

**50 YEARS of GOD'S FAITHFULNESS to JIM and BETSY BENNETT**  
**MINISTRY TIMELINE**

**OVERVIEW:**

| <b><u>Date</u></b>    | <b><u>Event</u></b>             | <b><u>Description</u></b>                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| May 15, 1965          | Jim's salvation                 | A New beginning                           |
| September 1965 -69    | Washington Bible College        | B.A. in Biblical Education                |
| August 15, 1969       | Marriage to Ann Elizabeth Inman | Second most important life decision       |
| September 1969 -74    | Capital Bible Seminary          | Master of Divinity;<br>Master of Theology |
| June 1968 -74         | Hagerstown Bible Church         | Youth Director                            |
| July 1974 – 91        | Immanuel Baptist Church         | Youth Pastor                              |
| July 1991 – 2017      | Immanuel Baptist Church         | Pastor of Family Ministries               |
| January-December 2018 | Immanuel Baptist Church         | Pastor at Large                           |

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IBC 1974 – 2018**

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1974–1992          | IBC Youth Pastor    |

**DESCRIPTION/PHILOSOPHY**

***Edification:***

Junior High Word of Life Club  
Senior High Action Groups  
College Bible Studies  
Challenging Retreats  
Conferences/Seminars  
Youth Staff led Small Groups

***Evangelism/Ministry:***

Baptist-Bask-A-Thon  
Oregon Hill Open Air Meetings  
Mark Baker Youth Rally  
Evangelistic Cookouts

***Trained Gospel Teen Teams:***

Bon Air Home for Girls  
Beaumont Home for Boys

***Trained Gospel Teen Teams (Cont.)***

Miller School  
Patrick Henry Boys/Girls Home  
Oregon Hills Open Air Meetings  
Evangelistic Cookouts  
State Fair of VA Evangelistic Tent  
(Moody Science Films)  
Missionary Journey to Martinique  
CEF & Summer Short Term Missions

***Exciting Activities:***

Yearly Retreats  
Creative Activities  
Walk of Fear & Faith  
Country Western Cookout  
Wandering Wheels Mobile Bus Trips

- 1981**      ***Graduated from Summer Institute of Pastoral Studies – Dr. Jay Adams***
- 1984**      ***Dan and June Feiler take the leadership – Junior High***  
35 years of outstanding service and still “ticking!”
- 1987-1989**      ***Jim assumes interim Pastoral responsibilities***
- 1991**      Jim assumes new role as ***Pastor of Family Ministries*** (Admin Assistants: **Wendy Bowles; Betsy Bennett**)  
***Matt and Ruthie Fletcher*** become ***Associate Pastor of Youth***
- 1991-2017**      ***Twenty Six years as Pastor of Family Ministries***

**MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY:** To **edify** (build up, strengthen), **equip** and **energize** families inside and outside of Immanuel.  
***Ministries to Aid in the Process of fulfilling our Philosophy:***

## **EDIFY and EQUIP:**

***Growing Families International*** (A biblical, balanced comprehensive curriculum to strengthen the husband/wife relationship and train parents at every stage of their parenting career.) (1991-2018)

**1992-2018**

***GKGW IBC Pilot Leaders Group Trained***

4 GKGW Classes increases to 200 classes all over Richmond (50 churches)  
(316 Parenting Classes at IBC 4546 parents trained)

**1992-2014**

***MCI-8, MCI-9 Bus Ministry*** (129,490 miles, 260 trips: 15 NYC Tours, 5 Florida, 4 New England, 3 Katrina Relief Ministry Trips, 6 California, 3 Buffalo/Niagara Falls, etc.) (Bus Maintenance: Ken & Joann Seal, Harold Lunde, Bob and Jeannette Bradshaw – Great Work Folks!) (Drivers: Ken & Joann Seal, John Luck, Jim Bennett, Barry Gilman, Harold Lunde, RK Elswick, Christian MacIntosh, George Souleret, Bill Jeffries)

**1994-2015**

***Eastern Regional Administrator for GFI*** (Maine-Florida)

(41 GFI Leadership Training Workshop & Conferences. 6219 leaders trained.)

***Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars*** (Basic/Advanced) (14 seminars)

***Walk Thru the Bible*** (Old and New Testament) ***Conferences*** (2 conferences)

***Family Forums*** (Dr. William Boshier, Kay Coles James, etc.) (5 forums)

***Evan Tell Seminar*** (Cam Abell) (2 seminars)

***Back to Genesis and Answers in Genesis Seminars*** (Ken Ham) (3 seminars)

***Bible Conferences with Special Speakers*** (Dr. Kent Hughes, Ken Ham, Dr. Stan Toussaint, Dr. Jim Berg, Dr. Jimmy DeYoung, Dr. Jim Schuppe, Dr. Bill Brown, Dr. Daniel Davey, etc.)

***Men's/Couples Retreats*** (Dr. & Mrs. Kent Hughes, Jerry Bridges, Dr. Stan Toussaint, Bob Vernon, Dr. Don & Caffy Whitney, Matt and Lauren Chandler) (14 retreats)

***Shepherds Conferences*** (1995, 1997 with Dr. John MacArthur) (2 conferences)

**1995-1998**

***Elder Training Seminars*** (4 seminars)

**1999**

***Joint Heirs Class*** begins to reach/teach/retain young couples.

**2008**

***Soma Life Groups Begin*** (Small group ministry meeting in homes: 4-12)

**2011**

***Young Adults Class Begins*** (Spin off of Joint Heirs to reach/teach/retain young couples and singles.)

***Biblical Counseling*** (7880+ sessions)

***Sunday School messages*** (1500+)

***Sermons*** (100's)

**2013**

***Jim assumes interim Pastoral responsibilities***

**2014**

***Samaritan Outreach Ministry begins***

## **ENERGIZE:**

**2001-2018**

***Church Wide Activities:***

Church Picnics

Family Skate Nights, Labor of Love

Old Fashioned Family Fun Nights

Special Musical Events (Steve Green, Fernando Ortega, Keith & Kristin Getty, Kings Brass, The Brethren, The Promise Land Quartet, Korean Children's Choir, etc.)

Pastors Open House (Flock visit homes of all Pastors)

Meet me at the Summit (Prayer for World Missions)

Church Wide and Elder Fellowships (**John Luck** and Jim Bennett collaborate to provide **91** unique, memorable events – ***Thrill of The Grill, Brazilian Churrascaria, Dollar Dog 50's Style, Reunion at the Capitol Deli, Meet Me at the Summit, etc.***)

**2018**

***Jim becomes Pastor at Large*** (Transition to retirement)