

“The Predictable and Unpredictable”
Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12

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Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

Flowers on the communion table have been given by John and Wendy Kaufman in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary.

September 1, 2024 9:00 a.m. Worship

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly Organist: Phyllis Snyder

Welcome

Prelude: “Crown Him Lord of All” -
piano/organ

*Invitation to Worship:

But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the holiest place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a high priest over the house of God,

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

***Song:** “At Calvary” page 492

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 page 1044

Prayer

Ministry in Music: “Change My Heart, O God” -
piano/organ

Special Music: “It Is Well with My Soul” -
Trevor Grimes, trumpet
Sharon Grimes, piano

***Song:** “Glory to His Name” page 493
Children 4-9 years old are released to the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church

Message: “The Predictable and Unpredictable”

***Song:** “It Took a Miracle” page 494

***Closing Prayer and Response**
“People Need the Lord” page 445

**If able, please stand*

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First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guest today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:30 a.m. service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, during the 9:00 & 11:30 a.m. services we have Jr. church for children ages 4-9. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

Fifth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to 3 years old during the worship services and birth to 2 years old during the Sunday school hour. You may bring your child to the lower level during either of the worship services and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Volunteers for today are:

Nursery

9:00 a.m. Jennifer Carr, Erica Shaffer
10:15 a.m. Beth/April Pearce, Sylvia King
11:30 a.m. Ashley Burns, Sarah Bozski

Children's Church

9:00 a.m. Emily Chenevey, Diane Borah
11:30 a.m. Courtney Maibach, Sabrina Brandenburg

Weekly Calendar:

Wednesday, September 4th

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

Wi-Fi: SBC Guest Password: Bashful01

Prayer

- Burns Family
- Don Mason
- Kelbly Family
- Dilyard Family
- Coffee Family
- Shearer Family

New to SBC?
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Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day— Church Office Will Be Closed

Element 412 Events (6th-12th grade)

- **Monday, Sept. 9 @ noon Fair Food & Projects Wayne County Fair (meet at Shreve BBQ Chicken) Bring money for food.**
- **Sunday, Sept. 15 Babysitting for FFL Simulcast Sign up on the church website to help**

Friends' Club Events (age 5-5th grade)

- **Sunday, Sept. 22 2-4 p.m. LFH Kick-off: Hayride and Fun Fall Activities**

Adult volunteers are needed at monthly activities; you must have a background check on file with the church to help. Please complete the Children's Ministry Volunteer packet found on the Information wall if you haven't already done so. Sign up on the church website to help at a monthly meeting.

Thank you to everyone who provided Special Music for the traditional service during the summer; we are so blessed by your willingness to share your musical talent with us!

Family for Life simulcast with dinner and free babysitting provided Sunday, September 15. The topic is TBRI, Trust-Based Relational Intervention, which offers practical tools for parents, caregivers, teachers, or anyone who works with children, to see the "whole child" in their care and help children reach their highest potential. Dinner for the whole family in the lower fellowship hall at 5 p.m. and the simulcast at 6 p.m. Please sign up on the church website by September 8 so we have a count for food and babysitting.

Deacon Board Nominations: your help is once again needed to identify individuals and couples as candidates for the deacon ministry at SBC. Please submit names on the form at the Information table or email Jeanne Kiba at jek5181@yahoo.com by September 8.

The Personnel Committee is starting the annual evaluations of the Pastors. If you would like to fill out an evaluation

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tion for Art Carr or Scott Fetter, please contact Scott Meech at sbc.personnel.comm@gmail.com or 330-465-1677. Completed evaluations should be returned to Scott Meech by September 22.

Disciplers Bible Study—A four-week study of the books of II Peter and Jude, which arm us with the truth to counter the false narratives of the world, will be held on the following Tuesdays: October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. There will be separate groups for men and women. The morning session will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the evening session will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sign up at the Information table. Please complete the handout for the first lesson and bring it with you on October 8. Call Dan Fetter (330-262-8665) or Sharon Hamsher (330-466-3616) with questions.

Fall Women's Retreat at Camp Bethany will be held September 27-29. All Ohio Brethren women and friends are welcome! Contact Norma Waters at attn.norma@gmail.com.

September OCC Collection Item: Games and Puzzles. Make sure items will fit in the shoeboxes. You may place donations in the box under the OCC table in the lobby. **Please see the information in the September *Forward Look* newsletter regarding the OCC notification that soap will most likely not be allowed in shoeboxes at some point in the near future. We ask that you do not donate soap from this time forward.** Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Ladies' Luncheon**—September 18 @ The Barn
- **Primetime Lunch**—September 23
- **Craft Day/Jump Rope Making**—September 28
- **OCC Kick-Off Sunday**—October 13
- **Combined Service and Thanksgiving Meal**—November 3 (please note the change of date)
- **Congregational Business Meeting**—November 10 at 6:30 p.m.; minutes and board/committee reports for the packet should be sent to the church office no later than October 13
- **Christmas Carol Celebration**—December 8