

First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
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View from the Pulpit

As I sit in my office this morning, wishing I was outside in the beautiful weather we've been enjoying these last few days, I can't help but think about the rocky flow of life. One day we're enjoying the warm sun and the sweet smell of blooming flowers and the next day it's sleeting – at least in Missouri that's the way it goes! One day we're full of excitement in the church as we're planning summer events like VBS and youth camp and the next day we're plummeting to the ground over the loss of dear friends or difficult illnesses. In April we experienced some great joys in our church that seemed to bring renewed energy back to our congregation, but we also suffered the loss of two beloved deacons who have been instrumental in the history of this church body. We can take comfort though that through all we encounter in life, God is at our side – rejoicing with us and grieving with us. May we give thanks for our Lord's constant presence and know that God continues to work in our lives and in the life of our church.

Over the course of the next several months we have many things going on at the church as well as some events that are still in the works. We are bringing back Vacation Bible School in June and in July we are sending eleven youth to camp in Tennessee. We've got some great fellowship events planned for this summer as well as plans in place to celebrate our church's 140th anniversary. Additional outreach plans are coming together behind the scenes and we're witnessing an increase in visitors as well as a more hospitable attitude from our congregation. All wonderful things for which we can be thankful!

With all of these exciting things taking place, there are three ways you can help care for our church:

1. **Attend:** Be faithful in your attendance to worship, Bible study, and special events in the coming months. Make your relationship with God and your faith community a priority in your life.
2. **Pray:** Be mindful of what is happening at our church and pray for our congregation, for our leadership, for our programs and events, and for the community to which we're ministering.
3. **Give:** Give of your time and monies so that FBC can continue to be a vital ministry, doing God's work in this community. None of this would be possible without the gift of your time volunteering and helping out as well as your gifts of tithes and offerings.



God is always faithful to us. May we be faithful in return.

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

- May 5, 11:30 am Teams Meeting
- May 14, 5 - 8 pm Pizza Hut Night
- May 19, 6-8:30 pm Game Night!
- May 29, 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting
- June 7 & 8, 7 am-1pm Rescheduled: Church Garage Sale

Church Game Night



Sunday, May 19
6:00—8:00 pm

Children, youth and adults invited!

Bring your favorite board game or card game and a snack to share! The church will provide the ice cream!



Church Garage Sale

Rescheduled Dates:

Friday, June 7 7 am-1pm

Saturday, June 8 7 am-1pm

(on the FBC grounds)

All proceeds will benefit our youth department and help fund their summer camp in July.

We need your help! If you have items you'd like to donate for the sale, they may be dropped off at the church prior to the sale date. If you need assistance delivering your items to the church, please contact the church office and we will assist you. You can also help us out by spreading the word about the sale, helping work the day of the event, and by buying stuff! If you have questions, please contact the office, Jeff Buscher, or Carolyn Jensen.

Servers in May

Nursery Volunteers

May 5 Carlene Rubicam, Dorothy Allen
May 12 Cody Wilson, Anne Johnson
May 19 Tammy Kelly, Whitney Kelly
May 26 Carolyn Forsyth, Betty Morris

Greeters

May 5 Betty Shuler, Dorothy Allen
May 12 Rosalie Swaney, Pat Merriman
May 19 Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer,
Carlene Rubicam
May 26 Darlene McMillian,
Priscilla LaForce

Children's Sermon Leaders

May 5 Jeff Buscher
May 12 Ruth Hiatt
May 19 Randy Kelly
May 26 Jenny Holmes

Deacon of the Week

May 5 Hubert Shuler
May 12 John Srite
May 19 Randy Kelly
May 26 Jack Youtsey

Communion Preparers

May 19 Lee Huntley, Bill Forsyth,
Randy Kelly



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date:

Sunday, June 23-Wednesday, June 26

Sign up on the bulletin board to help with the event!

Sunday, May 12



Financial Figures

March Offerings \$8,577.60

In our prayers...

- Bob Callaway, *surgery 5/1*
- Al McNeal
- Roy & Linda Thomas
- Hila Foster
- Katie Yates
- Georgia Callaway
- Don Baber
- Rob Earlywine, *Lois Earlywine's son*
- John Allen, *Dorothy Allen's son*
- Nancy Brown, *Beth Asher's mother*
- Joyce Teegarden
- Gary Teegarden

Christian Sympathy

- Rosalie Swaney and family on the passing of her husband, Joe Swaney.
- Hila Foster and family on the passing of her husband, Loren Foster.

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May Birthdays

May 1	Whitney Kelly
May 2	Carolyn Jensen
May 10	Aliene Harris
May 13	Lee Huntley
May 21	Bill Forsyth
May 22	Denney Fales
May 24	Dustin White
May 29	Linsey Meek



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.

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