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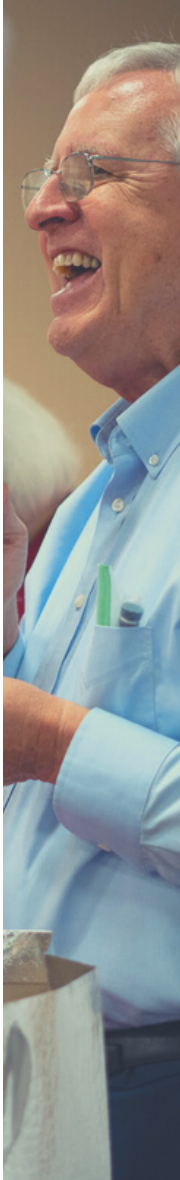


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# CLOSING OUT THE YEAR OF DYNAMIC GROWTH



Church family, what a year it has been! As I told you in our very first edition of IBC Today, I believed that 2022 was going to be “The Year of Dynamic Growth.” Well... 2022 did not disappoint! God truly has amazed us with some unbelievable growth, and we have been blessed with opportunity after opportunity to engage people with the Gospel. I am so excited about all that God is going to do in this new year as we continue to fulfill the vision and accomplish the mission that God has given us as a church!

I don't know what 2023 has in store for us but I know this – The same God that blessed us with the dynamic growth of 2022 is the same God that we are trusting to do a mighty work in 2023; “He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us. To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen!”

– Ephesians 3:20-21

## 2022: A REASON TO CELEBRATE

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We count people because people count! As I've said many times and as you'll continue to hear me say: every number has a name, every name has a soul, and every soul has a story. This year we were blessed to experience something very few churches ever experience: 100 Baptisms in a year! Praise the Lord for the 100 souls that have been transformed through the power of the Gospel and for the 235 members who have been added to our church family! To God be the glory for all the great things He continues to do!

**100 BAPTISMS**

**235 NEW MEMBERS**

To God be the glory,

*Jeremy Halley*



## SPORTSMAN GIVIN' BACK

### PARTNER MINISTRY

Sportsmen Givin' Back's mission is to help others who are less fortunate in the community. Each year, we partner with SGB to host a fundraising banquet that includes an outdoor guest speaker, live music, BBQ dinner, door prizes, and a silent auction. The theme for 2022 was "Kids and Vets - our heart. our mission." Proceeds from the event are donated to other charities, as well as individuals/families experiencing a medical crisis or other dire situation. This year, our donations totaled more than \$100,000 that we gave to 11 charities and 3 families. Each charity selected serves children, veterans, or both. We are grateful to partner with SGB and serve as a host site for their annual event.



## PACESETTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

A record number of Pacesetters celebrated the Christmas season together at our Christmas Party. The food was wonderful and the music was inspirational. A big thank you to all who made this Christmas party special. Of course, we enjoyed spending time together, but even more, we were grateful to be able to celebrate Christ's birth who came to give us New Life.

PACESETTERS GOT INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN MOBILE WATCHING THE UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE PERFORM THEIR 25TH CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR. WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC WHICH HELPED US TO REMEMBER OUR SAVIORS BIRTH.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR





# STUDENTS

THE CIRCLE STUDENT MINISTRY OF IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH



## SERVE DAY

*Our students spent their Saturday ministering in a neighboring community near our church! The various teams of students went door to door offering lawn care to each home, and invited the families to join us at our central location to enjoy our grilled hamburgers and play yard games with the kids. We got to engage with many families and invite them into our church community.*

## YOUNG LEADERS

*Our young leaders kicked off their fundraiser initiative for the year by hosting a car wash! They were able to wash a ton of cars, engage with many people in the community, and surpassed our initial goal of \$1000! They are excited to be raising money for their upcoming Leadership Retreat in April.*



## 5TH QUARTER

*We celebrated the end of the High School football season with a party! We had many students come and play in the “knockerballs”, 9 square, basketball, volleyball, and more! Many hamburgers were grilled, many games were played, and we had a great time being all together to celebrate!*



## STRENGTH TO STAND

Our Student Ministry traveled to Pigeon Forge, TN to attend the Strength to Stand Conference. They had an amazing time throughout the different worship sets with Rush of Fools, concerts with Crowder and KB. They also experienced the joys of studying the word of God while fellowshipping with over 500 students.



## FOOD PANTRY MOBILE DROP

Yet another successful community outreach event. We picked up the food on November 18th and on November 19th, over 75 volunteers served 282 families consisting of 966 total family members with 238 children under 18, and 209 seniors over 60. Thanks to the IBC family for another successful community outreach event.



## GIVING FOCUS HIGHLIGHTS

Funding The Ministries of IBC Through Focused Giving



**\$10,985.00**

OCTOBER  
FOOD PANTRY

**\$1,535.00**

NOVEMBER  
NEW VANS

**\$36,821.46**

DECEMBER  
LOTTIE MOON



## FALL FESTIVAL

This amazing community outreach event, with 37 trunks, 8 games, face painting, and 1,500 hotdogs (thank you Deacons), was held on Sunday October 30th where over 3,000 people attended.

## OCC SHOEBOX

IBC had a 600 shoebox goal and we exceeded our goal by providing an amazing 621 shoeboxes, both in person and online, demonstrating God's love as we helped deliver God's Word and hope to children around the world.



## BUILDING 429

We enjoyed a night of worship with Cade Thompson and Building 429 on their Fall Nights Worship Tour. We love having concerts on the IBC campus to reach those in the community, have fun with church family, and to worship the King of Kings with songs we know and love from the radio. As we continue to have Southern Gospel and Contemporary concerts on campus, we encourage you, invite your family and friends to worship with us.





## FSCP VETERANS PARADE

### FIRST STEPS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Our First Steps students held a Veterans Day Parade. They had 11 Veterans walk in the parade including members of our IBC staff. The students made signs and waved flags as the Veterans walked by them. Following the parade, the Veterans were treated to a reception of juice and cookies.



## FSCP COMMUNITY HELPER DAY

### FIRST STEPS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

During the month of October, our FS students learned about community helpers. On this special day, the children were visited by community workers such as, a helicopter pilot, a dentist, nurses, police officers, firefighters, a librarian, a crane operator, a baker, a maintenance crew and our church ministry staff. The children even got to dress up as community helpers as they learned how these important roles benefit our community.

THE FIRST STEPS  
STUDENTS PRESENTED  
A LIVE NATIVITY TO  
THEIR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS ON THE LAST  
TWO DAYS OF SCHOOL  
IN DECEMBER. THEY  
SANG SONGS AND  
DRESSED UP AS MARY  
AND JOSEPH, ANGELS,  
ANIMALS, SHEPHERDS,  
WISE MEN, AND STARS.

FIRST STEPS  
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL





## JINGLE BELL BEACH

Presenting the Gospel in a creative way is possible even for children, as the kids of IBC learned when they presented "Jingle Bell Beach", a children's Christmas musical. This delightful presentation highlighted that the essence of Christmas is not found in shiny lights and hot cocoa, but rather in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. More than 70 children and 15 volunteers came together for a span of 12 weeks to bring this comical, touching, and heartwarming tale of a soul saved when the true Christmas meaning is revealed.

## SENIOR WARRIORS

It has been a busy couple of months for our Senior Warriors. In September, we partnered with Impact Legacy of IBC. Impact Legacy is led by Cheryl Thomas; the families wanted to "adopt" our Senior Warriors. In November, we made and delivered fruit baskets, along with freshly baked pumpkin bread for all 24. They enjoyed the delicious fruit and warm bread. They were so thankful to be loved during this time.

December was packed full of outreach as we asked the adult Life Group classes to provide gifts and stocking stuffers for each one of our Senior Warriors. They went above and beyond in their service. We also partnered with the children's Life Groups to make cards; Impact Legacy provided Christmas baskets to each one and IBC members of all ages went caroling at many of our Senior Warriors homes. We are so grateful to have this opportunity to serve our Senior Warriors and their families. If you would like to get involved with this ministry, Please fill out a serve team form on our Missions web page.



# MISSIONS

## Care Portal | IBC Partner

The CARE Outreach Mission met 22 CarePortal requests impacting 122 children in foster care with a \$27,787 economic impact.

## Upward Sports | IBC Mission

Our incredible season ended October 29th following a successful eight weeks of exciting competition; UPWARD Season Award Celebration: 160 total Children (107 football/53 cheer); 19 children and 10 adults made decisions for Christ.



# S.T.A.R.S. MINISTRY

A Ministry Of Immanuel Baptist Church



The STARS Ministry was able to reach out to 7 children and adults in the community who have special needs and their families on December 11th. Joni and Friends, an organization who has been pivotal with helping to set up the STARS Ministry at Immanuel, provided many of the toys and gifts that were given to the recipients. Joni and Friends were given the recipients names and ages, along with names and ages of their siblings. Joni and Friends then shopped and prayed for each of these families.





CHRISTMAS SEASON





## FAMILY BREAKFAST

*Baptists love to eat and this Christmas we proved it once again! During our annual Christmas breakfast, prepared by our very own Men's Ministry of IBC, we were able to celebrate the birth of Christ as a church family. It was a great morning of celebration filled with food, fellowship, and family!*

## CANDLE LIGHT

*With an attendance of 759, the IBC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was a wonderful time of worship. The Worship Center was full of children and adults of all ages sharing in a time of worship and reflection as they heard the preaching from God's word. The bright flames of the candles lit the room as a reminder of the birth of the light of the world.*



# FAMILY CHRISTMAS

*IBC presented a unique worship experience this Christmas season, and more than 430 families and individuals engaged with the IBC Family Christmas online. This special service brought the word of God, as well as praise and worship, into the homes of the members and guests, allowing families to share the reason for the season with their loved ones. IBC Family Christmas online was a celebration of truth centered around God's word, demonstrating how even through new experiences, the word of God never changes.*



# MISSION CHRISTMAS

*What better way to celebrate the greatest gift ever given to mankind than to give back? That's exactly what we did at Mission Christmas. By God's grace and the generous support of our \$5,000.00 donation from ASCEND Cares, we were blessed to be able to serve 150 families with 426 children, plus 11 families with 15 children from the Secret Place. Big shout out to Beth Smith and Jo Volmer, who led the charge, along with the 131 volunteers who dedicated their first Saturday of December to pouring into our community and sharing the love of Christ!*





# CHRISTMAS DINNER

*IBC teamed up with Waterfront Mission to provide a wonderful Christmas dinner for the Pace/Milton community. More than 175 local folks were greeted by the more than 100 volunteers who jumped in to serve with warm smiles and hospitality. This festive event provided a hot meal and allowed each of the guests an opportunity to “shop” for small toys and hygiene items to keep for themselves or give away for Christmas.*



# DECK THE HALLS

*In December our women were able to come together for a wonderful time of fellowship. They enjoyed beautiful Christmas tablescapes, heard a message from Renee Miller, and had time to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. 2022 was a wonderful year for the women of IBC and we are excited to announce that we will be adding new events for the 2023 year!*

# GALLERY

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022



FALL FESTIVAL



5TH QUARTER







## UPWARD CELEBRATION



## FOOD PANTRY DROP



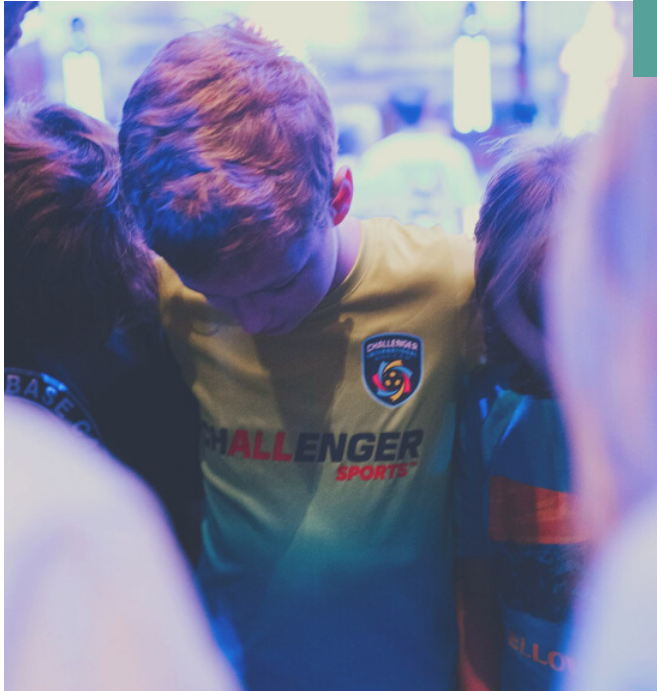


# STRENGTH TO STAND





# THE CIRCLE WORSHIP







# MISSION CHRISTMAS



# DECK THE HALLS





# OCC SHOEBOX





# JINGLE BELL BEACH





# CANDLE LIGHT @IBC





# SENIOR WARRIORS





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A woman with blonde hair and glasses is singing into a microphone. She is wearing a denim jacket over a colorful, patterned shirt. The background is blurred, suggesting a stage or concert setting. The entire image has a teal overlay.

"WE WILL  
CELEBRATE WHAT  
GOD HAS DONE,  
IS DOING, AND  
WILL DO"

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