

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Smyrna Scroll

Pastor's Corner

Welcome to September, the fall, and the beginning of a new school year. I genuinely enjoy this time of year as it brings cooler weather, beautiful fall colors, and football. I also enjoy this time of year because we typically see a more steady focus on the life of the church as summertime fun slows down. I know that isn't totally true anymore with sports consuming so much of your time year round now. That is not a good thing by the way and is unfortunate for our families who have fallen into the trap – sorry! For the most part, this time of year brings better church attendance and focus and I am glad. Summer was extremely busy for Smyrna and we experienced some real blessings. Even through the summer, church attendance has been steadily rising, giving is consistent, and people are growing in the Lord. I have been especially happy with our children's ministry team and what is happening among our student ministry too. Your encouragement to the staff concerning the Emmaus Road has definitely boosted our spirits and we thank God for what He is doing

through that labor of love.

Now, this fall is shaping up to be full of wonderful ministry opportunities, fellowship opportunities, and of course continued discipleship opportunities. We are doing our best not to let you forget that we begin our Wednesday Night Dinners on September 6 @ 5:30. Please know that if you can't get here until 6 or so come anyway. It will be come and eat as you arrive. Services start at 6:30 on Wednesdays and our goal is that you would not have to worry about preparing a meal for you and/or your family and that we might get to know each other more. Just come on! Also, on September 17 we will begin our Sunday Night Discipleship once again. Sunday Nights begin at **6 PM.**

The subject for Sunday Night is going to be evangelism. The study is called "Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out" by Dr. Alvin Reid. This will be a ten week study and will be tied directly back to our off campus Small Group Bible Studies that we are going to restart at the completion of this Sunday Night adventure. Small Group Bible Studies, we hope, will

have an element of outreach to them. We want to walk you through Dr. Reid's study on sharing Jesus and then hopefully turn you loose to reach your neighbors. There really is a method to our madness.

Thank you dear people for the excitement and encouragement that we feel from you during these days. The staff's level of affirmation and hope is high right now. We sense the favor of the Lord once again and feel that Smyrna is on the verge of some kind of spiritual breakthrough. The health of the church is better than it has ever been and the indicators of where we are as a congregation are extremely encouraging. Keep your guard up and be certain to put on the full armor of the Lord as the Devil is sure to press against the move of God as together we push back the darkness in Dinwiddie and beyond. To God be the glory.

Devotedly,
Pastor Robert



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building community • equipping believers • serving Jesus

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Special Points of Interest:

- * Emmaus Road Devotions are now available!
- * Community Clothes Closet open Mondays 10-12!
- * Wednesday Night Dinners will be starting Sept. 6th at 5:30pm.
- * American Heritage Girls Kickoff is Tuesday, Sept. 5th from 6-8pm.
- * BOP Monthly Luncheon is Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 11am.
- * Ladies Bible Study of the Book of James will begin Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 10am.

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

Happy fall Smyrna! The month of September brings with it a few new and exciting opportunities. For just a few moments, I want to address two of those: Sharing Jesus without Fear and Sunday school Caregroups. As we move into the fall of the year your pastors want to ramp up ministry! Folks are back from vacation and starting to settle back into a routine which makes it a wonderful time to start new ministry opportunities.

This year, we want to emphasize evangelism. According to Jesus' words in the Great Commission, every believer is called to be an evangelist. All of us are to "make disciples", and we believe the church should partner and equip each member to do just that! This year, we are attempting to equip and partner with our members to evangelize in two ways.

First, beginning on Sunday September 17th, we will be offering evangelistic training as we walk together through a study by Dr. Alvin Reid entitled "Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out." Dr. Reid is a wonderful and gifted evangelist. What he offers us in this training is both practical, challenging and encouraging. Our prayer is that many of you will be equipped and encouraged to begin to live with a "missionary's mindset" as we identify people we know (family, friends, co-workers) who desperately need to hear the Gospel.

Second, our Sunday school classes will be adopting a "Caregroup" model beginning Sunday September 10th. Our Caregroups will meet for a few minutes weekly during the Sunday school hour for the purpose of prayer, encouragement, and outreach. In short, we want to develop groups of 8-16 people who will minister to us in our time of need, encourage us in our walk with Christ, and be the warm and encouraging faces that our friends and family meet when we invite them to church!

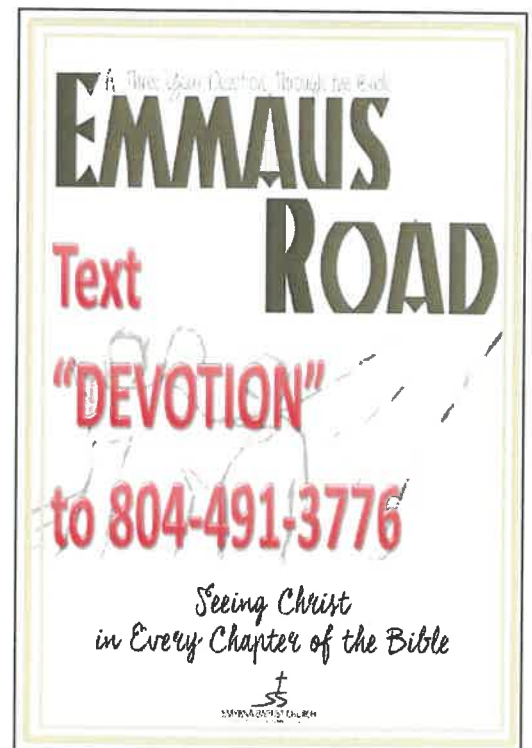
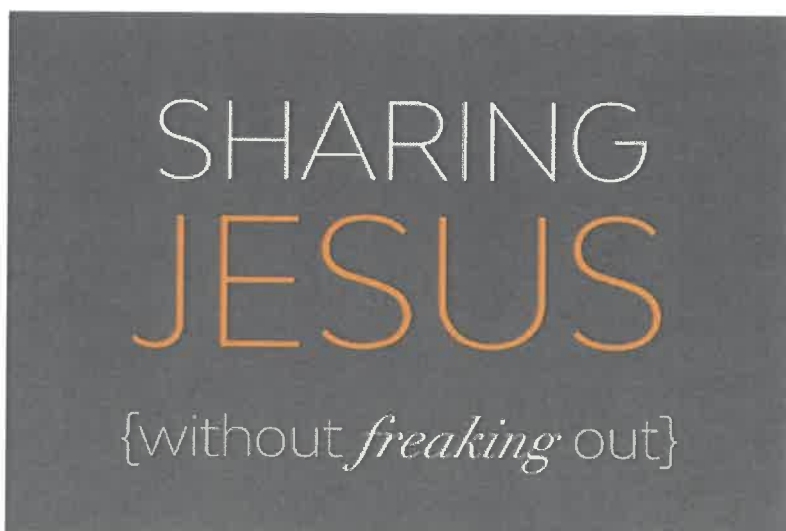
I pray you will be a part of these exciting opportunities as we believe God will richly bless our efforts and time together.

Devotedly,

Pastor Aaron

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

Greetings Smyrna Family,

Church health: a topic I could talk about for many, many, many hours. What makes a church a “healthy church”? That’s a big question, though not too big for answers. Unfortunately the Smyrna Scroll is not the place to get into a conversation like this, but I want you to think about it. What do you think makes a church “healthy”? Growing attendance numbers? Growing tithe numbers? Conversion and baptism numbers? Or, is it really about numbers at all? Maybe what makes a church healthy isn’t the worldly standards we impose on it, but the biblical standards the Bible sets forth. I would say that what makes a church healthy isn’t its ability to draw a crowd or get lots of money. No, not at all. What makes a church healthy is its degree of faithfulness to its head, Jesus Christ, regardless of anything. A healthy church stays faithful to God even if the numbers are down. A healthy church stays faithful to God even if the world doesn’t see it as successful. So let me ask you: are you Kingdom minded or worldly minded? What makes you feel better: high church attendance or real spiritual change in a brother or sister’s life? Do you even notice when real life change occurs in someone’s life or are you too wrapped up in the worldly success of this building?

If you feel convicted right now let me give you some guidance: pray and serve. If you are diligently maintaining a vibrant prayer life (or at least trying to) then God will reward you by focusing your heart on the right things. You will want to share the gospel with your neighbors, you will want to see people’s lives changed by the Word of God whether they have a lot of money to give or not! Likewise, when you dive into service to the Lord Jesus Christ, it is much tougher to be worldly minded. Complaining usually occurs in those people that aren’t actually serving. Why? Because when you serve the Lord rewards by focusing your heart on Kingdom things and you are filled with joy and peace and patience and love and kindness and gentleness. The fruits of the Spirit leave no room for the immoral deeds of the flesh.

Now that we’re talking about praying and serving let me give you an opportunity for that!

We are in the process of praying about and planning a mission trip to Liberia, West Africa next year! At this stage, we need one thing: prayer. Pray for servants to be raised up to go and for hearts to be moved to provide.

Also, Hallow Him is currently being planned and prepared for so please continue to pray for that event and prepare to help out in whatever way the Lord desires of you.

For the King,
Pastor Joe

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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.





Smyrna Family,

This year is the absolute busiest time of the year for me. The youth ministry usually begins to pick up some steam at the beginning of the school year. All of my students flood in at DHS (along with countless essays to grade). My new semester of seminary classes through Southeastern begins as well. I am not writing this for your pity; I love all of these parts of life, no matter how time-consuming or stressful they may be at times. I would have it no other way. The reality, though, is that when life gets busy, the first of my spiritual disciplines to fall to the wayside is usually prayer. This is shameful, but a reality that many of us understand.

Prayer is already difficult, even when we aren't busy. Paul Miller explains, "Praying exposes how self-occupied we are and uncovers our doubts. It is easier on our faith *not* to pray" (*A Praying Life* 15). This is especially true in our culture. We go, go, go, at all times. We praise productivity. So when we have to take time to slow down and commune with God in prayer, our human nature feels like we could be doing something more productive. This couldn't be further from the truth. I love this quote from the father of the Reformation, Martin Luther: "I have to do so much today I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." That is so opposite of the way we think! Even in busy times, rather, especially in busy times, prayer is necessary. We know that the true solution to whatever problems we may face is growing in the Lord. This cannot be to the exclusion of prayer. Yes, you can still study the Bible, but I submit that you cannot correctly grow in your knowledge of the Word apart from prayer.

Just pray, church. Even when you don't know what to say, just pray. Romans 8:26 promises that when we don't know what to pray, we cry out, and the Spirit will intercede for us. Galatians 4:6 says that God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts to cry out, Abba! Father! We are dependent on Him. In this busy season of my own life, please pray for me. That I will remain faithful to my spiritual disciplines and to my own family. That I will clearly see and embrace the gift of prayer. I pray the same for all of you! Let's wake up and seek God in prayer (Psalm 88:13). You can't start the day any better than that.

In Christ,
Joshua Rowland
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A Message from...the Worship Ministry. . . .



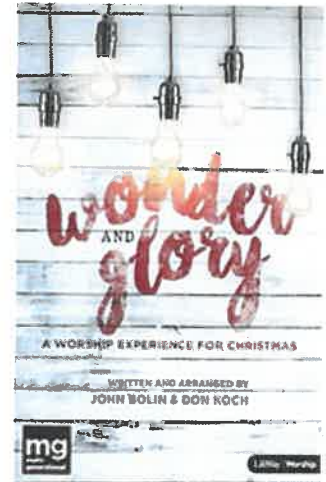
It's been a long, hot and busy summer! Fall is right around the corner along with cooler temperatures...AND OUR NEW WEDNESDAY FALL SCHEDULE! Wednesdays beginning, Sept. 6, start with Wednesday night dinners @ 5:30 p.m., Kidz Choir @ 6 p.m., AWANA, Adult Choir and Worship Ministry rehearsals @6:30 p.m. in addition to youth & adult Bible study and prayer. It's a great night for families to dive into an area of ministry to learn, grow and lead others into a deeper relationship with Christ. I would like to encourage all choir members to get back to rehearsals. It's also a great time for any of you that have thought about becoming part of the adult choir to join us Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are beginning to rehearse our Christmas music and preparing new music for Sundays.

I'm so excited that we can offer Kidz Choirs this fall. Carla Temple will be leading the pre-school choir for 3, 4 & 5 year olds; Ashley Bobo and Ashley Perkinson will be leading children Kindergarten through 5th grade. They will meet immediately following Wednesday Dinners. The children will be rehearsing songs to present in worship on Sundays and will participate in this year's Christmas music. So you will want to get your kids involved on Wednesdays. We are making it easy to come by offering dinner, so get your reservations in for dinner and get to church on Wednesdays!

This years Christmas music is selections from "Wonder and

Glory" a multi-generational musical, Chris Tomlin's "Adore" and Sidewalk Prophets, "Merry Christmas to You". There is Familiar carols as well as new music. If you love to sing Christmas music and praise our Lord, you will want to be a part of this years Christmas music!

Up coming hymns & worship songs for September are: "It Is Well"; "Doxology"; "Holy, Holy, Holy"; "Hallelujah, What a Savior"; "I Stand Amazed"; "Open Up the Heavens", "Worthy One"; "Prepare Our Hearts", and "Grace That Won't Let Go".



On September 15, Joe is driving me to Nashville to attend the 2017 Getty Music Worship Conference...*Sing!* Each day beginning August 15, I've been receiving emails requesting prayer for various aspects of the conference from speakers to musicians. Today's (Aug. 18) email was asking attendees to pray for David Platt (President of the International Mission Board). The theme of his talk at the conference is the radical witness of congregation singing. These are the two convictions they hope people will take home with them:

1. What and how we sing is witness-it always has been and always will be-from Old Testament to the early church in Acts and throughout the history of the church global, to the history of the church in America: how we sing is not merely a private or "in the club" exercise.
2. What we sing should fire us to mission-if we are not singing about the gospel of Christ, the realities of heaven and hell, and the call on all of us to be missional, we can't expect our congregations to take it as seriously as they should. One of the most remarkable things about studying great missionaries is how critical hymns and sung worship was to all of them.

There are many speakers and musicians that you can pray for during the conference and pray for the attendees and myself that we will be ready to listen, consider and be Inspired to more fully participate in the Great Commission.

*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!



SEPT. 2017	SS Nursery (9:35-10:45)	Nursery (10:45)	Toddler 1's & 2's	Toddlers 3's	Children's Church	Check In (9:35)	Check In (10:45)
Sept. 3	Betsy Adams	Marian Rowland	Renee Silvestro	Janna Cobb	Chuck Page	Ashley Perkinson	Terri Driskill
	Cindy Bain	Angie Adkins	Angel Davis	Emily Cobb	A Page		
Sept. 10	Panky Clark	Lisa Barnhouse	Ashley Branhouse	Nicki Stephenson	Roselyn Stell	Kalley Saye	Kalley Saye
	Ashley Bobo	Grace Barnhouse	Reagan Saye	Ariel Zemko	Sierra Servis		
Sept. 17	Peggy Turner	Diana Neville	Aimee Kennedy	Mary Hunt	John Clay	Kim Davis	Angela Walker
	Brandy Turner	Gracie Saye	Emma Kennedy	Laura Rowland	Kristin Clay		
Sept. 24	Annette Perkinson	Stephanie Rowland	Tia Wilson	Melissa Taylor	April Green	Kalley Saye	Pam Reynolds
	Ashley Perkinson	Melissa Snellings	McKenzie Wilson	Reagan Saye	Rebekah Servis		

A Message from our Children's Coordinator...

AWANA & KIDZ CHOIR ICE CREAM KICKOFF

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2017

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

- 🎵 5:30 - 6:00 Dinner - \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family
 - 🎵 6:00 - 6:15 Parents and child meet teacher in individual club and choir rooms
 - 🎵 6:15 - 7:00 Outside family activities / ice cream and registration**
- (**A child can sign up for both choir and AWANA)
- 🎵 7:00 - Move inside to gym for AWANA games with families



KIDZ CHOIR

Ages 3 to 12

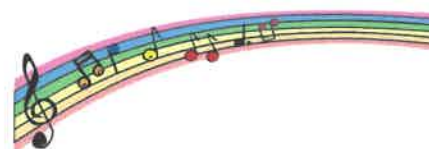
3 yrs. to Pre-K Room 114
K to 6th Grade Room 125

Piggles
Age 2 - Room 111

Cubbies
Age 3 & 4 - Room 112

Sparks
Age K-2nd - Room 113

Truth & Training Clubs
Grade 3rd to 5th - Room 121



Smyrna Baptist Church Calendar of Events - 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ATTENTION !! Ladies Bible Study to begin on Wed., Sept. 20th @ 10am			BOP Wednesday Sept. 13th at 11am		1	2
3 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service	4 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	5 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 6:00—8:00pm American Heritage Girls	6 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 6:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	7 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	8	9
10 Children's Emphasis Ministry Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service	11	12 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 Finance Committee Mtg. - 7pm	13 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 6:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	14 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	15	16 B MEN ON MISSION Breakfast & Workday - 8am
17 Ministry Fair 12:30pm 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out	18 Deacon's Meeting 7pm	19 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 6:00—8:00pm American Heritage Girls	20 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 6:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	21 Smyrna Scroll Submissions Due 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	22	23
24 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out		26 9:30am—Noon Busy Fingers Ministry/Room 121 Finance Committee Mtg. - 7pm	27 5:30pm Wed. Night Dinner 6:00pm Kidz Choir Practice 6:30pm AWANA/ Youth Mid-Week Worship Worship Ministry Practice	28 6:00 - 8:00 pm Grief Share	29	30
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS						

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| 2- Kristin Perry
Simon Sims
5- Melody L Day
Greg McCammon
Jeff Nice
7- David A Gray, Jr.
Samantha Harrison
8- Wendi Kelly
9- Amber McCaffity
10- Bryant Gammon | 10 - Christopher Smith, Jr.
11- DJ Davis
Cheryl Gray
13 -Warren (Chip) Bain
Rev. Robert Rowland III
15 - Chuck R Johnson
Peter Perkins, Jr.
Jordan Smith
Malaki A Stamp
Donna Upton | 16 - Rhonda Kester
Joy L Perkins
17 - Angel Davis
Tanya Hale
Samantha Jo Kidd
18 - Phil Moore
19 - Lloyd Moseley
23 - Michelle Snead
24 - Stacey Dyson
25 - Jeffrey Jones | 26 - Kendall Davis
Robert Kaufman
28 - Joshua Rowland
30 - Hollie Kennedy |
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If your name does not appear on our *Birthday 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. 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.



BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6th

Each Wednesday we will be serving dinner
at 5:30 pm
Cost will be
\$3.00 per individual or \$10.00 per family

Look for reservation slips in your bulletin and at the
Welcome Center (Sample below)

 SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH <small>building community • equipping believers • serving Jesus</small>	Wednesday Night Dinners
Family Name: _____	
# of Guests: _____	
One Time Reservation - <input type="radio"/>	
Standing Reservation - <input type="radio"/>	
\$3.00 per person—\$10.00 per family	