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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.

October 2, 2011

#### Attendance

8:45 Service ~ 221  
11:00 Service ~ 385  
Total Worship ~ 606

Bible Study ~ 456

#### Giving

Weekly Budget:  
\$ 33,654

Current Week's  
Receipts:  
\$ 36,405

Receipts to Date  
(40 weeks)  
\$ 1,161,197

Receipts to Date  
(this time last year):  
\$ 1,187,460

Campus  
Improvement:  
\$ 28,046

# CHINA CALLING

A BANQUET FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES

Sunday, October 23rd  
5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Our speaker will be  
Dr. Ellen Hahn,  
who will share about women  
and girls in China.

#### **Ticket Information:**

##### Before October 16:

Adults: \$10.00  
12 & Under: \$6.00

##### After October 16:

Adults: \$12.00  
12 & Under: \$7.00

\*You can even buy a table for  
your Sunday School class or for  
any other group! Gift Certificates  
are available.



## Step Up to the Plate on Sunday, October 23

Have you ever watched a baseball or softball player getting ready to hit? Most players go through the same ritual each time - stepping into the batter's box, digging in their feet, looking at a coach for signals, and taking a stance, ready to hit. As a church, we are beginning to "step up to the plate" ourselves, by developing a budget for next year that will energize the 2012 ministries God has given us.

One important way to prepare ourselves for next year's "ballgame" is to finish strong this year, by stepping up to fulfill our financial commitments for 2011. To help accomplish this, the Finance Committee is inviting everyone to give to a special offering on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The truth of the matter is that our financial receipts this year are significantly below our budget needs. At the end of the last quarter, our giving was approximately \$98,000 behind our budget. This certainly reflects the difficult state of our economy, and while there is no need to panic, it is crucial that all of us determine how we can help position SMBC for 2012 by our giving this year.

This is the time for us to "dig in" and give strong, prayerful consideration to the financial support each of us can give to the ministries of our church. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, please come to church prepared to give, over and above your normal weekly giving, as an act of worship and expression of our faith that God is doing vital ministries through our church.

Our "team" is the people of God at St. Matthews Baptist Church. You may not be a baseball fan, or an athlete, but on this team everyone has a place, everybody gets a turn at bat, and each one of us can help. With gratitude for God's sustaining grace, we walk forward together, today, this month, this year, and beyond!

**From Your Finance Committee**



Please join the 5th and 6th Grade RAs in collecting for St. MAM's Food Pantry. See the list of items needed below. A collection box will be in the 'hallway of mission flags' for the next few weeks.

#### Food Pantry Needs

Canned meats (Ham, Tuna, Chicken and dumplings)  
Canned stews  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Spaghetti sauce (plastic jars)  
Spaghetti  
Flavored Ramen Noodles  
Canned fruits  
Canned vegetables  
Instant potatoes  
Instant soups  
Canned soups  
Dry milk  
Rice  
Stuffing  
Plastic bottles of fruit juice  
Jello  
Puddings  
Powdered drink mixes  
Instant oats  
Oatmeal  
Instant cream of wheat  
Cereal  
Canned cranberries  
Crackers  
Gravy

#### Non Food Items Needed

Laundry Detergent  
Hand Soap  
Bath Soap  
Liquid dish detergent  
Paper towels  
Paper napkins  
Toilet tissue  
Plastic wrap  
Aluminum foil  
Deodorant  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes

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**Help Promote Upward!**

We cannot go into schools with information about Upward, but your child can hand out flyers to friends in his or her class! Stop by the office and pick up a stack and share Christ by helping us spread the word about our league.

**Upward Coach Training is October 25!**

This meeting will be for all Upward coaches-- new and returning! This meeting will take place at 7 pm at SMBC. Visit the league website and click on Coaches Corner for more information.

**Register Now!**

Registration for our 2012 season of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is underway!

Visit [www.smbcupward.com](http://www.smbcupward.com) to sign up and find out how you can win a free pair of shorts or a turtle-neck!

**Mr. Mike's Tub 'O Goo!**

Preteens, are you brave enough to put your hand into Mr. Mike's Tub 'O Goo? It's nasty! It's slimy! You don't even want to know what's in it! Find out on Sunday afternoon, October 9, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the church. We will order pizza. Bring a friend! (NOTE: Our location is a change from what was previously published here. We will be at the church, not at the Marlow farm.)



**Prayer matters;** especially if you are praying for an individual by name. We will be printing the name of one male and one female youth each week and we would ask that you pray for them by name. Here are your two youth to pray for this week: Josh Bynum and Jana Dye.

**Food Drive...from page 1**

Items for Infants & Toddlers

- Baby Wash / Shampoo
- Diapers (Size 1-6)
- Wipes
- Bottles
- Bibs
- Eating utensils
- Blankets
- Receiving blankets
- Clothes up to size 3T - all seasons
- Toys
- Pacifiers
- Teething Rings
- Sippy cups
- One sizes
- Shoes & Socks
- Towels & wash cloths

**UPWARD SPORTS**

**SIGN UP NOW**

**UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING**

**UPWARD.ORG**

**Registration is Now Open!**

**For more information, visit [smbcupward.com](http://smbcupward.com)**



27 kids! 14 adults! Lots of BIG questions! 4 Big Truths! A Counselor Hunt! A Shaving Cream Battle! Great snacks! A Walk in the Dark! Kickball! A wonderful campfire under a star-filled sky! Smores! Chicken Fat! The zip line! The Bouncing Pad! Question Man! Incredible counselors! Important decisions! Fishing! Thanks be to God! **2012 Fall Retreat: September 21-23!**



**Disciple Now 2011**

**What is DNOW?**

Disciple Now is a dynamic weekend filled with worship, Bible study, food and LOTS of fun. During the weekend, approximately 10-15 students stay in a host home led by a small group leader (usually a college or seminary student). The weekend begins on a Friday night with food, games, and a worship service. Students participate in small group discussions, free time and worship on Saturday. Students close out the weekend together on Sunday morning.

All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend! Students are strongly encouraged to invite friends. Our theme for this year is "Messy Spirituality."

**When**

Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th (It is important for students to be present for the entirety of the weekend)

**Cost**

\$40.00 per youth—Cost includes a hoodie! Checks need to be made payable to St. Matthews Baptist Church.

**Where**

- St. Matthews Baptist Church (3515 Grandview Ave.) and Host Homes:
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls: Home of Greg & Sherry Brockman
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys: Home of Frank & Susan Wilder
- 9th & 10th Grade Girls: Home of Andy & Valerie Vincent
- 9th & 10th Grade Boys: Home of Steve & Pat Miller
- 11th & 12th Grade Girls: Home of Kevin & Brenda Heyde
- 11th & 12th Grade Boys: Home of Roger & Cheryl Basham

**How to Sign Up**

Please contact Emily Mize Thompson at 896-8882 or email her at [ethompson@smbclouisville.org](mailto:ethompson@smbclouisville.org). Make sure you tell her if you have a friend that will be in attendance.

All students need to turn in their money and Permission & Transportation Release Form by Wednesday, November 9th.



## Wednesday Meal Menus

### OCTOBER 5

CHICKEN POT PIE  
BROCCOLI  
ASSORTED SALADS  
ROLLS  
ASSORTED DESSERTS

### OCTOBER 12

BEEF STEW WITH  
POTATOES & CARROTS  
BUTTERED NOODLES  
BROCCOLI  
CORN MUFFINS  
GREEN SALAD  
ASSORTED TARTLETS

## Hospital List

### Baptist East

Ida Helm—Room 453  
Willis Tassie—Room 626

## HUGG Birthdays in October



3rd -- Barbara Penn  
14th -- Clarence Cobb

## Christian Sympathy

...to Madeline Grieb on the passing of her youngest brother, Ruel Gary Ramsey, on September 25.

## Congratulations

...to Don & Mary Dennison on the birth of their grandson, Bennett Walker Wayne, on September 24. His parents are Joel & Melissa Wayne.

...to Jennifer & Brian Moore on the birth of their son, Maddox Peter Moore, on September 24, and to grandparents, Pete and Susan Eiche.

## WorshipCare

### Sunday, October 9

#### Babies/Crawlers & Toddlers

8:45...Kathy Mize  
& Belinda Reiss  
11:00...Brian & Beckye Black

#### 2&3 Year Olds

8:45...Paul & Carrie Widman  
11:00...Ted & Andrea Peak

#### 4 & 5 Year Olds

8:45...Paul & Carrie Widman  
11:00...Wendy Burden  
& Ruth Shelton

## Dinner Sponsors Needed

We are so blessed here at St. Matthews Baptist Church! We have been enjoying our Wednesday evening dinners from 5:15 - 6:15 each week -- complete with great food and wonderful table conversations with others of our faith family.

We have recently been made aware that there are some folks who would like to attend the Wednesday dinners, but finances prevent them from signing up on a regular basis. Some of these friends are new friends. Some are old friends. Some are individuals. Some are families. Some are seminary students.

Would you be willing and able to sponsor either an individual or a family for the balance of this Fall semester (October through December)? The cost for an individual would be \$60. The cost for a couple would be \$120. The cost for a family of four or more would be \$200. You may want to sponsor someone anonymously or you may want to establish friendship through your sponsorship and be willing to sit together and be supportive both financially and socially. Either way works!

If you want to be a Wednesday Dinner Sponsor, please call or e-mail Charlotte Hibbs at 896-8882 or CHibbs@smbclouisville.org.



Pastor  
Greg

Many businesses and churches struggle to develop effective systems of evaluation. Often, managers and employees both dread the "annual evaluation," and wonder what the point is. For the last year, I have been working with our Personnel Committee to devise a method of evaluation aimed at helping staff improve.

Each staff minister has written five questions about themselves and their ministry. Eighty church members (10 for each minister) will be asked to answer these questions, providing feedback which will help us grow. If you are one of the eighty, I hope you will take this assignment seriously. Your feedback will help us set goals for growth in the next year.

I am grateful for the Personnel Committee's willingness to try something new, and for staff being open to see feedback as a friend. We are in this together, and need your help to reach our potential. Thanks for investing your time and energy in us!

Greg

## Bible Reading Plan Month 11

### Day 1:

John 7:37-44  
2 Peter 1:1-11  
Job 1  
Ezekiel 1-3

### Day 2:

John 7:45-53  
2 Peter 1:12-21  
Job 2  
Ezekiel 4-8

### Day 3:

John 8:1-11  
2 Peter 2:1-9  
Job 3  
Ezekiel 9-12

### Day 4:

John 8:12-20  
2 Peter 2:10-16  
Job 4  
Ezekiel 13-15

### Day 5:

John 8:21-30  
2 Peter 2:17-21  
Job 5  
Ezekiel 16

## Wayne Oates Media Center

We gratefully acknowledge the following additions to the Wayne Oates Media Center.

The Helping hands SS Class has donated the following books in memory of Aleen Ray Rush:

*A Spirituality of Caregiving*  
by Henri J.M. Nouwen

*Souls in Full Sail*  
by Emilie Griffin

*No Act of Love is Ever Wasted*  
by Jane Marie Thibault

The CBS SS Class has donated the following books in memory of Lucille Brockman:

*If God is Good*  
by Randy Alcorn

*Heaven Revealed*  
by Paul Enns

We want to also thank the many people who made donations to the Media Center in memory of Lucille Brockman. With these funds, we were able to purchase 23 new books for the Media Center. Some of the titles are:

*The Boy who came back from Heaven*

*Women in the Bible for Dummies*

*Historical Jesus for Dummies*

Many thanks for these donations!

## Lunch with Terry

Tuesday, October 11  
Noon, Fellowship Hall  
(\$6 by 10/9 at Adult Ministry Table.)

Featuring our own musical quartet



## Capstone

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Assorted Salads, Rolls and Assorted Desserts