

First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
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View from the Pulpit

In the last 1-2 months our church has noticed a significant growth in our children's department and our leadership kicked into gear as we began discussions of how to accommodate these larger numbers. In the last few years we have been more on "maintenance mode." The numbers of children in the nursery and children's department were low and so we got by with just a few Sunday school teachers, sometimes lumping older age groups together and squeezing various ages into the nursery. Now though we run anywhere from 12-19 children every Sunday and the numbers keep leaning more towards the higher end of that spectrum. With this wonderful blessing of children though comes the job of providing both good care and Christian education for them every week.

After much discussion, research, and prayer we have moved forward with a plan that we think will adequately suit our current children and also prepare us for the future as we welcome more children in our doors.

Nursery Department: We will now have two nurseries, rather than just one and they will both be located on the main floor, on the right side of the education hall. The first two smaller rooms will be for infant through walkers. One room will be the "quiet room" with cribs and rockers for sleeping or eating babies. The second room will be for our youngest when they are awake and active. The last room on the hall (what is currently our nursery) will become the toddler nursery. This will be for children needing the nursery during worship who are more active and walking. We felt a considerable need to split our nursery department into two sections once we realized that within the year we will have several infants that will need quiet spaces to sleep and floor space to lay and play, and it's difficult to provide that when we have so many 2-4 year olds bouncing around in the nursery! We will have a rotational structure for nursery workers in the two nursery rooms (bed babies and toddlers) during the worship hour and during the Sunday school hour Miss Rosalie and Miss Bonnie will continue to care for our youngest children.

Children's Department: As the Sunday school hour begins our 2 year olds will remain in the toddler nursery room which will also serve the purpose of being the 2 year old Sunday school class room, taught by Donna White. All other ages of children will go upstairs for Sunday school to one of the rooms on the left-side of the hall, just across from the youth and young adult classrooms. The rooms located on that hall will include: Mary Srite's class for 3s & 4s, the kindergarten—3rd grade classroom, the 4th-6th grade classroom, and a game room for the children's and youth department to share.

All classrooms are receiving a fresh coat of paint along with original artwork specific to each age group, designed by Christen Doerzbacher. Christen and her family have been worshipping with us the past few months and we feel blessed that she is sharing her artistic talents with us! We are also joyful over the addition of several new teachers and nursery workers and all the folks that have stepped up to help with the renovations. We are still looking for a couple more nursery workers during worship and a permanent teacher for the 4th-6th grade classroom (could be weekly or on a rotational structure). If you have an interest and a willing heart to help in one of these areas please let us know in the office. This is an exciting time for our church and one of the many ways we can see God at work in our congregation. I hope you'll join me in supporting our children's department as we put our vision for the future into effect, seeking to share the love of God with our children and teach them the stories of our faith.



Rev. Swanson

Weekly Events

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

- 1:00 pm PEPPI Exercise Class, FBC gym

Wednesdays

- 6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study
- 6:30-7:45 pm Children & Youth Programming

Church Events

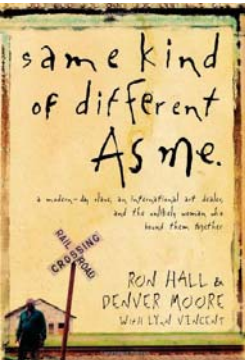
- September 3, 1:00 pm PEPPI Exercise Class Begins (reoccurring weekly)
- September 4, 6:30 pm Wednesday Young Adult Small Group Resumes
- September 8, 11:30 am Teams Meeting
- September 10, 5 - 8 pm Pizza Hut Night
- September 25, 5:30 pm Deacons Meeting



University Youth Camp
 Univ. of Tennessee, July 2013
 Thank you for your
 support of our youth!

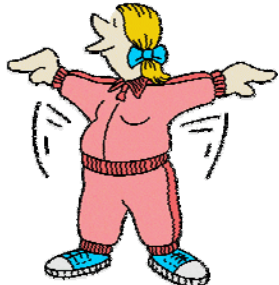


Young Adult Small Group



Young Adult Small Group is back on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, beginning September 4th! See Stephanie to pick up a copy of the new book, *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. The group will meet weekly and childcare will be provided for your children.

Peer Exercise Program Promotes Independence



PEPPI: Exercise Class
 Tuesdays at 1 pm, FBC Gym
Beginning September 3

Sponsored by the Clay County Health Department, this class is open to anyone 60 years older. The class can be completed from a standing or seated position and will help improve strength, balance, and flexibility! For more information on the PEPPI program you can visit: <http://www.clayhealth.com/community-programs/>

Volunteers in September

Nursery

September 1	Pam Petty, Donna White
September 8	Chad, Jacque, & Mikayla Herrod
September 15	Carlene Rubicam, Dorothy Allen, Laura Bush
September 22	Tammy & Whitney Kelly, Courtney Jones
September 29	Carolyn Forsyth, Betty Morris, Cody Wilson

Greeters

September 1	Judy Asher, Betty Shuler
September 8	Betty Shuler, Dorothy Allen
September 15	Rosalie Swaney, Pat Merriman
September 22	Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer
September 29	Darlene McMillian, Carlene Rubicam

Hospitality

September	Ruth Hiatt
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Children's Sermon Leaders

September 1	Jenny Holmes
September 8	Randy Kelly
September 15	Ruth Hiatt
September 22	Jeff Buscher
September 29	Randy Kelly

Deacon of the Week

September 1	John Srite
September 8	Jack Youtsey
September 15	Bob Callaway
September 22	Jess Edwards
September 29	Melvin Evans

Communion Preparers

September 15	Hubert Shuler, John Srite
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WELCOME
new members

James & Rosemary Long
101 Hampton
Smithville, MO 64089
(816) 532-8401

Lenny & Gina Hill
9210 Watt Ridge Rd.
Trimble, MO 64492
(816) 255-4394
(913) 240-5127

Tony & Jennifer Edwards
Children: Madison & Robert
800 County Rd. F
Smithville, MO 64089
(816) 679-1230
(816) 716-1071

Financial Figures

August Offerings \$10,097

Ministry Updates

During the month of August:

- The second round of our yardsale to support our youth was a success!
- Sanctuary carpet was cleaned.
- Renovations were begun on the children's department including the painting of 2 rooms and reorganization of classrooms.
- Thank you for your support in our deacon nomination process! This is one of the greatest pool of candidates the church has had in years! Please continue to be in prayer for the nominees to whom the diaconate has extended an invitation. During the month of September the deacons will bring forward a list of deacon candidates for congregational approval.

In our prayers

Audrey Tygart	Aliene Harris
Dorothy Perkins	Bob Callaway
Jaxon Caw	Glenn Petty
Bill Forsyth	Lettie Pemberton
Linda Mangels	Al McNeal
Hila Foster	Roy & Linda Thomas
Georgia Callaway	Don Baber
Joyce Teegarden	Gary Teegarden
Joni Teegarden	

Kerri & Roy Boyer, Bonnie Chancellor's daughter and son-in-law
Marcia Franke, Bonnie Chancellor's daughter
Larry Brown, Darlene McMillian's son
Phebe Troxel, Laura Bush's mother-in-law
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

Christian Sympathy

To the family of Jean Shaw on her passing on August 15.

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September Birthdays

September 4	Dorothy Allen
September 6	Carla Berner
September 7	Katherine Yates
September 10	Eva Holmes
September 12	AJ Kelly
September 13	Emma Crawford
September 14	Bill Edwards
September 15	Brinkley Lindsey
September 18	Madalyn Herrod
September 26	Courtney Jones
September 29	Hila Foster



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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