

Smyrna First Edition

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The Pastor's Ponderings



In both Matthew's and Luke's account of the life of Jesus we find a fascinating story. In Matthew 4:1-11/Luke 4:1-14, Jesus separated himself to ponder and pray about his ministry that was about to unfold. As we here at Smyrna First are in the middle of our "Twenty-One Days of Prayer, Fasting and Discernment," I was particularly interested in looking at this very familiar passage once again. There are many who responded on Janu-

ary 22 in our worship services to the call to think a little more seriously about this ancient discipline and the biblical mandate for us as disciples of Jesus Christ to fast and pray on a constant and consistent basis. I hope at whatever level we find ourselves at this time, the following comments about our prayer life may be useful:

First, I am struck by the fact that as Jesus set apart some time at the beginning of his ministry, we can clearly see the absolute necessity for prayer. It set the stage, if you will, for all that was to unfold in his life. In both Matthew and Luke we are told that Jesus was "led by the Spirit" to do so (Mt. 4:1; Lk, 4:1). We too here at Smyrna First are beginning the year with an emphasis on prayer.

We should not discount that too quickly or dismiss it lightly. God often takes note of when people give him the "first fruits" instead of the "left overs." As we begin this year together none of us knows what the year holds. We never know what tragedies we avert, what blessings are loosed, or what circumstances get arranged because we made the decision to give God the best part of the day instead of approaching Him after the fact with a "clean-up" request. I am not sure what exactly was on Jesus' heart, or what he saw in his spirit during this alone time with God. Who knows what we might feel, experience, or see during this time of prayer and fasting either. Many of you who once complained about the dryness of spiritual life are now sending me emails, posting facebook mes-

sages, and sharing in public about how alive your senses are becoming and how much growth you are experiencing with the Lord. I am excited for us as we here in this church learn afresh what it means for our Lord to teach us how to pray.

Second, I notice a disturbing thing about this narrative. This story told over and over again in the church reminds us that Jesus and his heavenly Father were not alone. In the midst of our Lord's prayerful conversations there was an intruder. The devil was there right along with Jesus in his prayer life! So many times we have heard it said that when we set our hearts to follow Christ, the devil will not be far behind. Whether it be in the disruptions Cont. Page 5

Welcome New Director of Music and Worship Arts

Smyrna First would like to welcome Marissa Beck as our new Director of Music and Worship Arts. She and her husband, Colby, and sons Gabriel and Miller will be relocat-

ing from Hendersonville, North Carolina to Smyrna. Her first Sunday leading music will be February 12. Let's give a warm SFUMC welcome to Marissa and her family.

We would like to also extend a HUGE thank you to Julie McDonald for the excellent leadership she has given to the music department over the past four months. We appreciate you!!!

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPRING

Mountain TOP has a couple of preplanned events for the spring.

1. Friends Weekend, Feb. 29-Mar. 4

Cost for the entire weekend is \$125 which pays for food and some materials. You do not have to go the entire weekend, it's a come and go as you like event, just let them know when you'll be there for what meals and com-

pensate accordingly. Work will be camp renovations, no nighttime programming, just visiting with new and old friends.

2. Family Weekend April 20-22

Cost depends on the age of the participant, maximum of \$200 per family. Arrive at camp for dinner Friday night (1 1/2 hour drive from Smyrna), work in the

county with your family and another one or two on Saturday, programming Saturday night, return home after breakfast Sunday. It's a great time to give your children a glimpse of mission work.

For more information and applications go to www.Mountain-top.org.

FROM THE UPPER ROOM TO THE CROSS

There will be a dramatic presentation of **The Last Supper** on Maundy or Holy Thursday, April 5th, in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm. If you wish to be a part of the service,

please talk to either Nita Wright or Felicia Kumar. Once all the characters are in place there will be two or more rehearsals. As we approach the season of Lent, may we commit

ourselves to observe the spiritual disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance and celebration so that

our hearts are changed and lives transformed to proclaim the risen Christ on Easter morning and each day of our lives!

U.M.W.

The Cornerstone Circle will meet at the church of Thursday, February 2nd, 6:30 pm. Jan Schilling will be hostess and provide the meal, Candy Kane leads the program.

The UMW joint meeting will be February 9th,

6:30 pm at Nita Wright's, 203 Brookhaven Trail. Everybody is asked to bring a dish (remembering those who are fasting or on the Daniel Fast, eating only fruits and vegetables).

There will be a Missions

study at Bethel UMC on Wednesday, Feb. 15th 9 am. Lunch will be \$7.00.

Sunshine Circle will meet at Michelle Martin's home at 5 pm, February 12th. Group "B" has food and Mary Ellen has the program.



**Join us Wednesday,
February 22nd, 2012, 7:00 pm
Worship Service and
Disposition of Ashes**

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This coming year, **June 10-16, 2012**, we are pleased to announce that 15 youth and adults will be challenged to make a significant impact on the lives of the residents of Flatwoods, West Virginia.

The Appalachian region is considered one of the most impoverished regions of the United States. Flatwoods has nearly 6,000 households that continue to face the hardships which are typical of small rural areas. Hopelessness, lack of resources, and under-education are obstacles that plague many of the people. A significant number

of homes lack adequate plumbing and kitchen facilities.

Many of the work projects will center around families who struggle to provide basic amenities for their children or the growing elderly population, who usually live on a fixed income and have no money for home repairs. We will also have the opportunity to partner with small churches and reach out to the community by interacting with the residents and showing them love and a reason for hope.

Please keep all of us in your prayers and help support our upcoming fundraisers. If anyone would like to sponsor a youth or give donations towards the trip, please contact Melinda DuPree-Kewley at (615) 445-0087.

Thank you and God Bless.

*"Helping Youth Personally
Encounter Jesus Christ and
Develop Trust in Him."*

Weekly Youth Gatherings

Encounter Youth Group
Sunday 5-7 PM

Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:00-10:45 AM

W.O.W, (A.S.K.)
Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Keep up with what's going on with the youth on our website:
www.smyrnafirstumc.org

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Sheng Fish 2/1
Andrew Norman 2/1
Patsy Ray 2/2
Jan Schilling 2/2
Laurel Medlen 2/4
Gary Dempsey 2/5
Sue Patterson 2/5
Ann Perkins 2/5
Bill Hines 2/10
Jewel Johns 2/10
Nathan Lopp 2/11
Phil Carper 2/12
Elizabeth
Chihombori 2/12
Sharon Dickens 2/15
Mark Norman 2/16
Ronald Brewer 2/17
Bob Sharrock 2/17
Mary Kay Dempsey 2/18
Les Karns 2/18
Kathy Pitts 2/18
Duell Coleman 2/20
Bradley King 2/20

Linda Morris 2/20
Cayce Sweeney 2/20
Clay Sweeney 2/20
Jeff Bowles 2/21
Donna Sweeney 2/21
Georgette Norman 2/22
Caroline Crosslin 2/25
Missy Misenhimer 2/25
Aaron Phiri 2/26
Margaret Gordon 2/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Reece & Maxine Ewton 2/12
Bill & Trish Nash 2/12
Jerry & Marie Born 2/19
Printiss & Betty Fulton 2/21
Darren & Ann Hackler 2/25
Bobby & Regina Medlen 2/28

GOOD FRIDAY: CARRY THE CROSS

We are planning a "Relay" for Christ to honor the sacrifice He made on Calvary's hill. On Good Friday (April 6th) we will meet at the Sam Davis Home at 5:30 pm. Each person or team participating will have a "station" on the trail from Sam Davis Home to our church. You will be carrying a cross, and you will pass the cross from your station to the station of the next team. It is a small way of honoring the cross our Savior carried. The cross we use will be wooden, and will weigh approximately 25-30 pounds. Make sure that you are able to carry this much weight before signing up. You can sign up for a spot individually or families/friends may sign up to carry the cross together. When we get to the church, we will march into the Good Friday service at 7:00 pm.

Look for more information in the March Newsletter.

For questions, contact Felicia Kumar, 459-2826, ext. 13.



The Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation

From the desk of...

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE
WEEK-
DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE
A Valentine's Event
for Couples
Saturday, February 11,
2012 in Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM**

Focus on the Family is sponsoring a nationwide movement to encourage couples of ALL ages to build stronger marriages. Couples are pulled in many directions, but the fun, simple act of dating each other strengthens relationship long term. The Date Night Challenge is two hours of fun and laughter for couples, featuring comedian Jeff Allen, singer/songwriter Michael O'Brien and best selling authors Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley via web cast. During the event, the Smalleys will explain the power of dating your mate and encourage couples to take the "Date Night Challenge": go on three dates in three weeks.

So, what are you waiting for? Mark the above date in your calendars and come and enjoy a world-class evening of fun, laughter and entertainment via web cast. Watch for more details regarding registration in our church's website, weekly bulletins and in the newsletter.

Save the Date/Mark You Calendars for

**LENTEN DAY APART
Saturday, February 18,
2012, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall.
Recovering the
Fullness of Prayer:
The Psalms of Lament
as a Bridge to Healing!**

How do we pray in times of darkness, loss, and tragedy? When we lose a loved one, when a relationship is broken, or when we experience a financial crisis, or a natural disaster such as a tornado or tsunami wrecks unimaginable devastation, where do we find the words to express our

pain and grief? And how do we find relief, renewal, and peace through prayer? The spiritual practice of lament has been lost in much of our culture but the Psalms would testify that it has great value since lament Psalms are the most common type - making up nearly half of the 150 Psalms. Come explore the Psalms of Lament and how they can help us embrace a more holistic and honest life of prayer that opens us to deeper healing and grace as we begin the season of Lent!

Leading us will be Johnny Sears, the Director of the Academy for Spiritual Formation, an international ministry of The Upper Room® that offers experiences in disciplined Christian community and emphasizes a holistic spirituality of body, mind, and spirit. Johnny is a native of Kentucky, holds a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Louisville. Prior to joining staff at the Upper Room, he spent 12 years as an engineer for Lexmark International, Inc. His personal

search for a deeper connection to God carried him on a wonderful pilgrimage into the world of prayer and spiritual formation that ultimately led him to leave the corporate world to direct the Academy. Johnny is himself a graduate of the two-year Academy for Spiritual Formation. He has served in several ministry capacities that includes leading occasional retreats near the Abbey of Gethsemani for the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living. Johnny lives in Nashville, TN with his wife, two sons, and a chocolate Labrador retriever.

*"Come to me, all you
that are weary and
are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

**UPCOMING EVENT
Children's Easter Egg
Hunt
Sunday, April 1, 5:30 pm**



2012 SMYRNA FIRST PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



We need YOU to make our new family album complete! Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait

and a directory for participating.

Lifetouch will photograph at our church. In your one-hour session you will:

- *Check in
- *Be professionally photographed

*Immediately view your portraits

*Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits

Make your appointment online through the church's webpage or on Sunday

mornings. Contact Patsy Ray, 355-1336, for more information.

PHOTO SESSIONS

**Feb. 23 & 24
2:30-8:30 pm**

**Feb. 25
9:30am-3:30 pm**

**Feb. 28
2:30-8:30 pm**

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ions that occur in our minds, disharmony in our human relationships, or sometimes even assaults on our spiritual lives - we can see that there is an unholy alliance that is constantly attempting to side-track us as well. "Really" we may ask? But actually we should expect nothing different than what Christ experienced in his life. When we begin to take prayer more seriously, there are going to be "extra" things that we will need to address. I am sure that Jesus would have preferred to be in communion and the devil's arrival was a distraction that loomed large. But, it is important that Christ took authority over those ideas and influences that would have moved him away from the ministry of redemption. E.M. Bounds, a Methodist evangelist and former Tennessean, wrote about prayer in the nineteenth century. Here is one of his most profound statements: "Prayer, with its manifold and many-sided forces, helps the mouth to utter the truth in its fullness and freedom." That is exactly what Jesus did with the devil in this time of temptation. In prayer, we can find the right words that will aid us in "fullness and freedom." I do not know if Jesus could or could not have handled this situation as wisely as he did apart from the 40-days of prayer and fasting that he was devoted to. So many times in my own life it is the power that God gives through intense moments of prayer that enable

me to speak the right word, see the underlying issue, or administer the sacramental solution that brings truth and vitality to the work God has called me to do.

Third, in this passage where Jesus had committed his life to prayer and fasting the first temptation that the devil brought to our Lord's footstep was to "turn the stone into bread." (Mt. 4:2; Lk. 4:3) Maybe it is because we are in the middle of our time of prayer and fasting at SFUMC but I had never paid much attention to this temptation before. But the fact remains that not only did Jesus know that there was great power in prayer and fasting but the devil knew it too. The one who would have eclipsed all of God's grace for all eternity saw that if he could distract the Lord from accessing the supernatural power available to him that there would be no need to tempt Jesus any further. It is interesting to turn the page of the Bible over from this place of temptation. If you do, you will find Jesus not only preaching his gospel but healing the sick, exorcising the demons, calling his disciples and eating with sinners. For those of us who have answered the call to fast and pray at the beginning of this year, there may be great miracles just around the corner. There will no doubt be great burdens lifted, tremendous liberation realized, and awesome displays of God's

grace in our lives. I believe that with all my heart. Furthermore, there will be wonderful things made clear in the life of our church, too. For some, the prayers for revival in this church are being answered and the light of the gospel is seeping through already.

Finally, Luke has a little verse in his account that Matthew leaves untouched but is profound in more ways that I know how to say. Luke 4:14 plainly states: "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and news about him spread through the whole countryside." Who knows what incredible things will be done in February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December because we decided to answer the call of God and fast and pray for twenty-one days at the beginning of this year. My heart leaps for joy as I look into the new year and, despite all our temptations, all our difficulties, all that the devil can throw at us, there still will be glory! I look out and see undeniable traces of God's appearances just on the horizon. With that, why would not everybody want to pray, fast, and discern what God has in store? It truly is an exciting time to be at SFUMC.

Keep the Faith!

Robert



JOIN US AS WE READ THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

February Daily Bible Reading Plan

1. [Job 9-10](#)
2. [Isaiah 21-25](#)
3. [Matthew 9-10](#)
4. [Romans 9-10](#)
5. [Psalm 15-17](#)
6. [Genesis 20-23](#)
7. [Judges 1-6](#)
8. [Job 11-12](#)
9. [Isaiah 26-30](#)
10. [Matthew 11-12](#)
11. [Romans 11-12](#)
12. [Psalm 18-20](#)
13. [Genesis 24-27](#)
14. [Judges 7-11](#)
15. [Job 13-14](#)
16. [Isaiah 31-35](#)
17. [Matthew 13-14](#)
18. [Romans 13-14](#)
19. [Psalm 21-23](#)
20. [Genesis 28-31](#)
21. [Judges 12-16](#)
22. [Job 15-16](#)
23. [Isaiah 36-40](#)
24. [Matthew 15-16](#)
25. [Romans 15-16](#)
26. [Psalm 24-26](#)
27. [Genesis 32-35](#)
28. [Judges 17-21](#)

ORGANIZATIONAL

MEETING FOR THOSE

INTERESTED IN

GOING TO THE

HOLY LAND

February 16, 7 pm.



WHAT'S ON WEDNESDAYS (W.O.W.)

FASTING & PRAYER

What if I told you all the spiritual giants in the Bible were committed to the discipline of fasting? What if I further told you that Jesus expected his disciples to be avid fasters throughout their lives? Or what if I indicated to you that there are spiritual breakthroughs in your life that will only come through prayer and fasting? This short course will look at what the Bible and the Judeo-Christian tradition has taught about the discipline of fasting. We will be studying Jentezen Franklin's book entitled *FASTING* and discover how God can change our lives, churches, cities, and nation. There is literally nothing that can go untouched by a life that is committed to prayer and fasting! Let 2012 be the year you discover the power of God through a life of prayer and fasting. This class is open to both youth and adults and

will last 6 weeks. By the end of the course you will know the Biblical stories of fasting, what a fasting lifestyle will look like, and what God will do in and through your prayer life when you combine it with fasting.

THE GREATEST OF THESE Women's Bible Study

We will be studying "The Greatest of These" by John Indermark. What do we mean by love/ Culture offers a multitude of definitions, but how do we as Christians define love? This daily resource helps you delve deeply and intentionally into what the Biblical witness has to say about love - and what that implies for how we practice love. Morning Glories will meet Friday mornings at 10 am and Late Bloomers will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Please contact Nita Wright to reserve a book.

W.O.W. MENU

February 8	Lasagna, Rolls, Salad, Dessert
February 15	Chili, Corn Bread, Salad, Dessert
February 29	Souper Chicken, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert
March 7	Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
March 14	Burgers, Dinner Fries, Baked Beans, Dessert
March 21	Chicken Tetrizzini, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
March 28	Pizza Night, Salad, Dessert

Please call the church office, 459-2826, by noon on Monday to reserve your place for Wednesday supper.



UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 25, 2012

7:00 am—10:00 am

\$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 ages 6 to 12

Under 6 free with adult



Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser Benefitting UMM Projects.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 12	
8:00 am	Mary Lou Haynes & Gwen Graves
11:00 am	Pam & Mike Ashworth
February 19	
8:00 am	Dorris Waldron & Nancy Barnett
11:00 am	Sharon Dickens & Barbara Pierce
February 26	
8:00 am	Cathy & Craig Smith
11:00 am	Donna Sweeney & Ruthie Vaughan

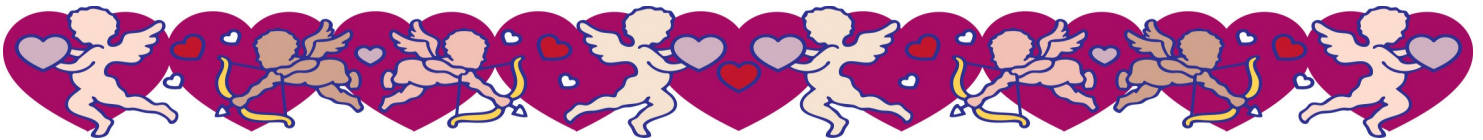
EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group will meet Saturday, February 18, at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. More information will be in the weekly bulletins. Anyone who has an interest in attending the Walk to Emmaus is invited. Please join us.



They're
Coming!

Feb. 19th
Get your insurance
or get the birds!



Fellowship Time Refreshment Schedule

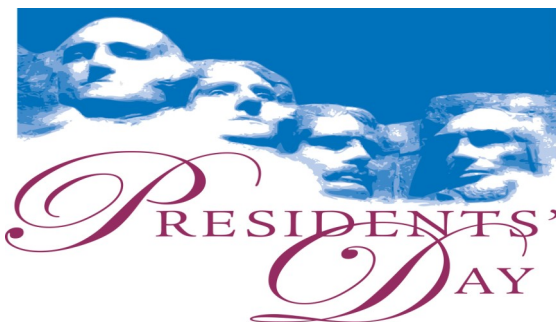
	FEBRUARY		MARCH
5th	Wings (Coffee & Juice only-NO FOOD)	4th	Youth
		11th	Methodist Men
12th	Searchers	18th	Fellowship Team
19th	Cornerstone Circle	25th	Pairs & Spares
26th	Sunshine Circle		

The **Lunch Bunch** will go to the Town Center in Smyrna on Thursday, February 16th at 11 am. We will not carpool since it is in Smyrna.



The "**ROMEOs**" **men's** group will meet for lunch on Friday at 11:30 am: February 17th Maddy's Hot Dogs; February 24 Firehouse Subs. They will resume their regular schedule of meeting every Friday in March.

Join us for a great time!!



Monday, February 20th

FINANCES

Financial Status as of December 2011

As of December 31, the following funds were reported:

Cash: \$39,424 in the checking account (up \$8,438 since Jan 1).

Savings: \$21,521 (up \$46 from Jan 1)

Income

Total income through December was \$598,611. At end of the year total income was down 4.6% or \$23,645 compared to 2010. Income has averaged \$10,402 per week, excluding Preschool income.

Expenses

Expenses through December were \$599,713. At the end of the year expenses were down 3.8% compared to 2010. Including Preschool, expenses have averaged \$11,533 per week. Excluding Preschool, weekly expenses have averaged \$10,440.

Month	2010		2011		% Change	
	Income 2010	Expenses 2010	Income 2011	Expenses 2011	Income	Expense
Jan	\$ 45,896	\$ 43,268	\$ 61,134	\$ 63,096	33.2%	45.8%
Feb	\$ 61,686	\$ 65,183	\$ 47,774	\$ 51,183	-22.6%	-21.5%
Mar	\$ 51,916	\$ 54,212	\$ 49,545	\$ 53,077	-4.6%	-2.1%
Apr	\$ 51,924	\$ 40,427	\$ 48,630	\$ 49,623	-6.3%	22.7%
May	\$ 59,582	\$ 57,413	\$ 57,726	\$ 49,203	-3.1%	-14.3%
Jun	\$ 47,096	\$ 52,740	\$ 37,161	\$ 45,012	-21.1%	-14.7%
Jul	\$ 44,110	\$ 37,800	\$ 48,940	\$ 43,304	10.9%	14.6%
Aug	\$ 58,067	\$ 55,198	\$ 43,262	\$ 56,181	-25.5%	1.8%
Sep	\$ 53,370	\$ 53,973	\$ 50,396	\$ 54,335	-5.6%	0.7%
Oct	\$ 54,701	\$ 54,749	\$ 55,763	\$ 44,052	1.9%	-19.5%
Nov	\$ 46,928	\$ 53,074	\$ 42,806	\$ 44,229	-8.8%	-16.7%
Dec	\$ 52,251	\$ 55,322	\$ 55,474	\$ 46,419	6.2%	-16.1%
TOTAL (Nov)	\$ 627,527	\$ 623,359	\$ 598,611	\$ 599,714	-4.6%	-3.8%
Difference			\$ (28,916)	\$ (23,645)		

Apportionments

Through December we paid \$112,899 in Apportionments. \$11,275 was paid in Jan to catch up 2010 and \$101,624 was paid towards 2011. The Church ended the year \$38,920 behind in 2011 Apportionments.

2011 Budget

The Church needed \$49,057 per month or \$11,321 per week to meet 2011 expenses. In 2011, income averaged only \$10,402 per week. The Church was \$48,000 under budget at end of the year.

End of Year Summary:

While the Church's income was \$48,000 under approved budget, we were able to hold down expenses during the year to stay within our income level. The Church took in \$598,611 and spent \$599,714, a difference of only \$1,100. While we had to borrow \$10,000 from our Savings in September to make ends meet, we were able to put that money back before the end of the year. We did this and still made major renovations to the parsonage. We thank all of you for your continued support during the year.

2012 Budget

The Church Council approved the 2012 budget in December. Next year's total budget is \$590,625 plus Preschool income of \$52,955 or \$643,580. To reach the \$590,625 we will need an average of \$11,358 per week. In 2011 we paid approximately 75% of our Apportionment requirement, but we have budgeted to pay 80% of our Apportionments in 2012. With the Hager Street property paid in full in 2011, we have moved that budget to Operations and Maintenance to repair items on the Church property that have been delayed because of previous budget short-falls. With the loss of the full time Associate Pastor, we will be able to use those dollars to hire a full time Music Director to replace the previous part time Director.

Please e-mail me if you have any questions: lynnray@lynnray.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:00 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:30 AM Fellowship Time
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 5:00 PM Encounter Youth Group

TUESDAY SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM Sisters In Mission

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

5:30 PM Meal
 6:30 PM WOW Classes
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY SCHEDULE:

6:30 PM Intercessory Prayer
 7:00 PM Praise Band

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
 11:30 AM ROMEO's

February, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30 Cornerstone Circle in Fellowship Hall	3	4
5 12:30 Lay Leadership Team Meeting 5 pm Sunshine Cr.	6	7 6:15 Evangelism 7:00 Vision	8	9 6:30 SPRC Meeting 6:30 UMW Unit Mtg. at Nita's	10	11 Fasting Ends DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE 5:30 Program and Refreshments
12 12:00 Trustees Mtg. 1:30 Shepherd School 5:00 Sunshine Circle at Michelle Martin's	13	14  7:00 Worship Team at Nita's	15	16 7:00 Holy Land Info. Meeting	17 11:30 am ROMEOs to Maddy's Hot Dog	18 9:30 am-12:30 Lenten Day Apart Fellowship Hall 6:30 Emmaus Reunion FH
19 Children's Mission Offering* 12:30 Missions Team 1:30-3:00 EYM Youth Leader Parent Workshop	20	21 6:00 pm Membership Team Mtg. 7:00 IT Mtg.	22 Lent Begins 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	23 2:30-8:30 pm	24 11:30 am ROMEOs to Firehouse Subs ← Pictorial Directory Pictures → 2:30-8:30 pm	25 8:00 AM UMM Pancake Breakfast FH 9:30 am-3:30 pm
26 1st Sunday of Lent 2 PM Church Council	27 7:00 Laity at Bethel	28 Pictorial Directory Pictures 2:30-8:30 pm	29			

*goes to Vision Trust

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301 SAM DAVIS ROAD
SMYRNA, TENNESSEE 37167

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



February
2012 Newsletter

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM
Contemporary
Worship

10:00 AM
Sunday School

11:00 AM
Traditional
Worship Service

*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*

We are on the web...
www.smyrnafirstumc.org

Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Robert Webster, Clergy Elder
Minister of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation.... Rev. Felicia Kumar, Clergy Elder
Youth Director.....Matthew Johnson
Director of Music & Worship Arts.....Marissa Pope-Beck
Office Manager.....Sandra Phelps
Organist.....Bobby Medlen
Pianist.....Gus Blackburn
Financial Secretary.....Kelly Ginn
Directors of Preschool.....Frankie Cashion and Sheila Upham
Nursery Coordinator.....Ginger Davis
Custodian.....Beverly Vaughan

Contact us for more information
Phone: 615-459-2826 Fax: 615-459-0825 Preschool: 615-459-2844

Vision Statement
Smyrna First United Methodist Church is centered upon the life of Christ, accepting and loving all persons and living out the life of Christ in the community/world.