

Ivy and Freedom Life Sustainment Team

The Sustainment Team consists of members from Ivy and Freedom Life. They meet each month to discuss issues relative to the transition. Any issues that may emerge will first be addressed by the appropriate ministry teams of either or both churches. If not resolved or addressed at that level, the issues will be addressed by the Sustainment Team. The Ivy Sustainment Team members are: Ruth Thomas, Peggy Wolfley, Bill Willshire, and Brian Williams. Please feel free to contact



any of these members about any concerns or issues that will help advance the Kingdom of God through our partnership with Freedom Life. Notes of the monthly meetings are available from the church office.



August Missions Involvement

This month we are supporting
Christmas in August

The S.O.U.L. Project is collecting donations of school supplies for students at local elementary schools. Financial donations are welcome, or people may place donated school supplies in the designated area in the church foyer.



Giving Options!

Our online giving system is back and so much better than ever! Visit our website to give online. You can even give via TEXT or by scanning the QR code in Sunday's bulletin.



Text **IVYATCC** to **73256** to give to the Unified Budget using your text messaging. *Standard text messaging rates may apply.* If you have questions call the Office at 838-3107.

MINISTRY RESOURCES UNIFIED BUDGET

July 2019

Given this Month.....\$ 19,513.47
Total Needed this Month to Meet Budget.....\$ 27,705.08



Dear Ivy Family,

For nearly 1700 years (since the time of Emperor Constantine of Rome in the early 300's AD), the basic model of Christianity has been

that of *Christendom*. Although the terms Christianity and Christendom appear to be very similar, they are not synonymous. Emperor Constantine reigned at a time that the Roman Empire was fragmenting and crumbling. He needed something that would hold the entire empire together and bring unity to its many people. In order to accomplish his political and military interests, Constantine made one of the boldest decisions in history. He legislated that the Roman Empire was to be a "Christian" Empire. This political decision led to the *institutionalization* of Christianity.

The *institutionalization* of Christianity has survived all the turns and twists of history and is very much alive in the church culture of the western world. Most of our churches are heavily impacted by the decision of Constantine centuries ago. The influences have touched everything from the way church buildings are designed, to the way churches are organized and managed, to the way that we even understand the roles of church leaders and staff. Most of us have lived through seasons that heavily emphasized such things as church membership, church programs, church growth, church health, church leadership, and church revitalization.

There is nothing inherently bad or wrong with any of the above. They each contribute to the story of the church in a significant way. However, the fundamental understanding and soil from which all of these have come has been that of *Christendom*. At the height of *Christendom* churches were built and filled, programs ran like well oiled machines, and staff positions were "professionalized."

Over the past couple of decades, we have begun to witness the cracks in the foundation of *Christendom*. The cracks have quickly spread throughout the entire structure. It is understandable how disheartening this is to so many of us raised in a "churched" world. However, there is some very good and promising news on the horizon. The church is learning how to return to its original roots, its original story, its original calling. The church is learning how to make the challenging transition from *Christendom* to the original expression of Christianity. I look forward to the ways that God's Spirit will be leading us forward by taking us back to the beginning of the original story!

Blessings,
Brian



The Fall session of Grassroots begins Thursday, Sept. 5, 6:30 – 8 pm. There will be 13 sessions throughout the fall. Focus will be on reading the various literary genres throughout the Bible and having an understanding of the Story of God as told in the Bible. Cost is \$150.00 for the semester. Please contact Brian Williams if you would like to participate. If cost is a prohibitive factor, you will have the opportunity to share in ministry opportunities in lieu of tuition costs.

Sunday morning Bible study
10:00—11:00

Wednesday night study
5:30—7:30pm.

Please pay attention to the Ivy Youth Facebook page for changes and updates to the schedule.



Upcoming Events:

Aug 4th -mission trip report at Parkview
Aug 10th—pool party at the Schwartz home
Aug 23 - lock in at church



Our Leadership Team is hosting two opportunities to share dinner and conversation about enriching our worship experience at Ivy.

The first opportunity is Sunday, August 4 at 6:00 pm. This will feature a cookout at Gabe and Lisa's Sava house at 6:30 pm. Please bring any side dish or desert that you wish.

The second opportunity will be on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 5:00 pm. We will meet at the home of Brian and Donna Williams for a spaghetti dinner. Please bring a side dish or desert. You are welcome to attend one or both events. Please notify the church office or respond to Facebook invitation if you would like to participate in either event.

SO many thank you notes to share!

From Sue Wilson and family —Thank you IMBC for the prayers, thoughts and cards you've sent to our mom. They have more than brightened her day.

From Sharon Hart and family— We would like to thank our Ivy friends for their prayers, calls, and visits when David went to be with the Lord. Your love and compassion truly helped us deal with our loss. May God bless you all.



Our Church's Anniversary



Thanks to everyone who attended the Anniversary/Picnic and brought side dishes to serve. Special thanks to the Youth Group, Julie Lloyd, Eddie and Linda Fightmaster, Sharon and Bob Tanner, Mary Ann Smith, Dominic Perez, Faustina Owusu Bekoe, Bill and Peggy Wolfley and most especially to Donna Garrett. Because of them the anniversary/picnic was a success.

Margaret J. Wilson

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays

- 9:30 am - Brunch
- 10:00 am - Small Group Bible Studies
- 11:15 am - Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth/ AWANA Jr. *(resumes in September)*

Monday

- 7:00pm - Volleyball

Wednesdays

- 5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper *(resumes in September)*
- 5:30 pm - Youth Study
- 5:45 pm - Children’s Choir *(resumes in September)*
- 6:00 pm - Preschool Choir *(resumes in September)*
- 6:00 pm - Prayer and Bible Study *(resumes in September)*
- 6:30 pm - Mission Friends *(resumes in September)*

Thursdays

- 7:00 pm - Basketball



August At-A-Glance Calendar

Intergenerational Bible Studies continue!

- August 4 - Youth Mission Trip report at Parkview
- Dinner Conversation hosted by Gabe and Lisa
- August 21 - Dinner Conversation hosted by Brian & Donna
- August 23 - Ivy Youth Lock-in

Mark your September Calendar

- September 5 - Grassroots Seminary Semester begins
- September 7 - Sunday Evening activities RESUME
- September 11 - Wednesday evening activities RESUME

Please check your Sunday bulletin and the weekly “Ivy Vine” message for calendar updates!

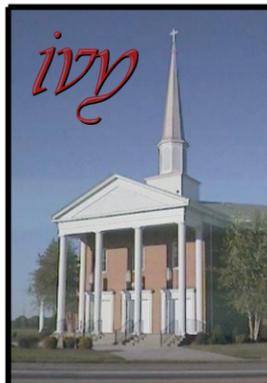
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Roofing and Framing and Flooring, Oh MY!

And so much more... We are so blessed to be part of the Ivy family!! We could not have done this trip without the prayers, love and support. Our week in Pollocksville, NC was truly life changing for everyone. Our group of 29 kids and adults worked on three different homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Florence. We did drywall, insulation, framing, siding and other misc small jobs. But most importantly, we were a blessing to the home owners. We were able to meet and talk with all of them. Please continue to pray for the seeds that were planted in their hearts that week. Pollocksville still has a long road of rebuilding ahead. We are so thankful that we were able to be a small part in that process.

