

Immanuel Evangelical Church October, 2026



EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION



Immanuel Evangelical Church's **OPEN MARKETPLACE**

Sunday October 11th, 2026 at 11 am
at the Columbus Club Hall on Hwy 36

- Live Auction
- Basket Raffle
- Country Store
 - ★ Canned Goods
 - ★ Baked Goods
 - ★ Plants
 - ★ Crafts
- Raffle
- Children's Activities

Turkey and Dressing
Meal With Dessert
— 11am - 12:30 pm —



Children's Sunday School at church 9:00 am
(kids will be shuttled to KC Hall at 10:00 am)
Praise & Prayer Time at KC Hall 9:45 am
(No 10:15 am worship at church that day)
Auction begins at 12:00 pm

Meal tickets—\$15.00
Raffle tickets—\$2.00 each
or a book of 6 for \$10

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Rally Day Concert



The Watson Family Singers graced us with a concert of gospel music on September 13. The Watsons sang both familiar songs and a few originals that they've written and recorded for Christian radio. What a joy to have them here! We thank God for their faith and musical talents.

Bell Choir shorthanded, needing extra ringers



The Bell Choir is beginning the Fall season a little short handed. We are needing a couple of extra ringers to fill out the choir. Youth or adults of any age are invited to play. No musical experience needed. We color code your notes!

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday from 5:30-6:00 pm. We hope to perform once a month September through May with special performances on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday. Contact Pastor Ron for more details.

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Ron's Ramblings

Going home...

One of the joys of getting to attend the 2026 EA National Convocation this past month in New Philadelphia, Ohio was that I got a chance to take a one day side trip to Galion, Ohio, Galion is my hometown.

I made sure that I went to Galion on Sunday morning so that I could attend worship at my home church, Windfall Emanuel Church, a German Reformed congregation started in 1840. I hadn't been in home at Windfall since my mother's funeral 4 years ago. I didn't want that sad day to be my last memory of the church family I loved and grew up around.

Going home to the Windfall Church was like a family reunion. I got to help celebrate the 80th birthday of Diane Burgin, one of mom's of youth in my Confirmation Class. Because the church was hosting a potluck after worship in her honor, I got a chance to meet up with other "teens" from my days at Windfall who I hadn't seen in over 30 years. I enjoyed the company of some of their parents who were still alive. We reflected on parents (like mine) who were no longer with us. I also got a chance to visit with Rev. Lloyd Caudell, who has served the church for the past 26 years. Even though he wasn't my pastor growing up, he has been a supporter of our ministry in Ohio, South Dakota and here in Texas and was there for our family when we needed him most when dad and mom Shifley went home to be with the Lord.

While it was great seeing a lot of old time members, it was also a joy to see half of the congregation that I didn't recognize: newer members who have joined the church since I was ordained into the ministry in 1996. God has consistently brought new people into the fellowship to keep this little brick church going, even after their denomination told them to give up, and close down, and move into town 57 years ago. Yet, instead of closing the faithful people of Windfall built a new church building instead. Stubborn Germans! Faithful Christians!!

My visit this past month to the Windfall Church reminded me of a going home parable that Jesus told in Luke 15:20 about the prodigal son and the loving father. *"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."* That's the kind of welcome that my home church gave me, even though I've been away for the

past 4 years and haven't been able to worship and fellowship with them regularly for the past 30.



It's difficult for me to "go home" to the Windfall Church in Galion, Ohio because I live so far away, but I know that when I do, I am always welcomed home like family.

Some of you who are reading this article have not been back to your home church for awhile. Or you have a brother, a sister, a cousin or neighbor who used to call Immanuel Evangelical Church in Needville, Texas, "home."

But then something got in the way. A parent, spouse or child died, and your last memory of being in our church sanctuary was that of tears and loss, and you haven't been able to get past that memory.

For others, you may have had a feud with fellow church members over something and stormed out of the church in a fuss, or feeling very hurt. You pledged you'd never go back, but you just haven't found a new church home anywhere either, and you feel a hole in your spiritual life.

For others life got in the way. Your job prevented you from attending church on Sundays, or your kids sports schedule took you away, and though times have changed, you've never returned.

If any of these stories resonate with your life experience, know that you are not alone. There are a lot of us who haven't had the chance or taken the chance to "go home" in a

long time.

Yet, here's the truth: It's never too late to come home. Just like in the story that Jesus told in Luke 15, there is a loving family of faith who loves you, is waiting for you, and wants to celebrate you if you but walk back in the door. You are always welcome in the "family" no matter why you left or how long it's been. Our loving Father wants your joy to be complete (John 15:11). That joy comes from spending time with Him and the church family who shares in His love and amazing grace.

So, what are you waiting for? Your family wants to throw a party with you. Come home. It will feel so good to be here. Trust me. I know.



Photo of Windfall Emanuel Church, Galion, Ohio. This is Pastor Ron's home church.

EA National Convocation features new National Minister

Pastor Ron attended the 2026 EA National Convocation on out behalf, September 17-20, at Jerusalem Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio. The theme was "United and Unashamed."



The event, that drew EA pastors and lay leaders from all over the USA, featured a retirement celebration of Rev. Jim Barnes as EA National Minister as well as the Installation Service for Rev. Jason Ford, from Cibolo, Texas, as our new



EA National Minister.

Convocation was filled with times of worship, powerful preaching, updates from EA missionaries, networking, and helpful workshops. One was presented by fellow Texan, Rev. Phil Brown from Immanuel Church in Spring, TX on "Artificial Intelligence, Authentic Ministry."

The host church treated attendees to Ohio favorite foods like shredded chicken sandwiches, and an Amish style meal. Convocation was a blessing for everyone who attended, just as it was last year when our church hosted the event.



4 WEEK
CHILDREN'S
CURRICULUM!

JOSIAH

AND THE LOST SCROLL

DISCOVER THE TREASURE THAT CHANGED A KINGDOM!

A forgotten scroll.
A brave young king.
A people who rediscovered
God's Word.

Starts Oct. 4
at 9:00 am

WORKSHOP ROTATION
CREATIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

FAITH.
DISCOVERY.
FUN.
ALL MONTH
LONG!

4 LEARNING CENTERS!

ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER

Be a junior archaeologist and discover the story!

COOKING CENTER

A delicious reminder of the sweetness of God's Word!

VIDEO CENTER

See the story come to life on screen!

ART CENTER

A masterpiece to take home and treasure!

THE GREATEST TREASURE ISN'T GOLD...
IT'S GOD'S WORD!

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
DEUTERONOMY 6:5

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Fall Quarter:

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN...
REVELATION 5:12

1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7

THE END REVEALS THE GLORY OF OUR GOD!

JOIN US!

SUNDAYS @ 9:00 AM
GROW IN FAITH. KNOW THE TRUTH.
BE PREPARED. BE ENCOURAGED.

"BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS..." REVELATION 1:7

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Tickets may be purchased at:

- Immanuel Evangelical Church-9018 Church Street (Mon.-Fri.-9:30-12:30)
- Needville Auto Supply (NAPA)-3016 Hwy 36
- Needville Feed & Supply-2811 School St
- Donna's Country Cuts & Styles-18439 Hwy 36-Guy
- Damon Farm & Ranch - Damon, Texas



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We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Columbus Club Hall on October 11 for our annual fundraiser! **We hope to see LOTS of you at the hall at 7 am to help us set-up and lots of you afterwards to shut-down (we are usually totally finished by 3 pm).** Please refer to your social OMP mailer that you received at the end of May or the beginning of June for all of the important details. If you have misplaced your copy, more are available on the table in the office lobby.

Please note a couple of changes regarding our auction:

1. **If you are donating an item, Shirley Hlavaty needs to know what the item is by MONDAY, OCTOBER 5.** It takes her quite a bit of time to make all of the auction tags, Please help her by contacting her ASAP.
2. **PADDLES for auction bidders are being used this year.** The use of the paddles will help to streamline the auction and make it flow easier for all of the auction workers. **Upon arriving at Columbus Club Hall, PLEASE sign-up for your paddle.** Do not wait until it is time for the auction to begin at 12pm to sign-up. Sharon McElrath and Lindsey McElrath will be waiting for you at a designated table. Yes, you will be allowed to bid on items even if you do not get a paddle. However, we would appreciate you getting one, even if you don't think you will be bidding. Your just might see an item that you really, really want! Special thanks to Lynn and Patsy Roesler for donating the paddles.

We would like to thank each of you for everything you have already done and will be doing to support our church fundraiser. Whether you are selling meal and raffle tickets, have bought tickets, donated a raffle prize, basket, or auction item, planning to bake a dessert for the meal or baked goods for the Country Store, making crafts or canned goods, growing plants, volunteering to work in the serving line, etc., the OMP Committee APPRECIATES EACH OF YOU! This fundraiser can only be a success with all of us working together. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of food, fun, and fellowship. See you there!

OMP Co-Chairs: Linda Griffith (832)595-4899
Sharon Roberson (281)750-1291

Meal & Raffle Tickets on sale in the Fellowship Hall after Worship!!!



WANTED

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Please get in touch with Shirley Hlavaty (282-239-5399) if you would like to donate a Live Auction Item before October 5th. To help our auction run smoother this year, we will be introducing the use of paddles for our bidders. There will be a table set up to register with Sharon and Lindsey McElrath as a bidder before the auction starts at 12 noon. This will help our auctioneer recognize the buyer.

I would also like to thank those that have contacted me with their great items. To list a few: 4 day, 3 night stay at Wayne Ley's Rockport Bayhouse that sleeps 12. Guided Fishing Trip out of Matagorda Bay, Jambalaya Meal for 25 people catered by Bayou Boys, Traeger Pro 34 Electric Pellet Grill and Smoker, Meat Packet from Kovasovic's Meat Market, Homemade Outdoor storage bench, Industrial Coffee Table, Wooden Bench, Cross-Stitch Pictures, Fall Décor, and more. Many homemade baked goodies, Kolaches, canned goods, noodles, pecan and peanut brittle just name a few.

May God Bless each and everyone of you
Shirley Hlavaty

Missions/Outreach

October mission focus: Streethearts of Haiti

Our church has been supporting the amazing work that God has done in Streethearts for Haiti for a dozen years now.

Founding missionary, Linsey Jorgenson, has spoken at our church a number of times and shared how God's Holy Spirit nudged her to begin a ministry that helps bring homeless boys off the street, to give them a home, self worth, an education, and the love and gospel of Jesus Christ. So many lives have been transformed over the past decade.

That ministry has expanded to include homeless girls and the elderly who have been left outside of hospitals to die. The people that Linsey and the leadership team that Streethearts of Haiti care for are forever indebted to their compassion.

None of this ministry would be possible if churches like ours here at Immanuel didn't cover them in prayer and give them financial support through mission offering like we will be collecting in the month of October. We hope to raise at least \$1,000 for this important mission. Please give generously.



Learn more about Streethearts of Haiti on our church's Digital Mission Display in the lobby just outside the church office. There you can view videos recorded by Linsey, read mission updates, and view photos of the mission in action. The more you know, the more touching God's story in Haiti becomes.

It is a joy to give a helping hand, and share the love of Jesus, to all kinds of people around the world. Thanks in advance for your support!



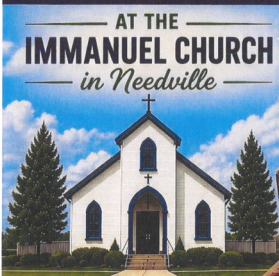
NEEDVILLE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY

Serving Our Community with Love and Compassion



**GIVES OUT FOOD ON THE
SECOND AND FOURTH
WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

**AT THE
IMMANUEL CHURCH
in Needville**





Together we can make a difference!

**TO CONTINUE OPERATION
DONATIONS ARE NEEDED
ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS! ★**

**PO BOX 505
NEEDVILLE, TEXAS**

SOME OF THE ITEMS ACCEPTED ARE:



and more!

Operation Christmas Child

will again be sponsored by the Women's Guild. The shoe boxes will be given out on Sunday, October 18th after church service.



If God puts it on your heart to help a child smile with a filled box this Christmas, Rita Hedt will be in the foyer with the boxes.

Boxes will need to be turned in by November 15th.

Offering by Credit or Debit

To give by debit or credit card, you can scan this QR code.



It will take you directly to an app to make your donation.
Thank you for your support!

Catacombs to host Music Video Premiere night

Catacombs, our Friday night teen outreach ministry launched for the 2026-2027 school year on September 18 with 51 teens in attendance.

Catacombs is held Friday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 pm for teens in grades 7-12.

On Friday, October 2 we will host a World Premiere Night for the music video and song “Light in the Catacombs,” a song written this summer for weekly Catacombs Praise times. The music video features an A.I. version of Pastor Ron leading teens in singing the song in an underground concert venue.

That evening we will have giveaways featuring glow-in-the-dark t-shirts with the theme “Shine a Light in the Darkness” which are based on the chorus of the song. A limited number of DVDs featuring the music video will also be given away. The DVD will also feature music videos for “Worthy Is the Lamb” and “Every Step of the Way” (other



A screen shot from the music video “Light in the Catacombs.”

songs composed by our church and staff over the summer).

Every teen in attendance will receive an online link to the music video published on YouTube to take home and share with their friends.

Rally Day celebrates Sunday School kids, adults

Our church celebrated Rally Day and the beginning of the 2026-2027 Sunday School year on September 13.

During worship kids who were recognized for excellent Sunday School attendance in 2025-2026 included Brooke and Brian Wuthrich. Teens recognized for excellent attendance included Corbin and Keegan March. Adult with excellent attendance: Bill Johnson, Becky & Bruce Oberhoff, Jo Ann Morton, Theresa Salinas and Pastor Ron.



dergarteners Brighym and Cohyn Warncke. The recipient of our 2nd grade “Action Bible” was Robert Carson.”

Special thanks goes out to the Men’s Brotherhood who cooked up delicious roast beef and rice and to the Christian Education Committee for sponsoring the rest of the meal.

“God’s BIG Picture Bibles were given to kin-

Leaps & Bounds celebrates Cowboy Day!

Our Leaps & Bounds kids got decked out in their finest Western Wear with cowboy hats and boots for Cowboy Day on 24.

The kids got to ride stick horses in the Fellowship Hall and got to touch, see, and ride a real horse in the church back yard.

A fun day was had by all of our little ones! Thanks to Katie and her staff for coordinating this event for them.



Additional Children's Sunday School Teachers are needed.

Contact Pastor Ron for more details and to volunteer



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helps equip Sunday school teachers with curriculum resources all over the world!



Locations marked on the map include: Canada, United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Great Britain, Norway, Germany, Spain, Italy, Israel, Egypt, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Russia, Ukraine, India, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand.

"Go and make disciples of all nations..."
Matthew 28:19 NIV



October



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				<i>Leaps & Bounds</i> 8:30-2:30  Christian Ed—6:30	<i>Sr. Citizens Lunch</i> 11:30 am <i>Catacombs</i> 7:00-10:00 pm 	
4 World Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Sunday School</i> 9:00 am <i>Worship</i> 10:15 am		<i>Leaps & Bounds with Blessing of the Pets</i> 8:30-2:30  <i>Girl Scouts</i> 6:30 pm	<i>Food Pantry</i> 9:30—12 pm <i>Bell Choir</i> 5:30-6:00 pm <i>Children's Ministry</i> 4:00-5:30 pm <i>Youth Ministry</i> 6:00-8:00 pm	<i>Leaps & Bounds</i> 8:30-2:30  <i>Missions</i> —6:00 <i>Worship</i> —6:30 <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:30 pm	<i>Sr. Citizens Lunch</i> 11:30 am <i>Catacombs</i> 7:00-10:00 pm 	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Kids Sunday School</i> 9:00 am <i>Worship at KC Hall</i> 9:45 am OPEN MARKETPLACE		<i>Leaps & Bounds</i> 8:30-2:30  <i>Fellowship Committee</i> 2:00 pm <i>Girl Scouts</i> 6:30 pm	<i>Children's Ministry</i> 4:00-5:30 pm <i>Bell Choir</i> 5:30-6:00 pm <i>Youth Ministry</i> 6:00-8:00 pm	<i>Leaps & Bounds</i> 8:30-2:30  <i>Consistory</i> 7:00 pm	<i>Sr. Citizens Lunch</i> 11:30 am <i>Women's Guild</i> 2:00 pm <i>Catacombs</i> 7:00-10:00 pm 	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Sunday School</i> 9:00 am <i>Worship</i> 10:15 am	<i>Senior Citizen Mtg.</i> 1:30—Chris Janicek	<i>Leaps & Bounds</i> 8:30-2:30  <i>Girl Scouts</i> 6:30 pm <i>Brotherhood</i> 6:30 pm	<i>Food Pantry</i> 9:30-12:00 pm <i>Children's Ministry</i> 4:00-5:30 pm <i>Bell Choir</i> 5:30-6:00 pm <i>Youth Ministry</i> 6:00-8:00 pm	<i>Leaps & Bounds</i> 8:30-2:30  <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:30 pm	<i>Sr. Citizens Lunch</i> 11:30 am <i>Catacombs</i> 7:00-10:00 pm 	
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Mark Paweleck
Tommy Lovel
Keith Warncke
Brandon Beck
Cindy Schulze
Sue Hurta
Cecil Tielke
John Spears
Curtis Walzel
Harvey Mager

PRAYER LIST

Joyce Christ
Barbara Sims
Barbara Schroeder
Erna Thielemann
Clarence Thielemann
Becky Tabler
Corlis Delling

Paul Flessener
Glynn & Bernice Schmidt
Barbara James
Norma Freund
Rev. Jim Barnes
Shirley Richter
Nathan Gaskamp

Florence Gaskamp
Yvonne Lingnau
Rodney Elster
WC Todd
Casey Schmidt
Robert Hallgren
Paul & Brenda Butler
Jonathan Moody

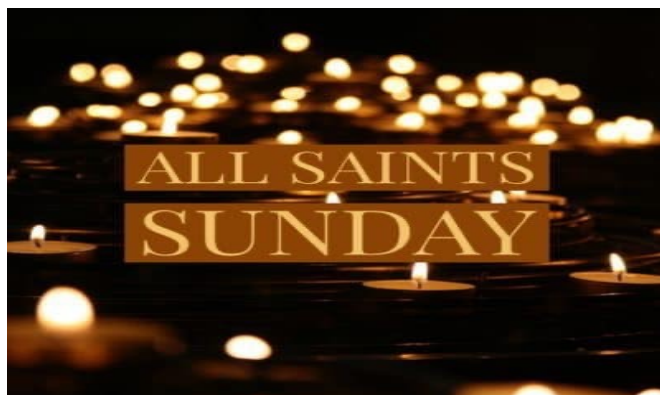
happy birthday



		Ashlynn Rueda
	16	Margaret Ley
	17	Cade Macik Janet Raesner Brandi Schwaiger Alexis Zwahr
	19	Genesis Morales Jarrod Stasney
1	Gina Weidemann	
3	Carl McClellan	
5	Melissa Kostelnik	
6	Ava Casassa	
7	Graham Manville Bobby Zwahr Jr.	
8	Chase Miller Shelly Schmidt	
9	Colton Antrich Marilyn Carson Madelynn Morton Cohyn Warncke Brighym Warncke	
11	Dana Morton	
12	Addie Richter Judah Williamson	
13	Charlie Griffith Ethan Lozano	
14	Ike Fredrickson Kelli Horak	
15	Carson Faas Tate Richter	
	20	Darrin Hedt Clifton Holik Colt Klemstein Shelby Macik
	21	Evelyn Schmidt Dylan Sevidge Sloan Sullivan
	22	Kimberly Antrich Sandra Oberrender Kallie Miller
	23	Casey Chapman
	24	Connie Gorka Justin Pineda
	25	Norma Freund Tommy Gaskamp Caroline Macik
	27	Aubrey Chumchal Kevon Fuchs Kelsey Griffith Jayden Morales
	29	Cynthia Schulze
	30	Cynthia Chumchal

Happy Anniversary

October 5	<i>Michael & Cindy Nulisch</i>
October 6	<i>David & Kathy Luedeke</i>
October 7	<i>Calvin & Rita Hedt Jason & Shelley Fletcher</i>
October 9	<i>Coleman & Casey Todd</i>
October 11	<i>Justin & Katie Meyer</i>
October 12	<i>Keith & Caylee Warncke</i>
October 13	<i>Jeffrey & Casey Chapman</i>
October 19	<i>Raymond & Evelyn Schmidt</i>
October 27	<i>Wyatt & Amy Bosse</i>



All Saints Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 1 during the 10:15 am worship service. At that time we will remember the church members who have passed on to Heaven's glory since November 2, 2025 through the calendar year 2026 with a candle lighting ceremony during worship.

Church members will also have a chance to light candles in memory of loved ones who have passed away through the years.

This has become a special annual celebration in the life of our church family over the past few years.



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