year. Looking for life in such things will disappoint, because they have already been there before, without success.

Do you know what the definition of insanity is? Doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. But as the days warm, and people become excited about the prospects for warmer weather and a return to activities they have missed, they will somehow forget that those past events and activities never brought the fulfillment they anticipated in years past, either.

Although they should know better, most will not. They will go on through the same old routines, lose themselves in the same old activities, engage themselves in the same old events and time will pass again this year, as it has in years past.

At some point we must stop just doing things that come naturally, and realize that real life is not found in the natural order of things, but in that which is supernatural. Jesus died and was buried. But He didn't stay dead. Praise God, He arose!

He is alive today, because in John 14:6, He affirmed that He IS Life! John 1:4 says: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And

the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

As a Church of Jesus, the world will continue walking in darkness. Most people will not understand what we are doing or why. Most people will be so busy doing what they've always done, they will not involve themselves in what we are doing in the course of this month, as we celebrate Easter.

People will continue to seek life among the dead things of this world. But at Immanuel Baptist Church, we are going to celebrate the Resurrection of the One who IS the way, the truth, and the life. Why not come and bring someone else along to join us?

Here's a little of what will be happening in April. On **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Mountain State Quarterly Mens' Breakfast** will be held at **Grandview Baptist Church**. Vans for transportation will be leaving from the Associational Office at **109 Willowbrook Road, Princeton, at 7:00 am**.

Our **Quarterly Communion** will be held **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, in the evening worship service. We will be hosting the **Associational VBS Clinic on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**.

At the **Glenwood 4H Center on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**, we will once again join with **Covenant Baptist Church** to

participate in a **Seder Meal Service** to celebrate the **Passover Meal** in which Jesus instituted the **Lord's Supper**.

On **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, IBC will be hosting the **West Virginia Convention's Evangelism Conference** for the southern portion of the state. We will be hearing from top notch speakers and leaders from across the eastern United States. Speakers will include **Evangelism Professor Dr. Alvin Reid, Revivalist Rick Coram, and Scott Bullman, from Thomas Road Baptist Church** will be leading music.

Don't seek the living among the dead! Come be part of what the Lord is doing Live at Immanuel Baptist Church!

Blessings & Peace,  
Brother Dan



We are having a make-up day for directory pictures. If you did not get to have your picture made for the directory please get with Kerri Johnson for a reschedule. We want everyone to be in this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary addition.



### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**

I was just looking back at what was being written for this column at this time last year. Back then, we were eagerly anticipating the completion of the block for the first floor of the new building, and the construction teams that were coming in June.

Today, I can look out the window and see the second floor in place and the metal roof installed, the outside doors already set and the windows and metal siding ready to go on to complete the exterior! Isn't God good?

It has been amazing to see how our giving towards the building has increased. It has been growing! It has increased, ever since our January challenge asking each family to give a special offering of \$10 per week, beyond their tithe, specifically for the building.

This excites me! It reminds me that most of the time we limit God! We think He only works through the big things. Many do not believe God pays attention to the little part each of us can play in such a great project.

The Bible says just the opposite! When the Israelites were in a building program to restore the temple, in

*Zechariah 4:10, God said, "For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."*

Isn't it exciting to serve a God who blesses our obedience, whether little or much? Aren't you glad He only asks you to do that for which He has equipped and to give only that which He provides?

The more I see His hand at work, the more I fall in love with Jesus! Let's keep our hands to the plow and refuse to look back! Let's keep our eyes and our hearts set upon Him, and watch what He alone can do!



Our VBS will be June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-9pm. We are in need of lots of teachers and helpers! This may seem early to you, but this event will be here sooner than you think. April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm is our Associational VBS Clinic, you won't want to miss this important training. We are still in the need for teachers for 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, special needs (children), preschool rec. and many helpers. If you are interested in any positions, please see Kerri Johnson or Debbie Sigmon.

# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are now planning for "Old Fashion Sunday" -our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on July 19, 2009. We are contacting former pastors and extending an invitation for them to join us. If you know of any former members, please invite them to be here. Morning worship will begin at 10:45am followed by an old fashion dinner on the grounds at 12:30. The afternoon service will begin with a time of worship, music and fellowship and close with homemade Ice Cream, watermelon and root beer floats. If you have any older pictures to submit for our new church directory, please put your name on them and the names of the people in the picture and give them to Jennie Hughes, Lyndall Wiley or Linda Wyatt as soon as possible. They will be returned to you.



Dan's sermon series on marriage is available on a set of 4 CD's upon request.

Mark your calendars for our Sedar Meal at 6:00pm on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Glenwood 4-H. Be sure to bring a couple of covered dishes and/or drinks for the meal. Accepted meats are chicken and lamb.

Remember no bread or anything with leaven and no desserts. Regular services at IBC will be cancelled that night so that everyone can take part in this event.

## Golfing FORE Missions

It is time for the second annual Mary Ida Tidsworth Mission Endowment Golf Tournament.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and be keeping your ears open for more details.