

First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
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View from the Pulpit

Over the course of March I was greatly encouraged by our church family. Our “Share a Loaf” ministry went very smoothly and it couldn’t have been done without everyone’s help. We were able to visit over 45 families! I heard many reports of how enjoyable the visits were and our own members were encouraged by this outreach experience. Thank you to all our members that turned in cards, made bread, and visited folks! This was a big endeavor for the month of March, but as we finished up our last visits during Holy Week and worshipped together on Easter Sunday I could feel the excitement and joy that was moving through our congregation. It felt as though new life was sprouting forth as our members became reenergized about ministry and outreach. Let’s keep that upward momentum!

And what better time to continue focusing on outreach than in Eastertide when we are called to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ is risen! During the month of April we will be spending some time focusing on hospitality. We are blessed to be a part of a loving church family and we want our visitors to feel a part of that when they join us for worship. Many of the key components of hospitality are already in place, but there is always room for improvement.

Surveys and statistics show that the majority of visitors decide whether or not to return a second Sunday before a worship service is even well underway. People are basing their decisions more on those first 5-10 minutes after they enter the church building and how the greeters and church members go out of their way to welcome them than on whether or not they liked the music or the sermon. Our first impression is extremely important. We don’t want to single out visitors too much and make them feel uncomfortable, but we also don’t want to neglect their presence and make them feel like we’re not happy to have them visiting with us. It’s a difficult balance, but that’s why we’re going to be making some more concerted efforts in the area of hospitality over the coming months. We want our visitors to leave feeling welcomed and like they had a memorable experience with us.

On Sunday, April 14 we will all gather in the sanctuary at 10:30 am for a large-group Sunday school class. During this time we hope to touch on some basics of hospitality, but also look at some more specific ways we as a church family can help our guests feel at home. Thank you for a wonderful and ministry filled month of March – I look forward to what April will bring our way!

Rev. Swanson

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:15 am Coffee & Snacks
- 10:30 am Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study Groups
(Nursery provided)
- 6:30-7:45 pm Children & Youth Programming

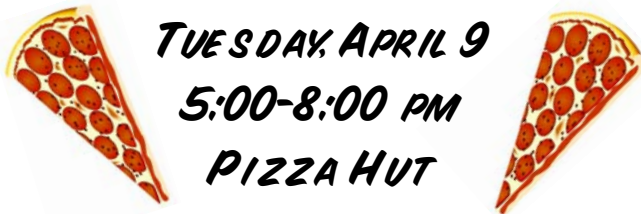
Church Events

- April 7, 11:30 am
Teams Meeting
- April 9, 5 - 8 pm
Pizza Hut Night
- April 13, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Paint Day!
- April 14, 10:30 am
All-church Sunday School,
sanctuary
- April 14, 11:30 am
Quarterly Business
Meeting
- April 24, 5:30 pm
Deacons Meeting

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!!



PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!



***TUESDAY, APRIL 9
5:00-8:00 PM
PIZZA HUT***

*Pizza Hut will give 20% of your purchase
back to the FBC Youth!*

Sunday, April 14

All-church Sunday School
Theme: Hospitality!
10:30 am, sanctuary

Quarterly Business Meeting
11:30 am, sanctuary



Paint Day!

**Saturday, April 13
9 am—5 pm**

The young adults and youth will be painting our downstairs bathrooms. Help is needed to watch the little children and additional painters are welcome to assist!

Servers in April

Nursery Volunteers

April 7 Pat Merriman, Anne Johnson
April 14 Kathy Petty, Joy Bettis
April 21 Carol Shaffer, Linda Frazier
April 28 Pam Petty, Priscilla LaForce

Greeters

April 7 Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer,
Carlene Rubicam
April 14 Darlene McMillian,
Priscilla LaForce
April 21 Lois Earlywine,
Lee & Dorothy Huntley
April 28 Judy Asher, Betty Shuler

Children's Sermon Leaders

April 7 Jeff Buscher
April 14 Ruth Hiatt
April 21 Randy Kelly
April 28 Jenny Holmes

Deacon of the Week

April 7 Jess Edwards
April 14 Melvin Evans
April 21 Lee Huntley
April 28 Randy Kelly

Communion Preparers

April 21 Hubert Shuler, John Srite

Financial Figures

March Offerings \$11,383.75



*Happy 140th
Anniversary
to FBC!!!*

Stay tuned for more details
regarding our 140th celebration
coming this summer!

**Beginning in April:
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, sanctuary
A study on the book of Acts
with Pastor Stephanie**



In our prayers...

- Al McNeal
- Roy & Linda Thomas
- Hila & Loren Foster
- Georgia Callaway
- Don Baber
- John Allen, (surgery - 4/5) *Dorothy Allen's son*
- Dorothy, *Janice Roper's aunt*
- Delores Dorney, *Janice Roper's sister*
- Lester & Ruth Jones, *Jenny Holmes' uncle & aunt*
- Robb Swanson, *Stephanie Swanson's brother*
- Hazel Holzem, *Stephanie Swanson's grandmother*
- Nancy Brown, *Beth Asher's mother*
- Cindy Caraway, *Jenny Holmes' daughter*
- Joyce Teegarden
- Gary Teegarden

Christian Sympathy

- Kathy Petty and family on the passing of her step-dad, Jerry Crockett
- Jenny Holmes and family on the passing of her uncle, Joe Bill Mustion
- Dorothy Allen on the passing of her brother-in-law, Jesse Allen

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April Birthdays

April 2	Roberta Crawford
April 7	Clayton Robinette
April 12	Berkley Lindsey
April 15	Ruth Hiatt
April 17	Davey Robinette
April 19	Cody Wilson
April 23	Mike Jensen
April 25	Kathy Petty
April 26	Red Warring
April 28	Randy Kelly Suzie Mavis



Ministers & Staff

Rev. Stephanie Swanson, *Pastor*

Rev. Jeff Buscher, *Associate Pastor*

Betty Shuler, *Secretary*

Tammy Kelly, *Secretary*

Margaret Fales, *Music*

Athena Gillespie, *Pianist*

A.J. Kelly, *Custodian*

Office Hours

Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Food Pantry is available during office hours.