



SIGNAL MOUNTAIN

HIGHLIGHTS

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From the Pastor...

May is another one of those transitional months. It fits into such a category because it contains the end of the school year. Children say “good-bye” to the books and “hello” to warm sunshine. They look forward to time spent at the pool and on vacation with their families. Many will bid farewell to a school they have attended for many years, whether it be elementary school, middle school, high school, or college. They’ll use the summer to prepare for a future at a new school or perhaps job in the fall. May is that month where changes start taking place.

Sometimes the very thought of change breeds immediate anxiety and fear. We are creatures of habit and derive so much of our personal security from our day to day routines. When those routines are interrupted, we can feel somewhat vulnerable, perhaps threatened. For this reason, change is resisted by most of us. My childhood pastor, Bill Self, used to say that the only person who looks forward to change is a baby in need of a new diaper.

And yet, what’s interesting is that change is the one thing that God constantly moves us towards as his people. He is working each day to change us into

people who look more like him. He uses his grace to shape and develop us into products of his design, so that we are always works in progress. Change is something that God desires in all of us, change for the good, positive change, change that glorifies him.

For many months, the Vision Team has been praying, listening to you, and doing their best to discern the direction the Holy Spirit is leading us to take as a church. It has been a challenging process, there can be no doubt, yet one that God has faithfully guided along the way. Very soon, this process will give birth to change. However, let me encourage us all to view that change in a positive light, as an opportunity for spiritual growth and development as a church, for greater clarity of God’s vision, for more purposeful alignment of our activities and decision-making with that vision. May we choose to embrace change rather than resist it, as God moves us towards a future of health, greater unity, and more impactful witness for Jesus Christ.

Looking forward to May,
Steven Wright





Members of SMBC: June & Reese English, Parks Mitchell, Ernestine Huff, Tyler Harris, Avon Gaylor, Charlie Hawkins, Shea & Doug Williams, Tweetie Ball, Kallie Harris, Marge Miller

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

Family & Friends: Gary Beene's friend (Shawn Crouch), Cletus & Rene Bishop's daughter (Kim Womack), Dolores Cooley's niece (Jane Reeve Hosemann), Sue Jordan (former member), Gary Beene's little friend (Cameron), Brian McGowan's cousins (Annetta & Charlie), friend of Linda Davis

Adult Fellowship Thursday, May 10

We'll travel to Soddy-Daisy for an all-you-can-eat meal at the *Home Folks Restaurant* located at 8981 Dayton Pike. The buffet features five meats, ten vegetables, salad bar, and desserts. The price of \$10 for those 65 and older covers food and a drink; others pay \$10 for food and water only or \$11 for food and a drink. Tax is included in these prices.

Reservations must be made by notifying

Jean Brye by Monday, May 7.

The van and cars will leave SMBC at 10:45 a.m.



May 2	Patsy Acuff, Furman Cliett
May 3	Dolores Wyatt
May 4	Mabel Levi, Dot Styers
May 7	Beth Jacobs
May 8	Bea Brown, Emily Mitchell
May 10	Alice Cliett
May 11	Addison Teas
May 14	Rylee Worley
May 15	Jean Brye, Georgia Worley
May 16	Hannah Acuff
May 18	1st Lt. Andrew Hall
May 20	Joel Ledbetter
May 21	Jerry Miller
May 22	Barbara Veal
May 23	Jean Alder
May 25	Jackson Wright
May 27	Connor Reed
May 28	Nancy Tryon
May 29	Jeff Harris, 1st Lt. David Hatch

May Ministry Project

During May we are collecting items for the *HaCoBA Care Ministry Center*.

The Center is the number one provider of food to families in need in the Chattanooga area and receives no government funding. Because of this, they are able to witness to everyone who comes in, but it means they depend solely on churches to support them. All types of food items as well as paper products are needed. Place your donations in the baskets marked "HaCoBA" during May.

Recent Memorials

In memory of Frank Atkinson: Joe & Julianne Scroggins

In memory of Bob Lyons: Joe & Julianne Scroggins, Hilda Atkinson, Kenton & Susie Holloway, Doug Nason, Tom & Linda Wyatt, Grady & Phyllis Williams, Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Decosimo, Mrs. Paul J. Viall, Jr., Hugh & Marilyn Garner, Buck & Sue Stone, Anonymous (2)

In memory of Elnora Beene: Anonymous

In memory of Lorene Evans: Bruce & Sheryl Ammons

In memory of Susan Stuart's father, Stanley Jackson: Anonymous

In memory of Bobby Brown's mother, Berta Brown: Anonymous

In memory of Myra Willard (former member): Anonymous



*A thank you note from
Jonnie Sue Lyons was
received and placed on
the bulletin board outside
the church office.*



Week of May 6:

Deacons of the Week:

June English (601-212-0028)

Joel Ledbetter (618-5194)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds:

Ron Burton

Week of May 13:

Deacons of the Week:

Tom Powers (667-0202)

Tom Wyatt (309-2003)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds:

Joel & Donna Ledbetter

Week of May 20:

Deacons of the Week:

Jeff Price (762-0282)

Tracy Willingham (503-5137)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds:

Brian Sitton

Week of May 27:

Deacons of the Week:

Beth Caldwell (838-1355)

John Moore (242-3626)

Van Driver: Bruce Caldwell

Building & Grounds:

John & Jennifer Moore

From the Finance Committee

I want to give an update on our financial giving as it relates to our expenses through the first quarter of 2018. Year-to-date, we are approximately \$20,000 short in covering our actual expenses. Our non-designated funds balance is down to less than \$30,000 and our giving is significantly down for the year.

I say all of that to encourage our church family to give and do so sacrificially. We have a very giving church and that includes more than our financial resources. Jesus teaches us about giving and that also includes the giving of ourselves, our time, our energy and compassion to help spread the Good News!

Our Lord also tells us he loves a cheerful giver and he promises that one who is generous will be blessed. To those that are giving, please continue to do so and thanks so much for your generosity. If you are not giving where the Lord is directing you to do so, please consider doing just that and watch God at work in your life. It's amazing how blessings flow through our giving. We are never more like God then when we give.

Jeff Price
Finance Chairperson



COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

sponsored by SMBC

Sunday, June 3

5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Games, Prizes, Food, & More
Fun for All Ages!
Rain or Shine**



Congratulations Graduates!

Kelsey Sitton -- Signal Mtn. Middle High School

MacKenzie Barton -- UTC

Joe Hunter -- UTK

Hannah Peterson -- Belmont University

Becca Schmidt -- UTK

Kentucky Family Mission Trip June 23-28

Call Sally at 605-6061 if you would like more information about this wonderful ministry of our church.

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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

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

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**2018 Ministry Update
as of March 31**

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$ 18,694	\$ 80,180
Expenses	\$ 38,382.49	\$110,499.43
Variance	\$-19,688.49	\$ -30,319.43

**Building Loan Balance:
\$178,075.01**

SIGNAL MTN BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us for
Vacation Bible School,
where Jesus is the
Ultimate Ring Master!

Presents

For all children
pre-k through those
who have completed
5th grade.

**THE
GREATEST
STORY
ON
EARTH**

June 4-7

6:30-8:45pm

