

# First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE  
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## View from the Pulpit

What a busy summer! There have been some wonderful things going on at our church these past few months and I am regularly filled with joy as I recall the good things happening amongst our congregation. Our successful Vacation Bible School blessed both the children that attended as well as our many youth and adult volunteers. It seemed to kick our summer in gear, reviving a spirit of energy and joy in our congregation. We were thankful to be able to send 12 youth and 4 adults off to youth camp in July, a weeklong opportunity during which our youth mingled with 300 other youth who together learned about fingerprints – the fingerprints we leave and the fingerprints we receive from others and from God. (Want to know more about that? Come to worship on August 4<sup>th</sup> when our youth lead in worship!)

We've been blessed with lots of wonderful visitors these past few months. These folks are already bringing an insightful, fresh spirit to our congregation and it's been uplifting to witness so many of our members extending the hospitality of Christ to them. With these new families and a few brand new babies in the congregation (plus more to come!) we've got our hands full in the nursery and we have the joy every week of watching our children's sermon leaders wrestle to hold their attention. It's hard to keep 10 children under the age of 4 on point! But what a joy it is to see them all up there and their happiness is definitely contagious! All these things and more are going on in our congregation and every day I am thankful for the good things God is doing in our church.

In the coming months we will be looking more closely at some of the ideas our members shared as part of the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" discussion. We want to see this fruitfulness, which we're already witnessing and are delighted over, continue to propel us forward as a church so we're going to go to the idea board! Some of the suggestions shared on the board are ones we can easily tackle while others will take more time and effort; some are focused outwardly like new programming or outreach endeavors, while others are geared more internally and will require us to involve our hearts and minds so that we can each become a more willing and active participant in our church's journey towards fruitfulness. No one ever said that becoming a fruitful church wouldn't take hard work and focus. But as we more fully engage in these five different areas (intentional faith development,

risk-taking missions & service, radical hospitality, extravagant generosity, and passionate worship) we will begin to witness the fruitfulness that God has in store for us – a fruitfulness that blesses others as we extend the love of Christ to everyone we meet and that blesses us we grow closer to our God and begin to see the world as God does. There are wonderful things happening at our church. God is good, that I know. And God has more in store for us. I hope you'll join me as we take those ideas we've shared from pen and paper to our hearts and minds, our hands and feet.

*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
- 6:30-7:45 pm Children & Youth Programming

## Church Events

- August 2, 7 am-1 pm Church Yard Sale
- August 3, 7 am-1 pm Church Yard Sale
- August 4, 11:30 am Teams Meeting
- August 7, 5:00 pm Children's Dept. Meeting
- August 7, 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting
- August 13, 5 - 8 pm Pizza Hut Night
- August 17, 4 pm Young Adult Cookout & Pool Party, Petty Home
- August 28, 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Unidiversity Youth Camp  
July 21-27, 2013



(More pictures to come in the September issue.)

## Deacon Nominations

Please remember to turn in your deacon nomination forms to the office by Sunday, August 4. Additional copies may be picked up at the office. During the coming months, please keep the diaconate in your prayers as they review the nominations and move forward in the deacon selection process.



Friday, August 2 7 am—1 pm  
Saturday, August 3 7 am—1 pm

## CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS! Pool Party & Cook Out

Saturday, August 17  
4 pm, Petty Home  
14624 Wise Rd.  
Smithville, MO



## BOOM! The children's department is booming!

Recently we hit a new high with 10 children in the nursery during worship and additional volunteers had to lend a hand in order to care for our children that morning. And it's just going to continue growing! With several new babies on the way in the coming months our nursery is about to burst. So what does this mean??? We need more volunteers! We need additional church members to step up and join the nursery rotation. In the near future we may even have to split our nursery department into a baby nursery and toddler nursery in order to accommodate the sweet little babies and the rambunctious active toddlers. This will require some extra volunteer work from our members, but it is a wonderful blessing to our congregation! Please let us know in the office if you would like to help with our nursery department.

Peer  
Exercise  
Program  
Promotes  
Independence

## Coming in September

PEPPI Class: Senior Adult Exercise Class  
Tuesdays at 1 pm  
(Beginning September 3)

Taught by Randy & Anita Colvin and sponsored by the Clay County Health Department.



Free class and no equipment required! This class is open to anyone 60 years or older. Whether you're standing or limited to a chair, this class can still benefit you! The exercises can be done from a seated position for participants unable to stand. Therabands® are provided to build strength by creating resistance. This class will help to improve your balance, strength, and flexibility! For more information on the PEPPI program you can visit: <http://www.clayhealth.com/community-programs/> Sign up on the church bulletin board to attend.

# Volunteers in August

## Nursery

August 4 Donna White, Joy Bettis  
 August 11 Pat Merriman, Anne Johnson  
 August 18 Kathy Petty, Cassidy Hopkins  
 August 25 Carol Shaffer, Linda Frazier

## Greeters

August 4 Rosalie Swaney, Pat Merriman  
 August 11 Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer  
 August 18 Darlene McMillian, Carlene Rubicam  
 August 25 Lois Earlywine, Lee & Dorothy Huntley

## Hospitality

August Donna White

## Children's Sermon Leaders

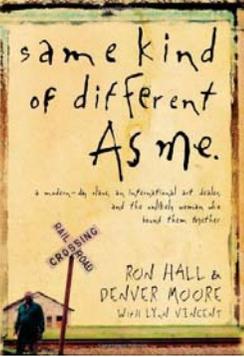
August 4 Ruth Hiatt  
 August 11 Jeff Buscher  
 August 18 Jenny Holmes  
 August 25 Randy Kelly

## Deacon of the Week

August 4 Melvin Evans  
 August 11 Lee Huntley  
 August 18 Randy Kelly  
 August 25 Hubert Shuler

## Communion Preparers

August 18 Jess Edwards, Jack Youtsey



## Coming Soon...

Young Adult Small Group returns on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in September. See Stephanie to pick up a copy of the new book, *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

## Monthly Ministry Updates

During the month of July:

- 12 youth and 4 adults attended youth camp.
- Church floors were buffed and waxed.
- Flowers at sanctuary entrances.



-Shed at rear of church that was in poor condition was taken down.

(Pictured here: AJ Kelly and Bailey Wilson)



Congratulations to  
 Chad & Jacque Herrod,  
 big sisters Mikayla and Madalyn,  
 and grandparents  
 Mark & Laura Bush  
 on the birth of

McKinly Laura Anne  
 Friday, July 26, 8:14 am  
 7.5 lbs, 20 1/4 inches

## Financial Figures

July Offerings \$10,270.50

## In our prayers

Audrey Tygart Jean Shaw  
 Bill Forsyth Lettie Pemberton  
 Linda Mangels Al McNeal  
 Hila Foster Roy & Linda Thomas  
 Katie Yates Jim Hiatt  
 Georgia Callaway Don Baber  
 Glenn Petty Joyce Teegarden  
 Gary Teegarden Joni Teegarden  
 Jaxon Caw, surgery August 14  
 Larry Brown, Darlene McMillian's son  
 Phebe Troxel, Laura Bush's mother-in-law  
 Conner Ink, Joan Keeney's grandson  
 David Groom, Joan Pence's brother  
 Rob Earlywine, Lois Earlywine's son  
 John Allen, Dorothy Allen's son  
 Nancy Brown, Beth Asher's mother  
 Georgie White, Ruth Hiatt and Joel White's sister-in-law

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## August Birthdays

August 1	Dorothy Huntley, Rylee Robinette
August 2	Stephanie Swanson, Wyatt Hopkins
August 3	Carolyn Forsyth
August 7	Joyce Teegarden
August 12	Joyce Denton
August 21	Brian Petty, Karen Youmans
August 22	Lloyd Wilson
August 24	Dan Leach, Charles Smith
August 25	Glenn Petty
August 26	Judy Asher
August 27	Betty Shuler, Ron Merriman, Darlene Wilson
August 28	Curtis McDowell
August 29	Donna White, Lisa Johnston
August 30	Stan Howard

## 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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