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Leading people
into a Growing
relationship
with Jesus

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April 3, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 406
Worship: 476

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$33,313
REIMAGINE:
\$8,996

April 10, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 392
Worship: 380

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$24,997
REIMAGINE:
\$11,923



Saturday, May 21st

Our church was the very first organization to make a commitment to this event. Our participation has resulted in record enrollments for our Vacation Bible School. This year, we are once again sponsoring the Kids Zone and West End Stage. We are also hosting the 5K Race/Walk and using our campus for festival parking.

Volunteers

We need 164 volunteers for this outreach event. If you have not yet signed up to help, you can do so after the service on Sunday, on Wednesdays during the meal, or by calling the Church Office. On the day of the festival, all volunteers should park in the church parking lot and check-in inside the Lobby. You can take the shuttle from our campus over to Frankfort Avenue. All volunteers will receive a new t-shirt to wear the day of the festival. We will also provide bottled water and sunscreen for volunteers.

5K Run/Walk

The race begins at 8:00 am, rain or shine, and starts and ends on our church campus. Race volunteers will need to be at the church by 7:00 am for an orientation meeting in the church Lobby. Winners will be recognized after the race on the church campus as well as at 11:00 am on the West End Stage at the Street Festival on Frankfort Avenue.

Parking Lot Shuttle

We will have two volunteers, in one hour shifts, under the main entrance portico from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. Volunteers will greet people waiting for the shuttle and direct them to the restrooms.

Kids Zone

This area will be located at the end of Bauer Avenue at Frankfort Avenue in front of Walgreens. We will have two volunteers, in one hour shifts, at each of the five inflatables from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm, assisting children on and off.

Information Booth

Our booth will be located in the Kids Zone. It will be covered by a tent and have a table and two chairs in it. We will have one volunteer plus a staff member in the booth, in one hour shifts from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm. We will promote our Vacation Bible School. We will have information to distribute about our church and give-a-ways for the kids. We will also have face painting by Amy Parks in another booth.

West End Stage

Our Praise Band will play at 11:00 am.

If you have any questions about the Street Festival, please contact John Shapanus in the Church Office. On the day of the festival, you can reach him at 502.550.5812.

About the 5th Annual St. Matthews Street Festival

On May 21st from 11am—10pm, Frankfort Avenue between Lexington Road and Bauer Avenue will be transformed into one of the best Street Festivals in Louisville! You'll find bands, food, vendors, and activities for both adults and children.

Showcased will be area retailers, restaurants and live entertainment. Family fun and activities include the free Kids Zone, Fun Zone and Wellness Fair. You'll find vendors who have something special, unique or delicious to share with everyone!



Register Online at:
rivercityraces.com

SMBC Game Night

For children and adults of all ages!

Friday, April 22
6:00-8:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Bring games to play and share!
Bring snacks to eat and share!

VBS Needs...

- Empty 16 oz. water bottles
- Baby Food Jars

Please bring them to the church office!

Thank You

To our wonderful church family:

The past year has brought many changes our way both personally and physically. Even though we can no longer attend church on a regular basis, we feel your love and support from the many visits, cards, phone calls, and other gestures of thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for remembering us in so many ways.

Norm and Beulah Woods

Dear SMBC,

Thank you so much for your prayers. They have blessed my family and myself in so many ways.

Gratefully,
Mindy Boyd

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers as I have been recovering from knee surgery. The visits, food and encouragement have been appreciated.

In Christ,
Wade Rowatt



My husband, Brandon, and I became members of SMBC in January 2014. After a couple of months of being involved mostly just in Sunday School, I was looking for a way to serve God and help other people through my spiritual gift of service. Finding a ministry to serve in is highly encouraged by Pastor Greg and Terry Seelow for all new members of the church. Serving and loving others is the basis for our church mission and I wanted to become a part of that mission.

At my former church, I was in a Sunday School class with a lot of teachers. One of those teachers, Angie Billiter, always spoke with excitement and passion to us about a partnership with her school and a church that was very similar to our partnership. She always spoke of how wonderful it was to have the help as a teacher and how much it helped the students academically through tutoring. Once I heard of our partnership with SME I felt God leading me to sign up. I went to orientation and chose to be a Classroom Helper since it seemed more flexible in terms of scheduling and teaching is one of my weaker spiritual gifts.

I was matched with Mrs. Metzger, a fifth grade teacher last year and third grade this year. Each Monday I wake up and I'm excited to serve and go to the school. Most of the time I'm making copies and putting graded homework and announcements in students' take home folders. I've learned a teacher's job isn't finished when school ends. They have mountains of homework and tests to grade, projects to prepare, papers to file, and lots to plan for. My one hour each week allows Mrs. Metzger to focus even more on her students. That's maybe one hour a week she doesn't have to stay at school later. Or possibly one hour less of taking some work home. Or one hour more she can devote to planning. My appreciation for teachers has grown enormously being a part of this ministry. After a couple of months of serving during my first year, I found out that another teacher at SME would be losing their SMBC Classroom Helper because of a move to another state. I enjoyed assisting Mrs. Metzger so much that I volunteered to take on the additional Classroom Helper position and assist that teacher as well.

Walking around the school I always try to smile at the students and faculty. When they see my signature black smock bearing our church logo, they know that I'm from SMBC and I am there to help! So I get many smiles in return! It's funny, some students even think I am my twin sister who used to substitute teach at SME. In the workroom I've enjoyed meeting and getting to know some of the other teachers, aides, and especially Stacy Wickenheiser. She is also a member at SMBC. My first year she was very helpful in training me on the office equipment, where things were, how to laminate, and make copies and cut outs, etc.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being in the classroom while filing homework papers and witnessing Mrs. Metzger teach. She is so patient, loving, kind, and gracious to her students. One day while she was teaching I found out she was a Christian and that warmed my heart, knowing for sure that we had something in common...and that is Jesus. Jesus's character and light shines through her. Almost every day she thanks me for what I do for her.

What I do, almost anyone could do. It's not difficult and doesn't take a high school or college education. It just takes time, a desire, and a willingness to serve. For me, serving helps me to temporarily forget about the trials that I'm going through and helps me to focus on others. I'm so thankful for what God has done for me that I want to love and help others in return. In Luke 10:2 Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into His harvest field." If you feel a nudging from the Holy Spirit and God to help in this ministry, please come serve with us. You will be blessed as I have been.

Kelly Barnes, Classroom Helper
Mrs. Metzger, Grade 3

Wednesday Night Meals

If you do not have standing reservations, please make sure and call the Church Office by **Monday at 4:00 pm** to make reservations for next week.

If you DO have standing reservations, but need to cancel any given week, please do so by 4:00 pm on Monday.

April 20

- King Ranch Chicken
- Black Beans
- Spanish Rice
- Southwest Caesar Salad
- Salsa with Corn Chips
- Assorted Desserts

April 27

- Meat Lasagna
- Broccoli
- Caesar Salad
- Vegetable Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Assorted Desserts

May 4

- Hot Brown Casserole
- Asparagus
- Fruit Salad
- Strawberry Orange Salad
- Derby Pie

May 11

- Honey Glazed Ham
- Mixed Greens/Broccoli
- Roasted Sweet and Red Potatoes
- Corn Bread
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Desserts

May 18

- Pork Tenderloin
- Cheese Grits
- Asparagus
- Bread
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Desserts

**All Menus are Subject to Change*

REIMAGINE Campaign

These are exciting days in the life of St. Matthews Baptist Church! To learn more about the REIMAGINE campaign, visit:

smbclouisville.org and click on the scrolling REIMAGINE slide on the Homepage.

Chonda Pierce

Friday, April 29; 7:00 pm
St. Matthews Baptist Church

General Admission tickets on sale in the church office for \$25 (cash or check only) or visit itickets.com