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Our call...
Through Christ's love
we serve as *faith partners in God's world* to
help seekers become
believers and believers
become disciples.

December 18, 2011

Attendance

8:45 Service ~ 203
11:00 Service ~ 478
Total Worship ~ 681

Bible Study ~ 482

Giving

Current Week's
Receipts:
\$ 42,504

Receipts to Date
(51 weeks)
\$ 1,575,232

Campus
Improvement YTD:
\$ 34,532

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24
5:00 pm
in the Sanctuary

One Worship Service

December 25, Christmas Day
11:00 am - Sanctuary

No Sunday School Christmas Day Only



**Pastor
Greg**

What a great night we had at the Christmas Dinner. I was especially glad Jackie was able to be with us this year. The table decorations, musical presentation, conversations around tables, and food all made for another memorable night at SMBC. Thanks to Susan Boyer, Lynne Hardin, Tim Galyon, and a whole cast of volunteers for their work in making everything come together.

With Christmas falling on Sunday this year, we have a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ together. If you have family or guests in town, please bring them with you. The dress will be Christmas casual, so they don't even have to worry about what to wear. We will gather for one worship service at 11:00.

Jackie and I want to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas. We consider it such a blessing to be part of the SMBC family. Thanks for all your cards and warm wishes. While we haven't been able to make every party this season, everywhere we've been, we have felt loved and well-fed.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we celebrate our Savior's birth,

Greg

Christmas Holiday Schedule...Ministers On-Call

The Church campus and office will be closed, except for scheduled worship services, from Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2. The Church campus and office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.	12/23 12/24 12/25 12/26 12/27 12/28 12/29	Friday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Joyce Oliver Greg Barr Greg Barr Jeremy Colliver Tim Galyon Tim Galyon Terry Seelow	608-8047 290-0694 290-0694 316-3120 235-6117 235-6117 290-1433
During the break, for all matters related to the Church campus, please contact John Shapanus at 550-5812 or Don Goodman at 812-989-3041.	12/30 12/31 1/1 1/2	Friday Saturday Sunday Monday	Terry Seelow David Garrard David Garrard Mary Ellen Yates	290-1433 905-2512 905-2512 468-5065



Holiday practice schedule

Upward teams will practice the week of December 12. Then we will take two weeks off to celebrate Christmas and welcome in the new year. Practices will resume the week of January 2. Because January 2 is a holiday, teams that normally practice on Monday will practice on Friday **that week only**. See the Practice button of our league website for complete details.

Join our Hospitality Team!

Volunteers are needed to greet folks and direct traffic for our Evaluation Events as well as on Game Day once the season begins. Friendly faces will play an important role in helping us connect with Upward families. Contact David Garrard for more information on how you can help.

Prayer Emphasis Week of December 11

- Pray for kids to listen and have a desire to learn
- Pray for parents/guardians to be encouraging

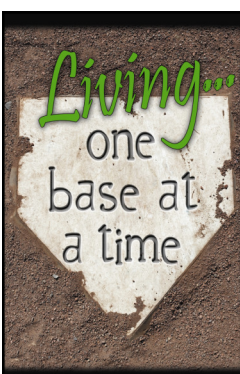
Pick up a copy of the 2012 Upward Prayer Guide at the Welcome Center in the foyer and help us pray for our Upward Ministry all season long.

Games Begin January 7

Schedules are available on-line at www.smbcupward.com

Men's Basketball!

It's time to sign up for our Men's (18 and older) Basketball League! We will field two teams-- a B league team (recreational/competitive) and a C league team (recreational). The teams will play on Thursday and Friday nights respectively at Beargrass Christian. Games begin the week of January 2. Contact David Garrard, for more information.



This Sermon Series is available at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week. The cost is \$15.

December 25 & January 1 Children's Schedule

WOW Worship will not meet on Christmas Day or New Year's Day as we will only be having one service. Children's and Preteen Sunday School will meet on January 1, but we will meet together in the chapel for a special New Year's Day celebration.

Super 6 Retreat Deadline is Tuesday, December 27!

Our annual Super 6 Retreat for 6th graders and parents is set for January 13-14 at Butler State Park. We will leave at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening and be back Saturday shortly after noon in time for Upward games. John Bennett, Preschool and Children's Consultant for our Kentucky Baptist Convention will be our special guest! Complete details are available in Sunday School as well as on our website. Our final room list has to be turned in by Tuesday, December 27, so please let us know your plans.

Game room volunteer

One more volunteer is needed to round out our Wednesday evening Open Gym Volunteer Team. A volunteer is needed to work the second Wednesday of the month. Volunteers watch the gym from 5:00 – 6:20 p.m. and make it possible for our youth and children to enjoy the gym before heading to other activities. See David Garrard for more information.



Sunday, January 1

Volunteers Needed

Please Call Joyce Oliver at 608-8047, if you are able to help with Worship Care on New Years Day.

Sunday, January 8

Babies/Crawlers & Toddlers
8:45...Sharon & Abby Outlaw
11:00...Jean Leeper & Chelsea Logue

2&3 Year Olds
8:45...Karen Strader & Bobbie Whitten
11:00...Michelle Deaton & Joel Wetherington

4 & 5 Year Olds
8:45...Karen Strader & Bobbie Whitten
11:00...Mike & Holly Norman



High School Retreat

January 13-16, 2012

We will be attending a conference called "The Remnant Generation" in Sevierville, Tennessee. Students will participate in worship, listen to speakers, and attend concerts with some of the top artists in Christian rock music, including Disciple, Thousand Foot Krutch, and The Afters. We will have free time as a youth group on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

We will be staying at Wilderness at the Smokies in Sevierville, Tennessee. This is a FUN hotel with an indoor water park. www.wildernessatthesmokies.com

Cost: \$150.00 per student
Sign-up Deadline: January 4th

Be looking for specific details in the mail soon!

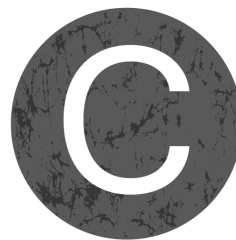
Youth Mission Trip Sign Up Deadline is December 31st!

This is the ABSOLUTE deadline since we have to make travel arrangements. A \$100.00 deposit is due at this time as well.



ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

Here are your two youth to pray for this week: **Andrew Olson** and **Allison Gentner**.



COLLEGIATE CONNECTION
ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 1

One Worship Service

At 11 am

College Ministry Led

HUGG Caroling

by Mary Ellen Yates

What a great sight to see preschoolers, children, youth, and adults enter the Fellowship Hall last Wednesday evening, December 14, for our 12th Annual HUGG Caroling! Your enthusiasm and excitement to make fruit baskets and drive all over Louisville and Southern Indiana to see our HUGG Friends was incredible!

Fourteen intergenerational teams of preschoolers, children, youth and adults shared joy, hope, songs, smiles, hugs and love with many of our HUGG Friends and seniors. Thanks be to God that we have Jesus who shows us how, and for the incredible gift of giving and receiving, of loving and being loved. Thanks for your participation.

A special thanks to our team leaders: Brenda Clark, Joe & Jean Dean, Emily & Richard Flowers, Tim Galyon, Michael Higgs, Jeff & Danielle Hudgins, Jim Leeper, Sandy Martin, Missey McMillan, Vicki Rainbow, Ila & Sonny Rickards, Terry Tatro, Valerie & Andy Vincent, and Debbie Windhorst.

Thanks to Mary Cay Rich and Cookie Ministry Team members: Linda Garmon, Madeline Grieb, Susan Hines, Jean Leeper, Shirley Martin, Dove Quire, and Rachel Wright for making cookies for us to enjoy upon our return. Thanks to Linda Cole, Anita Downs, and Charlotte & Richard Hibbs for their hospitality in getting the goodies ready for us to enjoy. Thanks to Sandy Martin for her assistance in setting up.

The HUGG Ministry is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer HUGGER on an ongoing basis, please contact me at: 468-5065 or email:

meyates@smbclouisville.org

HUGG Birthdays in January



- 3rd - Bert Akin
- 6th - Margaret Brumleve
- 11th - Thelma Myers
- 28th - Roy Wigginton
- 29th - Betty Bingham
- 30th - Pearl Metzger

Congratulations to Marc and Vicki Shearer who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday, December 22.

Wednesday Meal Menus

DECEMBER 21
NO MEAL OR ACTIVITIES

MEALS AND ACTIVITIES
RESUME JANUARY 4

JANUARY 4
STUFFED CHICKEN W/LEMON
BEURRE BLANC
BUTTERED NOODLES
ZUCCHINI & YELLOW SQUASH
SPINACH SALAD
CLASSIC VINAIGRETTE SALAD
MISSISSIPPI MUD CAKE
BREAD PUDDING
WITH PRALINE SAUCE

JANUARY 11
MEATLOAF
SCALLOPED POTATOES
STEAMED BROCCOLI
APPLE SPINACH SALAD
GREEN SALAD
GARLIC BREAD
CHOCOLATE CANDY CAKE
APPLE COBBLER
WITH ICE CREAM

Hospital List

No members hospitalized at time of publication.

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE

Giving with Confidence
Both of our international missions sending agencies send 100% of the gifts received directly to the field. The funds can be accessed immediately. As we follow Jesus' command to be witnesses to the ends of the earth we are blessed to connect with these two agencies that are committed to helping us live out the Great Commission to all areas of the world!


Do you want to know more about how these organizations function? You are welcome to visit them online at www.thefellowship.info and www.imb.org.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (SBC) supports 4,887 missionaries among 763 People Groups.
SMBC Goal: \$13,000
Given To Date: \$7,886

Global Missions Offering (CBF) supports 83 missionaries among 23 People Groups
SMBC Goal: \$11,000
Given To Date: \$3,369

Courageous Men's Group Forming

- Sunday, January 22
- 9:50 am—10:50 am
- Staff Lounge
- 8 weeks



Based on the popular movie, this group is to challenge men to live courageously for their faith and their families. It is designed to help you to become the man God created you to be.

Where are you men of courage? It is time to rise up and answer the call God has given you and to say ... I Will.

The learning experience will conclude with the signing of The Resolution.

Sign-up at the Adult Ministry Table or contact John Bannon at 456-2828 or Terry Seelow at tseelow@smbclouisville.org for more information.



105 Families Helped This Year
Because of your liberal donations SMBC made a commitment to one-hundred five families with three hundred children for Christmas Connection this year. Our physical gifts included toys, school uniforms, a special treat for moms or dads, and a Bible and blanket for each family. Our continuing partnership with Baptist Fellowship Center was made stronger this year as it was expanded to include Shiloh Baptist Church. Their partnering with us for Christmas Connection presented a personal church connection for each family served. As a member of Shiloh greeted each person, they had an opportunity to become connected with a church almost in their backyard.

SMBC members also enthusiastically gave gifts of love through smiles, hugs and service. Thank you to the multitude who prayed, gave financially, shopped, transported, sorted inventory, wrapped packages, served as greeters and personal shoppers. Every moment spent and every person who contributed publicly and privately made a Great Commission difference in Louisville. This is part of the Advent story that you retell every year. We're already enjoying the memories being shared as we prepare our next Christmas Connection. Your giving spirit is the Christ-like spirit that shines all year long.

Bobbie Whitten and Terry Seelow



To reach the offering goal we set in our **2011 Missions and Ministry Plan**, we need to give **\$174,768 before year-end.**

Holiday Publishing Schedule
December 19 will be the last issue of The Dove/Western Recorder for this year. There will be no newsletter/paper published the week of December 26 or January 2. The first publication date for the new year is the week of January 9.

Lunch with Terry (for Retired/Senior Adults)
Tuesday, January 10th, 2012
Noon in the Fellowship Hall



Featuring:
An organ concert in the Sanctuary

Presented by: SMBC's very own Rebecca Chu Graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music.

Cost \$6
Due at Sign-up; Deadline Sunday, January 8th

Sign up at the Adult Ministry Table

Menu:
Soup
Salad
Cornbread
Desserts

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