

First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
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View from the Pulpit

The growth in our church membership and programs and the general good spirit of folks has been a great encouragement to our church leadership. We want to continue to minister to each of you, creating a place where you can worship joyfully, serve faithfully, and grow spiritually. And we want to continue extending the love of Jesus Christ to those in our community and offering others a place where they can come, be accepted as they are, and worship God. In essence we want to be the church. We want to be the church to each of you and to the Smithville community. We want to care for the church that has meant a great deal to each of us, so that she can continue to be a beacon of God's love within this community.

We recognize that God has entrusted us to care for the church – that God has blessed us with this great fellowship of believers of which we are a part. Towards the end of January and into February we have been talking about loving God's church on Sunday mornings. Our theme verse coming from 1 Chronicles reminds us that all that we have and all that we are comes from God and the same can be said of our church. *"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you"* (1 Chronicles 29:14) Our church is not just our church, it is God's church.

During our current sermon series on loving God's church I wanted us to not limit our understanding of stewardship to financial giving. There are other ways in which we can also care for and look out for God's church. I hope you will join me as we continue to explore these three avenues of being good stewards of the church and endeavor in the remainder of this year to be more faithful to the church through which God has nurtured us and continues to welcome and love others. I invite you to join me in:

- **Praying for God's church.** Pray for the members and leadership. Pray for our ministries and our sharing of the Gospel. Pray for God to complete a good work in this church.
- **Serving God's church.** Find areas of passion and interest where you might serve on a ministry team or volunteer with a program. We need each of you. Without your involvement we would not be able to continue in the ministries of our Lord so seek out ways in which you can be a part of the kingdom building that is happening through the ministries of First Baptist.
- **Giving to God's church.** We are challenging ourselves this year with an increased budget, which opens up opportunities for us to better serve our Lord. This cannot be accomplished though without your financial support. Consider the reasons for which you give to our God through the ministries of the church. Remember our theme verse and that all that we have is a blessing from God. Ask yourself how you might better return those blessings to our Lord.

I consider it a blessing each and every day to be a part of God's church and I know that God has called us to important work through our church. I hope that together we can more faithfully serve our God by caring for the church with which God has blessed us.

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

- February 2, 11:30 am Teams Meeting
- February 9, 11:30 am Lunch & Movie
- February 11, 5-8 pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser
- February 16, 5:30 pm Valentine's Banquet
- February 23, 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Coming in March

On Wednesday, March 5 we will observe Ash Wednesday and begin the season of Lent as we journey with Jesus those forty days until he comes to the cross. This year as a church we are doing something new. We will have a community meal for our church family on Ash Wednesday at the start of the season and on the Wednesday of Holy Week as we draw closer to the cross. Those meals will also be followed by a Lenten worship service and in the weeks between we will have a special Lenten Bible study for adults. Both meals will be potluck style with a simple soup and sandwich theme. Please mark your calendars to join us on the Wednesdays of Lent as we journey with Jesus.

Wednesdays During Lent:

March 5 5:30 pm, Church meal
 6:30 pm, Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesdays running March 5—April 9
 Adult Lenten Bible Study
April 16 5:30 pm, Church meal
 6:30 pm, Holy Week Service

Valentine's Banquet

FBC Youth Fundraiser

Featuring Smithville's own blue grass band

Emergency Exit

Includes a full spaghetti dinner complete with dessert.
\$7 per person, ages 5 & under eat free

*All proceeds from this event will go towards
sending our youth to summer camp.*

Sunday, February 16th, 2014 | 5:30 pm

Open to the community!

Threat Assessment & Medical Improvements

In January our diaconate and church approved the taking of a threat assessment on our church. One of our members, Lenny Hill, is sharing his expertise in this area with our church. Lenny has been in law enforcement for almost 30 years and currently works for Homeland Security at the airport. One area of Lenny's professional work is threat and vulnerability assessments and he is offering to do this extensive work for our church at no cost. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to become aware of some of the security risks of our building as well as put in place policies and procedures to protect our members and staff. The assessment process will take approximately 3 months at the end of which Lenny will present the church with a document detailing various risks and proposed improvements. At that time the church will then be able to decide which proposals we will or will not move forward with and improvements may take place over a matter of a couple of years in order to be cost efficient. Over the next few months we will be putting out a few surveys for church members to take which will help Lenny in his assessment. He will also ask to interview a few of our members. We hope you will join us in making this a successful assessment.

Andy Bettis will also be working with Lenny in this process, paying particular attention to equipping our church with medical equipment and supplies. One of the items we are currently working on is acquiring an AED defibrillator in the case that one of our members should have a heart attack. Andy will also be coordinating training sessions for use of the AED and other medical equipment. In addition to our members who already have medical training, we would like to have a group of members trained in first aid and on the AED should a need arise for their assistance.

If you should have further questions regarding any of these efforts please contact Lenny Hill or Andy Bettis. The Deacon officers (Lee Huntley, Hubert Shuler, and Randy Kelly) and Pastor Stephanie can also assist with any questions you might have.

Recipe of the Month

Moist Banana Bundt Cake

By Lettie Pemberton

Ingredients:

5 med. overripe bananas
1/4 c. hot water
3 tsp. soda
3 eggs
2 c. sugar
2 sticks margarine, softened
1 tsp. vanilla
2 c. flour
1c. nuts chopped

In a blender add bananas, hot water, and soda. Mix until a thick liquid. In a large bowl beat eggs. Add sugar, margarine, and vanilla to eggs. Beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Add flour and banana mixture alternatively. Add nuts. Bake in a well greased bundt pan at 350° for 70 minutes.



Volunteers in February

Nursery Department: Baby Room

February 2	Laura Bush, Jacque Herrod
February 9	Ruth Hiatt, Cassidy Hopkins
February 16	Carlene Rubicam, Dorothy Allen
February 23	Tammy Kelly, Courtney Jones

Nursery Department: Toddler Room

February 2	Carol Shaffer, Linda Frazier
February 9	Jennifer Edwards, Whitney Kelly
February 16	Cody Wilson, Donna White
February 23	Kathy Petty, Carla Berner

Greeters

February 2	Darlene McMillian, Carlene Rubicam
February 9	Lee & Dorothy Huntley
February 16	Judy Asher, Betty Shuler
February 23	Betty Shuler, Dorothy Allen

Children's Sermon Leaders

February 2	Jenny Holmes
February 9	Randy Kelly
February 16	Ruth Hiatt
February 23	Jeff Buscher

Deacon of the Week

February 2	John Srite
February 9	Donna White
February 16	Joel White
February 23	Jack Youtsey

Communion Preparers

February 16	Deacon Team #1
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Hospitality

February	Donna White
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Children's Ministry Workshop

Save the Date!
Saturday, March 8
9:30 am—12:00 noon

If you volunteer with our children's ministry (Sunday school teachers, Wednesday night leaders, children's sermon leaders, etc.) or if you have any interest in serving in our children's department, please join us on March 8 for a workshop led by Gwen Phillips. Gwen is the Children's Pastor at 2nd Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri and we look forward to her expertise and love for children's ministry which she is excited to share with us. Make sure to mark your calendars for this great event!

Financial Figures

January Offerings \$10,682.65

Church Directory



Hurray! A new directory is coming our way! We have photo sessions scheduled for April so be on the look-out in the months prior to sign up for your time slot!

Lunch & Movie

Sunday, February 9
11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
Lunch: Carry-in

Dave Chiles will be showing the first episode of *Dr. Syn: The Scarecrow of Romney Marsh*, a Disney film which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The film tells the story of Dr. Syn, priest by day and "Scarecrow" by night who works to help save his town from oppression under the king in 18th century England. Dr. Syn is a classic combination of Zorro and Robin Hood.

2014 Deacon Officers

Chair	Lee Huntley
Vice Chair	Hubert Shuler
Secretary	Randy Kelly

In our prayers

- Glenn Petty
- Lettie Pemberton
- Lloyd Wilson
- Linda Mangels
- Georgia Callaway
- Gary Teegarden
- Joy Bettis (*Baby arriving Feb. 5*)
- Kathy Petty (*Baby arriving Feb. 28*)
- 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*
- Jenny Wiltshire, *Tammy Kelly's niece*
- Bill Nolker, *Pam Petty's brother*
- Peggy Shaffer, *Carol Shaffer's daughter-in-law*
- Brantley Sutton, *Bonnie Chancellor's great grandson*
- Bill Edwards
- Lee Huntley
- Al McNeal
- Roy & Linda Thomas
- Joyce Teegarden
- Joni Teegarden

Our Christian Sympathy

- To Lee & Dorothy Huntley and family on the passing of Dorothy's mother, Mary Pigg.

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February Birthdays

February 1	Cheryl Chiles Jacque Herrod
February 7	Ronald Morris Jim Lindsey
February 11	Chad Herrod
February 19	Andrew Kendall
February 25	Lois Earlywine
February 27	Dorothy Perkins
February 28	Linda Thomas



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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