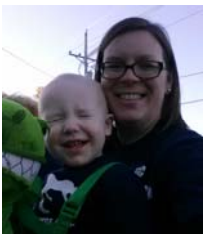


First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
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View from the Pulpit

We had a wonderful Fall Festival this year with a great turn out! More than 40 of our members volunteered that evening to make this event a success and we had 60+ children throughout the course of the evening in addition to their parents,



grandparents, and more of our members who came out to enjoy the evening! And this doesn't even include the number of church members who donated candy and food items in the weeks prior. Thank you for helping us make this a fun event for our church family and community! A shout goes out to our new volunteers who helped us step-it-up this year with our event, including Lee Huntley's friends who came that night to clown around and make some hilarious balloon animals, David

Petty for taking on the famed "Joe Swaney Hayrides" (You did Joe proud, David!), and our folks that made our new trick-or-treat portion of the night possible! Thanks also to Mike & Carolyn Jensen for donating the great Halloween decorations! Thanks for a great event folks!!! *Rev. Swanson*



Clayton, aka
The "Hulk"

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

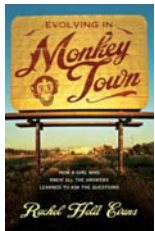
Church Events

- November 2, all day Youth Serve-a-thon
- November 3, 11:30 am Teams Meeting
- November 11, Veterans Day, Offices Closed
- November 12, 5 - 8 pm Pizza Hut Night
- November 16, all day Youth Retreat
- November 17, 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting
- November 21, Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- November 24, 140th Church Anniversary Celebration
- November 27, No Wednesday Programming
- November 27-29, Offices Closed for holiday

NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

It's a reverse fall! Help us put leaves back on our "Thankful Tree" and support our church's Food Pantry. During the month of November please bring in food items to donate to the food pantry and for each item donated you can

write something on a leaf that you are thankful for and attach it to our tree. Our tree will be up at the back of the sanctuary for the month of November. Please help us show our thanks!!!



Young Adult Wednesday Small Group

Our young adult group will be studying *Evolving in Monkey Town* by Rachel Held Evans beginning in November! Talk to Pastor Stephanie about getting a copy of the book. Discussion takes place on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 pm.

Coming Soon for the Advent Season

Join us on Wednesdays in December for

Songs of the Christmas Season

Wednesday, December 4
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Wednesday, December 11
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Wednesday, December 18
"Silent Night"

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary
with Rev. Stephanie Swanson.**

Nursery, Children, Youth, and Young Adult programming also available during this time.

Celebrating 140 years of First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 24



Please join us as we celebrate the many years we have been blessed to be God's church. We have some activities planned in addition to our regular Sunday schedule and you won't want to miss this wonderful event! Some of the things you'll enjoy include a tour of

the updated Children's Department space, pictures from the past, and words of thankful remembrance. We'll also be snapping a new church photo that morning!

Sunday, November 24 Schedule

Special Worship Service	9:30 am
Coffee & Fellowship Time	10:30 am
Sunday School	10:45 am
Tour the Children's Dept.	11:30 am
Church Luncheon	12:00 pm



Since it's beginning in 1993, Samaritan's Purse has been able to share the love of God with over 100 million boys and girls from over 130 countries through the **Operation Christmas Child** project. Please help us by picking up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox at the back of the sanctuary and filling it with toys. Pamphlets are provided with the box to help you decide what to include. Please also provide \$7 cash in the box to cover the shipping expenses. Boxes need to be returned to the church by November 21 so we can send them on to Samaritan's Purse. This is a wonderful and simple way for us to bless children around the world and show them God's love. Please join us in supporting this wonderful mission!

Due Date: Thursday, November 21

Volunteers in November

Nursery Department: Baby Room

November 3	Whitney Kelly, Courtney Jones
November 10	Christen Doerzbacher, Carla Berner
November 17	Kathy Petty, Cody Wilson
November 24	Pam Petty, Ruth Hiatt

Children's Sermon Leaders

November 3	Jenny Holmes
November 10	Randy Kelly
November 17	Ruth Hiatt
November 24	Jeff Buscher

Nursery Department: Toddler Room

November 3	Kathy Petty, Mikayla Herrod
November 10	Jacque & Chad Herrod
November 17	Pat Merriman, Erin Loker
November 24	Carol Shaffer, Linda Frazier

Deacon of the Week

November 3	Andy Bettis
November 10	Bob Callaway
November 17	Dave Chiles
November 24	Jess Edwards

Greeters

November 3	Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer
November 10	Darlene McMillian, Carlene Rubicam
November 17	Lois Earlywine, Lee & Dorothy Huntley
November 24	Judy Asher, Betty Shuler

Communion Preparers

November 17	Deacon Team #1
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Hospitality

November	Donna White
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Youth News

Serve-a-thon: Do you have a small project around your house? Our youth will come out and take care of it for you on Saturday, November 3. All we ask is that you make a small financial donation to their summer camp fund. Please contact Jeff Buscher at buscherj@william.jewell.edu or call the church office to sign up!

Kaleo: Call to Serve: A one day youth retreat to Central Seminary on Saturday, November 17. Our students will join with other youth from the KC area for worship and a time of mission activities in the city.

Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday programming will not be held on November 27 in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will also be closed Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29.

Ministry Updates

During the month of October:

- Adult classroom was painted. Thanks Red Warring!
- Artwork in nursery department was sketched and the painting has begun! Thanks Christen Doerzbacher!
- Successful Fall Festival with great attendance and a fun evening for everyone!
- We commissioned 8 new Associate Deacons and had a great deacon training!



Daylight Savings

Sunday, November 3

Don't forget to fall back 1 hour!

In our prayers

- Glenn Petty
- Lettie Pemberton
- Lloyd Wilson
- Linda Mangels
- Georgia Callaway
- Gary Teegarden
- Kerri & Roy Boyer, *Bonnie Chancellor's daughter and son-in-law*
- Marcia Franke, *Bonnie Chancellor's daughter*
- Larry Brown, *Darlene McMillian's son*
- Jimmy McMillian & family, *Darlene McMillian's grandson, house fire*
- Rob Earlywine, *Lois Earlywine's son*
- John Allen, *Dorothy Allen's son*
- Nancy Brown, *Beth Asher's mother*
- Georgeanna White, *Ruth Hiatt and Joel White's sister-in-law*
- Floyd Huntley, *Lee Huntley's uncle*
- Lisa Warne, *Lenny Hill's niece*
- Kelly Morgan, *Pat Merriman's sister-in-law's sister*
- Jenny Wiltshire, *Tammy Kelly's niece*
- Bill Edwards
- Hila Foster
- Al McNeal
- Roy & Linda Thomas
- Joyce Teegarden
- Joni Teegarden

Financial Figures

October Offerings \$9,582

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October Birthdays

November 1	Martha Edwards
November 3	Anne Johnson
November 15	Candi Sutton
November 22	Edith Smith
November 24	Laura Bush
November 29	Robbie Edwards



Happy



Thanksgiving!

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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