

First Baptist *Crossings*

First Baptist Church of Smithville

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View from the Pulpit

Grateful. On Sunday mornings the life of a pastor can be rather hectic. Taking care of last minute preparations for worship. Hustling to and fro as they try to greet and welcome members and visitors. And then once worship begins they are constantly “on” as they recite prayers, read scripture, proclaim a good word and so on. There is rarely time to sit still for even a moment and just be present. I had the pleasure though of being present back in March when Jeff Langford and Harold Phillips from CBF Heartland joined us for our CBF Fellowship Weekend.

As I sat there in the pew, enjoying those moments of being present as I listened to Jeff Langford preach and as I sang a hymn without processing through my mind what I needed to do next in the worship service, I was struck by this overwhelming sense of gratitude. I watched as we collected our first CBF Global Missions offering, which ended up totaling almost triple our original goal. I looked upon the generous food donations for our food pantry, which had covered the communion table and begun to spill out over the floor. I looked at the blankets our members had made for children at Children’s Mercy Hospital, which

now were laid over the pulpit and baptistry, and I was again overwhelmed with this sense of deep gratitude.

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of life (and even in church life) we get so caught up in all the busyness that we forget to stop and “smell the roses” as I remember one childhood teacher always telling our class. Ever since that Sunday in church I’ve tried to do a better job of stopping to smell the roses.

Doing so has renewed within me a deep gratitude for the life and love expressed in our church. And when I look back over these last two and a half years that I have served alongside you all, I am again overwhelmed by the things we have accomplished, by the renewal of life we’ve witnessed within the congregation, and by the love that you all have outpoured upon one another.

Here are a few of those sweet smelling roses, for which I’ve recently discovered renewed gratitude.

For church members who provide meals for folks after surgeries or illnesses or in the loss of a loved one.

For individuals and families who give up their own time to work on a mission project or come down to the church to do a repair or paint hallways.

For a church family that gathers around the table over good food and fellowships with one another.

For folks who provide a loving atmosphere for our children in the nursery or in Sunday school class and teach them about Jesus in such a way that our children come home excited to tell us what Bible story they learned that morning.

For Dawnings team members who spend countless hours in prayer and discernment to discover God’s vision for our church.

For church members who wear a funny crown to make the children laugh, who seek out a youth member to ask them how their week has been, or who take bulletins to homebound members after worship.

For each of these and many more I give thanks to the Lord. I hope you will join me in “smelling the roses” and witnessing how God is breathing life and love in and through our congregation.

Pastor Stephanie

Children's Ministry Workshop



Saturday, May 2
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For all volunteers with our children (nursery workers, teachers, etc.): At this meeting we will fill out paperwork for background checks to comply with our insurance company and also have some discussion around procedures and practices that may better help us care for our children at FBC. If you cannot make it please contact Pastor Stephanie.

Church Pizza Night



1st Wednesday of Every Month!

Wednesday, May 6
5:30 pm, FBC Fellowship Hall

Mother's Day Breakfast



Sunday, May 10
10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

In honor of all the women who have filled motherly roles in our lives, we will have some additional tasty breakfast items during our normal breakfast fellowship time for everyone to enjoy. Our youth will be preparing all the food and there will be a youth camp donation jar if you would like to help support our kids this summer.

And Dads, don't worry, we'll have another breakfast on Father's Day!

Graduation Sunday

Join us in worship on
Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 am
as we honor our high school graduate with a cake reception to follow.

Christian Butterworth
Winnetonka Class of 2015



Deacons Fellowship Banquet

Deacons and spouses (active and inactive) are invited to the

Deacons Fellowship Banquet
Tuesday, May 5
6:00 pm, Golden Corral

Garage Sale & Craft Fair

Friday, June 5 & Saturday, June 6
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
FBC Gym

Garage Sale!

All proceeds benefit our youth summer camp fund. If you have items you'd like to donate for the garage sale you can bring them by the church or contact Cody Wilson to schedule a pick-up time.



Craft Fair! New Feature!!

We will have tables set up in the hallway for our church members to sell their craft items (jewelry, artwork, jams & jellies, crocheted items, etc.). Please sign up on the bulletin board to reserve a spot. We only ask that you donate a portion of your profits to our youth summer camp fund as this event is a youth fundraiser. Questions? Talk with Pastor Stephanie or Cody Wilson.



Flock the Flock!



That pesky flock of flamingos is back in town!

Help our youth raise money for camp and have fun doing it as you send 2 dozen pink flamingos to a friend's yard!

Visit the flamingo table or see Cody to flock your friend:

To flock someone: \$20
To flock Pastor Stephanie: \$30
To De-flock (Get those birds out of my yard!): \$10
Insurance (to ensure the birds never visit you): \$40
(Pastor Stephanie is uninsurable)

CBF Global Missions Offering

CBF Global Missions Offering Final Total

\$1,335.19

***\$75.19 of our total was raised by our children and youth in their Sunday school rooms!**



Thank you for your generosity in helping our CBF missionaries continue God's work around the globe!

Volunteers in May

Nursery Department

- May 3 Cara Campbell, Joy Bettis, Sahria Aden
May 10 Whitney Kelly, Tammy Kelly, Courtney Jones
May 17 Carlene Rubicam, Dorothy Allen, Carla Berner
May 24 Jennifer Edwards, Kathy Petty, Cassidy Hopkins
May 31 Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer, Pam Petty

Greeters

- May 3 Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer
May 10 Darlene McMillian, Carlene Rubicam
May 17 Dorothy Huntley, Rosalie Swaney
May 24 Judy Asher, Betty Shuler
May 31 Betty Shuler, Dorothy Allen

Children's Sermon Leaders

- May 3 Jenny Holmes
May 10 Ruth Hiatt
May 17 Randy Kelly
May 24 Stephanie Swanson
May 31 Randy Kelly

Deacon of the Week

- May 3 Hubert Shuler
May 10 John Srite
May 17 Rosalie Swaney
May 24 Donna White
May 31 Joel White

Communion

- May 17 Team 1

Hospitality

- May Dorothy Huntley

Calendar

- May 2 Children's Ministry Workshop, 10:00 am
- May 3 Teams Meeting, 11:30 am
(Deacon Team 3 Meeting following)
- May 5 Deacons Fellowship Banquet, 6:00 pm
- May 6 Church Pizza Night, 5:30 pm
- May 10 Mother's Day Breakfast, 10:30 am
- May 17 Graduation Sunday
- May 25 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- May 31 Deacon Meeting, 11:30 am
- June 5-6 Garage Sale, FBC Gym
- June 7 Church Picnic & Kickball Game, 11:30 am

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!

Sunday, June 28-Wednesday, July 1

Watch for volunteer sign up opportunities this month!



In our Prayers

Our Church Family:

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| Betty Shuler | Linda Thomas & Mother |
| Dorothy Perkins | Joyce Teegarden |
| Bill Edwards | Bonnie Chancellor |
| Georgia Callaway | Roberta Crawford |
| Gary Teegarden | Mary Ann Leach |
| Joyce Denton | Lloyd Wilson |
| Audrey Tygart | |

Our Christian Sympathy:

The family of Al McNeal on his passing.

Financial Figures

April Offerings: \$9,869

CBF Global Missions: \$1,335.19

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May Birthdays

May 1	Whitney Kelly
May 2	Carolyn Jensen
May 10	Aliene Harris
May 13	Lee Huntley
May 20	James Long
May 21	Bill Forsyth
May 22	Denney Fales
May 24	Dustin White



Church Picnic & Kickball



Save the Date: Sunday, June 7
11:30 am, Heritage Park

Church-wide picnic followed
by an old-fashioned kickball game between
the youth and adults!

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

- 1:00 pm PEPPi Exercise Class

Wednesdays

- 6:00 - 7:15 pm Youth Group
- 6:30 - 7:15 pm Adult Bible Study, Children's Programming, Nursery Care

Ministers & Staff

Rev. Stephanie Swanson, *Pastor*

Cody Wilson, *Youth Director*

Betty Shuler, *Secretary*

Tammy Kelly, *Secretary*

Margaret Fales, *Worship Leader*

Athena Gillespie, *Pianist*

A.J. Kelly, *Custodian*

Office Hours:

<i>Mondays</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>9am-1pm</i>