

June Scroll

For with You is the fountain of life: In Your light we see light. O continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart. - Psalm 36: 9-10

Pastor's Corner

Dear Smyrna Family,

I sit today reveling in the glow of having my first grandson - Gideon Lee Rowland. I was out at another hospital in Richmond this morning so thought I would swing by Johnston Willis and see how the little fella was doing on his second day of life in this world - oh yeah, and Stephanie too. As I stood there holding him in that quiet room this morning my mind filled with great hope and expectation for him as he grows. Already I sense that the Lord is going to do something special with Gideon. Oh, may he be a valiant warrior in the hands of the Lord.

Now, don't you worry, I don't plan on spending this whole entry on my grandson. I do want to speak to about what I was thinking as I drove back down I-95. So long ago, Roland Powell taught me that if you think highly of another person, let's say a child, and relate to them that you believe they are special and will accomplish great things for the Lord, so often they do. I don't know if it's a self-fulfilling prophecy or not but I do know that there is something to believing in another person and letting them know you do.

It is so sad when a child is broken in spirit because an adult talked down to them all the time. On the other hand, it is such a blessing when a child is encouraged, exhorted to be all they can be in the hands of God, and prayed for. Can you imagine a child, created in the image of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, trained in the way of righteousness, shot into this world as an arrow in the hand of a warrior (Psalm 127:4)? This principle doesn't just apply to children, folks. I know that adults typically respond well to positive

reinforcement and encouragement. I know when I feel that someone believes in me as a person and as a pastor, it makes me want to serve them well and not disappoint them. Just like a child, I want to rise up to all they believe I am. Now, what if I feel they believe I am a loser, incapable, and a poor excuse for a pastor, I can tell you from first hand experience that I am not real motivated in those instances. It is as if my mind says, "Well if that what you think then that's what I will be." I think we all pretty much operate that way.

The Bible says in Ephesians 4:29, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." Dear friends, let this admonition from the Word of God be applied to all people whom we encounter, including those under your own roof and in your own family. A word that is fitly spoken does wonders in a person's life. Send your time and the gift of speech building up rather than tearing down. Encourage people with your words. There is enough discouragement already. Hey, build me up and who knows, I might actually improve; I will do the same for you. I for one am going to make sure that all of the children in my family, both mine and my grandchildren, know that I think they can hang the moon and am expecting that they will. This is not in an arrogant or haughty way. It is totally because I believe they are wonderfully made in the image of God and are to be raised focused on serving their great God and King, the Lord Jesus.

Devotedly,
Pastor Robert



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Special Points of Interest:

- ▶ Deacons Meeting, Mon. June 4th @ 7:00 pm
- ▶ AWANA End of the Year Banquet, Wed., June 6th
- ▶ June 7 - 16 our Liberia mission team will be in Africa
- ▶ Beautiful Older People (BOP) luncheon is Wednesday, June 13th @ 11:00 am
- ▶ Student Life camp June 18th - 22nd in Myrtle Beach, SC
- ▶ Centri-Kid camp June 25th - 29th at Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg

I hope that you all are enjoying our series on HomePointe family discipleship. One of the big lessons we hope to learn from our time studying God's plan of making disciples in our homes is that discipleship is truly a lifestyle and not an event. Unfortunately, in the church we have made many of God's commands "events" rather than an ongoing discipline. Evangelism has shifted from an hour by hour activity of "sowing the seed" of God's Word into a monthly or even annual gathering that we invite our lost friends to attend. Discipleship has become a class that we bring our families to for an hour or two a week during certain times of the year. While these opportunities are not inherently wrong, the Bible student would have to admit that they hardly seem to meet the criteria of biblical faithfulness when we look at Christ's command for us to individually and collectively make disciples.

One of the dangers of event driven discipleship is that it neglects the reality that the Christian life is meant to be taught through both word and deed. This really the theme of Deuteronomy 6:6-8 which tells parents that they are to teach the law of God when they get up and lie down and as they are going. Moses' concept of making disciples encompassed every facet of life and ours should as well.

What this means is that we must model the Christian life for our children. Christianity is not suited for an hour of our time a week! Instead, it is a daily discipline of loving obedience to our Lord and Savior. When we walk faithfully (not perfectly but honestly and humbly) with our God, our children observe and learn. They see that this is real to us and they see how Christianity both sustains a family in the bad times and provides joy and peace through life.

The bottom line is this; God implemented a plan that requires us to actually live what we say we believe. When we do, disciples are made and when we don't many of those who have been entrusted to us walk away under false pretense that this faith thing isn't really all its cracked up to be.

At Smyrna, we believe wholeheartedly in this model and as your pastors we want to heed the biblical admonition that we are to equip you for such a task (Ephesians 4:12)! This is why we want to encourage you to check out the HomePointe resource center. Inside you will find a myriad of wonderful, biblical materials that will help you think biblically about a range of subjects pertaining to the family. We hope these will be a source of knowledge and encouragement to you but we want to remind you that it is up to you by God's grace to implement what you are reading! May God be glorified as we live lives that honor Him and show our children how to follow in our steps.

Devotedly,

Pastor Aaron

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Greetings Smyrna Family,

The time has come: our Liberia team will be headed to the airport in less than two weeks! (Maybe even less than a week, depending on when you are reading this.) That being the case, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and financial gifts. I've said it before and I'll say it again; in sacrificing for this trip, you are storing up for yourself treasure where moth and rust do not destroy. The best part? You don't have to feel selfish for it! You are sacrificing now to gain more reward later. Hebrews 12:1-4 shows us that Jesus himself modeled the sacrifice-now-for-joy-later concept. So, thank you for your sacrifice and I pray that your joy may be increased!

While the team is away, there is nothing that would mean more to us than your continued prayers. Each team member will be giving his/her sponsor class(es) a prayer card, but I would also like to provide a few prayer points for the team in general.

- I. Pray that doors for gospel ministry would be opened and that open doors would be recognized! We are going on this trip to discover ways that we can most effectively partner with the Kittredges, so pray that we have eyes to see those ways.
- II. Pray for our health, safety, and travel. We are all aware of the risks of going overseas, but we are also ready to give it all for the sake of God's Kingdom. Nonetheless, we do ask that you pray for God to be glorified through protecting us.
- III. Pray for our families at home. Most of us are leaving spouses and/or kids to fly half the world away. Suffice it to say, nervousness is present! Pray that the Lord would grant peace of mind for all of us and our families.
- IV. Lastly, pray that we as the team members would be changed. Pray that our hearts would be open to anything and everything that the Lord has for us. Pray that our hearts would be broken for the lost and that our faith would be strengthened.

For the King,
Pastor Joe

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Monthly Missions Prayer Guide - June 2018

Gary Kittredge and Family (Liberia, West Africa)

- a. Pray for Gary and Michelle as their daughter, Ashley, is in school in Budapest, Hungary.
- b. Pray for strength and perseverance for the entire Kittredge family. Ministry is hard enough, but the challenges of ministry in a foreign country, away from family, etc. are on a whole different level at times.

Drew Cheatham and Family (Portland, Oregon)

- a. Pray for Drew and Eunice to have wisdom with what to do next. They still want to move to Portland to minister there, but now that they are pregnant, their plans will have to change.
- b. Pray that God will provide a way to go and that He would give them patience and wisdom in the meantime.

Tim Robinson and Family (Fitchburg, Massachusetts)

- a. Pray for Haven Church as they continue to reach people in Fitchburg.

Dinwiddie County

- a. Pray for our School Supply initiative. Pray that we would be willing to raise supplies and that the ministry would open doors to share the gospel.
- b. Pray that our members at Smyrna would start to see themselves as missionaries right here in Dinwiddie County.



A MESSAGE FROM... JOSH ROWLAND, NEXT GENERATION PASTOR

Hello Smyrna Family!

I apologize for not having a significant theological treatise for you this month. I would simply like to update you on our life and ministry. Last week, I spent time at Capital Hill Baptist Church in Washington D.C. at a 9Marks Weekender, learning from solid pastor-theologians like Mark Dever, Jonathan Leeman, and Bobby Jamieson (I commend their books to you).

They are a thoroughly biblical church, not some bible-denying, soft-preaching megachurch. They shepherd their people well and worship the Lord in spirit and truth. A few times a year they allow a group of pastors to come up for the weekend and basically "look under the hood" to see the ins and outs of how they do ministry. It was a wonderful experience, for many practical reasons. But what stuck with me the most was actually not what they taught me (which was very helpful, both practically and theologically). What really stood out to was how blessed I am to serve at Smyrna. I heard from so many pastors who were broken and burnt out. They were desperate for help from these experienced, Godly leaders. Instead of feeling covetous of their great ministry, I was simply encouraged because it looks very similar to what we have at Smyrna! I am not blowing smoke, here. On Sunday morning, as I enjoyed great worship and preaching at CHBC, I once again found myself missing the people at Smyrna Baptist Church. Thank you for being a joy to serve.

Additionally, as most of you probably now know, Stephanie and I welcomed Gideon Lee Rowland into our family on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. It was a little tricky; the planned induction couldn't occur because he was stubbornly in a breach position (hopefully not a foretaste of years to come). Praise God for great doctors and modern medicine. They quickly performed a c-section, and momma and baby are both doing well. Again, I am reminded of how grateful I am for the church universal, but especially for the church local. Smyrna Baptist has surrounded us in prayer and encouragement for every single one of our pregnancies. You have borne our sorrows and rejoiced alongside us. This is what the church does. Thank you!

In Christ,
Joshua Rowland, Next Generation Pastor



I enjoy learning the story behind the writing of a song, in particular, the songs we sing in our worship services. I research and share briefly with you when introducing our Sunday hymn some of the background. As you are aware, we sing a variety of music, ancient and modern. Recently, as I researched, I thought about how many songs are the result of a collaboration, sometimes the collaboration is between people that do not know each other. Texts written long ago put to music many years later. Some texts are written and put with existing melodies. One person writes verses and another composes the music. Resetting hymn texts to new music certainly isn't an original or novel concept. It's been going on in the church for a very long time. In fact, a little research will reveal that many of the great hymn writers weren't musicians; they were theologians who saw the power that song had in shaping the spiritual lives of their congregations. They worked as theological poets, writing hymns in meters that were commonly used among the churches, relying on melodies that were written by others. All of that led me to think of how God uses many people to accomplish His work on earth.

The Christian life in many ways is collaboration with each other and with God, the Father. Our singing on Sunday mornings is collaboration. We are singing together to glorify God. The dictionary states, "Collaboration occurs when two or more people or organizations work together to realize or achieve a goal." Our goal on Sunday mornings is to worship God with our singing, praying and the hearing and application of the Word. It is definitely a collaborative effort on the part of the pastoral staff, the worship ministry, sound and media ministry and you, the body of believers!

The scriptures exhort us to collaborate:

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..."
Romans 12:4-6a

"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10: 24-25

Collaboration shows unity as believers, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1. You have probably heard the quote "No man is an island". There have been books and songs written from that famous line from a 1624 poem. Simply, we are not self-sufficient, we need each other and we need God! That being said...over the summer, when schedules tend to loosen up, let's "not neglect to meet together". Come to Sunday worship services with anticipation of meeting God as you worship Him and with your family of faith!

Singing His Praises,
Melodie & Brad



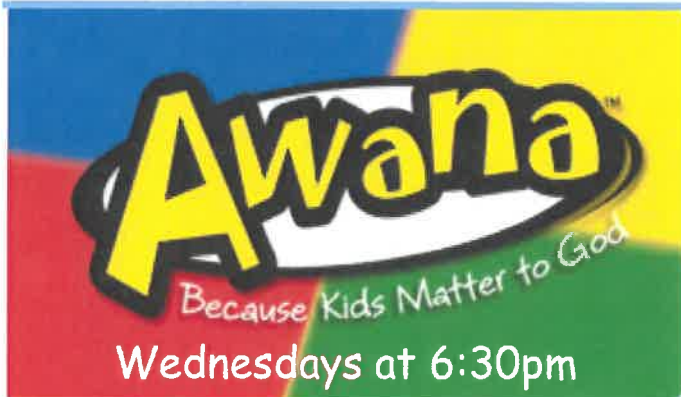
Kidz News



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!



JUNE 2018	10:30 am - 12:15 pm					CHECK-IN (9:15 - 10:30)	CHECK-IN (10:30 - 12:15)
	SS NURSERY (9:20 - 10:40)	NURSERY (10:30)	TODDLER 1's & 2's	TODDLERS 3's & 4's	CHILDREN'S CHURCH		
June 3rd	Panky Clark	Michelle Snead	Randall Cornett	Samantha Kidd	Stacey Dyson	Kim Davis	Angela Walker
	Betsy Adams	Sharon Long	McKenzie Wilson	Lauren Kidd	Angel Davis		
June 10th	Audrey Erdmann	Mary Tucker	Melissa Taylor	Janna Cobb	April Green	Ashley Perkinson	Pam Reynolds
	Cindy Bain	A or R Tucker	Reagan Saye	Emily Cobb	Rebekah Servis		
June 17th	Brandi Turner	Lisa Barnhouse	Ashley Barnhouse	Ahley Bobo	Aimee Kennedy	Kalley Saye	Kalley Saye
	Peggy Turner	Grace Barnhouse	Gracie Saye	Reagan Saye	Emma Kennedy		
June 24th	Annette Perkinson	Marian Rowland	Tia Wilson	Mary Hunt	John Clay	Aimee Kennedy	Kalley Saye
	Ashley Perkinson	Angie Adkins	McKenzie Wilson	Catherine Crocker	Kristin Clay		



🌀 June 6th - Closing Ceremony


HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
AWANA will start back up
September 12th.



From the
SBC KIDZ

Smyrna Baptist Church Calendar of Events - 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			BOP Wednesday, 6/13 @ 11am		1	2
3 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00 pm Re Engage	4 Deacon's Meeting 7pm	5 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	6 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study 6:30am AWANA End of year banquet Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service	11	12 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	13 BOP 11:00 am BOP Luncheon 6:30am Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	14	15	16
17 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service	18	19 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	20 6:30pm Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	21	22	23
FATHER'S DAY						
24 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service	25	26 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	27 6:30pm Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	28	29 11:30 am Sunshine Group Lunch outing at K&L Barbecue 	30
June Birthdays						

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| 2 | Ralph (BJ) Cothran | Kaitlyn S. Kirkland | 24 | Frank Gupton, Jr. | 28 | Dawn Upton | |
| 3 | John Ochtyun | 13 | Breanna Gill | 26 | Jack Grissom | 29 | Carson Bain |
| 4 | Jill Howard | | Victoria O' Carroll | 27 | Chena Crocker | | Miranda Kaufman |
| | Gary L. Marker | 15 | James Draper | | Larry Kirkland | 30 | Betsy Adams |
| | Andrea Sims | 17 | Kenny Coleman | | Timothy Robertson | | John (Jay) Lawrence |
| 5 | Sherri Crowder | 18 | Amy Langley | | Janet Tyler | | |
| | Cindy Evans | | Brittany Slayden | | | | |
| 6 | Larry Caramela | | Mitch Upton | | | | |
| | Sherrill Mellick | 19 | Bayli Kelly | | | | |
| | Theresa Oakley | 20 | Joyce Chavis | | | | |
| | Brianna Oakley | | Alexis Ragland | | | | |
| | Ann Wells | | Trinity Smith | | | | |
| 7 | Stacy Layne | 23 | MacKenzie Gammon | | | | |
| 8 | Edward Cales | | Bobby Olgers | | | | |
| | Herman (Bunny) Harrison | | Ashley B. Shifflett | | | | |
| 9 | Kaira C. Clark | | Melissa Shifflett | | | | |





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The Sunshine Group

Ages 55+

Our next outing is June 29th for lunch at K & L Barbecue at 11:30. If a ride is needed, meet at church at 11:00am.

Any questions? Call Peggy Edmonds at 804-481-7541

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.



- ▶ Mon., 2nd - Deacon's meeting - 7:00-8:00 pm
- ▶ Wed., 4th - Church office will be CLOSED to observe Independence Day
- ▶ Wed., 11th - BOP Luncheon at 11:00 am
- ▶ Fri., 13th - Manna Ministry 10 am - 2 pm
- ▶ 16th - 20th - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- ▶ Fri., 27th - Manna Ministry 10 am - 2 pm
Sunshine Group Luncheon @ 11:30am
- ▶ Sun., 29th - 5th Sunday Breakfast Fellowship

JULY 16th - 20th



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP PLEASE
CONTACT *KALLEY SAYE* or *ASHLEY BOBO*.