

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.

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."

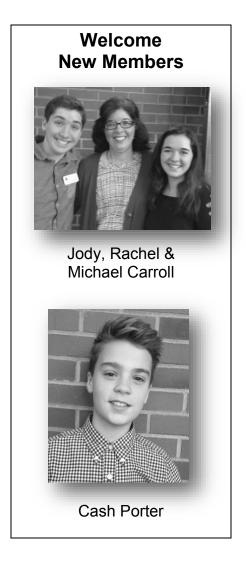
Our vision statement then talks about how we will do this. It says, "Together we will: Renew our congregation; Reimagine our church; Refresh our campus; Refocus our communications; and Reconnect with our city."

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.

The Dove





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.

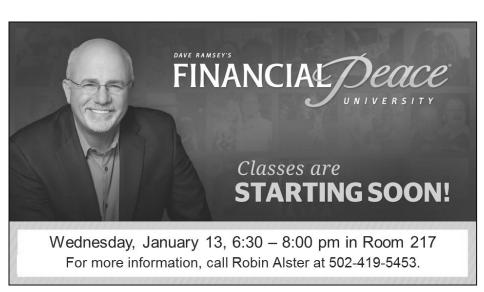
The church staff and Deacon Council want to be aware of needs in our church and ask for your help in keeping us informed. Thank you for ministering with us.

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.









Wednesday Night Meals

January 6
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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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