

"Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" - Psalm 23: 5 & 6

Smyrna Scroll

Pastor's Corner

Dear Smyrna Family,

I want to encourage all of you to be a part of our first *Annual Ministry Celebration* (formally known as a quarterly business meeting). With only one scheduled business meeting a year, we hope to make this an exciting evening of worship and celebration as we take a look at what God has allowed us and led us to do. There will, of course, be decisions made with 2018 in mind. We will vote on the *Ministry Investment Plan* (formally known as a budget), the nominating committee recommendations, and other essential items as well.

The AMC will be held on Wednesday October 18 in the sanctuary after our Wednesday Evening Dinner hosted by Joe Parsons Sunday School class. The meal is sure to be delicious and the meeting a genuine celebration of God's activity among us throughout this year. The truth is that we only need a certain number of people to attend in order to conduct business but that is not at all what we are shooting for or concerned with. Beloved, we want you to be a part of the decision-making process here at Smyrna and we want you to be able to celebrate with us the amazing advancements in the

Kingdom that God has made through the people of Smyrna Baptist Church.

I know that many of you are "allergic" to business meetings as you remember them in your past. I have heard horror stories of what has taken place under the guise of conducting the Lord's business. I assure you that this meeting will not be like that. We are going to sing and praise the Lord and look back at some highlights of ministry in life here at Smyrna for 2017. We are also going to cast vision for what we believe the Lord is leading us to for 2018. We will celebrate the strong financial giving, the increasing attendance, the amazing numbers in Sunday School, and the incredible number of people who are attending, serving, studying, and worshipping the Lord here on Wednesday nights. Folks do you realize that we are pushing 200 on Wednesday nights? Truly the Lord is to be praised and that is exactly what we plan to do.

Like Truett Cathy of Chick-fil-A who said, "Profit is not the name of the game, it is only the scorecard for some of our accomplishments" (*How Did You Do It, Truett?* 55). We must not lose sight in numbers but at the same time they are the scorecard by which we view some accomplishments. Truett writes, "To succeed we knew we

had to start small and grow slowly. This is where so many start-up companies today make their mistake. Dreamers dream big, and they want to reach their goals quickly. There's nothing wrong with big dreams. But my experience tells me that we're more likely to reach our dreams if we climb with care and caution, putting one foot in front of the other."

Friends, I believe that we are healthier now than we have ever been and it is due in large part to slowing down and taking the time to invest in the lives of people through intentional discipleship. Our growth this year has been slow and steady and deeper, I believe, than it has ever been. I celebrate 16 years as your pastor now and I must say that I am more excited about what God is doing with us now than ever. Thank you for your love for Jesus and His bride the church. Remember to be a part of our *Annual Ministry Celebration* Wednesday October 18 at 6:30 pm.

Devotedly, Pastor Robert



SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH
building community • equipping believers • serving Jesus

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Special Points of Interest:

- * This month Sunday School starts at 9:30am.
- * Emmaus Road Devotions are now available!
- * Community Clothes Closet open Mondays 10-12!
- * Wednesday Night Dinners are at 5:30pm.
- * BOP Monthly Luncheon is Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 11am.
- * HALLOW HIM is Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

A Message from. . . Aaron Bobo, Assoc. Pastor

Happy fall church family! I wanted to take a moment today to speak to you about a driving force (passion) that motivates what we do as pastors here at Smyrna. There are many ways to evaluate or quantify the health of a church. Some folks do so merely by looking at numbers, if a church is growing they are healthy, if a church is plateaued or in decline they are unhealthy. Others look at the number of programs a church offers. Some evaluate a church's health based on facilities or number of community events/outreach opportunities. While all of those things might be helpful, church health cannot be measured solely by any one of these metrics. Church growth can be either good or bad, after all several "churches" are growing even in our own community that do not preach the gospel. Church programs are wonderful but often the same core group of people are the ones running all of them! This leads to inevitable burnout and often very little in the way of return. The bottom line is that church health really should be measured by obedience which produces spiritual fruit.

Our desire at Smyrna is not to grow numerically for the sake of growth, its to grow in our walk with the Lord as we work together to serve Him for His glory with the gifts He has given us! We desire for our people to love God and we believe an outworking of that is leading others to love Him too! This leads me to the point of my writing this month, our efforts, goals and programs should be aimed at this purpose of spiritual depth which does often produce numeric growth but always produces spiritual fruit!

So, establishing this as the goal, how do we get there? Well I think Ephesians 4:11-12 helps us as pastors understand our role in promoting healthy church growth. Paul informs us there that God gave pastors and teachers (among others) to the church for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of ministry. This means that the job of the pastor or teacher is not to do everything himself instead it is to work to equip the entire body to engage in fulfilling the Great Commission call of making disciples collectively! Therefore, our hope is to encourage every one of you to find, develop and utilize your gifts to minister to each other.

Practically, this is why Sunday school is so important. In a church the size of Smyrna it can be hard to get to know one another. It can even be challenging to find places to plug in to serve, but in your Sunday school classes you can become part of a smaller community. These communities we are calling "Caregroups" and they exist to encourage one another, hold one another accountable, and serve one another in our time of need. Our desire is to see each of you serving your brother and sister with the gifts God has given you so that folks don't fall through the cracks and everyone gets the opportunity to participate! Furthermore, your Caregroup will unite to assist you in reaching your lost friends/family/coworkers with the Gospel!

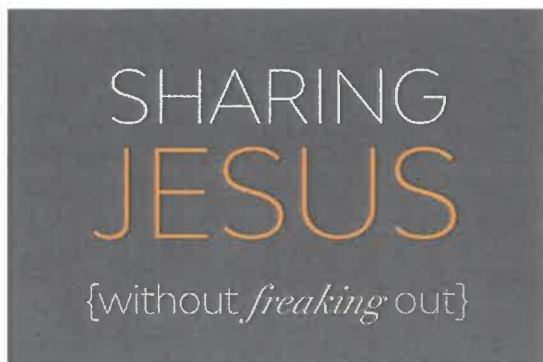
In short, Caregroups are how we will fulfill the Great Commission. They are how we will make sure each "soldier" in God's army is tracking and they are how we will grow into the family that appeals to the outside world.

So, what's the point? The point is that I want to encourage you to join a Sunday school class if you haven't already! I realize this can be intimidating for many of you, but trust me in saying that our classes are already witnessing God do some amazing things and they will see even greater works as all of us join together! My prayer for us is that we will indeed be a healthy church where all of God's members unite together to serve Him.

Devotedly,
Pastor Aaron

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A Message from. . . Joe Rowland, Assoc. Pastor

Greetings Smyrna Family,

I can't believe it's this time of year, but... HALLOWHIM IS ALMOST UPON US!!! (a month in church-time is nothing!) Being that we've done this for quite a few years now I assume you know what that means: it's time to bring in some C.A.N.D.Y! Starting on Sunday, Oct. 1, our annual HallowHim Candy Competition will begin and this year we will *make sure* that the class that wins gets a worthy prize.

Speaking of worthy prizes, isn't it awesome that we can, right here right now, store up treasures for ourselves in Heaven? I recently had to write a "thank you" letter to a few anonymous donors of a scholarship that I received for seminary. In this letter it was my absolute joy to remind these generous givers that they weren't just helping a kid through seminary; they were using their God-given resources and talents for the Kingdom of God and therefore storing up for themselves ultimate joys where moth and rust don't destroy! What a joy that was to type that truth to them as it is to type for you now!

So I must ask, what are you doing for the Kingdom of God right here, right now? I recently lamented on Facebook about a Christian financial organization urging me to plan for a "comfortable retirement." My response? That's the last thing I want! I want to live out ALL my days in a radically Christ-exalting way! Comfort? On Earth? No thank you! Why would I sacrifice eternal riches for momentary relaxation? What's a measly 15 years in light of eternity?

A quote from the great Charles H. Spurgeon, "If by excessive labor, we die before the average age of man, worn out in the Master's service, then glory be to God, we shall have so much less of earth and so much more of Heaven... It is our duty and our privilege to exhaust our lives for Jesus. We are not to be living specimens of men in fine preservation, but living sacrifices, whose lot is to be consumed."

Friends, live for what lasts.

For the King,
Pastor Joe

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**HallowHim
Candy
Competition**
Starting Sunday,
October 1st
Will your Sunday School Class be the winner this year?

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.



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18971 CARSON RD. NORTH
DIXWIDDIE, VA 23841


YOUTH HAPPENINGS

SBC Youth
Wednesday Nights
@ 630 pm

Dear Smyrna Family,

I want to take a moment to thank you. Through your generosity, my family has been afforded the privilege of moving into the church parsonage. This is an incredible blessing for a young family with one working parent! On top of that, it is an incredible blessing for the youth ministry here at Smyrna. We are referring to the parsonage as our "mission hub". What an incredible tool for ministry! Already, we have had dozens of students over to grow in community with us and each other. None of that would be possible were it not for your support, both in finances and in prayer. Please continue to pray that we will be able to use this blessing to further the Kingdom!

As I sit here typing this, I am reminded of how wonderful you are as a church family. I am so thankful for each of you. Each week, my Smyrna family encourages and rejuvenates me. I do not think I could make it through the week without the community of faith at Smyrna spurring me on to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25)! I could wax poetic at great length, but suffice it to say, I love this church. I love the universal church, and I love ministry of a local church; specifically, though, I love Smyrna Baptist Church.

The explicitly Biblical teaching we have received for many years has directly influenced this. I hope you all do not miss the connection. Staying in the Word leads to finding the glory of Christ in the Word. Finding the glory of Christ leads to becoming more like him over time (sanctification). It is no coincidence that Smyrna is a church filled with Godly men and women. Smyrna is a gospel-centered, Biblical church, and sanctification is the natural and unavoidable result! Continue to seek God in His Word, Smyrna—it looks good on you!

In Christ,
Pastor Josh
youthpastor@smyrna1897.org



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HOT DOGS • AND MORE

SATURDAY OCT 7TH, 2017 5:30PM-9:00PM

MRS. ANDREA'S HOUSE
(SEE CONTACT FOR ADDRESS)

JOSH ROWLAND (804)929-7164



SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

SCAREMARE
10-28-2017

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCT 28TH

TIME: MEETING @3:30PM

WHERE: LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
MEETING @SMYRNA, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

COST: FREE!
(JUST BRING MONEY FOR DINNER)

*SIGN UP AT THE CHILDREN'S CHECK IN DESK

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO
JOSH ROWLAND
(804) 929-7164

A Message from...the Worship Ministry. . . .



Just today I arrived home from the Sing! Music Conference. There isn't enough space in this article to share all I experienced this past week! First of all I am grateful for the opportunity to participate! The conference was attended by more than 4,500 people from all over the globe. I sang in a choir of 200, also from all over the globe. There were speakers from various countries as well. The entire focus of the conference was to emphasize the

importance of congregational singing. On the last morning there was an international panel of Pastors from Ireland, Ghana, Dominican Republic, Zambia and India discussing the importance of singing in corporate worship

and how that looks in their churches. This is something that has always been close to my heart, singing praises to the Most High God the Lord of all Creation, with my fellow believers. Our congregations over the years have gone from participatory to spectators when it comes to singing corporately. This is a matter of such importance that many theologians and musicians have come together to begin a dialogue to encourage and equip church leadership to shift our congregations back into being participatory in singing biblical truths with sound theology in the songs used in corporate, private and family worship. Scripture actually commands us to sing. Paul told the members of the church in Ephesus to be "speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit". He wanted them to "sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:19-20). Paul doesn't tell us to perform for one another, but to sing to one another. Colossians 3:16 states, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

All of our Worship Ministry staff and volunteers are not on the platform to sing for you. Our purpose is to sing to and about the Lord and lead you to do the same. Here are some points to think about from Keith & Krystyn Getty's book "Sing, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church":

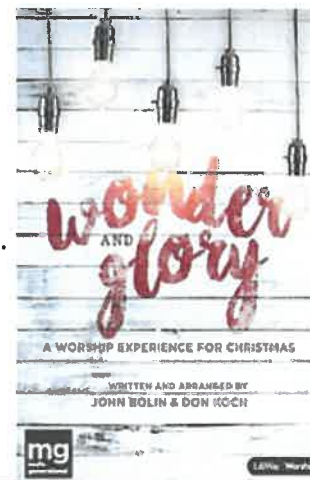
1. Singing Takes Sunday's Truths into Monday.
Singing files away the messages the lyrics convey in our minds and hearts.
Songs help us remember scripture.
2. Singing sustains you in every season of life.
3. Singing reminds you of what God has done in your life.
4. Singing keeps your mind on eternity.

Much more could be said and read (I highly recommend you reading the above mentioned book...I read it in a couple of hours). It's my prayer that in addition to being a Bible reading and praying church, we also become a singing church!

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song." Psalms 95:1-2

It's not too late to get in on the Worship Ministry's Christmas Worship Experience, "Wonder & Glory". The adult choir meets Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and the children meet at 6 p.m. just before AWANAs.

*Singing His Praise,
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!



OCT 2017	SS Nursery (9:20)	Nursery (10:35)	Toddler 1's & 2's	Toddlers 3's	Children's Church	Check In (9:20)	Check In (10:45)
Oct 1	Amelia Servis	Michele Sloan	Maggie Coleman	Johanna Rowland	Cheryl Joyner	Ashley Perkinson	Terri Driskill
	Holly McCaffity	Catherine Crocker	Janet Tyler	Joyce Andrews	Sierra Servis		
Oct 8	Audrey Erdmann	Gina Perkinson	Alicia Dalton	Shay Tench	Stacey Dyson	Kalley Saye	Kalley Saye
	Mason Wells	Kristin Rowland	Samantha Dalton	Robert Tench			
Oct 15	Diane Burton	Brandy Barchanowicz	Brittany Sober	Rhonda Kester	Chuck Page	Kim Davis	Angela Walker
	Kathy Miles	Sharon Long	Ariel Zemko	Gracie Saye	P Page		
Oct 22	Heather Gordon	Mary Tucker	Randall Cornett	Samantha Kidd	Danna Gammon	Kalley Saye	Pam Reynolds
	John Gordon	Avery Tucker	Rebekah Servis	Lauren Kidd	Bryant Gammon		
Oct 29	Betsy Adams	Lisa Barnhouse	Renee Silvestro	Janna Cobb	Chuck Page	Kalley Saye	Kalley Saye
	Ashley Bobo	Grace Barnhouse	Angel Davis	Emily Cobb	P Page		

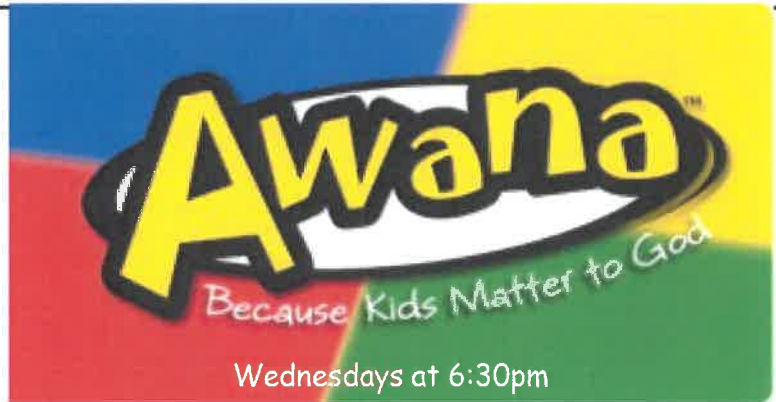
A Message from our Children's Coordinator...



KIDZ CHOIR
Wednesdays at
6:00pm

Ages 3 to 12

3 yrs. to Pre-K Room 114
 K to 6th Grade Room 125



Oct. 4th—Regular Club Meeting
 Oct. 11th—Regular Club Meeting
 Oct. 18th—Bring your decorated pumpkin to be judged
 Business meeting—NO AWANA classes
 Oct. 25th—Regular Club Meeting

Smyrna Baptist Church Calendar of Events 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out	2 Deacon's Meeting 7pm	3 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 8:00—8:00pm American Heritage Girls	4 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 8:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 8:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	5 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share 6:00 pm Feed DHS Football Team	6 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Manna Ministry	7
8 Lord's Supper Observed 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out	9	10 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 Finance Committee Mtg - 7pm	11 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 8:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 8:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	12 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	13	14
15 Flu Shot Clinic-Room 106 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out	16	17 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 6:00—8:00pm American Heritage Girls	18 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 8:30pm AWANA/ Youth Annual Ministry Celebration Worship Ministry Practice	19 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	20	21 Breakfast & Workday - 8am
22 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out	23	24 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121	25 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 8:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	26 Smyrna Scroll Submissions Due 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	27 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Manna Ministry	28
29 BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP! Bring a dish to share and join us at 9:30 in the sanctuary for a church wide breakfast!!! 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out	30	31 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 HALLOW HIM 6:00 - 8:00 pm	 Wednesday Oct. 11th at 11am		Annual Ministry Celebration Wednesday, Oct. 18th @ 6:30pm	
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS						

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|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 - Dale Snead | Allen Finch | 18 - Margaret Ann Bien | 26 - Mike Green |
| 3 - Steve Perkinson | Jimmy Barchanowicz | 20 - Lee Ann Dalgard | Alyssa Rider |
| River Saye | 9 - Wallie Blount | Brandy Barchanowicz | 27 - Amy Marker |
| 4 - Jennifer Burke | 10 - Ruth Mayer | Jeffrey Carr | 28 - Howard Thomas |
| Sheri Harris Fraser | David Tench | 21 - Marla Johnson | 30 - Angela Walker |
| 5 - Beth Howerton | 11 - Ivan Slayden | Gracie Saye | Caitlyn Marie Nowak |
| Pauline Stephenson | Carol Hege | 22 - Phil Frazier | 31 - Vickie Slayden |
| Tyler Johnson | John Eubank | Daniel Davis | |
| 7 - Jackie Davis | 12 - Danielle Montgomery | Brad Smith | |
| Patty Kidd | 13 - Jeannie Nice | 24 - Barry Fox | |
| Heath Lane | 14 - Judy Reighard | Pete Twisdale | |
| 8 - Melodie Parsons | Hudson Lane | Debbie Creech | |
| Kevin Shifflett | 15 - Mykalah Tench | 25 - Colton Cliborne | |
| Kenny Miles | 17 - Jerry Perkinson | | |



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FALL FESTIVAL

JOIN US ON

OCTOBER 31 6PM-8PM

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BOUNCY CASTLES CAKE WALK FACE PAINTING

FUNNEL CAKES FUN PRIZES CARNIVAL GAMES

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

FOOD TRUCKS & CHICK-FILA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES & TREATS ARE FREE

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5th Sunday

Breakfast Fellowship

Oct. 29th

In the Sanctuary during the
Sunday School Hour

Coffee, Juice and light
refreshments will be served.

***No Adult Sunday School on above dates**



Annual

Ministry Celebration

Wednesday
October 18
@ 6:30 pm

We encourage ALL to attend.
We will take a look back at
the highlights of 2017 and cast
a vision for 2018

EMMAUS ROAD

Text

"DEVOTION"

to 804-491-3776

Seeing Christ
in Every Chapter of the Bible



The Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia

www.sbcv.org

FREE Flu Shot and BP Clinic

Date: Sunday, October 15th

Place: Smyrna Baptist Church
Room 106 / Conference Room
18971 Carson Rd
Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Time: 9:30am - 12 Noon

Please call (804) 469-9363 with any questions.

- Please have your insurance card available the day of the clinic & you will need to complete a VAR Informed Consent for Vaccination form that day as well.
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- Flu Shots available for those ages 7 and up.

Get a Shot, Give a Shot! When you get a flu, whooping cough, shingles, pneumonia or any other immunization at Walgreens, you could help save a life. Together with the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign, we're helping to provide lifesaving vaccines to children in a developing country.

