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November 29, 2015

Attendance

Bible Study: 404
Worship: 486

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$25,746
Campus Renovation:
\$476

December 6, 2015

Attendance

Bible Study: 415
Worship: 539

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$38,204
Campus Renovation:
\$720



SMBC Winter Weather Policy

On Sunday mornings, due to certain weather conditions, we may opt to have only the worship service at 10:30 am and not Sunday School/Bible Study, or cancel both Sunday School/Bible Study and the worship service. Notice of any change in our Sunday morning schedule will be communicated, by 7:30 am, via REACH Alert*, our church website, and our church Facebook page.

On weekdays, we no longer tie our cancellations to Jefferson County Public Schools' (JCPS) closings and delays. We will make our own decisions about cancelling church events and closing the church campus due to weather. Notice of any change in schedule during the week will be communicated via REACH Alert*, our church website, and our church Facebook page.

Our Weekday Preschool and Parents Day Out programs will continue to follow the JCPS closing schedule and if JCPS is closed or delayed on a Monday, the Monday Bible Study Lunch is cancelled.

Throughout the winter, please use your own best judgment as to whether you can safely travel to and from the church campus.

**REACH Alert is the notification system we use to send weather alerts, emergency notices and schedule reminders via email, text message or phone call. Sign up to receive them at www.reachalert.com. If you need more detailed instructions, please pick up a card at the Welcome Center.*

**Christmas Closings
and Coverage**

Our church campus will be closed Thursday, December 24 (except for the Christmas Eve Service), 25, 28, 29, and January 1. The following ministers will be on call during these times:

12/24...Greg Barr (803.381.3300)
12/25...Tim Galyon (502.235.6117)
12/26...Joyce Oliver (502.608.8047)
12/27...Terry Seelow (502.290.1433)
12/28...Terry Seelow (502.290.1433)
12/29...David Garrard (502.905.2512)
12/30...David Garrard (502.905.2512)
12/31...Brian Johnson (865.776.6396)
1/1...Greg Barr (803.381.3300)

For all matters related to the church campus and church calendar, please contact John Shapanus at 502.550.5812.

The church campus will be open on Wednesday, December 30, from 7:30 am--9:00 pm and on Thursday, December 31, from 7:30-5:00 pm.

The church office will be open on Wednesday, December 30, and Thursday, December 31.



**Pastor
Greg**

During our worship celebration on December 13, we met the leadership team for SMBC's capital stewardship initiative, REIMAGINE. Greg and Cinda King have agreed to chair the campaign. Members of SMBC for 31 years, Greg and Cinda have served in nearly every area of our church.

Greg has served as Sunday School teacher, deacon, and moderator. He has been a member of By-Laws, Denominational Relations, and Nominating Committees, and has chaired a Pastor Search Committee and Administrative Council.

Cinda has served SMBC as a staff member and volunteer. In addition to singing in choir, Cinda has served extensively in the Women's Ministry and hospitality areas of our church.

Greg and Cinda bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to this position. They love the Lord and are passionate about the ministries of St. Matthews Baptist Church. Believing SMBC's best days are ahead, they are helping assemble an all-star team to lead REIMAGINE.

Jody and Whitney Rogers, are in charge of Events and Education. They will build a team to help educate and involve every SMBC member and attender in this effort. They will also be in charge of special events happening throughout the campaign.

Jack and Lou Fox are partnering with Becky and Justin Baird to lead the Media and Promotions Team. They will work with Impact Stewardship to prepare newsletters, videos, website, and other pieces that will help keep us all informed about what's happening in the life of our church.

Our Gift Development Team leaders are Judy and Gary Jenkins, along with Norris and Jan Shockley. Their team will help us better understand all the creative options available to us in regard to giving.

Finally, Pat Miller will serve as the Project Manager. Pat is in charge of "details and deadlines." She will work closely with Impact Stewardship to make sure our campaign is coming together in a way that honors God and maximizes our efforts.

Please pray for this leadership team, and also pray about the role you will play as we move forward. We are still recruiting folks to lead this effort, so don't be surprised when someone asks you to jump in and help. No one person in our church can do everything to make this initiative a success, but together—with God's help—we will do far more than we could imagine.

There will be no Sunday School/Bible Study on Sunday, December 27. Please join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am for worship. There will not be WOW Worship or WorshipCare so we can all worship together.

Polar Express!

“Well, are you coming?” We are going back to the Kentucky Science Center to see *The Polar Express* in 3D on the big screen! The date is Sunday, December 27. Showtime is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each and available while they last. We have 50 reserved and might can get more but the show will be open to the public so let us know as soon as possible if you want to go. Call Emily at 502-896-8882.

Dad/Daughter Banquet will feature Candyce Clifft!

The 2016 Dad/Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday evening, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. WDRB Morning Team co-host Candyce Clifft will be our special guest. Tickets are \$12 for ages 11 and older and \$8 for ages 6-10 and are on sale now. Call Emily at 896-8882 for reservations and visit the Children and Preteens page of our church website for more information on Candyce. She is delightful!

Super 6 Retreat!

James Hargrave will be the special guest for our 2016 Super 6 Retreat for 6th graders and parents January 15-16 at Butler State Park in Carrollton. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. Friday and return around 1 p.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$65 per family plus the cost of meals. Call Emily to sign up and visit our website for more details.

UPWARD update!

We have had two good weeks of practice and now we take a two week break for Christmas. Practices resume the week of January 4. Games begin January 9. Visit our league website for the latest Upward news!

Holiday Basketball Clinic!

Phil Morrison, pro basketball Skills Trainer and Director of Upward Stars Louisville, will be leading a special Holiday Skills Clinic on Tuesday, December 29 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. in our gym. This clinic is open to all basketball players even if you are not playing Upward. Complete details including how to register can be found on our league website, www.smbcupward.com.

Preteens to Star Wars!

Our preteens will be going to see the new Star Wars movie on Tuesday afternoon, December 22. Details are on our church website under the Children and Preteens tab!

Christmas De-Decorating!

Immediately after church on Sunday, January 3, 2016, we will meet to “de-decorate” the building from Christmas. Lunch will be provided! Please bring a change of clothes. Please RSVP!

Drawing Near...

On January 6 and 13, 2016, from 6:30-7:30 pm, Glenn Williams, Director of the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center, will present an education event, Drawing Near, Understanding and Supporting Those with PTSD. Glenn began his work with trauma recovery in the late 1980’s working with dissociative identity disorder clients, one of the more severe forms of PTSD. Trauma recovery is a significant treatment focus at SMPCC with roughly 25% of their clients having PTSD symptomology or PTSD diagnosis.

SMBC To The Nations

At SMBC we take seriously the challenge of Matthew 28:19 to "Go into all the world." Acts 1:8 tells us to be witnesses to the "Ends of the earth." While the call is for all of us, some are called to "go" and others are called to "send". Part of sending is giving our missions offerings. At Christmastime we are privileged to be a part of sharing the ultimate gift - the Good News of Jesus Christ - with a world that has not heard.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Goal is \$13,000

Global Missions Offerings
Goal is \$11,000



Our Weekday Preschool Ministries will be having their enrollment soon for Fall 2016 classes. Begin thinking now about people you know who would want to know about our Weekday Preschool and Parents Day Out.

St. Matthews Baptist Church’s Parents Day Out is a loving, caring, wonderful two days a week respite for parents and social opportunity for children who are 2-year-olds and younger. Every class has two teachers and are intentionally small in number so attention can be given to each child. Every day children participate in a craft activity and lots of play time. Parents Day Out classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Our Weekday Preschool began in 1958 and has an excellent reputation both in our community and with the State Licensing Board. Preschool offers classes for 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. We have three, four, and five days a week classes from 9:00 am to noon. All of our classes have a college-degreed teacher and an assistant teacher. We offer music classes each week for every child and computer classes for our 4 and 5-year-old children.

Registration for Fall 2016 classes for both Parents Day Out and Weekday Preschool begins the third week of January. Tours and meetings with our Weekday Ministries Director, Missey McMillan, can be scheduled by calling her at 502-992-9000.

Wednesday Night Meals

December 16

Meatloaf
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Peas
Vegetable Salad
Strawberry Orange Salad
Assorted Desserts

Meals Resume on
January 6, 2016

Thank You

Faith Family of SMBC,

Many, many, many thanks to you for your prayers, visits, cards, and words of encouragement during my recent hip replacement surgery. Our Heavenly Father used His Children and I was very much on the receiving end. We are called to be the Light and the Salt and you DELIVERED! As we move into the days ahead, may God’s Spirit lead, guide and direct us with faith hope and love!!!

To our God be all glory and thanks,
Hershel and Diane Wright

Greetings,

As the Apostle Paul said to the believers of the Church of Philippi, “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you;” so I too thank God for the remembrance of fellow believers at St. Matthews Baptist Church. To each and every one who ministered to me and Lynette in various ways during my recent illnesses, hospital stays and home recuperation, thank you. I ask for your continued prayers for my complete recovery and for Lynette as she takes on the role of caregiver.

Yours in Christ,
Billie Keeling

Parking Courtesy

The parking area marked by yellow lines (instead of white ones) is reserved for people with mobility-related needs. As a courtesy, members should always try to park as far away in the lot as they are able to walk, to leave parking spaces closer to the building for people who can’t walk as far, new and expectant parents, and guests.

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Sunday, December 27; 2:00 p.m.
Kentucky Science Center

All ages are welcome to join St. Matthews Baptist Church for a 3D viewing of *The Polar Express*! The cost is \$8 per person. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact Emily Thompson at 502.896.8882 to reserve yours today!



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