



HIGHLIGHTS

The Monthly Newsletter of Signal Mountain Baptist Church

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From the Pastor...

It's hard to believe that March is gone. March is that transitional month between winter and spring. We experience both warmer and cooler temperatures. And this March was no different. There were days of beauty and warmth along with days that were extremely dreary and cold. The good news is that April puts us on a more solid path towards pleasant temperatures. And this year, April begins with the most important holiday that we celebrate as Christians, the holiday of Easter.

I can think of no better way of starting a month than by celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. This is the event that is responsible for every promise and shred of hope that we claim as Christ-followers. It is why we have a gospel. It explains the reason we look forward to an eternal future with great anticipation. It is responsible for the abundant life we experience in this present world. It is what our faith is centered on. Jesus did not stay in the tomb he was placed in after he died. He got up. The stone was rolled away. And he is still alive today.

One of the defining characteristics of evangelical Christians is that we believe Easter should not be designated to one day on the calendar. Rather, we believe the events of Easter should be proclaimed and celebrated every day of the year. Our conviction is that the good news of Jesus' death for our sins and resurrection from the grave can provide hope for every created person regardless of what the month or day of the year it is. Easter is a daily experience for us. It defines our faith and empowers our living.

I hope that you will allow the hope that Easter celebrates to be your hope each day of this upcoming month of April. May it define our corporate vision, the mission of our congregation, as well as our purpose for living as individuals. May we live in wonder of the resurrection this month!

Looking forward to April,
Steven Wright



April Mission Project

Our project this month is to collect the following items for Vacation Bible School:

- Empty cereal boxes
- Pennies (2 per child)
- White paper plates
- Construction paper: orange, yellow, and brown
- Small, medium, and large boxes
- Shoebox lids
- Marbles
- Jelly beans
- Goldfish crackers
- Pretzels

*Please put these items
in the marked boxes
at the entrances of
the church.*

Happy Anniversary!

Alice Cliett celebrates her 32nd year as our pianist on April 11;

Rev. Sally Ensley celebrates her 28th year April 7 serving as Minister of Family & Children; and

Jeannie Stanley celebrates her 22nd year as our church secretary on April 3.





Members of SMBC: Avon Gaylor, Ernestine Huff, Shea & Doug Williams, Charlie Hawkins, Clyde Beasley, Tweetie Ball, Kallie Harris, Buck Stone, June & Reese English, Marge Miller

And we continue to remember: Mel Tryon, Bea Brown, Dot Styers, Carl & Diane Price, Herb Scott, Dolores Cooley, Ila McInturff, and Ralph & Ruth Smith

Christian Sympathy to: *Susan (Casey)Stuart* and family in the death of her father, Stanley Jackson; and to *Bobby (Terry) Brown* and family in the death of his mother, Berta Brown;

Family & Friends: Becky LeVally’s brother-in-law (Jim McDaniel), Gary Beene’s friend (Cameron) & a friend of the Beenes (Susan Hitch), Brian McGowan’s cousins (Annetta & Charlie), friend of Linda Davis, and Tonya Greer (wife of RBBC pastor)

Adult Fellowship Thursday, April 19 Cookie Jar Cafe



We'll travel through scenic Sequatchie Valley for our annual spring trip to the *Cookie Jar Cafe* in Dunlap. Everyone will order from the menu, where choices include country plate specials, regular entrees, salads, sandwiches, and delicious desserts. We will leave SMBC on the van and in cars promptly at 10:40 a.m.

Reservations should be made by contacting Jean Brye at 886-3661 by Monday, April 16.

Memorials

In memory of Bob Lyons: Jane Morgan Karol & R. H. McCracken, Beth Jacobs, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. O’Kelley, Jr., Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Grayson Lee Harralson, Allen & Ginger Jennings, Jerry & Deb Miller, Anonymous

Ladies’ Spring Retreat April 27-29 Wears Valley in the Great Smoky Mountains

Won’t He Do It!

led by Patti Wright

The cost of \$70 per person includes 2 nights lodging & 5 meals. A \$20 deposit paid by April 22 holds your spot! Please see Sally for more details.

Congregational Review of the Worship Proposal

Sunday, April 8
after Morning Worship
and again at 5pm

All are encouraged to attend.



Vacation Bible School Sunday through Thursday nights June 4-7, 6:30 - 8:45pm

For all kids Pre-K through those just completing 5th grade. If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Beth Caldwell at 838-1355 or Sally at 605-6061. We’d love to have your help!!

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD!

High School and College Graduates

- If you’re graduating High School this year & want to be a part of our Sr. Recognition Day, Sunday, May 6, please contact the church office or Kenton Holloway at 718-6771.
- We also need the names of any December 2017 or Spring 2018 college graduates.



Week of April 1:

Deacons of the Week:

Tom Teas (618-0776)

June English (601-212-0028)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds: Moores

Week of April 8:

Deacons of the Week:

Joel Ledbetter (618-5194)

Tom Powers (667-0202)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds: Ron Burton

Week of April 15:

Deacons of the Week:

Tom Wyatt (309-2003)

Jeff Price (762-0282)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds: Ledbetters

Week of April 22:

Deacons of the Week:

Tracy Willingham (503-5137)

Beth Caldwell (838-1355)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds: Brian Sitton

Week of April 29:

Deacons of the Week:

John Moore (242-3626)

Tom Teas (618-0776)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds: Moores



**To Help Support Youth Ministries
Saturday, April 14**

8am - 12noon

1/2 Price Sale

Saturday, April 21

8am - 12noon

Clean out those closets, garages, basements,
& storage units, and bring it all to SMBC!

Your *junk & unneeded items*'ll be jewels to someone else!

Bring your "stuff" between 8:30am and 4pm,
Monday -- Thursday, **OR** contact Kenton Holloway
for additional times.

Put items in the room beneath the CLC stage.

Cashiers are needed for both Saturdays.

If interested in helping, call Kenton at 718-6771.

April Birthdays

April 1 Larry Carlton, Neil Storer

April 4 Andy Gibson

April 5 Tweetie Ball, Abigail Boyer,
Kelly Willingham

April 6 Lori Smith, David Woodward

April 10 Katie Philyaw

April 11 Jackson Owens, Savannah Travis

April 13 Frances McAfee

April 16 Mallie McGowan

April 19 Kallie Harris, Ron Smith, Patti Wright

April 23 Rene Bishop

April 24 Jessica Tabb

April 25 Lois Harris, Charlie Hawkins

April 26 Max Harris

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Vocational Ministers

Dr. Steven Wright (309-5440) Pastor
Rev. Sally Ensley (605-6061) Minister of Families & Children
Dennis Rogers (298-2261) Minister of Music
Kenton Holloway (718-6771) Interim Minister of Youth

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**2018 Ministry Update
as of February 28, 2018**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$29,928.00	\$ 61,486.00
Expenses	\$32,857.16	\$ 72,116.94
Variance	\$ -2,929.16	\$ -10,630.94

**Building Loan Balance:
\$182,429.19**



**The sanctuary is
open for prayer
each Sunday
at 9:30am.**

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**Maundy Thursday,
March 29, 5-7pm**

Stop by the sanctuary between 5-7pm
for a brief time of worship,
prayer & Communion.

**Easter Sunrise Service,
April 1 at 7:15am**

in front of the SMBC Sanctuary
Casual dress

**Sunday School at 9:45am followed by
Easter Service at 11am**

Have You Ever Wondered What Happened?

Luke 24:1-12