



SIMPSONVILLE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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ART OF MARRIAGE WEEKEND

February 16 & 17

Please join us for two days of fun, fellowship, and marriage study.

Friday

Sweetheart Dinner at 6:30pm followed by Session 1 at 8:15pm

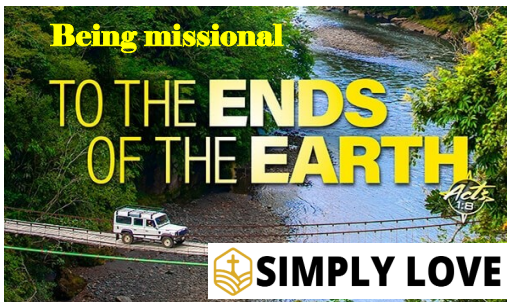


Saturday

Session 2 9am-3:40pm includes lunch.

Cost: \$30 per couple with includes meal, workbook and childcare.
Payments can be made at the door or through the offering with a notion on your check.

For childcare RSVP to Jesse Wright (606-392-9321) by February 4.



Mijomboni Rescue Center

In December we shared that there was an immediate need for more classroom space. We sent funding to Nathan and he started building immediately and the building portion is now complete! You will see that all of the work was done by hand. The building took two weeks to complete. They are beginning to apply plaster now.



We also shared about how well Fauzia Neyvu did on her national exams. She is now a new resident of the Chogoria Girls National High School. Unfortunately, high schools in Kenya are not publicly funded. Her school fees are higher and we are seeking additional sponsors for her to cover these costs.



Fauzia recently sent a note to SBC with both an appeal for more funds and thanks for the support she has already received. We have copied it below.

"I am Fauzia. I am glad to inform you that I scored 386 marks out of possible 500 marks in my Kenya Certificate Primary Examination. I have been selected to Chogoria Girls National School in Meru. I want to be a medical doctor. Here in Kenya, National schools are believed to be well-equipped for learners to easily pass with higher grade to make them achieve their dreams and goals. National schools are costly and most cannot afford them. I am asking if I can continue getting sponsors who can sponsor me in this school. I promise to work harder to achieve my dream of becoming a doctor. Please be praying for me to be a role model in the Ultimate Wings family. Thank you very much to Simpsonville Baptist Church family for your sponsorship to help us stay in school."

*Yours faithfully,
Fauzia Nyevu*

If you would like to be a secondary sponsor of Fauzia, please contact Angie in the church office.

We have two new residents at the Center whose parents were mixed up with the recent cult activities and perished. But, also good news that three of the boys who had been found in Shakahola Forest, the site of the cult, have had DNA testing and their aunt and foster mother have been found!

Shelby Touched Twice Medical Clinic

The 15th Shelby Touched Twice Free Medical Clinic is on Saturday, March 23. With the rising costs of everything the clinic is asking for your assistance to help make this the best Shelby Touched Twice yet! We want to be able to meet the spiritual and physical needs of each guest that attends. Sponsorships of \$40 will help supply the items for the food pantry, toiletry items and helps provide a hot meal that day for a family that receives services at a Shelby Touched Twice event. Your \$40 would help sponsor one family.



venmo

Venmo @Shelby Touched-Twice

Mail check to Shelby Touched Twice, c/o Salem Baptist Church
8311 Mount Eden Road Shelbyville, KY 40065



Volunteers are needed for the Touched Twice Clinic

The clinic provides dental, vision, medical and chiropractic screening, a hot meal, groceries, a family photo, and hair cuts free of charge.

Saturday, March 23

10am-4pm

First Baptist Church in Shelbyville

Please contact shelbytouchedtwice@gmail.com to volunteer.



Community Ministry is going strong through the local apartments. On Mondays Dixie Taylor, Lorna Robinson, Carissa Kennedy, Linda Ashby, and Debbie Willman meet with local children and provide help with homework, crafts, games and fellowship.

If you would like to join us, we will meet at the Warehouse from 2:45-4pm on these dates:

February 5, 12, and 26;
March 11, 18, and 25;
April 15, 22, and 29
May 6 and 13



SBC is also responsible for the blessings box at Meadow Ridge Apartments. In February we are having a needs drive to keep the pantry filled. Our most needed items are peanut butter, crackers, soups, cereal, pop tarts and granola bars, canned fruit, canned meats. Items can be taken to the church office or taken directly to the box which is located in front of the office at Meadow Ridge.

Adventure Club

As a mission of SBC we would like to introduce you to one of our ministry partners who serves at Adventure Club and ask that you pray for her this month.



Lori Cheppo

Mrs. Lori has been a part of the Adventure Club family for 1 year. She is a preschool teaching assistant with the 2-year-old and 4 year old class. Her hobbies are walking and anything to do with the outdoors. She loves gardening and taking care of indoor plants.

Working with the kids makes her heart happy and she loves to watch them grow and expand their mind each and every day. Her motto is never forget the difference you make.

Our Janitorial Team is passing along a request to please put all liquids in the sink rather than in the trash.

who's your ONE?

30-Day Prayer Emphasis Begins March 2-March 31

PRAYER is at the center of every great evangelistic movement, and every movement is made up of **EVERYDAY** People.

We will provide prayer guides on March 3 to lead you through 30 days of prayer for that one person you know who needs the hope of the **GOSPEL**.

A special one-day evangelism training class will be led by Andy McDonald on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:15pm.



Ladies' Bunco Night for fun & friendship!



EKY SONrise Ladies Retreat June 6-8 in Inez, KY

Ladies, if you feel like you need a spiritual refresher, please join us!

Our theme will be Women of the Bible and will include skits portraying several of our favorite Biblical characters.

Please contact Linda Otterback
502-648-3997
if you are interested in attending.

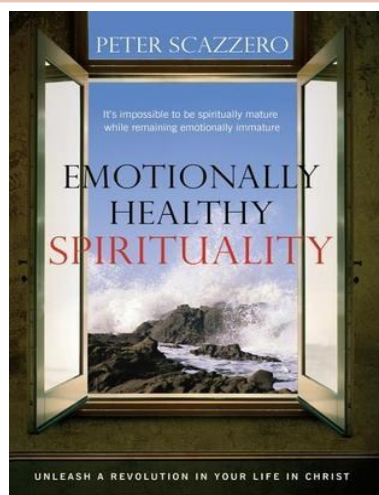


Thursday, February 1
6:30pm

Wear your best red to celebrate Valentine's Day! Please bring a Valentine's dish to share.

Sign up in the foyer.

This month we are supporting our Christmas Toy Store and asking each person to bring a new children's book.



New Women's Discipleship Class

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

begins

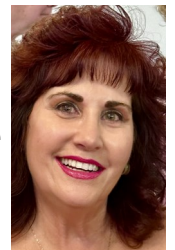
Wednesday, February 21

6:15pm

Emotional health and contemplative spirituality when interwoven together, offer nothing short of a spiritual revolution, transforming the hidden places deep beneath the surface of our lives.

Facilitated by Jenny Huff. Book Cost: \$13

Sign up in the foyer.



Finance Team Update

What is giving you hope in 2024? I hope the answer is Jesus Christ. As we hear that the Church and Church attendance is dying across America, I look at Simpsonville Baptist Church and see a growing Church. 2023 left behind a year with a Senior Pastor retiring after thirty plus years of dedicated service at SBC to the Lord along with the groundwork of a new fellowship building to grow into for years to come. As Financial Chair, I have been impressed by the previous leadership to place SBC in a financial position to continue to grow with the community of Simpsonville. God is working in amazing ways right now at SBC. Working with different individuals on different committees and seeing the passion that each individual has for Christ, gives me hope for the Church that we are continuing to be Ambassadors and proclaiming the word that doesn't change. As we continue to grow in 2024, I encourage you to proclaim God's word. Don't compromise the word of God. Come to Church. Get involved. Be engaged. Attendance alone will not give you the value you are looking for. I have five kids and three that play traveling sports. These team sports are scheduled to be played on the weekends and often take my family away from Sunday church service. As parents we still have to present the scriptures to our children. We can't let sports or anything else be a distraction to remove God from our everyday life. If anything it gives us more of an ability to be out sharing the word of God with maybe a lost soul that we may have never met. Use each day and each opportunity to be a light. If you are looking to get involved, ask a staff member where to start. Or feel free to call or email me directly. I look forward to meeting and serving alongside you in 2024.

Scott Sageser, Finance Chair

BY THE NUMBERS

For the calendar year 2023...

- Our Sunday School average was 173 which is up from 116.
- Our average Worship attendance was 278 which is up from 218.
- The Barnabas encouragement team, led by Joy Casey, made 249 contacts which is up from 214.
- Support staff made 488 contacts.
- Our Women's Ministry contacted 47 new ladies who were first-time guests.
- Baylee Branstetter reached out to welcome 19 children of first-time guests.
- We had 93 different families visit for the first time. Forty-three of those families are still attending worship. Twenty of the families were guests of our members from other areas counties and states. Nine of the 43 families have become members. Twenty-one of the families are actively involved in a Sunday School class or attended one of our Discipleship classes.
- Our SBC Enews has 285 subscribers with a 73% open rate!



We are using Dial My Calls to send text, phone and email messages to the church family in the event of a service disruption. Please ensure that the church office has your correct phone number and email address. Please fill out a connection card in worship or contact the church office directly at 502 722-5246.

RECREATION

MONDAYS 6-9PM



If you don't see your name, or it's incorrectly listed, please contact Angie in the church office.

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| 1 | Jaclyn Brown, Sarah Chhan |
| 2 | Rob Kennedy, Jesse McEldowney |
| 3 | Holly Hamilton, Mollie Hefner |
| | Anita Hoops, Susan Watkins |
| 7 | Summer Gossom |
| 9 | Betsy Maxwell, Caroline Windhorst |

Worship Directories

Matt & Amber Moore updated their worship directory family photo!



Please send your photos so that we can ensure that our worship directories stay up to date.

Our worship directories are a useful tool for our new families to put names to faces.

Send your photos to angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com.

Adult Open Play Coed Volleyball



Thursdays at 6:30pm

Please note that childcare is not provided and children must stay in the gym with parents. They will not be allowed to congregate in the foyer.

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| 10 | Hope Hawes, Jill Sowder |
| 11 | Brent White |
| 12 | Haylee Renfro, Gabe Tindall |
| 13 | Myssi Corn, Jack Trumbo |
| 14 | Jay Branstetter |
| 19 | Doug Shelburne |
| 20 | Doug Davis |
| 21 | Jeff Logue, Lana Sageser |
| 23 | Sarah Mattingly |
| | Jeff Viseppo |
| 25 | Dale Kramer |
| 28 | Rayann Jacobs |

Senior Pastor Search

SBC is seeking candidates for a full-time Senior Pastor and will receive resumes until April 15.

Resumes can be emailed to simpbcsearch@gmail.com or sent in the mail to

Senior Pastor Search Team P.O. Box 219 Simpsonville, KY 40067

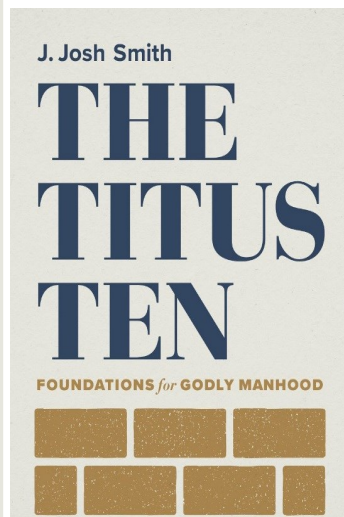


Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 3 at 8am

Please join us at
The Farm Kitchen.

6562 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville

Please join us for good Christian fellowship and
good food!!



New Men's Discipleship Study Begins Wednesday, February 21 at 6:15pm

Everything in a man's life hinges on the kind of man he is.

Yet, none of us is naturally a godly man. That's something we have to learn, pursue, and cultivate. We need a manual to help us.

This book is a manual for becoming the kind of man God intends for you to be, and leading other men to do the same. Taking ten qualities from the Apostle Paul's short letter to his mentee Titus, *The Titus Ten* will help you grow in your understanding of the gospel, your identity, your character, your doctrine, and more. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and discussion, to both process the way the Lord is growing you, and read in a

group with other men. As you grow in these areas of your life, you'll become the kind of man God desires to use in your family, your church, and the world.

Facilitated by George Skeeters. Sign up in the foyer.



It's a new year and we are praying for some extra hands to serve with the Tech Ministry!

If you are interested in serving, have a teachable spirit, and can worship through service, we would love to talk with you and show a few ways you might be able to volunteer in a rotation.

Every Sunday, we depend on some incredible people to help make sure the gospel message and God's praise is shared in various ways:

- Camera for the livestream
- Computer for the lyrics, message notes, videos and more
- Sound board for the worship time and message (*a good ear is important for this*)

Each of these are so important in proclaiming the gospel and making disciples, as we worship together, and we need mature believers who can serve in these ways.

Email matt@simpsonvillebaptist.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.



Our dear church family,
We express our appreciation of your support and love in the passing of our beloved Marie White. Your prayers, visits, and flowers throughout the years meant so much to Marie and have carried us the past couple of weeks.
*Love in Christ,
Marie White family*



Classic Worship

Classic Worship will be offered quarterly in 2024. Save the dates and mark your calendars!

Thursday, March 7

Thursday, June 6

Thursday, September 5 and

Thursday, December 5.

Join us at 9:30 on these "first Thursdays" for a time of fellowship, singing traditional hymns, devotional and being led by pastoral and community leaders as we worship.

Our Bible Truth Seekers Sunday School class recently had a holiday fellowship.



Sunday, February 11

5-8pm

Chili Cook-Off

Cornhole Games Bunco Rook

Please bring chili, 2-liters, appetizers and desserts and your favorite board games.

Sign up if you want to participate in the chili cook-off.

Our Sermon Series

Strangers & Exiles— Christian Living in Challenging Days continues.

February 4 *Living Stones* 1 Peter 2:1-10

Message given by Andy McDonald.

February 11 *Gospel-Centered Living in Key Relationships: Neighbor & Nation*

1 Peter 2:11-17

Message given by Andy McDonald.

February 18 Special Guest Dr. Todd Gray

February 25 DNOW Special Guest Jake Deshler





Welcome

John & Lisa Coats

We are John and Lisa Coats. We have been married for 31 years and we have one son, Jonathon Coats, who is 25 years old. We are both still working. Lisa has spent 34 years with GE Appliances and John retired from Ford Motor Company and is now working as a Project Manager for Abel Construction in Glendale, KY. John's very favorite hobby is golf and playing with his dogs. Lisa enjoys spending time with her friends, shopping, and gardening. They are visiting the Vineyard Sunday School class.

Fiona Rafferty

Fiona recently gave her life to Christ and was baptized in January! Please be in prayer for her as she begins her new life in Christ. A portion of her testimony follows:

"I am nine years old and I have been attending SBC for five years. I have a brother Declan. I have not always been nice to him and when I was in first grade I threatened a boy at school. I felt sorrow and didn't like the hate inside me. I spoke to my grandma and parents about how I was feeling and began asking questions about God. I found that I wanted to learn more and began actually paying attention in class. I have read three different kid Bibles. When Jon Reed spoke at the revival I felt God speaking to me. When I accepted Christ I was both happy and sad at the same time and I started to cry. I started to believe and felt so happy.

Now and in the future, I want to be nicer to my brother and other people around me. I am going to work harder on my attitude, actions, and words. I want to be more like Jesus."



**Nashville
June 24-28**

For 6th-12th grade

**Cost: \$279. Deposits of \$75 are due 4/28.
Male & female chaperones will be needed!**

**Please contact Jesse Wright at
jesse@simpsonvillebaptist.com if you
would like to attend or be a chaperone.**



**July 12-14
Campbellsville, KY**

For 3rd-5th grade complete.

Cost \$159

\$75 deposits are due April 28th

Male & female chaperones will be needed!

***Please contact Jesse Wright if you can help or to
sign up your child.***



Our Wednesday programming is so successful that we need additional nursery workers.

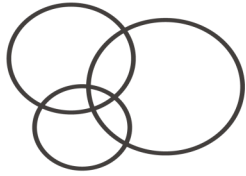
Please contact Mollie Hefner at 502-807-2592 if you can help out from 6-7:30pm once a month.

ADULT CHOIR

Choir practice for the Palm Sunday music will begin on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:15pm.

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining us.





CHURCH COMMUNITY BUILDER

Accessing our online community

Church Community Builder (CCB) is a tool to help you get better connected with your church family. You will be able to match names to faces of people you don't know, get contact information and connect with groups which you are involved in.

- Request a login from the church office angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com.
- Once you log in to the online community, you will land on your personal home page. The page contains information specific to you including: a welcome message from the church, your profile box with contact info, a list of your groups. You can change your privacy settings, family photos and contact information. You can add birthday and anniversary information.

To view other Profiles

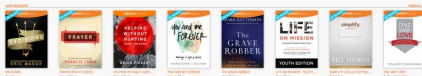
- To view a profile for another person, click the People tab on your profile page. (If you do not see a People tab it means you have a limited access profile and will only be able to see your profile. Limited access profiles are changed to full access profiles once you have attended for six months.) After clicking People, begin to type a name in the search box. You can use a first or last name. As you type the system will automatically narrow your results. Click the name of the person you would like to view and their profile and information will come up. Security features might be enabled depending on the individual.

To view Groups

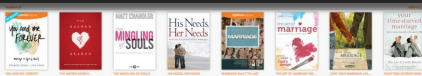
- You will see groups to which you currently belong on your profile page. You can also go to find Groups using the Group tab and using the search engine. Once your group is opened you will see the list of those included in each group. You can also search for new groups and request information about any group.

There is also a Help button located in the top right hand corner on any page if you need assistance with your personal profile or group info or just managing the Church Community Builder website.

Bookmark CCB –(churchcommunitybuilder.com) or use the mobile app accessible through the App Store to keep your church contacts readily accessible!



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See your whole group and discuss the series with the new built-in video chat function! Also, you can connect all of your devices to RightNow Media. Go to <https://help.rightnowmedia.org/hc/en-us/articles/4415483863821-Connect-Your-Devices> to connect to FireTV, Roku, Apple, Chromecast, Android or PC.

Heart of God
by Francis Chan
Includes free study guide.

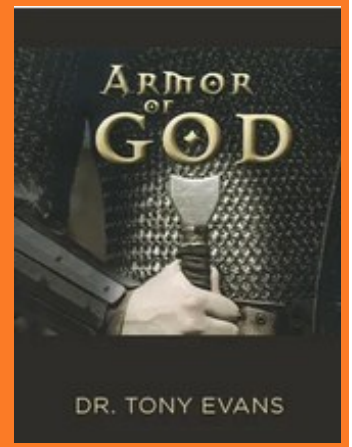


What God Says About Himself

What thoughts come to mind when you think of God? Do you wonder what he's like, what he thinks about you, or what he wants for you? The good news is that we don't have to go far to find answers. God tells us all we need to know about who he is and what he's like—about his heart—and why that matters for our lives. In this six-session series, author Francis Chan takes students on a journey of discovery to the heart of God. Students will walk away knowing God better and loving him more.

Armor of God
By Dr. Tony Evans

In this in-depth look at God's Word and the spiritual armor He provides, Dr. Tony Evans goes through each piece of the armor of God. Get well-dressed for warfare as you discover the importance of living life fully prepared for spiritual battle.



WIDOW'S MINISTRY

In February we will be touring AWAKE ministries.

Please contact Sylvia Flynn at 502-931-2732 or Bobbie Erlandson at 502-645-6946 for more information.



**FRIDAY,
February 16
6:30pm**

Bring your board games and an appetizer to share!



MAKE IT MATTER



DISCIPLE NOW

February 23-25

Guest Speaker
Jake Deshler
Lead Student Pastor
Emmanuel Baptist in
Lexington



Disciple Now Weekend is dedicated to spending time in the Word of God, serving our community, and worshiping together. Students will divide into host homes based on gender and age. Each home will have a group leader to lead breakout sessions



Luke Wisley will lead our DNow worship.

Cost: \$60 each and includes a t-shirt.

Contact Jesse Wright at 606-392-9321 by February 13 to participate.

Snack needs list: individual bags of cookies, goldfish, chips, cereal and granola bars, Little Debbie and Hostess snack cakes, water bottles and juice pouches.

Donations can be taken to the youth office.

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PO Box 56
Simpsonville KY 40067