

First Baptist Crossings

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
JUNE 2013 – VOLUME I ISSUE 05

View from the Pulpit



L-R: Rev. Jeff Buscher, Michelle Stephens, Cassidy Hopkins, Wyatt Hopkins, Erin Loker, Randy Holmes, Rev. Stephanie Swanson

In May we felt the power of the Spirit rush through the church as we witnessed five from our congregation enter the baptismal waters. Taking part in this sacred ritual of the church, we recalled our own baptisms and how we are linked with centuries worth of Christians who have claimed their faith boldly and joined the family of believers through the act of baptism. We rejoiced with those that took this important step in their faith jour-

ney and welcomed them into the fold. That particular morning filled our congregation with a greater sense of God's active presence in our church. It was a wonderful affirmation of God's faithfulness to us as a church as we continue to serve our Lord and seek to grow and mend from hardships our church has faced in previous years.

With this in mind, I do not want us to lose momentum or our awareness of God's blessings and workings within our church body. I want to see us reaching out for our Lord's guidance, deepening our relationship with our Creator, and endeavoring to serve more faithfully. During the month of June and rolling over into July we are going to spend five weeks considering practices that help shape our faith. Using Robert Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, as a sounding board, we will consider how radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith-development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity may be ways to cultivate a more purposeful and fruitful life of faith. I hope that you will join us on these Sundays in worship as we endeavor together to be a vibrant and growing congregation that ardently seeks and serves our Lord.



Sermon Series: A Fruitful Church

- June 9 *Being the Church: Fruitful Faith-Development*
- June 16 *Being the Church: Fruitful Mission & Service*
- June 23 *Being the Church: Fruitful Hospitality*
- June 30 *Being the Church: Fruitful Generosity*
- July 7 *Being the Church: Fruitful Worship*

Rev. Swanson



Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:15 am Coffee & Snacks
- 10:30 am Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study Groups
(Nursery provided)
- 6:30-7:45 pm Children & Youth Programming

Church Events

- June 2, 11:30 am
Teams Meeting
- June 6, 9 am - 1 pm
Church Garage Sale
Open to Church Members
- June 7 & 8, 7am-1pm
Church Garage Sale
Open to Public
- June 9, 11:30 am
Hospitality Team Meeting
- June 11, 5 - 8 pm
Pizza Hut Night
- June 19, 5:30 pm
Deacons Meeting
- June 23, 4-6 pm
VBS Kick-Off Party
- June 23-26, 6-8:15 pm
Vacation Bible School



Church Garage Sale

Special Invite: Open to Church Members Only!

Thursday, June 6

9 am-1pm

Open to the Public!

Friday, June 7

7 am-1pm

Saturday, June 8

7 am-1pm

Concessions available!

Item donations are still welcome until Wednesday, June 6. All proceeds will benefit our youth department and help fund their summer camp in July.



Vacation Bible School

VBS Kick-off

Sunday, June 23, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Entire church is invited for food, games, and bounce houses on the church grounds!

Nightly VBS Programming

Sunday, June 23-Wednesday, June 26

6:00-8:15 pm

(Ages: 3 years-6th grade)

VBS Finale

Wednesday, June 26, 8:00 pm

Everyone is invited to come hear about what the children have been learning all week and to enjoy an ice cream social!



Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer. Donations are also needed for various items throughout the week. Please check in the weekly worship bulletin or contact the office to see what items we still need. Thank you for all your prayers, help, and support in making this a wonderful VBS!



Servers in June

Nursery Volunteers

June 2	Donna White
June 9	Pat Merriman & Anne Johnson
June 16	Kathy Petty, Joy Bettis
June 23	Carol Shaffer, Linda Frazier
June 30	Pam Petty, Priscilla LaForce

Greeters

June 2	Lois Earlywine, Lee & Dorothy Huntley
June 9	Judy Asher, Betty Shuler
June 16	Betty Shuler, Dorothy Allen
June 23	Rosalie Swaney, Pat Merriman
June 30	Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer, Carlene Rubicam

Children's Sermon Leaders

June 2	Randy Kelly
June 9	Ruth Hiatt
June 16	Stephanie Swanson
June 23	Jenny Holmes
June 30	Randy Kelly

Deacon of the Week

June 2	Jess Edwards
June 9	Mel Evans
June 16	Lee Huntley
June 23	Randy Kelly
June 30	Hubert Shuler

Communion Preparers

June 23	Ron Merriman, Mel Evans Randy Kelly
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Monthly Ministry Updates

This new installment in our newsletter will help inform our congregation of some of the wonderful things that have taken place at our church over the course of the last month. Thanks to our congregations' gifts of their time and monies we are able to continue in our church's ministry efforts.

During the month of April:

- *Youth spread mulch around the building.*
- *Additional clean-up throughout church, particularly the baptistery and the old youth & children's departments.*
- *New baptismal heater was purchased*
- *Completion of roof*
- *Finalized outreach postcards that will go out to Smithville newcomers every month.*

Nursery Workers Needed



Love playing with kids? We are in need of a few more nursery volunteers during the worship service. You'll come up in the rotation every 2-3 months for one Sunday and you'll volunteer from 9:15 am to 10:30 am when our Sunday school nursery workers come in. Contact the church office to get on the list!

Calling All Breadmakers!



We need to restock our freezer with loaves of your tasty homemade bread for our visiting families. Bring them by the church anytime to store in our freezer.

Financial Figures

May Offerings \$8,610.28

In our prayers...

Joan Keeney	Lettie Pemberton
Jaxon Caw	Bob Callaway
Al McNeal	Roy & Linda Thomas
Hila Foster	Katie Yates
Georgia Callaway	Don Baber
Joyce Denton	Joyce Teegarden
Gary Teegarden	Audrey Tygart (<i>surgery, June</i>)

Rob Earlywine, *Lois Earlywine's son*
John Allen, *Dorothy Allen's son*
Nancy Brown, *Beth Asher's mother*

*The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
Psalm 145:18*

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June Birthdays

June 6	Linda Frazier Viola Meyer
June 10	Carol Wilson Lettie Pemberton
June 12	Kathleen Hinton
June 14	Dave Chiles
June 26	Audrey Tygart Mary Ann Leach
June 27	Bonnie Chancellor
June 28	Bentley Lindsey
June 29	David Edwards Jack Youtsey

Ministers & Staff

Rev. Stephanie Swanson, *Pastor*
Rev. Jeff Buscher, *Associate Pastor*
Betty Shuler, *Secretary*
Tammy Kelly, *Secretary*
Margaret Fales, *Music*
Athena Gillespie, *Pianist*
A.J. Kelly, *Custodian*

Office Hours

Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Food Pantry is available during office hours.

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