

First Baptist Crossings

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VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

Wow! What a summer it has been! When I look back over these last three months I am just astounded at the work we have accomplished and the joy we have shared together while working to fulfill God's vision for our church.

This summer has included many Wednesdays of hard work alongside six other days in the week when church members have been in and out of the building completing various projects, all a part of Bridge Street Ministries. There were days when I pulled up to the church for a normal day at the office to find multiple cars lined up and a crew of folks in the back building sorting clothes, building custom shelving, painting walls, and more. I don't know that it is possible to add up the number of hours and people that have committed their summer to this worthy ministry, but I do know one thing - it has been immense, in people, hours, sweat, laughter, and love!

When I look at what we have accomplished this summer I am overwhelmed. For every minute we've spent together working alongside each other and the laughter and smiles that have filled that space as we've done God's work, I am thankful. For the joy that filled my soul this past Wednesday night as we walked out, turning the lights off in the room that has been transformed into something remarkable, I am thankful. For the people, the individuals and families in Smithville that this ministry will serve, I am thankful. For the vision, the seed of a dream, that God began to foster in our Dawnings Team so many months ago and grew to bring us to this point, I am thankful. Bridge Street Ministries is more than a renovated space and more than a room filled with food and clothes. Bridge Street Ministries is a gift. It is a spark of hope, tended and grown by God and this church family. It is new life, for our

church, for the Smithville community, and for God's kingdom work.

I do not think I could have asked for a better way to spend my final weeks serving as your pastor than to work alongside each of you, embracing God's dreams for our church. In three years, it has been my great joy to watch as God has worked in and through this congregation and I am so thankful that in the life of First Baptist Church, it is a new day! It is God's new day and my prayer is that you will remember that as you continue this church's heritage of being the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. May God bless the work of Bridge Street Ministries and the hands that serve and are served in our Lord's name.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, September 6 as we celebrate together this new dawning that has come to fruition at the Grand Opening of Bridge Street Ministries. Our worship service will be centered upon this new day in our church's story and after worship we will have a tour of the new Bridge Street Ministries, followed by a cookie and punch reception. We hope to see you then!

-Pastor Stephanie



Bridge Street Ministries Updates

Bridge Street Ministries Volunteer Training

We are ready to train our weekly volunteers to run the food pantry and clothes closet. Training will take place on Wednesday evening, September 2 from 6-8 pm. Please join us on this night so we are ready for our opening on Tuesday, September 8. If you have extra plastic bags (grocery store bags), they are needed for the clothing closet.

A Great Big Thank You!

Thank you to all of those that spent several Wednesday evenings and many hours during the week, for all their hard work sorting, cleaning, heavy lifting, and getting things ready for the opening of



Bridge Street Ministries! This could not have happened without each and every one of you. We are so thankful for this new vision for our church and for your commitment to it.

Bridge Street Ministries Hours

Bridge Street Ministries Hours (Beginning September 6)

Tuesdays	10 am—12 pm 6 pm—8 pm
2nd Saturday each month	10 am-12 pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate your preferred time slot and frequency of volunteering.

Bridge Street Ministries Grand Opening Sunday, September 6, 9:30 am

Join us for worship and as we celebrate the grand opening of Bridge Street Ministries. Directly following worship we will tour the renovated space and have a cookie and punch reception in the fellowship hall. An abbreviated Sunday School time will follow in your regular classes.

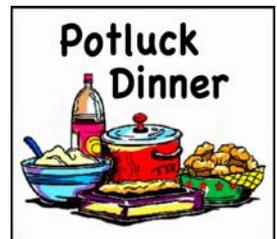
Pizza & Pie with Stephanie

Our regular Pizza Hut Night will be moved to Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm. This will be a fun evening to come and fellowship and just spend time visiting with Stephanie before she leaves. Please sign up on the bulletin board just like you normally would (the cost will remain the same). There is also a sign up to bring a pie to share!



Potluck Farewell Luncheon

Please join us as we say farewell to Stephanie and wish her the best of luck as she begins a new chapter. We will honor her and show our appreciation for her on Sunday, September 20 with a potluck luncheon in the fellowship hall following morning Bible Study. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for you to let us know what you are bringing. Dessert will be provided.



News from the Transition Team

FBC's transition team is composed of members from the Deacon Body, Personnel Team, and Pastor Support Team. Members of this team are Hubert Shuler (Chair), Don Doerzbacher, Tammy Kelly, Laura Bush, and Linda Frazier. This team will work closely with Pastor Stephanie to ensure a smooth transition as she departs and help the church in establishing an interim pastor and working with that interim as he/she settles in for his/her time here. The team will also put together a proposal of members to serve on a Search & Call Team to look for a pastor in the coming months. The church will have the opportunity to vote on and approve the members of the Search & Call Team.

This team is already working closely with Pastor Stephanie and has been in conversation with a possible interim pastor who we hope will be with us in late September/early October for the church to meet and hear preach. This team will keep you updated and their meeting notes are available on the bulletin board.

Wednesdays in September

For the month of September, there will be no Wednesday evening adult bible study or nursery. Children and youth programming will continue. A new Wednesday night plan will follow in October.

Volunteers in September

Nursery Department

September 6 Sahria Aden, Cara Campbell & Joy Bettis
September 13 Whitney Kelly & Tammy Kelly
September 20 Dorothy Allen, Shyanna Badami & Carla Berner
September 27 Cassidy Hopkins, Jennifer Edwards & Kathy Petty

Greeters

September 6 Linda Frazier & Carol Shaffer
September 13 Darlene McMillian & Carolyn Forsyth
September 20 Dorothy Huntley & Rosalie Swaney
September 27 Judy Asher & Betty Shuler

Children's Sermon Leaders

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

Deacon of the Week

September 6 David Petty
September 13 Carol Shaffer
September 20 Hubert Shuler
September 27 John Srite

Communion

September 20 Team 1

Hospitality

September Ruth Hiatt

Bridge Street Ministries

Tuesday, September 8
AM-**Stephanie Swanson**, Kathy Petty & Joan Warring
PM-**James Long**, Judy Asher & Dave Chiles

Saturday, September 12
AM-**Cheryl Chiles**, Linda Frazier & Carol Shaffer

Tuesday, September 15
AM-**Rosemary Long**, Betty Shuler & Dorothy Huntley
PM-**Hubert Shuler**, Margaret Fales & Karen Youmans

Tuesday, September 22
AM-**Carol Callaway**, Shirley Phillips & Dorothy Allen
PM-**Joel White**, Donna White & Hubert Shuler

Tuesday, September 29
AM-**Rosemary Long**, Ruth Hiatt & Jim Hiatt
PM-**Randy Kelly**, Karen Youmans & Jim Long

* The names in bold are the shift leaders.

Deacon Ordination

Sunday, September 13

Join us in worship as we ordain four new deacons that have just completed their year as Deacons in Training. We are pleased and excited for them to continue serving and blessing our church.

*Laura Bush, Joan Pence, Ruth Hiatt,
& Rosalie Swaney*

Fall Festival



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It's almost that time of year again!! Our annual Fall Festival is set for Sunday, October 25. We will soon be taking donations and asking for several volunteers. Please mark your calendars and keep this date in mind. Watch for more information to follow in the bulletin and the October newsletter.

Calendar

- September 2 Bridge Street Ministries Training, 6 pm
- September 6 Bridge Street Ministries Grand Opening
- September 7 Labor Day, Office Closed
- September 13 Deacon Ordination, 9:30 am
- September 13 Team's Meeting, 11:30 am (*Rescheduled*)
- September 16 Pizza and Pie with Stephanie, 6:00 pm
- September 20 Pot Luck & Farewell to Stephanie
- September 27 Deacons Meeting, 11:30 am

Save the Date...

Our annual Fall Festival is Sunday, October 25.

In our Prayers

Our Church Family:

Randy Holmes	Joyce Teegarden
Dorothy Perkins	Lloyd Wilson
Bill Edwards	Mike Jensen
Georgia Callaway	Mark Bush
Joyce Denton	Al McNeil, Jr.
Gary Teegarden	
Audrey Tygart	
Linda Thomas & Mother	

Financial Figures

August Offerings \$9,196.58

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September Birthdays

September 4	Dorothy Allen
September 6	Carla Berner
September 7	Katherine Yates
September 8	Alison Edwards
September 10	Eva Holmes
September 12	A.J Kelly
September 13	Emma Crawford
September 14	Bill Edwards
September 15	Brinkley Lindsey
September 18	Madalyn Herrod
September 20	Christen Doerzbacher
September 26	Courtney Jones & Athena Gillespie
September 29	Hila Foster & Cassidy Hopkins



Weekly Schedule

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

- 10:00 am –12:00 pm Bridge Street Ministries Open
- 1:00 pm PEPPI Exercise Class
- 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Bridge Street Ministries Open

Wednesdays

- 6:30 pm—7:15 pm Children's Programming
- 6:00 pm—7:15 pm Youth Group

Ministers & Staff

Rev. Stephanie Swanson, *Pastor*

Cody Wilson, *Youth Director*

Betty Shuler, *Secretary*

Tammy Kelly, *Secretary*

Margaret Fales, *Music*

Athena Gillespie, *Pianist*

Office Hours:

Mondays 9am-1pm

Tuesdays 9am-1pm

Thursdays 9am-1pm