

WHERE IT IS:

Our 2016 Trunk or Treat will begin in the Foyer of our Church. We will serve FREE hot dog dinners in the Foyer. We will also have water bottles and a hot drink station in the Foyer. We will have several people to serve as Hospitality Greeters and Servers, a.k.a. Cheerleaders, making sure that each person who attends our Trunk or Treat is warmly greeted with a kind word and a smile.

We will have a planned walk through the church. Along the way we will have trunks, signs, games, greeters, and photo opportunities for our guests. We will have two inflatables in the Gym. We will flow through three classroom hallways with “trunks” on the right side of the hall allowing for walk-throughs on the left side of the hall. Guests will finish their trek though the building on the second floor where they can leave by way of steps or elevator near the Preschool Reception Area. Some guests may choose to have their hot dog dinner or coffee/hot chocolate at the end of their “trick-or-treating” while others may choose to enjoy this at the beginning of their time here for Trunk or Treat.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Our 2016 Trunk or Treat is scheduled for indoors. What happens if it rains or sleets or snows? History informs us that any of these are possible on Halloween. History also informs us that children will still go out to “trick or treat” – so we imagine that they would LOVE to come here, too! So no worries if it rains—the party will go on!

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Please contact Emily Thompson or Joyce Oliver and let us know how you can volunteer to help make Trunk -or-Treat a success!

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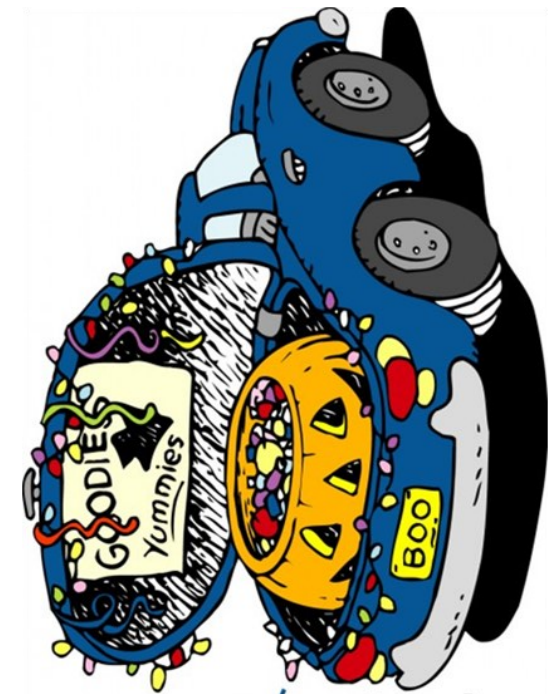
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**Trunk
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**Halloween Night
Monday, October 31, 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by St. Matthews Baptist Church

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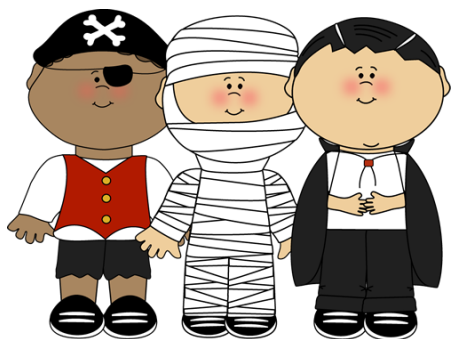
You are invited to participate in St. Matthews Baptist Church's Trunk or Treat, an indoor "trick-or-treating" event to be held on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to come join the fun! Adults of all ages are also invited to join the fun!

People are invited to decorate a space—either a classroom doorway or a space with a table. We will have some festive games. We will have inflatables in the Gym. We will also have hot dogs and chips. We'll have lots of fun! AND, it's all FREE!

WAYS TO INVITE:

You are invited to invite other people to join the fun! We will be sending invites to our neighbors, to our Upward participants, to our Parents Day Out families, to our Weekday Preschool families, to our friends at St. Matthews Elementary School, and, of course, to our SMBC families. We will put banners on our property to invite everyone who passes by in the days leading up to Halloween. And, we will accept any free advertisements in local papers or by your "word of mouth" – so invite away!



WAYS TO DRESS:

Dress for success! Dress for fun! Dress in costume or not – just make whatever you have on safe and fun for children of all ages. You are encouraged to dress thematically if you are decorating a space. You are encouraged to dress seasonally if you are helping in other ways. Do not wear clothes or costumes that could frighten or confuse a child. Do wear clothes that will make people smile!



WAYS TO DECORATE:

If you are decorating a "trunk" for our Trunk or Treat, have fun! Perhaps you want to decorate an area all by yourself – yes! Perhaps you want to decorate a trunk with 2-3 friends – yes! Perhaps you want to work with your Sunday School class, Bible Study group, Wednesday evening group, or random people you meet – yes!

Here are some theme ideas for decorating: Fall décor, Halloween (not scary, but child friendly), Farm, Cowboy, Stuffed Animals, Bible Heroes, Restaurant, 60's Décor, Clowns, Favorite Cartoons, Sports Teams, Pirates, Christmas, Beach...the list is endless!

Bottom line: Simple can be Spectacular – especially when accompanied by a Smile! (and a piece of candy!)

WAYS TO HELP:

Decorate a "Trunk"!

We want at least 20 "trunks" in our Trunk or Treat. Have your area decorated and ready by 5:30, and be prepared to give out treats or trinkets by 6:00. You will need to stay in your area and greet each person who comes along from 6:00-8:00. Greet with a smile. Greet with a kind word. Greet with a treat. If you would like to do this but want help in providing candy or trinkets, just let us know. We'll help.

Festive Games!

We will also have festive games. We need help supervising games like: Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Bean Bag Toss, Pumpkin Ring Toss, Spider Ring Toss, Halloween Spinner Game, and more!

Food!

We need some folks to grill hotdogs and others to help serve hotdogs, chips, bottled water.

Hospitality Cheerleaders!

We need people who will welcome guests and help make sure our volunteers are treated well.

Inflatables!

We need some volunteers to supervise play in the Inflatables. You may want to volunteer for the whole time or just for half of the time. We'll work with whatever you will give!

Set-up and Clean-up!

We always need folks to help set up an event as well as to help clean up from the event. Many hands make light work. Can you volunteer from 5:00 – 6:00 or from 8:00-9:00?

Bring Treats or Trinkets!

Children love candy. Parents love it, too! We will need plenty of candy. We would also like to give healthy alternatives to candy like pretzels or boxes of raisins. And, children love trinkets – those inexpensive toys! We will have two donation boxes for Trunk or Treat (one in the Sanctuary Foyer and one outside the Church Offices) from October 19-30. We welcome your donations!