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January 31, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 454
Worship: 560

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$26,740
Campus Renovation:
\$599

February 7, 2016

Attendance

Bible Study: 428
Worship: 524

Giving

Budget Offering:
\$36,658
Campus Renovation:
\$657



2016 Great Bowls of Fire Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 13th
5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Tickets: \$7.00

This is a MAJOR fundraiser for the SMBC Youth.
Proceeds will go towards the Dominican Republic Mission Trip
and Passport Summer Camp.

**Competitor Entry Forms are available at the
ticket sales table in the Lobby!**

The deadline to register to compete is Sunday, March 6.



St. Matthews Elementary holds a special place in the hearts of our family. The school welcomed my husband and his sister when they moved to St. Matthews as children. Our daughters are also alumni of SME and now our great nephews are students there as well.

So, I was very excited to hear of the partnership between SMBC and SME when it was announced. I was still working full time the first year of the school ministry, but I participated by donating school supplies. As I was nearing retirement 2 years ago, people would ask what I was going to do with all my free time. I had three for sure answers: play with my grandson, work in my garden and volunteer at St. Matthews Elementary.

Now I am serving as a volunteer at SME for the second consecutive year. This year I am working with 4th grade teacher, Becky Hines, who is new to the school. I serve as a tutor, usually assisting students who have missed a day of lessons. I arrive at 10:30 every Monday and Mrs. Hines has the MATH work that they need to accomplish ready for me. Yes, I am also learning 4th grade math, which is very different than I remember it to be. The students are wonderful! The school encourages them to use good manners and respect others. This philosophy is very evident in their interactions with each other and me.

The students are always happy to see me! The teachers and other staff always give me a warm welcome when I arrive. The black smock with the church logo that all SMBC volunteers wear each day at the school, announces the reason we are there. The hour I spend there is a blessing to me and I hope to the children. There is a lot of learning going on in those rooms and I am grateful to be a small part. For me, volunteering at SME is a way of paying back all the times my work schedule prevented me from assisting the teachers when my daughters were there. Now, the day I tutor is a day I look forward to as a chance to interact with children and present a smiling face to encourage them in their work. I also see it as a chance to encourage and support the teachers and staff who have worked to make it a great place to learn.

I hope that others will take up the challenge to be a volunteer. The time spent is small compared to the joy and satisfaction that comes from tutoring or assisting at the school.

Linda Rodgers, Tutor
Becky Hines, Grade 4

Thank You

How can I say thank you to my wonderful church and all you did for us in our time of sorrow? The vase of flowers was beautiful. I love you all so much!

-Julie Jeffrey and Family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers and support during our time of loss. We were blessed by the lovely flowers sent in her remembrance. Arlene was a lovely person always cooking for the sick. We miss her very much but the love of our church family helps ease the glow of her missing smiles.

Sincerely,
Cindy and Bob Anderson

Thank you for the many ways my church family has expressed their love, care, sympathy and kindness at the death of my precious brother, Earl Fleischer.

Words could never express my gratitude for the overwhelming support shown to me through many, many cards, notes, calls, prayers, attendance at the funeral home and the funeral. It brought me strength to know how much you care at such a time.

My prayer will be that I can and will be available by way of love, prayer, presence or whatever could make you aware of how grateful and blessed I am to be a part of this magnificent church to minister to others as you have supported me.

I thank God for His gift of the privilege of your being in my life.

God's Blessings,
Anita Downs

Dental & Construction Mission Trip In Lynch, Kentucky

May 19-21, 2016

Cost: \$65.00 (includes food, lodging, and transportation in Harlan County)

We need nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, and those skilled in construction. If you are interested, please contact Terry Seelow.

Sponsored by the St. Matthews Baptist Church Health Ministry

"These Things"

**2016 Spring Retreat for Women
Salt Creek Resort, Nashville, IN
April 15-17**

Things. We buy lots of them, we use lots of them, we don't know what lots of them are for, and we have rooms full of them. Sometimes we let things consume us – things which don't matter like the next One Day sale at Macy's, those last five pounds that just won't disappear from the scale, or the boss who never seems to be satisfied. What if you could get away for a weekend to focus on the things in life that *do* matter? Things such as being noble and praiseworthy, looking for the lovely things inside yourself, and seeing the virtuous traits in other women you know. That is what the Spring Retreat for Women is all about this year. Whether this is your first or fifteenth retreat, there is a place for you to escape from the "things" which take up so much space in your life.

The retreat is a beautiful time to focus on your relationship with Jesus and with other women – and to me, there is nothing better than watching women build up and encourage each other. Maybe this is a time for you to get that alone time that seems to always slip away during busy weeks, or maybe this will be your weekend to spend time with your mom, aunt, sister, or friends. My mom always looks forward to the retreat, and we now get to experience it together.

On behalf of the Women's Ministry Team, we hope you will join us in Brown County, Indiana to reflect on *These Things!*

-Amanda Cotton

Did You Know?

The mission of the counseling center is to offer counseling to all who seek it. It is the mission that has driven counseling fee decisions for over 20 years. No one is turned away for an inability to pay a fee. Clients have been seen for free. SMBC members receive a 25% discount in addition to any income based discounts. In 2015 the center discounted counseling services to the public and SMBC members for a total of \$61,240.

The counseling center funds its operations by counselors allocating 25% of fees collected back to SMPCC. Operation costs are significantly lowered because of SMBC's facility support. SMPCC pays no rent for utilization of office spaces. It is this support that permits SMPCC to make mission-first fee decisions. In addition our church contributes \$8,000 to SMPCC for counseling scholarships. SMPCC guarantees its counselors \$30-40 per session. Client fees below this are supplemented through the scholarship account.

If you are contemplating the need for professional counseling for yourself or a loved one, SMPCC offers skilled, experienced counselors. Call to inquire at: 502.893.9831 or go online at www.smpcc.net. Counseling services are always confidential.

George Dunn
Chairperson SMPCC Advisory Committee

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.

February 24

- Chicken & Artichokes
- Orzo Pasta
- Roasted Brussels Sprouts
- Asparagus
- Oriental Salad
- Green Salad
- Rolls
- Assorted Desserts

March 2

- Pulled Pork on Buns
- Hash Brown Casserole
- Baked Beans
- 7-Layer Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Assorted Desserts

March 9

- Chicken Marsala
- Asparagus
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Assorted Salads
- Assorted Desserts

March 16

- Meatloaf
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Peas
- Vegetable Salad
- Strawberry Orange Salad
- Brownie Trifle
- Strawberry Trifle

March 23

- Chicken in Mushroom Sauce
- White Rice
- Green Beans
- Sauteed Carrots
- Assorted Green Salads
- Rolls
- Assorted Desserts

March 30

- BBQ Chicken
- Three Cheese Pasta Bake
- Oven Roasted Asparagus
- Spinach and Strawberry Salad
- Rolls
- Assorted Desserts

**All Menus are Subject to Change*



A monthly support group

Wednesday, March 9
10:00—11:30 am
Room 226

For more information, contact Terry or Susan in the church office at 896-8882.



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