

# January Scroll

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." - John 8:12

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Smyrna Family,

Welcome to 2018! I pray that God will bless you this year and that you will grow in wisdom and stature before the Lord. By the way, sometimes His blessings are packaged in circumstances that at first glance may not look like blessings at all. So, my prayer for all of us is that we would come to know Him more and become more like Him as the new year unfolds. That means that our faith in Him will need to be grounded in His infallible Word and a deep belief that He is always good and in control. May we honor our Great King with steadfast faithfulness and obedience all year long.

The staff and I have been seeking His will and wisdom for Smyrna Baptist for 2018. In so doing, we believe that we should focus on three initiatives for this year. In some ways, they are a continuation of some of what we have been focused on in 2017. For example, we will continue our journey along the Emmaus Road as we enter year 2 of this 3 year adventure of reading the Bible through with a daily devotion on every chapter of the Bible written by one of your pastoral staff members. Along with that step in our discipleship making process here at Smyrna, we will add several more initiatives.

First of all, Pastor Joe will lead us into a comprehensive missions

strategy that will encapsulate Acts 1:8. Our goal to ramp up our connections with the local schools in our county to be sure that all of the children in our schools have adequate clothing and school supplies. Amy Mizzell and Kathy Miles are doing a great job with the clothes closet and are willing to add a school supply room to the ministry. Our part as a church will be to keep the supply room well stocked for the children in need. Pastor Joe is looking at a possible partnership with a NAMB church planter in Massachusetts as we wait on the work to begin in Portland, Oregon. We are attempting to make our first trip to Liberia this year as well. You see friends, we are called to reach our community as well as the ends of the earth and that will be a push this year.

Pastor Aaron continues to do a great job with discipleship here at Smyrna and this year is excited about birthing new classes, utilizing the west campus, and developing a comprehensive approach to training families to better understand how to disciple their own kids. Pastor Josh is a part of this effort to develop parents and not just students in this effort, as well as Kalley and our children's department leadership team. We are all thrilled about the resources and training that we are planning to make available to parents and grandparents alike. Part of the task will be getting all of you,

regardless of age, to see the eternal value in this ministry.

A final initiative for 2018 will revolve around media ministry. It is my desire to see us finally get our cameras, television monitors, streaming capabilities, and media outreach up and running. By doing this, we take the Gospel message to those who can't be here as well as providing access to our services for those serving with our children and other areas of ministry that prevent them from being able to be in the sanctuary. Exciting times dear friends. Happy New Year!

Devotedly,  
Pastor Robert



  
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### Special Points of Interest:

- \* Emmaus Road (Year II) is available for pick up in the church Foyer
- \* Beautiful Older People (BOP) luncheon is Wednesday, Jan. 10th @ 11:00 am
- \* Manna Ministry schedule on Page 8
- \* 5th Sunday Breakfast Fellowship schedule on back page
- \* New Ladies Bible Study to begin January 17th at 10 am - Studying the Gospel of John

## A MESSAGE FROM. . . AARON BOBO, ASSOC. PASTOR

Welcome to 2018 Smyrna family!

My prayer is that 2018 will bring with it incredible progress and blessing as we follow the Lord collectively. Most of you already know that our Sunday school ministry is thriving. In fact, December of 2017 saw us break the 250 mark in average attendance for the first time. We are thrilled and humbled by what God has done and is doing and we are excited about the “problems” we face in the coming months.

In ministry, as in life, there are always problems. Some problems are negative. Things like money budget deficits and relational strife could be characterized this way. Some problems, however, are quite positive. In 2018 your discipleship ministry faces a positive “problem” and that is the problem of space! We are totally out of space in our current building. Every room (including the missions room) is occupied at the moment and we are still in need of expansion! My hope and prayer is that we would be able to “birth” at least two new classes beginning in March as we continue to multiply the body of Christ by making disciples through Sunday school.

As we brainstormed possible solutions, one possibility emerged rather quickly, the original building. At Smyrna, we have been given an incredible resource that is currently being underutilized and we want to solve that! Beginning on March 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting 3 Sunday school classes in that building every week. The staff and Sunday school leaders are excited about what God is doing and we cannot wait to begin to use again the original building but we need your help.

Before we can utilize the space at the original campus we have work to do! There is painting and yard work and cleaning that must be done in order to get the original building back up and running. So, our plan is to work together to accomplish this goal. The building and grounds committee is planning a work day on Saturday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8am. We will be providing lunch and childcare for those who are available! The plan is to paint all 9 of the classrooms in the sanctuary building and the sanctuary itself. Obviously, this is a large goal which will require many hands to accomplish.

My prayer and challenge to each of you is to step up and help us meet this goal. We would love to have upwards of 60-70 people on this day and we know you can do it Smyrna! Would you consider giving of your time on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to work together to prepare for more of God’s blessings and growth in 2017? If so, there will be a sign up sheet in the foyer or you can call Pastor Aaron at the church office to sign up! Let’s make 2018 a year of dedicated service to our Lord and trust that God will provide and bless in amazing ways!

Devotedly,

Pastor Aaron

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Greetings Smyrna Family,

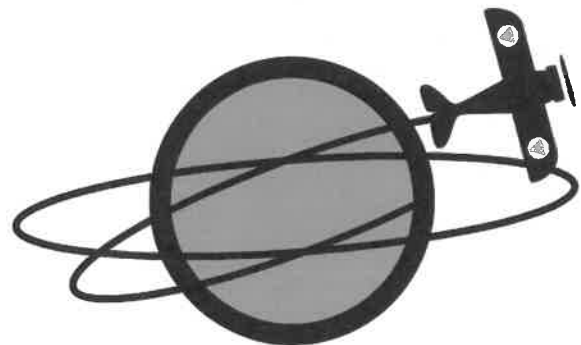
2018 is here! That sounds so futuristic, doesn't it? When I think of "2018" I think of flying cars and chrome-plated everything. But, oh well, maybe in another hundred years!

Even though we might not be flying cars in 2018 I can tell you what we will have here at Smyrna in the way of missions (and some other stuff). As you might know by now, we are planning a vision trip to Liberia in June. Take a moment to remember the Kitteridge family that visited us this past summer. They are doing a great work for the Lord in Liberia as full-time missionaries there and we are very eager to begin a formal partnership with them. As usual, we have to take a smaller and shorter than usual trip at first (called a vision trip) to have a few leaders learn more closely about what's going on over there and then be able to effectively communicate that to the rest of the church. There are info sheets at the Welcome Center and we are having an interest meeting on January 7th right after service, in the choir room. This will be the time to ask pertinent questions, etc.

Also in 2018 we are anticipating taking another team to Portland, OR in support of Pastor Drew Cheatham and his wife, Eunice. Because we can't get enough missions around here we are also exploring the possibility of working with an African-American church planter in Boston, Timothy Robinson. Tim is a phenomenal guy with a great heart and a church planter's calling and we absolutely can't wait for the church to meet him. (Here's a secret: Tim is likely coming down to preach for us one Sunday in the spring!)

With all this missional activity going on please be in prayer for these people and for our own church. "Doing mission" isn't an option for the Christian; it's a command. I hope that more and more of us will begin to see that and live it out as we grow in Christ, through the teaching of His Word and the community of His people. I can't wait to take the light of the gospel to dark places with my brothers and sisters at Smyrna.

For the King,  
Pastor Joe  
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**MISSION**  
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# SBC YOUTH



## Sunday, February 4th

**We will meet in the home of Carl & Andrea Sims**  
*(4601 Chesdin Woods Dr. Sutherland, VA 23885)*  
**and watch the BIG GAME! It all begins at 5:30 pm!**

Please bring finger foods & a 2 liter soda.  
Andrea and Carl will provide wings.

**Don't forget your Bible!**

### A MESSAGE FROM... JOSH ROWLAND, YOUTH PASTOR

Smyrna Family,

This week I was reminded of human fragility. Some of you may have seen me hobbling around the church; it is quite comical. While playing basketball, I severely sprained my ankle. In a split second, I went from running and jumping at full speed to rolling around on the floor, thinking that I had broken my ankle or lower leg. In all my years of playing basketball, I was blessed to endure exactly zero ankle-rolls. I can no longer say that.

Surprisingly, a bad sprain can be a huge inconvenience. I am supposed to be on crutches (hate those). I'm supposed to have it elevated. I'm supposed keep pressure on it. I have basically stuck on the couch. I'm getting a little stir-crazy, to be honest. But in this mildly annoying time, I'm reminded of a few things. First, our bodies are temporary and deteriorating. I know, morbid thought. But really, because of sin, our bodies are not what they are meant to be. We get hurt. We break down. We sprain our ankles, and much worse.

Secondly, and more importantly, we must remember that these temporary, broken bodies are just that: temporary. Just like my ankle, which I'll be able to get around on normally in a few weeks, these broken bodies will be restored. Though it will be more than a few weeks, our lifetimes here on earth are still very short in comparison to the eternity we will spend with the Lord and our glorified bodies. We will be healed for good.

An ankle sprain really isn't a big deal. But it does serve as a reminder that our bodies aren't yet what they're supposed to be (neither is the world, or our relationships or anything). Sin is far-reaching. But it won't always be this way, praise God!



In Christ,  
Joshua Rowland, Youth Pastor

## A MESSAGE FROM...THE WORSHIP MINISTRY. . .



Welcome 2018! As of this writing it is still 2017, barely. I'm **barely** over all the various preparations for Christmas and am **barely** excited about taking all the decorations down. As I typed the word **barely**, I decided to look up the proper definition. The dictionary definition is: "only just; almost not". That pretty well sums it up for me, after all the celebrating is done, especially as I get older. I don't really like feeling this way but year after year it seems to be a pattern, which probably contributes to why I'm ready to move into the New Year. Growing up I heard the expression "don't wish time away". I really don't wish to rush through life, but the older we become, the faster time flies and the more we savor the times in our lives that bring joy.

This time of year many of us reflect upon the past year's accomplishments, highlights, challenges and etc. We make resolutions for the New Year. It's also good to look back on our spiritual growth. Has there **barely** been any growth at all? I pray the New Year will have all of us yearning to grow in the Lord in our Bible study, our prayer life, and our worship life. Pastor Joe wrote a wonderful devotion in December about how important our corporate singing should be. I've written about that often in my newsletter articles as well. I pose this question to you...do you **barely** read your Bible, **barely** pray, **barely** lift your voice in praise during worship? Do you **barely** serve the Lord through the body of believers at Smyrna Baptist Church? Is "almost not" good enough for the Lord? I think not! He gave His all, shouldn't we strive to do the same in all we do?

It's our prayer as a worship ministry team that our body of believers will continue to grow in the area of singing together in 2018. The choir's main purpose is to model and encourage you, the body of believers, to join the praise, lifting your voice in song to exalt the Most High God. So let's not be **barely—almost not** in our worship, but giving **everything we've got** to the One who gave it all!

January would be a great time to join the choir. We rehearse each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. I would also like to encourage parents to send your kids in to the Kidz Choir on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Immediately following choir they go right on to AWANA. There is a preschool choir and a school-age choir. We'd love to have a sizeable group to present a spring music presentation. We have two very capable leaders, Carla Temple for the preschoolers and Ashley Bobo for the grade school aged children. It is a wonderful opportunity for your children to grow up learning songs that undergird Christian principles that they are being taught at home and at church.

Start your New Year out by being in church and by being engaged in Bible study, prayer and worship. When you look back at the end of 2018 you will see spiritual growth and continue a pattern of growth into the following year.

*"Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk - not as unwise people but wise - making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. And don't get drunk with wine, which (leads to) reckless actions, but be filled by the Spirit: speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music from your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything."*

Ephesians 5:15-20



Singing His Praises,  
Melodie & Brad

# Kidz News



If you are unable to volunteer on your specified date/time, please find your own replacement and notify the Children's Dept. Coordinator with your replacements name - THANK YOU for serving the children of Smyrna Baptist Church!



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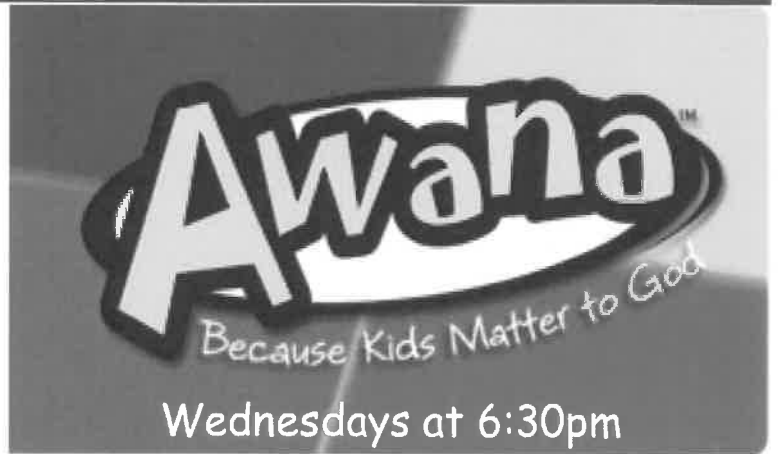
JAN 2018	SS Nursery (9:15—10:40)	Nursery (10:30)	Toddler 1's & 2's	Toddlers 3's	Children's Church	Check In (9:20 - 10:45)	Check In (10:30 - 12:15)
Jan 7th	Annette Perkinson	Stephanie Rowland	Tia Wilson	Mary Hunt	Cheryl Joyner	Kalley Saye	Terri Driskill
	Ashley Perkinson	Melissa Snellings	McKenzie Wilson	Laura Rowland	Sierra Servis		
Jan 14th	Brandy Turner	Diana Neville	Aimee Kennedy	Melissa Taylor	Roselyn Stell	Kalley Saye	Kalley Saye
	Peggy Turner	Rachel Leidy	Emma Kennedy	Rebekah Servis	Gracie Saye		
Jan 21st	Amelia Servis	Chena Crocker	Maggie Coleman	Johanna Rowland	Stacy Dyson	Kalley Saye	Angela Walker
	Holly McCaffity	Catherine Crocker	Janet Tyler	Joyce Andrews	Angel Davis		
Jan 28th	Ashley Bobo	Gina Perkinson	Alicia Dalton	Shay Tench	John Clay	Kalley Saye	Pam Reynolds
	Mason Wells	Kristin Rowland	Samantha Dalton	Robert Tench	Kristin Clay		



**KIDZ CHOIR**  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm

**Ages 3 to 12**

3 yrs. to Pre-K Room 114  
K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 125



Wednesdays at 6:30pm

- ♦ January 7th - NO AWANA
- ♦ January 14th - Give out Banks for penny collection
- ♦ January 21st - Missionary Night
- ♦ January 28th - Collect Banks

\*\*There will be an 'Ice Cream' night for the class that collects the most pennies\*\*



# Smyrna Baptist Church Calendar of Events - 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121  American Heritage Girls Troop VA1897 6-8 pm	<b>3</b>  8:30pm Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice NO AWANA/YOUTH	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 12:30 Liberia Info Meeting 12:30 Manna Ministry Mtg	<b>8</b>  Deacon's Meeting 7pm	<b>9</b> 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	<b>10</b> <b>BOP</b> 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 6:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 6:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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## January Birthdays

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|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 3 Randy Cheely   | 11 Jessica Harris                    | 20 Brandon Westmoreland                      |
| 4 Sherry (Sam) Kelly                                     | Susan McCammon                       | 21 Amanda Tyler                              |
| 5 Robert Elder, Jr.<br>Anthony Gammon                    | 14 Sheila Abernathy<br>Tiffany Evans | Avery Tucker                                 |
| 6 Peggy Edmonds<br>Tiffany VanGills                      | 15 Janice Conrad<br>Kim Lane         | 22 Chris Neville                             |
| 7 Joe N Daniels<br>Bobby Charboneau<br>Eddie Ray Edmonds | 16 Kevin Barnhouse<br>Kevin Varga    | Ariel Zemko                                  |
| 8 Larry Wingrove<br>Madison Martin                       | 17 Beth Hall<br>Matthew Elmore       | 23 Charles Kennedy                           |
| 10 Mason Wells   | 18 Derrick Temple                    | 24 Andrew Dyson                              |
|  | 19 Sharon Long<br>Bailey Giroux      | 26 John Taylor                               |
|  |                                      | 27 Nicole Cliborne<br>Ashley Barnhouse       |
|  |                                      | 29 Chris Hairfield                           |
|  |                                      | 30 Stephanie Rowland<br>Braeden Westmoreland |



If your name does not appear on our *Birthdays Calendar* that means we do not have your birthdate in our records. Please call the church @ 469-9363 (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm) to update the records we have on file or you can update it yourself via MY SMYRNA on our website [www.smyrna1897.org](http://www.smyrna1897.org).

For help getting setup with MySmyrna (where you can manage your own data such as address changes, phone, email changes, view directories, view volunteer opportunities & more!!) call the church office or email [admin@smyrna1897.org](mailto:admin@smyrna1897.org).



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## Mission Statement

Smyrna Baptist Church exists for the purpose of building up a community of fully equipped believers who give glory to God with every aspect of their lives.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Breakfast Fellowship  
April 29th      July 29th  
September 30th  
In the Sanctuary during the  
Sunday School Hour  
*\*No Adult Sunday School on above dates*  
Coffee, Juice and light refreshments will  
be served.

### MANNA MINISTRY SCHEDULE 2018

January 12th	July 13th
January 26th	July 27th
April 13th	October 12th
April 27th	October 26th

For more information on Manna Ministry please contact Lee or Mae Pillingone  
Lee - 731-0569/Mae - 733-1812

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

@ 10:00 am

STARTING

JANUARY 17th

the gospel of  
**John**

WOMEN'S BIBLE  
— STUDY —

We will be studying the Gospel of John for a total of 19 weeks. There will be a study for homeschoolers ages 8 and up that will be lead by Aimee Kennedy at the same time the ladies meet. Please contact either Cheryl Gray or Aimee Kennedy for more information. If you would like to attend and would require childcare, please let Cheryl or Aimee know so they can arrange that for you. **Sign up deadline is January 7<sup>th</sup>.** The sign-up sheet is located in the blue binder at the Welcome Center