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November 15, 2015

Attendance

Bible Study: 421
Worship: 509

Giving

Budget Offering: \$31,201
Campus Renovation: \$970

November 22, 2015

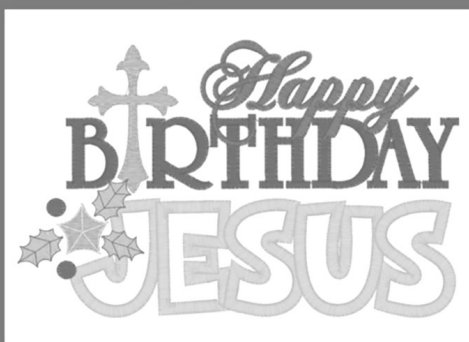
Attendance

Bible Study: 430
Worship: 546

Giving

Budget Offering: \$33,510
Campus Renovation: \$590

You are Invited to our Party!
24th Annual Church-wide Christmas Program & Dinner
Sunday, December 13th



Free Program @ 5:00 pm ~ Followed by Fellowship, Dinner & Cake
Dinner Tickets now on sale!

Don't forget to bring your "gift" to Jesus in the form of personal items for St. MAM: Shampoo, razors, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, et. Al. Please place your unwrapped gifts under the Chrismon tree in the lobby as you arrive for the Christmas program.

Christmas Banquet Table Hosting

If you are hosting a table for the 2015 Christmas Dinner, we thank you! Here is the list of what you will need to bring for your table and what the church will provide. If you have any questions, please call Susan Boyer at 896.8882 ext. 103.

Items you need to furnish for your table:

- Centerpieces/Decorations for your table
- Candles & Matches or Lighter (optional)
- Containers for margarine, sugar, sweetener & creamer
- Salt & Pepper Shakers
- Ice Bucket
- Appetizer for at least 8 people

Items that will be provided by the church:

- Round Tables with seating for 8
- White plastic Table Cover
- White plastic Appetizer, Dinner and Dessert plates
- Clear plastic Glasses & plastic Coffee Cups
- Napkins
- Flatware
- One Coffee Carafe per table
- Two plastic Pitchers per table for water or tea
- Sugar, Sweetener & Creamer

Setup times for preparing your tables will be on Friday evening, December 11th, from 6-8 pm and Saturday, December 12th, from 10 am – 12 pm. Table viewing will be on Sunday, December 13th, after the 11:30 am worship service for about 30 minutes.

Christmas Banquet Childcare

Childcare is provided for children 5 years old and under during the annual Christmas program and dinner. (Childcare is optional. You can register your child for care during the program, the dinner or both.) The cost is \$4 and a reservation **must** be made. A sack dinner will be provided for your child. You may sign up at the ticket table or stop by the church office.

Sign up for REACH Alerts

We have a church notification system for weather related cancellations, emergencies, and reminders. You can choose to receive alerts via text, email, or voice call. A sign-up instruction card is available at the Welcome Center in the church Foyer. Go to this website to sign up:

www.reachalert.com



Pastor Greg

September 27 was a bittersweet day for a group in our church. For twenty months this team of 15 SMBC members invested countless hours praying and dreaming about the future of our church. After congregational surveys, listening sessions, business meeting presentations, conversations with Bible Study groups, and lots of hallway discussions, the Master Plan Team presented a series of statements describing the future ministry of SMBC.

This led to hours of deeper conversation about our facilities. Our campus is a great gift, but if we are serious about reaching a new generation, we need to update, improve, and even re-design parts of it to make it an even more welcoming environment.

In August and September the Team presented a vision for the future of our campus. When the last presentation was given September 27, the work of the Master Plan Team came to an end.

Now we had a plan, but plans are sometimes easier to design than implement. How could we ensure this was not just another future planning process which meant very little a year later?

For the last two months, I've been searching out the right mix of people for the Master Plan Advisory and Continuity Team, or MPACT. This team will work with existing committees and ministry teams to implement the plan. MPACT is made up of eight members, four of whom were on the Master Plan Team, and four who were not. The members of the team are:

- Lee Roy Ash
- David Beck
- Sue Cahoe
- Susan Harmon
- Tom Logue
- Mike Payne
- Becca Short
- Adam Wetherington

I look forward to presenting this team at our next Business Meeting on December 2. Please join me in not only welcoming them, but also assuring them of your prayerful support as they begin their work together.



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Polar Express!

“Well, are you coming?” We are going back to the Kentucky Science Center to see *The Polar Express* in 3D on the big screen! The date is Sunday, December 27. Showtime is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each and available while they last. We have 50 reserved and might can get more but the show will be open to the public so let us know as soon as possible if you want to go. Call Emily at 502-896-8882.

Dad/Daughter Banquet will feature Candyce Clifft!

The 2016 Dad/Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday evening, January 22 at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. WDRB Morning Team co-host Candyce Clifft will be our special guest. Tickets are \$12 for ages 11 and older and \$8 for ages 6-10. They go on sale Sunday. Call Emily at 896-8882 for reservations and visit the Children and Preteens page of our church website for more information on Candyce. She is delightful!

Super 6 Retreat!

James Hargrave will be the special guest for our 2016 Super 6 Retreat for 6th graders and parents January 15-16 at Butler State Park in Carrollton. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. Friday and return around 1 p.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$65 per family plus the cost of meals. Call Emily to sign up and visit our website for more details.

Preteen Christmas Party is December 6

Preteens are invited to the home of Greg and Jackie Barr on Sunday afternoon December 6 for our Preteen Christmas Party! The fun begins at 4 p.m. and continues until 7. We will watch a Christmas movie, eat pizza and enjoy Christmas cookies. Dress is Sunday nice. RSVP to Emily Thompson by December 4 and don't forget to invite a friend!

Upward Practices Begin!

Upward practices begin the week of December 7. We have 204 players and 17 cheerleaders signed up. That translates into 26 basketball teams and 2 cheer squads! Please pray that God will use the season to connect kids and families with the gospel and perhaps also with our church. Pray, too, for our Leadership Team.



Thank you to all who contributed Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We delivered 392 shoeboxes to the collection center for shipment to children around the world. Special thanks go to the GAs and RAs and their leaders who helped pack boxes with items donated. Also, thank you to Lisa Nowak and Tommy Willard who assisted in the delivery. Looking forward to even more boxes being contributed next year.
-Linda Rodgers

Campus Christmas Decorating

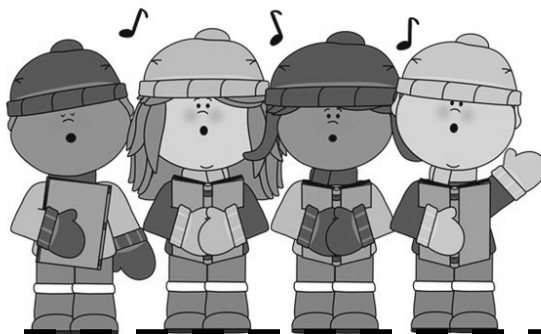
Thanks to all who pitched in to transform our campus into its Christmas finest. It was wonderful to see family and friends "hauling out the holly" together. Not only was it productive, but it proved to be a wonderful time of fellowship. So, thank you all so very much. We will reverse this process on **Sunday, January 3**, immediately after the services as we take down and store all of the decorations. No, it is not as much fun to "de-decorate," but it will be more fun if we do it together!

2015 Christmas Connection Schedule

Thursday, December 3; 9:00 am	Meet at St. Matthews Baptist Church to load gifts and move them to New Zion Baptist Church, 1501 Louis Coleman Jr Dr (formerly 34th St), 40211. Organize for Saturday.
Friday, December 4; 9:00 am	Meet at New Zion Baptist Church to wrap gifts.
Saturday, December 5; 8:00 am	Breakfast and Orientation for Volunteers at New Zion Baptist Church.
Saturday, December 5; 9:00 am	Parents come to choose gifts for their children. Volunteers act as personal shoppers and wrap gifts.
Saturday, December 5; Noon	Clean up and transport remaining items to Baptist Fellowship Center.

HUGG Caroling

Wednesday, December 16
After the Family Meal
Plan to join us!



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

Wednesday Night Meals

December 2
Chicken Marsala
Asparagus
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Assorted Salads
Assorted Desserts

December 9
Roast Beef and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans/Asparagus
Pear Salad
Green Salad
Rolls
Assorted Desserts

December 16
Meatloaf
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Peas
Vegetable Salad
Strawberry Orange Salad
Assorted Desserts

Meals Resume on January 6, 2016

Thank You

Dear SMBC,
Many, many thanks to the members of SMBC for helping us have another successful, beautiful and meaningful Hosparus memorial service. We almost had 450 people in attendance.
-Lynn Powell and members of the Hosparus service planning committee

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.

The church staff and Deacon Council want to be aware of needs in our church and ask for your help in keeping us informed. Thank you for ministering with us.