

# May 20, 2018

## 9:00 am Worship

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Jeff Borah

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### Prelude

#### \*Invitation to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

**Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!**

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people;

**To come to you in these moments, to confess our sins,  
to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen,  
to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises.**

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

**Open our ears to hear your Word.**

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

**and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

\*Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* pg. 139

Scripture: Matthew 9:18-38 (pew Bible pg. 1509)

Ministry in Music: *The Church Triumphant* - choir

#### Prayer

#### Our Worship in Giving

(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.  
Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

#### \*Doxology pg. 166

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*Song: *How Firm a Foundation* pg. 408

(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

Message: The Case for Compassion

\*Song: *As the Deer* pg. 548

#### \*Closing Prayer and Response

*O How He Loves You and Me* pg. 349 vs. 1

Worship Leaders: *Brian Rennecker, Wendy Kaufman*

\*If able, please stand

## First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests 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 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am 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, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service 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.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. 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, room #117. 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.

### Volunteers for Today:

9:00 Children's Church: Emma & Clara Zemancik  
Nursery: Michelle Lucci, Chin-Chin Frantz  
11:15 Children's Church: Russ King, Diane Borah  
Nursery: Sylvia King, Sue Roe

### Sunday, May 20

6:00-7:30 Youth Hangout (6th-12th grade)

### Wednesday, May 23

6:30 Blanket Ministry  
6:30 Time of Prayer  
7:30 Choir practice

## Prayer

- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Edna Fleming - Danbury Senior Living
- Hilda Flory
- Doris Morrison - Wayne County Care Center

**Please Note: Today** is the deadline to give the church office pictures and information sheets of your high school graduate.

If someone in your family is completing a post-secondary degree, please contact the church office by **today**, also, so that we may recognize this accomplishment. *Congratulations Graduates!*

**Acoustic Jam** The next Acoustic Jam will be held at SBC on Sat., May 26, noon to 6 p.m. Feel free to come and leave as you wish. Music is played in numerous rooms in the church for participants and those who enjoy listening. This is open to anyone who enjoys music. Contact Eric or Barb Mast (330-201-1748) with questions.

**Newsletter Deadline** News items for the June newsletter are due to the church office by next Sunday, May 27. You may either email them to [sbrethren@earthlink.net](mailto:sbrethren@earthlink.net) or put them in the black office box on the Information table.

**Promotion Sunday**, along with our Recognition of Graduates will be on Sunday, June 3rd. This will be the day that our children will move up to the next grade/age level class.

**Men and Boys Old Car, Tractor or Anything with Wheels** will be held June 16, at 1:00 pm at SBC. Bring your vehicles beginning at 12:00. John Steiner is cooking the ribs and all the fixings will be provided! Please sign up at the Information table.

**Babylon VBS July 9 - 13** Things are shaping up for our visit to Babylon, however we still need volunteers. Even if you are available only a couple of days. **Please sign the sheet in the entryway.** For most there will be little prep time. We will have a nursery and care for preschool age children of volunteers. We will be wearing period costumes.

Please see the bulletin insert for job descriptions for the Sensational Shop Keepers, Terrific Tribe Leaders, Handy Helpers & Fabulous Floaters. There is also a list of donation items that are needed for VBS.

Registration forms are available on the Information table.

**July 22, Akron Rubber Ducks Game & Picnic** The picnic begins at 1:05, game begins at 2:05. The picnic includes hamburgers, pulled chicken, hot dogs, mac & cheese, chips, potato salad, cookies, & beverages. Tickets are \$8.00. Please sign up at the Information table so we know how many tickets to order.

**The April Official Board** minutes are available in the last mailbox.

**The June, July, August** issues of *Our Daily Bread* devotional are available on the Information wall and by the east door.

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**Secret Sisters** Ladies, If you would like to pray for, encourage and get to know one other lady from our church for the next year, then it is time for you to join Secret Sisters. Pick up an information sheet in the lobby, fill it out and place it in Betty Coleman's church mailbox by June 17, 2018.

**PTL!** Peter, Jeri, Sela, Isaac, Roberto, and Jean all have sponsors because of the caring people at Smithville Brethren. If anyone missed Compassion Sunday and would like to become a sponsor, please pick up information in the Welcome Center or go to [CompassionSunday.com](http://CompassionSunday.com).

**Associate Pastor Position** The Official Board, the Board of Christian Education, the Personnel Committee, and the Financial Stewardship Committee, have all been working together to establish a job description for an associate pastor position, with responsibilities for children and youth, here at Smithville Brethren. The Deacon Board is preparing to screen all qualified candidates as well.

The position is currently advertised and the job description is on our website ([smithvillebrethren.org](http://smithvillebrethren.org)). We will be taking resumes until June 11, 2018.

Please be in prayer as this process continues, that we will have discernment and that God will guide us.

**Camp Bethany News** You can still register for camp! Camp provides a week of outdoor fun and activities while educating youth about the importance of a deep and active relationship with their savior, Jesus! There are camps for grades 1– adult.

*Brochure/registration forms* are available on the Information wall. (SBC pays 1/2 the **early** registration cost for all camps) **If you register online, please give a copy of your registration to the church office.**

**The Brethren Church** 130th General Conference will be on the campus of Ashland University in Ashland, OH, AWAKEN will be *July 16-19, 2018*. To get more information and to register online, please go to: <https://www.brethrenchurch.org/general-conference-2018>

Please let the church office know if you would like to be a delegate.

**Youth Engage Conference** at Ashland University in Ashland, *July 16-19!* Spend four exciting days, making new friends, being challenged in your faith, connecting to God through worship, laughter, and play. Engage is specially designed for both Jr. High & Sr. High youth. The theme this year is AWAKEN. For more information and to register go to: <http://byic.org/engage-conference/advisor-info>