



ST MATTHEWS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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November 20, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 406
Worship: 512

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$24,205
REIMAGINE:
\$5,248

November 27, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 405
Worship: 451

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$23,560
REIMAGINE:
\$16,384

December 4, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 403
Worship: 459

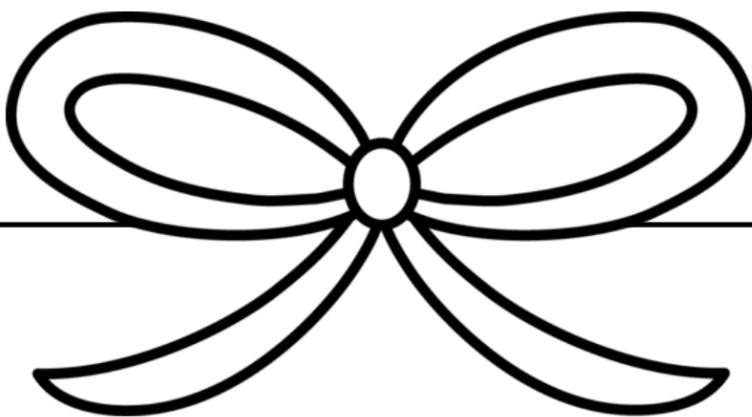
Giving

Budget Offering:
\$29,543
REIMAGINE:
\$10,637

REIMAGINE To Date:
\$664,884

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24; 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary



Christmas Greetings From Your Church Staff!

Jackie and I wish you a wonderful season celebrating our Savior's birth. We pray it's a time filled with love, laughter, family, and friends. -Greg Barr

This Christmas, may each of you experience the amazement that Christ coming into the world brought on the first Christmas. As you welcome Jesus into the world again this year, be his presence to those around you and to the world. -Brian Johnson

To a loving church family...I hope you feel God's presence and peace during this season of giving....my prayer is that you will share that peace with others! -Connie Lepper

May you each feel hope, be instruments of God's peace, share joy, and experience love with old and new family and friends. -Joyce Oliver

My first contact with the SMBC church family was during the Advent season of 2000. I came for my "trial Sunday" and after being voted in during the morning service, I stayed for the church Christmas dinner. I will always remember serving tables that night and grateful that I've had the blessing of serving with you ever since! -Tim Galyon

My first Christmas memory at SMBC was in 1977 in the "old" sanctuary where Richard and I were married. Memories of the "old" sanctuary and making memories in the "new" sanctuary provide two wonderful backdrops for sharing Christmas with our cherished church family. Wishing you a blessed Christmas season. -Charlotte Hibbs

And, from the rest of us: Merry Christmas to all!

Christmas Holiday Ministers On-Call

Our church campus and office will be closed on Friday, December 23, Saturday, December 24 (except the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service), Sunday, December 25 (except the 10:45 am worship service), Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, Wednesday, December 28, Sunday, January 1 (except for 9:15 am Bible Study and 10:45 am worship service), and Monday, January 2.

The following ministers will be on-call during the Christmas Holidays:

12/23...Tim Galyon (502.235.6117)	12/29...David Garrard (502.905.2512)
12/24...Brian Johnson (865.776.6396)	12/30...David Garrard
12/25...Greg Barr (502.883.0114)	12/31...Joyce Oliver
12/26...Joyce Oliver (502.608.8047)	1/1...Brian Johnson
12/27...Greg Barr	1/2...Tim Galyon
12/28...Greg Barr	

For all matters related to the church campus or the church calendar, please contact John Shapanus (502.550.5812).

The church campus and office will be open on Thursday, December 29, and Friday, December 30. The church campus will also be open on Saturday, December 31.

Thank You

Dear Staff and Members of St. Matthews Baptist Church,

On behalf of my family and myself, we wish to thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement and the many cards and words of encouragement during the saddest period in our lives with the loss of my daughter and only child. It is a blessing to feel so much love and encouragement.

In Christ,
Jacque Myers

Tip for Loving Children

Mark Jones of Mr. Mark's Classroom recently quoted Matt Chandler from a sermon on parenting on May 1, 2016: "One of the keys to parenting (and I believe one of the calls on your life) is to love the kid you *have*, not the one you *want*...This is a terrible thing to see in this area, where what we wanted was an *athlete*, and what we got was a *reader*. Or what we wanted was a *reader*, and what we got was an *athlete*. You love the kid you have, not the one you want." The call for each of us is to accept the children we have—in our family, in our classroom, in our neighborhood. Each of them is specially designed by God to be their unique self. Who will you love and encourage this week?

Shepherd's Class Teacher Needed

St. Matthews Baptist Church is blessed with several adults with special needs. We believe each one is created in God's image and has a unique purpose. Our mission is to help them live life to the fullest while discovering their God-given talents. Our Sunday morning Bible Study class is called the Shepherds Class. We utilize a team teaching approach where the adult learners can learn through Bible stories, crafts, games—all with lots of love and grace. We have some teachers in the Shepherd's Class who are there every week, while others serve on various Sundays. We are currently in need of a teacher for the third Sunday of each month. If you have an interest in serving these special adults, would you contact Joyce Oliver at 502-608-8047 or at JOliver@smbclouisville.org? Let's talk and see if this ministry opportunity is a fit for you.

Dad/Daughter Banquet is January 20!

University of Louisville Women's Golf Coach, Courtney Trimble will be the special guest at our 2017 Dad/Daughter Banquet! The banquet will be held Friday evening, January 20, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale in December. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun evening!

Super 6 Retreat Deadline Approaching!

The 2017 Super 6 Retreat for 6th graders and their parents is set for January 13-14 at Butler State Park. Complete details can be found on our church website. We have to turn in a rooming list in mid-December so please let Emily Thompson know if you are going.

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- Facebook.com/SMBCYouthMinistry
- Facebook.com/SMBCupward

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GENERAL BUTLER STATE PARK
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THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOUNG COUPLES--40ISH AND YOUNGER

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER ONLINE!



2016 Christmas Connection

December 1-3, SMBC, in partnership with the Baptist Fellowship Center, provided a Christmas boost for 51 families in the West End of Louisville. Within those 51 families, 161 children will have a merrier Christmas as a result of all that was done on those days.

This year's Christmas Connection effort began back in October as we gathered for a Disney-themed night of music and fun that successfully raised close to \$12,000. During the weeks between the concert and the Christmas Connection event, many were involved in the extensive preparations. Gifts and blankets were bought, uniforms and Bibles were ordered, and gift bags were prepared. The game room at our church looked like a storage room for Santa's toy shop.

On Thursday, December 1, 19 individuals loaded the truck, transported the goodies to New Zion Baptist Church, and organized the tables. On Friday, December 2, 14 from our church spent the morning wrapping presents.

Then came the big day! Saturday, December 3, we had 66 individuals from SMBC combined with a couple dozen from New Zion Baptist who helped the families select the toys and collect their blanket, Bible and uniforms. Children, youth, and adults all joined together to make the morning run smoothly. After such a big effort to make the Christmas of so many better, all that can be said is thank you! Thank you for giving your money, donating your time, offering up your prayers, and lending your services!

While we might never know the full impact of this ministry, we do know that there were lots of smiles and lots of conversations both between those giving and those receiving as well as those giving from our church and from New Zion Baptist. Connections were made this Christmas because of each one who gave of themselves so freely. If you missed out this year, there's always next.

Wednesday Night Meals

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December 14—HUGG Caroling

- Meatloaf
- Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Peas
- Vegetable Salad
- Strawberry Orange Salad
- Christmas Cookies

January 4

- Chicken Fajitas
- Mexican Rice
- Refried Beans
- Southwest Caesar Salad
- Chips and Salsa
- Assorted Desserts

***January 11**

- Swiss Steak
- Mashed Potatoes
- Steamed Broccoli
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Desserts

***January 18**

- Chicken Piccata
- Wild Rice
- Grilled Vegetable Platter
- French Bread
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Desserts

January 25

- Roasted Pork Tenderloin
- Green Beans
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Desserts

2nd Annual College Christmas Retreat

December 18-20
Kavanaugh Retreat Center
Crestwood, KY

Only \$20 per student

Join SMBC College Students as we relax, play games together, and eat everything in sight!

RSVP to either:
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