

First Baptist Crossings

Easter Edition

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHVILLE
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View from the Pulpit

What was originally intended to be a short interim over the summer of 2012 became so much more and during that time has blessed our church greatly. Rev. Jeff Buscher came on that summer to serve as youth minister and help guide our church through the transitional period from Dr. Andrew Pratt, our former interim pastor, to myself as I became acclimated at the church. What we found though was that it was a good fit for all parties involved so we were pleased when Jeff decided to stay on staff and continue to serve in the role of Associate Pastor and minister to our youth.

During these almost two years Jeff has also continued to serve in his full-time position as Chaplain at William Jewell College and work on completing his Doctor of Ministry program at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. In the upcoming months Jeff will be increasing his load at William Jewell and begin working on his project dissertation for his Doctorate so it is with these added responsibilities that he has decided to resign as our Associate Pastor, effective April 6. We are thankful to Jeff for his ministry at First Baptist over these last two years. In that time he has helped grow our youth group by leaps and bounds from just a few students to upwards of 20 youth. Last summer, with Jeff's leadership, we were able to again begin taking youth to summer camp and took 12 youth! This was a great opportunity for our youth to grow in their faith and bond with one another. He has also been instrumental in helping our church focus on some missions efforts and most recently helped us further establish a relationship with the Village Partners Project in Honduras. Jeff has brought his own experience and passions to the table at First Baptist and has helped us in these last two years as we have striven to be Christ to one another.



On Sunday, April 6 we will take time in worship to thank Jeff and celebrate his ministry with our church and as all good churches do, we will further the celebration with some cake after worship! I hope you will join me in thanking Jeff for ministering to us and with us and in wishing him well as he continues in his endeavors, all of which we know he does to the glory of God.

Rev. Swanson

Weekly Events

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

- 1:00 pm PEPPi Exercise Class, FBC gym (Cancelled 4/8)

Wednesdays

- 6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study
- 6:30-7:45 pm Children & Youth Programming

Church Events

- April 3, 9:30 –11:30 am Dresses with a Mission
- April 6, 11:30 am Teams Meeting
- April 6, 7, & 8 Church Directory Photos
- April 8, 5-8 pm Pizza Hut Fundraiser
- April 12, 9:30 am-12 noon Children's Workshop
- April 13, Palm Sunday (Details—p. 2)
- April 13, 11:30 am Quarterly Business Meeting
- April 13, 2:00-4:30 pm Margaret & Leroy Fales Anniversary Celebration
- April 16, Holy Week (Schedule—p. 2)
- April 20, Easter Sunday (Schedule—p. 2)
- April 27, 2:00 pm Church Inventory Day, Deacons

Holy Week & Easter Services



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 am

(Children are invited to wave the palm branches at the beginning of the service.)

Holy Week Activities

Wednesday, April 16

4:30 pm, Easter Crafts & Egg Hunt

5:30 pm, Light Supper

(Please bring soup or sandwich to share.)

6:30 pm, Holy Week Worship

(Children, youth, and adults invited to attend.)



EASTER SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 20

6:30 am, Sunrise Service, Smithville Lake

8:30 am, Fellowship Breakfast

9:30 am, Easter Worship

10:30 am, Sunday School

Spring Cleaning

Saturday, May 3

FBC Garage Sale—Youth Fundraiser
(Part of the City Wide Garage Sale)



Do you have items to donate to our church garage sale in May? This event will be run by our youth group and all proceeds will go towards their summer camp in Nashville this coming July. You can drop off items at the church throughout the month of April or contact the church if you need someone to come pick up your donation. All items, small and large are welcome and we're happy to coordinate picking up any furniture you might want to donate. Thank you for your continued support of our youth group! The youth are also available for additional work days if you need any cleaning, yard work, or other small tasks completed at your home. Please contact Pastor Stephanie for more information.

Inventory Day

Reminder

Sunday, April 27

2:00 pm



Deacons and volunteers will be taking an inventory throughout the church on this day. Dinner will be provided for our hard workers!

Eggs & Candy Donation



We are taking donations of plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped pieces of candy through Wednesday, April 9. Our youth will be stuffing the eggs with candy to be hidden for the children for our egg hunt on Wednesday, April 16 at 4:30

pm. Donations can be dropped off at the church.

Church Directory

Our new church directory photos will take place on:

Monday, April 7 2:30—9:00 pm

Tuesday, April 8 2:30—9:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9 2:30—6:30 pm

**Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your photo session.*



There is still time to sign up! You can do so by one of two ways:

1. Go online to firstbaptistchurchsmithvillemo.com and click the Directory link.
2. Contact the church office for help at 816-532-0164.

Make sure you don't miss out on this great opportunity to be a part of our directory. You'll also get a free 8x10 photo from your photography session and a free copy of the directory.

Children's Ministry Workshop



Saturday, April 12

9:30 am—12 noon

FBC Fellowship Hall

If you volunteer with our children (teach Sunday school, lead children's sermons, help out on Wednesday nights, etc.) or if you are interested in working with our children, you're invited to join us for a workshop led by Gwen Phillips, Children's Minister at Second Baptist Church in Liberty. Please let Pastor Stephanie know if you will be in attendance or sign up on the bulletin board.



Join us as we

CONNECT our families

Please be a part of our new family directory program—we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Check-in
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken?

Portraits are valued family keepsakes. Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session.

We look forward to seeing you!



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating



Exciting products turn your portraits into cherished memories

Products may vary

Volunteers in April

Nursery Department: Baby Room

April 6	Carla Berner, Michelle Stephens
April 13	Pam Petty, Jennifer Edwards
April 20	Whitney Kelly, Kathy Petty
April 27	Ruth Hiatt & TBD

Nursery Department: Toddler Room

April 6	Carlene Rubicam, Dorothy Allen
April 13	Donna White, Tammy Kelly
April 20	Cody Wilson, Cassidy Hopkins
April 27	Carol Shaffer, Linda Frazier

Greeters

April 6	Betty Shuler, Dorothy Allen
April 13	Rosalie Swaney, Lois Earlywine
April 20	Linda Frazier, Carol Shaffer
April 27	Darlene McMillian, Carlene Rubicam

Children's Sermon Leaders

April 6	Ruth Hiatt
April 13	Randy Kelly
April 20	Stephanie Swanson
April 27	Jenny Holmes

Deacon of the Week

April 6	Bill Forsyth
April 13	Linda Frazier
April 20	Lee Huntley
April 27	Randy Holmes

Communion Preparers

April 16	Deacon Team #3
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Hospitality

April	Ruth Hiatt
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Dresses With a Mission



Thank you for your support of our Lenten mission project! **We hope you had a chance to read all about it on the front page of the Smithville Herald!** It's been wonderful to see so many of our folks donating fabric, sewing dresses from home, and sewing with us on Thursdays! All of the dresses will be donated to a girls' orphanage in Honduras through the Village Partners Project. **A big thank you to Ruth Hiatt for leading us in this great missions opportunity!**

Quarterly Business Meeting



Sunday, April 13
11:30 am, Sanctuary

Recipe of the Month

Pineapple Sheet Cake

By Rosemary Long

Cake Ingredients:

2 cups flour	2 cups sugar
1 tsp. baking soda	2 eggs
1/2 cup oil	
1 large can (1lb. 4 oz.) of crushed pineapple (drained)	

Sift and stir together well the flour, sugar, and baking soda. Add the eggs, oil, and pineapple and mix. Spread in a 18"x 12"x 1" greased and floured sheet cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Icing Ingredients:

2/3 cup of evaporated milk	1 cup sugar
1 stick oleo	1 cup coconut flakes
1 cup nuts (pecan or black walnut)	

When cake has been in the oven for 10 minutes, start the icing. Combine the evaporated milk, sugar, and oleo in a sauce pan and bring to a boil on the stove. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the stove and add the nuts and coconut flakes. Spread the icing on the cake when it is still hot.

Financial Figures

March Offerings \$12,647.10

In our prayers

- Joyce Denton
- Lettie Pemberton
- Lloyd Wilson
- Athena Gillespie
- Linda Mangels
- Georgia Callaway
- Gary Teegarden
- Hannah Bettis
- Rob Earlywine, *Lois Earlywine's son*
- John Allen, *Dorothy Allen's son*
- Nancy Brown, *Beth Asher's mother*
- Georgeanna White, *Ruth Hiatt and Joel White's sister-in-law*
- Floyd Huntley, *Lee Huntley's uncle*
- Lisa Warne, *Lenny Hill's niece*
- Bill Nolker, *Pam Petty's brother*
- Larry Shaffer, *Carol Shaffer's husband*
- Peggy Shaffer, *Carol Shaffer's daughter-in-law*
- Troy Meek, *Judy Asher's son-in-law*
- Gertie Calvert, *Kathy Petty's grandmother*
- Brantley Sutton, *Bonnie Chancellor's great Grandson*
- Dan & Jenny Wiltshire and twin daughters, Bethany and Katherine, *Tammy Kelly's niece and nephew*
- Bill Edwards
- Dorothy Perkins
- Al McNeal
- Jennifer Edwards
- Roy & Linda Thomas
- Joyce Teegarden
- Joni Teegarden
- Viola Meyer

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April Birthdays

April 1	Roberta Crawford
April 12	Berkley Lindsey
April 14	Madison Edwards
April 15	Ruth Hiatt
April 19	Cody Wilson Gina Hill
April 23	Mike Jensen
April 25	Kathy Petty
April 26	Red Warring
April 28	Randy Kelly



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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