

“How Might We Respond to a Church
Sporting a Rainbow Flag?”
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

There are five truths for everyone.

Truth #1 – Everyone has been made the same

Truth #2 – Everyone has the same

Truth #3 – Everyone has the same

Truth #4 – Everyone has the same

Truth #5 – Everyone has the same

Flowers on the communion table have been donated
by Ida James in celebration of Versil’s birthday.

September 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. Worship

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly

Organist: Phyllis Snyder

Welcome

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

*Invitation to Worship

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy;
(from Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11, 3:5 NASB)

***Song:** “Since Jesus Came into My Heart” page 503

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (pew Bible pg. 1777)

Prayer

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

Special Music: “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” - choir

***Song:** “In My Heart There Rings a Melody” page 502
Children 4-9 years old are released to the
back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church

Message: “How Might We Respond to a Church Sporting a
Rainbow Flag?”

***Song:** “Now I Belong to Jesus” page 501

***Closing Prayer and Response**
“Something Beautiful” page 507

**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.	Patti Steiner, Judy Reinking
10:15 a.m.	Sylvia King, Beth Pearce
11:30 a.m.	Rochelle Shane, Lori/Olivia Cline

Jr. Church

9:00 a.m.	Erica Shaffer, Elizabeth Frantz
11:30 a.m.	Chet Underwood, Cassandra Gasser

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, September 18

Noon	Primetime Lunch
6:30 p.m.	Official Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

11:30 a.m.	Ladies Luncheon @ The Barn
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m.	Bell Choir Practice
9:00 a.m.	Craft Day

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Prayer

- Lou Kiba

New to SBC?
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Element 4:12 Events (6th-12th grade)

- September 24 5 pm Babysitting for Family for Life event
- October 8 12:30-4 pm Lunch and packing OCC boxes

Cookies for Breakaway - We again have the opportunity to bless the participants of the GLS Breakaway Released-Time Christian Education program by providing cookies. Our first opportunity is in October. There is a sign-up sheet at the Information table. We have been asked to provide 10-dozen homemade or store-bought cookies. Please bring the cookies, labeled "Breakaway", to the upper kitchen no later than Sunday, October 15.

The sympathy of the church is extended to Dan and Denise Snyder on the death of Denise's father, Marvin Huiser. Please be in prayer for this family.

The sympathy of the church is also extended to Marilyn and the family on the death of Ray Aspinall. Please lift them up in prayer.

Deacon Nominations - The deadline to submit deacon nominations is today. Pick up a form at the Information table; completed forms should be placed in the white deacon mailbox. Nominations can also be emailed to Jeanne Kiba at jek5181@yahoo.com.

Children's Church Volunteers Needed for the contemporary service. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this vital ministry to our little ones, planting seeds of faith. If interested, complete the application found on the Information wall. Questions? Contact Chin-Chin Frantz at 419-606-4936.

Our next Primetime Lunch will be tomorrow at noon, here at SBC in the UFH. Thanks to Katie and her team for all they do!

Ladies Luncheon - The next Ladies Luncheon will be this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., at The Barn Restaurant in Smithville. All ladies are welcome to attend. Questions or need a ride? Contact Louise Liebhart at 330-347-8544.

October Forward Look newsletter deadline is next Sunday, September 24. Please place all items in the black church office mailbox on the Information table or email to sbrethren@earthlink.net.

Disciplers Bible Study - Come join us for a 7-week study in Galatians. The groups will meet Tuesdays beginning September 26 through November 14. (No lesson October 3.) The morning groups will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and the evening groups will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Dan Fetter (330-262-8665) will lead the men's groups, which will meet in the upper fellowship hall on the first day. The women's groups will be led by Sharon Hamsher (330-466-3616) and will meet in room 202. Please sign up at the Information table.

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Take a copy of lesson one and bring the completed handout to the first class. Friends are welcome to attend!

Attention Crafters/Hobbyists of all ages -

Saturday, September 23 SBC UFH 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring whatever you are working on (perhaps Christmas cards or gifts), a dish to share for lunch, and a beverage cup with a lid. RSVP to Dee Sillman @ 330-466-2287 by September 20.

Family For Life Live Stream with Authors Dave and Ann Wilson - Sunday, September 24 at SBC

Building Better Families for a Lifetime is the theme for the evening. Those who attend will be watching the feed of the live event being held in Millersburg. Dinner for parents and children will be provided at 5 p.m., prior to the main event, and we will even throw in free childcare! You won't want to miss this! Look for the flier posted on the Information wall. Contact Chet Underwood (330-464-1400) for more information. Please sign up on the church website, smithvillebrethren.org, so we have enough food and seating.

Fall Communion Service will be Sunday, October 1, at 6 p.m. Optional orientation for those attending for the first time will be at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. We invite you to join us as we commemorate Christ's sacrifice on our behalf.

Deadline for minutes, committee reports, etc. for the Congregational Business Meeting packet is October 15. Please send all items to the church email address, sbrethren@earthlink.net. Thank you!

Annual Congregational Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. Packets containing reports, proposed 2024 budget, and the ballot will be available two weeks prior to the meeting at the welcome center for your review. Please plan to attend to be a part of the shared mission and vision of our church.

Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre - We are hoping to get a group together to see "Daniel" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA, in the spring of 2024. The bus trip would include an overnight stay, meals, and other sightseeing/shopping opportunities. If this is something you would enjoy, please contact the church office so we can add your name to the list of possible participants. Based on numbers, we will move forward in planning this fun excursion.

OCC Monthly Items - Shoebox items for September are WOW gifts for boys, such as soccer balls (with a pump) and Legos. Please put the items in the OCC box in the foyer. If you have any questions, contact Rex or Bobbi McConahay at church or call Rex at 234-429-0044 or Bobbi at 330-464-2722.