



**Loving and  
Leading people  
into a Growing  
relationship  
with Jesus**

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**December 13, 2015**

**Attendance**

Bible Study: 418  
Worship: 536

**Giving**

Budget Offering:  
\$38,636  
Campus Renovation:  
\$4,112

## Winter 2016 Adult Wednesday Night Options

### Psalms

Pastor Greg Barr will continue his series of lessons on the Psalms. They will meet in Room 114 at 6:30 pm for a time of prayer and study beginning on January 6.

### Prayer

The Deacon Prayer Council will be facilitating three sessions on prayer. Everyone is welcome to this informal time of focused prayer. There will be opportunities to share prayer requests, answered prayers and a time for actual guided prayer—both corporate and individual. It will meet in Room 307 at 6:30 pm on January 13, January 20, and January 27. Skip Ford will be facilitating.

### Drawing Near, Understanding and Supporting Those with PTSD

This educational and helpful group will be led by Glenn Williams, Director of the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center. It will meet in Room 218 on January 6 and January 13.

### English Conversation Corner

Be a conversation partner to an international friend! Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall beginning on January 6. Additional volunteers are needed to transport our international friends to and from UofL and the Seminary. For more information, contact Seyoung Kang at 502.435.8068.

### Moms Connect—Words of Encouragement

This group will provide conversation, support and Bible study for mothers with young children. It is facilitated by Missey McMillan and Diane Taylor. It meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 221 beginning on January 6.

### Financial Peace University

Classes will be offered on Wednesdays starting on January 13 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes will be in Room 217 (off the Chapel) and will be facilitated by Robin Alster. Please register and purchase your materials online at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com).

### Adult Music Opportunities

- Sanctuary Choir (Adult Choir) will resume practice on January 6 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.
- Joyful Sounds (Senior Adult Choir) will resume practice in March.
- Contact the Church Office if interested in Churchestra, Praise Team or Handbells.



Come join us for a time of food, fellowship and a chance to get to know others. The meal is served between 5:15 pm and 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is as follows: \$6 for Adults, \$4 for Youth (grades 7-12), \$2 for Children (grades 6 and younger), \$25 Family Max.

Reservations and cancellations are required by 4:00 pm each Monday. They may be made on a Connection Card in the Sanctuary pews or by calling the Church Office at 502.896.8882. Accurate reservations are extremely important as we have contracted with Gracious Plenty to provide our meals.

Complete menus are available at the Welcome Center.

**All menus are subject to change.**



**Pastor  
Greg**

In the last issue of The Dove, I introduced the leadership team for our upcoming capital stewardship initiative. This week, I want to talk about the theme we have chosen for this effort. REIMAGINE is the name of our campaign. The name speaks to what has been happening around SMBC in the last few years, while pointing us toward the future.

In January, 2014 a Master Plan Team began seeking God's leadership in regard to our future. They began their work believing that God has great plans for our church. SMBC members consistently provided feedback which led to the adoption of a new vision statement which reads, "St. Matthews Baptist Church will be a vibrant faith community, demonstrating the love of Christ, becoming vital to the life and hope of our city."

Our vision statement then talks about how we will do this. It says, "Together we will: Renew our congregation; Reimagine our church; Refresh our campus; Refocus our communications; and Reconnect with our city."

The Master Plan Team helped us begin to REIMAGINE our church's future. As much as we have to be thankful for in the past, we began dreaming new dreams of what God might have in store for us. This led to the creation of a series of action steps (which are now being implemented) and the formation of a facility plan.

REIMAGINE comes out of our vision statement which says we will REIMAGINE our church. As we look around, we see a lot of needs in our community, the greatest of which is the need for Christ. People in our neighborhoods, our city, our world, need a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to become more intentional about sharing the good news of the gospel with people around us.

Please join us in this effort. Begin praying for people around you who need to know Jesus. Pray that God will present you opportunities to share the message of life with them. Look for an opportunity to invite someone to SMBC and let us partner with you. Pray for the REIMAGINE team as they lead us through a stewardship emphasis. Pray for the facilities improvement team we will introduce in the weeks ahead. And, please pray that God would show you the role you can play at SMBC—in ministry, in leadership, in evangelism, in discipleship, in REIMAGINE. Remain open to the Lord's leadership in your life and in the life of our church.

**Welcome  
New Members**



Jody, Rachel &  
Michael Carroll



Cash Porter

**Sharing Prayer Requests**

If you or someone you know in our church family is ill, in a hospital, or has another prayer concern, please call the church office (896-8882) to let us know. If your Sunday School Class, Small Group, or Ministry Team has an email distribution list for sharing prayer requests, please include the pastor's administrative assistant, Charlotte Hibbs (chibbs@smbclouisville.org) in that email distribution group.

The church staff and Deacon Council want to be aware of needs in our church and ask for your help in keeping us informed. Thank you for ministering with us.

**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.


**Dad/Daughter Banquet**

Friday, January 22nd; 6:30 p.m.  
St. Matthews Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

**Candyce Clift**  
*WDRB Morning News Anchor*

Ticket Information:  
\$8 for ages 6-10; \$12 for ages 11 and up

Tickets on sale every Sunday and Wednesday  
or call the church office to make a reservation.



**Lunch with Terry**  
(for Retired/Senior Adults)  
Tuesday, January 12, Noon, Fellowship Hall



*Elvis Impersonator*  
**Todd Bodenheimer**

Cost \$6; Due at Sign-up;  
Deadline Sunday, January 10

Sign up at the Adult Ministry Table

DAVE RAMSEY'S  
**FINANCIAL Peace**  
UNIVERSITY

*Classes are*  
**STARTING SOON!**

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Room 217  
For more information, call Robin Alster at 502-419-5453.

Collect **Box Tops** and **Labels for Education**  
for St. Matthews Elementary and  
Sunrise Children's Services!

**Here is how it works:**

1. **BUY** your favorite Box Top/Labels for Education products
2. **CUT** the Box Top/Label for Education from each package
3. **BRING** your Box Tops/Labels for Education to the Church Office or drop in the receptacle in the Foyer

\*All donations received will be equally divided between Sunrise and SME




**Wednesday  
Night Meals**

**January 6**  
Chicken Fajitas  
Mexican Rice  
Refried Beans  
Southwest Caesar Salad  
Chips and Salsa  
Assorted Desserts

**January 13**  
Swiss Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Steamed Broccoli  
Assorted Salads  
Assorted Desserts

**January 20**  
Chicken Piccata  
Wild Rice  
Grilled Vegetable Platter  
Assorted Salads  
French Bread  
Assorted Desserts

**January 27**  
Roasted Pork Tenderloin  
Green Beans  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Assorted Salads  
Assorted Desserts

**February 3**  
Chicken Parmigiana  
Buttered Noodles  
Zucchini and Yellow Squash  
Caesar Salad  
Green Salad  
French Bread  
Italian Cream Cake  
Chocolate Cake

**February 10**  
Spaghetti and Meatballs  
Broccoli  
Caesar Salad  
Vegetable Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Assorted Desserts

**Thank You**

Thank you for your thoughts, concerns, and most of all, your prayers. I love my church and each and every one of my Christian Brothers and Sisters. I do my Bible study every morning at 7:00 am. I never forget my church and its staff and all my Christian Brothers and Sisters in my prayers.

God Bless You All,  
Rick Caswell



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