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into a Growing  
relationship  
with Jesus

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May 31, 2015

**Attendance**

Bible Study: 383  
Worship: 495

**Giving**

Budget Offering:  
\$27,397  
Campus Renovation:  
\$1,299

June 10, 2015

**Attendance**

Bible Study: 405  
Worship: 481

**Giving**

Budget Offering:  
\$43,347  
Campus Renovation:  
\$458

## Upcoming Summer Events

### Campus Care Workday Wednesday, June 24 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Outdoors...weeding, mulching, tree and shrub trimming, debris pick-up, sweeping, etc.

Indoors...kitchen and other cleaning projects, organizing, etc.

Tools & Supplies provided.

If you own a chain saw or gas-powered weed-trimmer, please bring it.

Check-in at the church office.

For more information, please contact John Shapanus

## Hello Summertime!



**Who:** Those ages 22-45 and their families and guests.

**What:** Summer Social (Potluck at 5:30 pm, Splashground and Playground)

**When:** Sunday, July 12, 4-8 pm  
(Rain or Shine)

**Where:** The Parklands at Floyds Fork in the PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Pavilion at Beckley Creek Park (Directions below)

Join us for a Summer Social and Potluck event at the Pavilion at Beckley Creek Park. SMBC will provide fried chicken (gluten and nut free options will be available), plates, napkins, silverware, ice and drinks. Please bring two of the following: a side dish or dessert large enough to share with 8 people. Several electrical outlets will be available, but please allow food items to be weather appropriate.

Tables, benches and bathrooms are provided by the Pavilion. All are welcome to bring lawn chairs, outdoor games (corn hole, bocce, etc.) and swimsuits for adjacent Splashground.

Sponsored by the LIGHT, ALIVE, Branching Out, and GIFT Sunday School Classes.

Please contact the Church Office with any questions at 502.896.8882.

**Directions:**

- Take I-64E to exit 19B for 1-265 N/KY -841 N/Gene Snyder Freeway
- Merge onto 1-265 N/KY-841 E/Gene Snyder Freeway
- Take exit 27 for US-60/Shelbyville Road toward Middletown/Eastwood
- Turn right onto US-60 E/Shelbyville Road
- Turn right onto S Beckley Station Road
- Turn right onto Beckley Creek Parkway
- Turn right to stay on Beckley Creek Parkway
- Follow signs to parking and Pavilion

## Concert and Ice Cream

**Who:** River Cities Concert Band

**When:** July 5

**Where:** Foyer of the Church

Bring your own chair!

**What:** 6:30 pm—Concert



Novelty Ice Cream items after the concert

7:30 pm—Ice Cream

*River Cities  
Concert Band*



  
**SUMMER MISSIONS**  
*on Wednesdays*

**July 8—God's Designs**

**July 15—Neighborhood House**

**July 22—St. Matthews Elementary, St. MAM & Community Garden**

- Hours: 10:00am—5:00pm. You may choose the time of day that you want to work.
- We encourage *EVERYONE* to participate & bring guests!
- Children are encouraged to participate with their parents. Childcare will not be provided.
- Cleaning supplies will be provided.
- Bring your own tools (which could include shovels, gloves and racks.) What you should bring will depend on what tasks you are interested in doing.
- Bring your lunch with you.
- Cold bottles of drinking water and snacks will be provided.
- Transportation/Carpooling is available.

Help! I Fell On A Piece of Furniture  
and I Can't Pick It Up!

My name is John Dye and I am in charge of arranging donations for God's Designs. Recently, many of my faithful volunteers have been unable to pick up donations for me due to health problems and other issues. I am very grateful for the unselfish and dependable service they have given to our organization in the past and look forward to when they can return.

I am also thankful for the many loyal volunteers we still have, but right now we are in the midst of a crisis. We desperately need more volunteers to help with our expanding needs and to assist those who are already giving above and beyond with their time and talents. As it says in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

You do not have to own a moving van or be built like a body builder. If you are healthy and willing, we would love to get your help. If I can get several folks to participate, the commitment would only be 2 to 4 hours once a month. It would involve picking up furniture at a donor's home and delivering it to the God's Designs warehouse.

If you can help in any way or if you have questions, please call John Dye at 502.637.1852. Thank you!

—John Dye

Becoming a Deacon and Serving on a  
Ministry Team

I became a Deacon at St. Matthews Baptist Church in 2012. As one of the newest members to the Deacon Body, I have been asked why I decided to become a Deacon. There are many reasons, but the first reason that came to mind was because I was nominated. Having been involved in the Baptist Church since I was a child and professing my faith in Christ as a very young boy, I have seen how Deacons work within the Church to serve Christ and exercise faith in Him. Both of my grandparents served as Deacons in their local Baptist Church and my father became a Deacon after I had gone off to college. Becoming a Deacon, even after being nominated and speaking with the Council is not something to enter into without prayerful consideration and feeling the spiritual leading of the Holy Spirit before accepting the role of a Deacon. I have taken several spiritual gift evaluations and have the gift of Help and Service, which are a good match for the servant role of a Deacon. The scriptures that define the role of a Deacon in Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3 speak to one who is a Christian and one who is a scriptural person who holds to the mystery of the faith. After examining the Scripture and prayerfully considering the nomination to become a Deacon, I agreed to become a Deacon at St. Matthews Baptist Church. The Ordination service was very special, uplifting and humbling at the same time.

I had been involved and continue to be involved in the HUGG Ministry and in my first year on the Deacon Body served with the ministry team most closely associated with the HUGG Ministry. This year I have joined the ministry team that serves following those who are in short term rehabilitation after they have finished their hospital stay and have not yet returned home. It has been very fulfilling working with the team and supporting those who have not yet been able to get back home and to church with other Deacons past and present in this ministry.

I would encourage others to consider becoming a Deacon when nominated as we are all working to deepen our relationship with Christ and support our fellow members while seeking to lead others to follow Him.

-Richard Flowers

Deacon Prayer  
Corner

How you pray is individual, and will get easier as you find your own style. Your method will most likely change over the years, so be open to new styles. Whatever way you pray, seek to be in honest communication with God. He longs to hear from you.

Something to consider: where and when to pray. Prayer can happen at any time, and at any place. It could happen at a regular time each day, as a response to someone confiding in you, on a date, alone in your room, in your car on the way to work - in your heart you can always talk to God.

Men's Softball  
5 wins—1 loss

Our men's softball team started play on Thursday, May 7. All games are held at Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church at 9800 Westport Rd. Below is the upcoming schedule:

Thursday, 6/18; 6:30 pm  
vs. First Baptist Middletown

Friday, 6/26; 8:30 pm  
vs. Beargrass Christian Church

Come out and cheer on the team!  
They are on a 5-game  
winning streak!

Praying for Muslims  
During Ramadan

Why should we pray for Muslims anytime, but especially during Ramadan? The simple, yet important, answer is that Muslims need to be converted to the love and salvation of Jesus Christ. Every human being, made in the image of God, needs to be saved. Using the 30 Day Prayer Guide has been an unusual blessing since 1993. The concert of prayer, as opposed to one or two solos of prayer, has been, and will continue to be, amazingly blessed. Join this concert! The 30 Day Prayer Guides are available at the Welcome Center and in the Church Office. The 30 Days this year are June 18-July 17. Questions? Call or see Jim Leeper.

Wednesday Night Meals

Meals will resume on  
August 19, 2015

Thank You

Many thanks for the floral arrangement and your prayers on the passing of my father. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

-Carolyn Dean

We would like to thank our St. Matthews family for the prayers, thoughts, cards, visits and flowers that we received during Norris' recent surgery, stay in the hospital and home rehab after. Your expressions of concern and encouragement have helped ease his hospitalization and ongoing recovery. How thankful we are to be a part of such a loving and caring church.

-Norris and Jan Shockley

Congratulations to Norman and Beulah Woods who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on June 13.

Summer Events

June 24

Campus Care Day

Join us at your convenience between 8 am and 8 pm to help spruce up our church facilities.

July 5

River Cities Band Concert & Ice Cream

Concert in the Foyer at 6:30 pm with Ice Cream treats afterwards.

July 8

Wednesday Summer Missions

God's Designs

Meet at the Mission site anytime between 10 am and 5 pm. All ages welcome.

July 15

Wednesday Summer Missions  
Neighborhood House

July 16

Women's Summer Potluck

6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

July 19

Louisville Bats Game

Church-wide event;

All-you-can eat ticket=\$24;

Regular tickets=\$8



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