



# SMBC CHRONICLES

## November 2020 UPDATE



### Message from our Pastor

Dear SMBC family,

I pray that each of your hopes are blessed as you are reading this newsletter. Wow! What a year this has been but aint no stopping us now, We're on the move for Jesus Christ! Over the last month we have still worshipped weekly, learned in Bible Study weekly, held Revival, celebrated

clergy, fed the hungry, supported our missions partners, made additional technological upgrades, painted our hallways, and much more all in one month. Our church has celebrated 133 years of worshipping together and we are grateful for the opportunity to parade around in our neighborhood letting everyone know that SMBC is the place to BE! God has blessed us with Faith over Fear. None of this would be possible without our staff, leadership and volunteers who are working diligently. Don't forget to let them know that we appreciate their hard work.

Thank you to every member and friend of SMBC. The Lord is blessing us to expand our territory because of your faithfulness in staying connected and giving towards building God's kingdom on earth. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Well in this spirit of thankfulness we are grateful to the Lord that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving this month but we know that Everyday is a day of Thanksgiving. God is blessing us. Don't forget to check out the information in this newsletter and participate in our Good Neighbor Thanksgiving BINGO. We will still be worshipping using some new camera equipment. Please give us grace as we learn together 😊 Our services will be streamed live on Facebook and church website. You can also use the phone line system. MINISTRY LEADERS: Please don't forget about our upcoming Leadership Team Meeting, details are in this newsletter. Also, if you plan on having a virtual meeting please contact the church office to schedule it. You will be able to use your ministry's virtual room. Always remember if you have questions or need anything, please feel free to contact your Shepherding Deacon or call the church office. As we begin to enter the winding down of this year don't forget to Reach out and touch someone. Let someone know you are thinking of them. A phone call or card can go a long way in cheering someone's day.

Grace and Peace,

*Rev. Dr. William J. Smith, Jr.*

## November Activities

1	11AM Service – Ordinance Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn clock one hour backward. Sunday School Canned food drive begins Drop off your canned food items each Saturday (10AM -12Noon) 10AM – Sunday School
3	Election Day - VOTE!!! Tuesday Night Teaching – 6PM
8	11AM Service – Veterans Recognition/Military Appreciation Veterans pickup your gift on Saturday, November 7 (10AM-12Noon) 10AM – Sunday School
10	Tuesday Night Teaching – 6PM
14	Men’s Ministry Huddle
15	11AM Service 10AM – Sunday School
16	Leadership Team Meeting - 6PM Dial: +1 (571) 317-3116 Access Code: 273-715-285
17	Tuesday Night Teaching – 6PM
21	Women’s Ministry virtual check-in
22	11AM Service – Youth Emphasis Sunday 10AM – Sunday School
24	Tuesday Night Teaching – 6PM
26	Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING
29	11AM Service 10AM – Sunday School

### **Special Announcement:**

Are you interested in helping with our Audio Visual Ministry? We are in need of help as we expand our Audio and Video ministry. On the Job training is provided. Please contact Deacon Clarence Grier if interested.

### **Church Office Hours!**

Members can contact the church office during the normal hours of 9AM to 4PM. Someone will be available to answer your call. Appointments are only available with Pastor Smith. We ask that members not show up without making an appointment to limit the spread of COVID-19. Masks are required, and restrictions are in place. Forms and other information are available now in the lobby of the church. Temperature checks may be requested. Any person having an appointment is required to sign in during the week. We ask that you be patient and follow instructions. Thanks for your cooperation.

# EACH SATURDAY

The following items are available for pickup:

- At Home Communion packet (Saturday before First Sunday)
- Newsletter
- Bible Study packets
- Sunday School book

*Don't forget you can drop off your tithes & offerings and request prayer.*



## SMBC Giving Options



- MAIL TO: 818 N Apperson Way, Kokomo, IN 46901
- DROP OFF: Saturdays (10AM-12Noon)
- Online: at [smbchurch.com](http://smbchurch.com)
- Download the Givelify App





## Sunday School Lessons

### ADULT REVIEW SESSIONS EACH WEEK

(Sunday School lessons are now available online)  
([www.smbchurch.com](http://www.smbchurch.com))

- November 1, 2020 – Loving by Serving (John 13:1-15, 34-35)
- November 8, 2020 – Abiding Love (John 15:4-17)
- November 15, 2020 – Confident Love (1 John 3:11-24)
- November 22, 2020 – Sharing Love (Acts 4:32-5:11)
- November 29, 2020 – Impartial Love (James 2:1-13)

## Sunday School Lesson Review

Sundays at  
10:00AM

- Dial: 1-571-317-3122
- Code: 309-979-005



## Tuesday Night Teaching

Tuesdays at 6PM



Dial: 1-571-317-3122  
Code: 309-979-005








LIVE

Led by Pastor Smith, SMBC Kokomo ([www.smbchurch.com](http://www.smbchurch.com))



Do your best to present  
yourself to God as one  
approved, a worker who has  
no need to be ashamed, rightly  
handling the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

**Wednesdays  
at 12Noon**

***POP UP PRAYER & PRAISE***  
*with Pastor Smith*  
*Live on SMBC Facebook Page*  
*Dial – 1-571-317-3122*  
*Enter Access Code 309-979-005#*  
*When asked for a PIN,*  
*Press# again.*

**Don't forget you can contact your Shepherding Deacon if you need prayer, assistance or just need a word of encouragement. See the list below:**

## DEACONS

Our families are separated by the first letter of their last name.  
See chart below to discover who your deacons are:

Household Member's Last Name		
Shepherding Unit Group I		
A - F	Demetrius Johnson	765-437-0475
	Michael R. Peters	765-210-4241
Shepherding Unit Group II		
G - L	Ben Anglin	765-271-7322
	Clarence Grier	765-437-4841
Shepherding Unit Group III		
M - R	Edward E. McCarter	765-210-4808
	Troy L. Walker	765-480-3838
Shepherding Unit Group IV		
S - Y	Fred D. King	765-457-2719
	Billy Wiley	765-457-3014
	Douglas C. Vaughn	765-434-0714

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***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE  
BORN IN NOVEMBER!***

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL OF  
OUR COUPLES MARRIED IN  
NOVEMBER.***



Ma'Leigha  
Youth  
In  
The  
Spotlight



Ma'Leigha Smith is an Eighth Grader at Taylor Middle School.

Ma'Leigha's favorite subject is Math and is also excited about learning more at school.

She is on the eighth grade Cheerleading Squad, Volleyball team, Girls Basketball team, and the Softball team.

She is the daughter of Meagon Hendricks, the granddaughter of Sis. Cynthia Hendricks and the Goddaughter of Sis. Venetta Hatcher.

Ma'Leigha attends JAMS and is part of the Youth Ushers Ministry. Ma'Leigha's favorite Christian song is "Hosanna".

Her favorite pastimes and activities are playing sports; talking with friends, making Tik Tok videos; listening to music, and drawing.

She would like to become a Nurse when she grows up.

Congrats Ma'Leigha! Shine bright like a Diamond

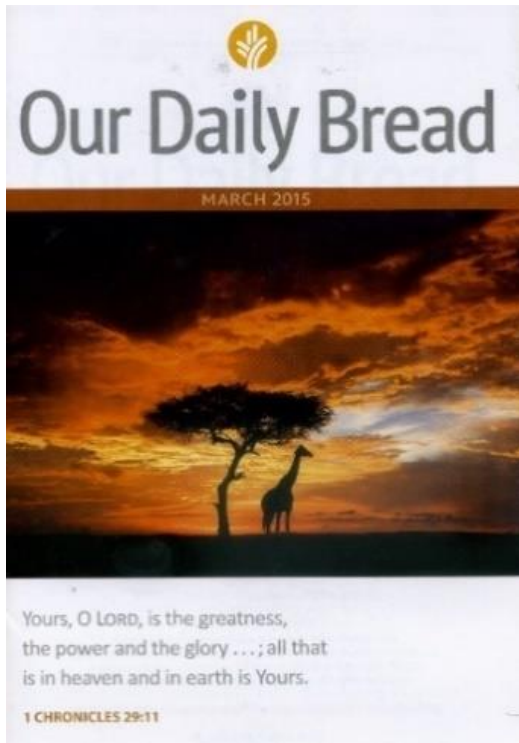




## J.A.M.S. Goes Virtual

**YOUTH AND PARENTS JOIN US!**

**Second Sunday: Teen Talk at 5PM  
and Third Sunday: Bible Lesson at  
5pm**



***Our Daily Bread Devotionals are in!***

Pick up your copy!

### **Employment Opportunities:**

Fire Department:

[http://www.cityofkokomo.org/departments/fire\\_department/recruitment.php](http://www.cityofkokomo.org/departments/fire_department/recruitment.php)

Police Department:

[http://www.cityofkokomo.org/departments/police\\_department/recruitment\\_and\\_officer\\_selection\\_process1.php](http://www.cityofkokomo.org/departments/police_department/recruitment_and_officer_selection_process1.php)

Howard County:

<http://www.howardcountyin.gov/administration/human-resources/employment-opportunities>



## 5<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary Celebration on September 27<sup>th</sup>





133<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration October 25<sup>th</sup>



## **Thank you**

To: Pastor Smith and SMBC Family,

The family of Meriwether, Dorothy Stevenson, wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation all acts of kindness, calls, cards, prayers, in our time of sorrow of the home going of my brother, Joe E. Meriwether.

May God Bless you all! ~ Dorothy Meriwether Stevenson



## **Thank you**

To: Rev. Smith & family and Second Missionary Baptist Church,

Words can't express our gratitude for all that was done in the remembrance of our mother and wife, Mrs. Marjorie A. Martin. We, as a family appreciate the love; use of the sanctuary; thoughtfulness of your eulogy. It went a long way towards our healing from our loss. We knew how much she loved her pastor and her church. It was inspirational to see how you all loved her back. May God's grace be upon you.

Love, the Martin/Anglin Family







Today and Every Day  
Lord, too often our prayers  
Are filled with impatience over what we want  
Instead of gratitude for what we already have.

Remind us today and in the coming year  
What is truly important.

Remind us to give thanks for family and friends.  
Remind us to be grateful for the work you have given us.  
Remind us to appreciate our many material blessings.

Most of all, remind us today and every day  
To give thanks for your precious Son Jesus,  
And the sacrifice he made for us  
To give us eternal life with You in heaven.

Amen.

—Jack Zavada

# **GOOD NEIGHBOR**

## **BINGO**


**“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

**Matthew 5:16**

**Use this Good Neighbor Bingo card to put your faith into action. You can be the hands and feet of Jesus to your neighbors and community during this time.**

**How many squares can you cover?**

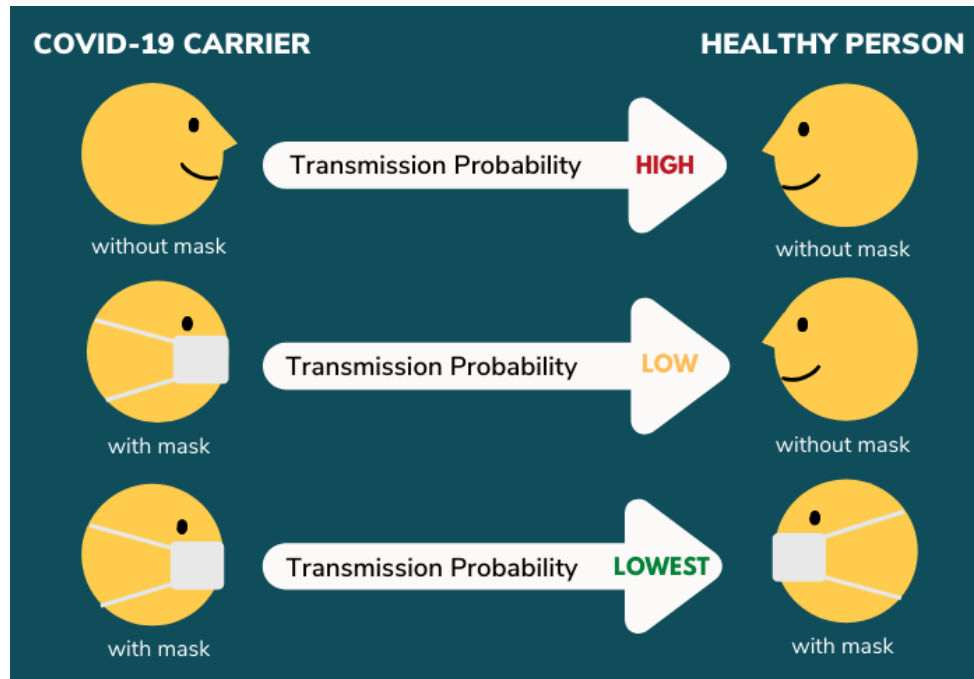
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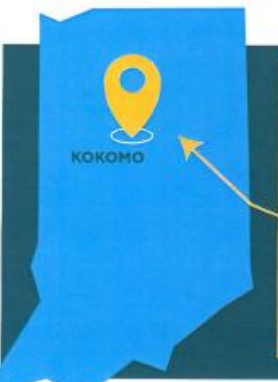
Donate canned food items to the local food pantry. Did you know your church has a pantry?	Call and check on someone who is isolated or quarantined.	Pray for the sick and those vulnerable to infection around the world.	Call a military veteran and thank them for their service.	Pray for our missions partners abroad in Haiti, Philippines and Africa.
Invite someone to livestream Sunday service.	Pray for doctors and nurses putting themselves at risk to treat sick patients.	Give a parent (neighbor or family member) a grocery store gift card.	Pray for other essential workers at stores.	Support a locally owned restaurant by ordering takeout.
Pray for the sick and those vulnerable to infection in the USA.	Pray for our national government leaders.		Donate a coat for an Annual Coat Drive.	Pray for leaders in our city and state.
Wave hello to a neighbor	Purchase a pair of gloves, a hat and/or scarf for Annual Drive.	Donate a blanket to a local homeless shelter.	Invite someone to Tuesday Night Teaching.	Call a church member and check on them.
Call a family member who is out of town and check on them.	writing a letter(s) to nursing home residents	Leave a note with 2 or 3 neighbors. Just a thinking of you.	Send a thank you card to a Deacon at church.	Send a random card to someone in our church Directory.





If I wear my face covering to protect you from me, and you wear your face covering to protect me from you, then we can all dramatically decrease our risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19. This, in conjunction with social distancing and frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer, will be important in limiting the spread of COVID-19.





## FREE COVID-19 TESTING

**Who should be tested?**

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, come get tested

**Even if you don't have symptoms but you are:**

- At high risk because you are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition
- A member of a minority population that's at greater risk
- Pregnant
- A close contact of confirmed COVID-19 positive patients when the contact lives with a member of an at-risk population or it is imperative that the contact continues to work

**Where?** 721 W. Superior St., Kokomo, IN 46901 **When?** M-F, 8am-8pm

**Who pays?** Hoosiers will not be charged for testing. If you have health coverage (including Medicare/Medicaid), please bring that information with you.

**Why?** To help keep you, your family, and your community safe.

**What happens?** Healthcare professionals will share information just for you and your family – fully **CONFIDENTIAL**.

**Register here:** <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>  
**or by phone at:** 888-634-1116

*(if you do not have access to the internet or are registering a minor.)*



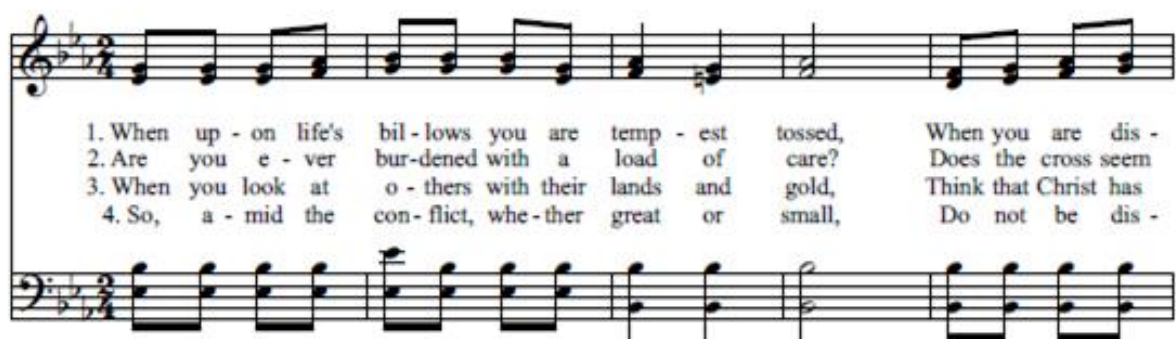


Let us Pray...

- *Pastor and First Lady*
- *SMBC Church Family*
  - *Drug Overdoses*
- *Violence in our community*
- *Missions Partners (Domestic and Foreign)*
  - *Students going back to school*
    - *Covid-19*
  - *Racism and Racial Tension*
  - *2020 Elections and Voting*
- *Elected Officials (City, County, State, National, International)*
  - *Families in Bereavement*
    - *Unemployed*
  - *United States of America*
    - *The Entire World*



# Count Your Blessings



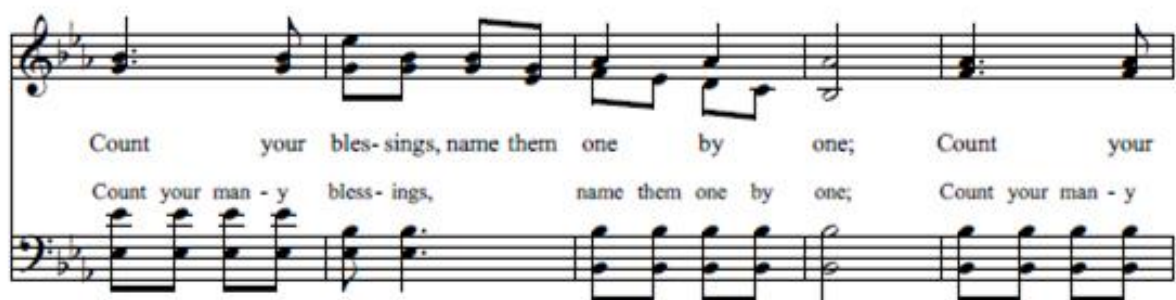
1. When up - on life's bil - lows you are temp - est tossed, When you are dis -  
 2. Are you e - ver bur - dened with a load of care? Does the cross seem  
 3. When you look at o - thers with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has  
 4. So, a - mid the con - flict, whe - ther great or small, Do not be dis -



cour aged, thin - king all is lost, Count your ma - ny bles - sings, name them  
 hea - vy you are called to bear? Count your ma - ny bles - sings, ev' - ry  
 pro - mised you His wealth un - told; Count your ma - ny bles - sings, mo - ney  
 cour aged, God is o - ver all; Count your ma - ny bles - sings, an - gels



one by one, And it will sur - prise you what the Lord hath done.  
 doubt will fly, And you will be sing - ing as the days go by.  
 can - not buy Your re - ward in hea - ven, nor your home on high.  
 will at - tend, Help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.



Count your bles - sings, name them one by one; Count your  
 Count your man - y bles - sings, name them one by one; Count your man - y

Text: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1856-1922  
 Tune: Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921



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 BLESSINGS  
[www.hymnary.org/text/when\\_upon\\_lifes\\_billows\\_you\\_are\\_tempest](http://www.hymnary.org/text/when_upon_lifes_billows_you_are_tempest)

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bles-sings, see what God hath done; Count your bles-sings, -

bles-sings, see what God hath done; Count your man - y bles-sings

name them one by one; Count your ma - ny bles-sings, see what God hath done.