



Loving and
Leading people
into a Growing
relationship
with Jesus

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December 11, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 416
Worship: 492

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$46,963
REIMAGINE:
\$31,666

REIMAGINE To Date:
\$696,550

Winter 2017 Adult Study Options

Sundays

- 21 Adult Bible study classes offered at 9:15 am. For a complete listing, see website at www.smbclouisville.org or call the Church Office.

Mondays

- Monday Bible Study—11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. \$3.00 homemade lunch followed by prayer time and Bible study. No reservations required.

Tuesdays

- Bible Study for Women—9:15 am in Room 226. *Renewing the Heart for Women: Life Principles from the Beatitudes* by Barbara Henry. Facilitated by Bobbie Whitten and Bev Jones. Begins on January 10.
- Bible Study for Women—7:00 pm in Room 230. *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy* by Beth Moore. Facilitated by Stephanie Garrard. Begins February 21.

Wednesdays

- Prayer Time—Greg Barr will be leading a time of sharing and prayer in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm.
- Women Connect—This group will provide conversation, support and Bible study for women. It is facilitated by Missey McMillan and Diane Taylor. It meets from 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 221 beginning on January 4.
- English Conversation Corner—Be a conversation partner to an international friend! Join us from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Additional volunteers are needed to transport students from UofL and the Seminary. Mary Brock is the coordinator. Begins on January 4.
- Psalms—The series of lessons on Psalms will continue. They will meet in Room 114 from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning on January 4.
- A Little Bit of Drama—Interested in writing, reading, acting or directing? Bring on those skills! We will be having fun while learning and preparing to help in worship services. Begins January 11 in Room 308.
- Financial Peace University—Preview Class on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm in Room 217.
- Book Discussion Group—Rusty Cherry will facilitate a discussion on the book *Changing Our Mind* by David Gushee. This group will meet from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Gathering Room beginning on January 4.
- Music Opportunities
 - Sanctuary Choir (Adult Choir) begins January 4 at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.
 - Churchestra (Orchestra) practices at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary—almost every other week. Please call the Church Office for a schedule.

Thursdays

- Bible Study for Women—10:00 am in Room 230. *Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy* by Beth Moore. Facilitated by Stephanie Garrard. Begins February 23.

St. Matthews Baptist Church
2017 Winter Weather Policy

On Sunday mornings, due to certain weather conditions, we may opt to have only the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. and not Bible Study at 9:15 a.m., or cancel both the Bible Study and the Worship Service. Notice of any change in our Sunday morning schedule will be communicated, by 7:30 a.m., via REACH Alert*, our church website, and our church Facebook page.

On weekdays, we do not follow the Jefferson County Public Schools’ (JCPS) closings and delays schedule. The only exception is Monday Bible Study Lunch, which will not take place if JCPS is delayed or closed. For all other church activities, we make our own decisions about cancelling and closing the church campus due to the weather. Notice of any change in schedule during the week will be communicated via REACH Alert*, our church website, and our church Facebook page.

Throughout the winter, please use your own best judgment as to whether you can safely travel to and from the church campus.

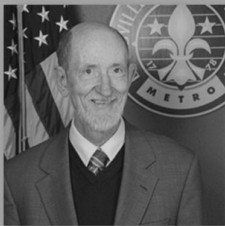
*REACH Alert is the notification system we use to send weather alerts, emergency notices and schedule reminders via email, text message or phone call. Sign up to receive them at www.reachalert.com

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 Shepherd’s 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.

January
Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, January 10
Noon
Fellowship Hall



Speaker: Tom Owen

Menu

Turkey Tetrazzini
Roasted Vegetables
Caesar Salad
Rolls
Assorted Desserts

Cost: \$7.00

Due at the time
of registration

Sunday, January 8th
is the deadline to
register

Thank You

We are grateful to Mall St. Matthews for their generous donation of coins from their fountains for our Reimagine Campaign. Thank you also to Steve Waters who coordinated the effort and Julie Jeffrey who spent countless hours counting and wrapping coins.

SMBC Family,

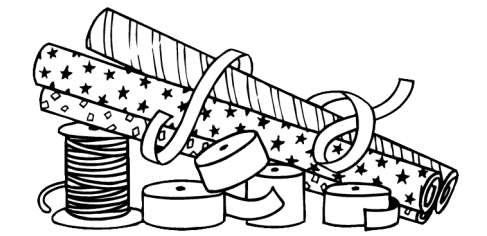
Thank you so much for the prayers, flowers, and cards we received after the death of our mother and grandmother, Evelyn Witherington. We truly appreciate your many expressions of care during this time.

-The Nowak and Ashcraft Families

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.

Congratulations...
...to Marc and Vicki Shearer who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 22.



Wrapping Paper Needed!

We need your help restocking Christmas wrapping paper for our Christmas Connection ministry.

Out shopping? Christmas wrapping paper on sale? Consider buying a roll and bringing it by the Church Office. We are also in need of gift bags, bows, and tape!

Dad/Daughter Banquet

Friday, January 20th; 6:30 p.m.

St. Matthews Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Courtney Trimble

UofL Women’s Golf Coach

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.

WOW ends, Bible Drill, Bible Buddies begin!

WOW Worship will give way to Children’s Bible Drill and Bible Buddies beginning January 8. WOW will resume in May.

Bible Drill and Bible Buddies Blitz!

Bible Drill and Bible Buddies both begin (that’s a lot of B’s!!) on Sunday, January 8 . . . but with a twist! January 8 will be a “soft” start. Kids will begin in the sanctuary that morning for the first part of worship. Then they will be dismissed to the chapel for a 5th Sunday styled get together that will focus on the importance of the Bible. In addition, Bible Drill parents and alumni will visit selected Sunday School classes earlier in the day and share briefly how this program has impacted their lives and the lives of their children. Regular Bible Drill and Bible Buddies (which meet for the entire worship service) will begin on January 15. C.S. Lewis ranks scripture memory as most important of all spiritual disciplines. I hope you will encourage your children to join us this year.

Upward games begin January 7!

211 basketball players. 17 cheerleaders. 26 teams. 2 cheer squads. 52 coaches. 21 referees. 2 Game Day Assistants. A dozen or so scorekeepers, timekeepers, concession workers and other helpers. This amazing team hits the ground running as our 20th season of Upward Basketball and Cheerleading gets underway! Games will be played at St. Matthews Baptist and at Broadway Baptist every Saturday in January and February. A complete schedule can be found on our league website, www.smbcupward.com. Please pray for Game Day and consider coming out and taking in some of the action! The admission is free; the experience is priceless!

Become a Fan of our Facebook Pages!

- Facebook.com/SMBCLouisville
- Facebook.com/SMBCCchildrensMinistry
- Facebook.com/SMBCYouthMinistry
- Facebook.com/SMBCupward

ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT

MAKING GOOD MARRIAGES GREAT:

SEVEN ASPECTS OF SUCCESSFUL COUPLES

LED BY WADE & JODI ROWATT

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2017

GENERAL BUTLER STATE PARK

COST: \$120 PER COUPLE

(INCLUDES LODGING AND ALL MEALS)

THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOUNG COUPLES--40ISH AND YOUNGER

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER ONLINE!

Wednesday Night Meals

*=Kid Option

- 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

- February 1
- Chicken Parmigiana
- Buttered Noodles
- Zucchini & Yellow Squash
- French Bread
- Caesar Salad
- Green Salad
- Italian Cream Cake
- Chocolate Cake

- February 8
- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Broccoli
- Caesar Salad
- Vegetable Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Assorted Desserts

- February 15
- Sausage and Egg Casserole
- Bacon
- Hashbrown Casserole
- Biscuits and Gravy
- Mixed Greens with Citrus
- Fruit Bowl
- Assorted Muffins & Pastries

- February 22
- Fizzy Chicken
- Orzo Pasta
- French Green Beans
- Oriental Salad
- Green Salad
- Rolls
- Assorted Desserts