

DEACONS ON CALL

JULY 12-18, 2015

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CANCELLED
SMYRNA TRAVEL CLUB
Tuesday, July 14
1:00 PM In the Chapel

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We have begun our ministry of packing and delivering lunches to area children from low income families now through July 31st. Consider serving with us in the **MUST Summer Lunch Program**. "Volunteer for **MUST Summer Lunch**" flyer is available in Grand Central and in information racks. Positions still needed: **Lead Volunteers**. Contact sgreen@smyrnafirst.org. or Justin Rader at 770-435-3231.



FAITHFUL FOR THE FUTURE

Pledges: \$418,188
Given Sept.2013-Dec, 2014: \$213,375
Given in 2015: \$ 54,759
FFF Received to Date: \$268,134

Wednesday Night Meal

Meal service has been suspended during the summer. It will resume on Wednesday, **September 9th**.

Media Library

Sundays: 8:45-9:30 AM · 10:30-11:00 AM
Wednesdays: 5:45-7:30 PM
At www.smyrnafirst.org see the library selections online at Media Library tab at the bottom of the home page. Audio sermons are available online also. Order unedited CDs and DVDs of Sunday morning services for \$1 each through the Media Library. Special event DVDs are \$5 each.

WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT SMYRNAFIRST.ORG

UPWARD FLAG FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING

For boys and girls K4 through 10th grade
Early registration cost per child is \$110; after August 16, the cost is \$120.
Deadline for registration is August 24. Register online at www.smyrnafirst.org or drop the form and registration fee off at the church office between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Everyone must attend one flag football evaluation or cheerleading orientation. They will take place at the FBC Smyrna Athletic field between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on August 8th and 15th. First week of practice is August 24; first game day is September 12th.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Youth Sunday School. Sundays · 9:30 a.m. in The BASHH · For Grades 6-12
Summer AWOL. Student Worship · Select Wednesdays · 7:00-8:30 p.m. at The BASHH Youth Building · For Grades 6-12.

- * July 15—Outdoor Movie, no cost
- * July 29—Underground Church, no cost

Honduras Mission Trip Training. Today, July 12 · 6:00-7:30 p.m. At the BASHH Youth Building

High School Senior Beach Retreat. July 30– August 2 · Destin, Florida
For rising and graduated seniors. This year's theme and Bible study is "Knowing God's Will for Your Life." Cost is \$100 and includes lodging, transportation, and the Senior Dinner meal. All other meals are on your own. Register by **today's deadline**, with a \$25 deposit.

PRAYER GROUPS

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. · Room C234 · All are invited
Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. · Room F202 · Men's Prayer Group
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. · Room F202 · Women's Prayer Group All ladies are invited. No child care provided.

WOMEN'S GATHERING

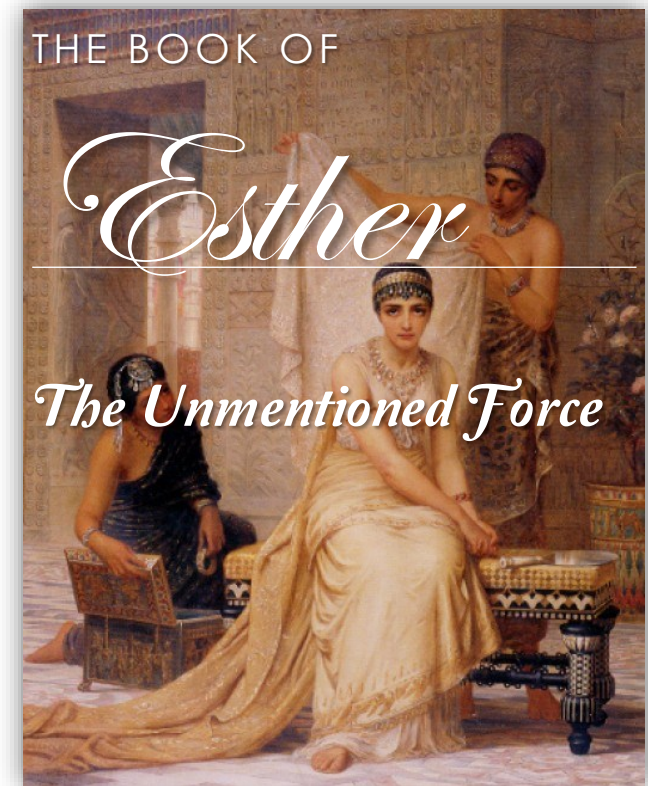
Old Fashioned Pie Sing · Today, July 12 · 4:00-5:30 p.m. · In the Chapel
Ladies, bring a dessert to share and join us for an afternoon of Praise. We will be hearing testimonies and songs from FBC Smyrna ladies and praising God for how He is working here among our ladies.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

July 19—Quarterly Business Conference, 6:00 PM in the Chapel
If you have a report for the conference agenda, please submit it to the church office by Wednesday, July 15.

July 26—Discovery Class and Luncheon · 9:30 AM-Noon · Fellowship Hall
For new members and anyone considering membership.
If you plan to attend, contact Patsy Johnson at 770-435-3231 or email her at pjohnson@smyrnafirst.org.

September 17-19—Men's Fall Golf Retreat, Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course
Cost: \$280, includes three rounds of golf, two nights' lodging, two buffet breakfasts, and two dinners. Registration deadline is August 30 with a \$50 deposit. Contact Jeff Hodges to register, 770-435-3231.



The Unmentioned Force Part 2

July 12, 2015
9:30 and 11:00

Welcome!

We're glad you could join us this weekend.

SERVICE TIMES: 9:30 AM INTERGENERATIONAL

11:00 AM CONNECTIONS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Dr. Jeff Pennington, SENIOR PASTOR.....jpennington@smyrnafirst.org
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Esther: The Unmentioned Force Part 2

Esther 3:1-15
Dr. Jeff Pennington

The book of Esther possesses some unique qualities:

- The book never _____ God.
- It is surprising that the author never evaluates the _____ of the nemeses.
- It is equally surprising that the author never evaluates the _____ of the heroes.

Esther teaches us that God's providence can be trusted even in the _____ moments of life.

1. God works when _____ are seemingly forgotten.

- Acknowledgement is made, but no _____ is given.
- Opportunity arises, but the obvious choice is _____.

2. God works when the _____ of standing for truth proves greater than it ought to be.

- Expect to face the fury of your _____.
- The battle will not be limited to _____.

3. God works even when you think _____ could not get any darker, and yet they do.

4. God works when those who will soon be judged _____ one another for their presumed victory.

- This truth should _____ us.
- This truth should _____ us to share the gospel.

The most critical brush stroke of God, that completed His portrait of our

Redemption, was the gospel stroke that turned His _____ into our _____.

7/12/2015 Audio messages are available online: www.smyrnafirst.org—audio sermons tab

9:30

Hymn 4: *To God Be the Glory*
 Hymn 291: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
 Song: *Let It Be Said of Us*
 Choral Praise: *There Is a Way* Celebration Choir
 Sermon Series by Dr. Jeff Pennington: *Esther: The Unmentioned Force—Part 2*
 Esther 3:1-15
 Invitation Hymn 283: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
 Observance of The Lord's Supper
 Song: *There Is a Redeemer*
 Parting Song: *Let It Be Said of Us (Chorus)*

11:00

Song: *Thrive*
 Song: *You Came to My Rescue*
 Song: *Lord I Need You*
 Sermon Series by Dr. Jeff Pennington: *Esther: The Unmentioned Force—Part 2*
 Esther 3:1-15
 Invitation Song: *Take My Life*
 Observance of The Lord's Supper
 Passing of the Bread *Jesus Paid It All*
 Passing of the Cup *Continue Jesus Paid It All*
 Closer: *This Amazing Grace*

There will be no evening service tonight.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERY AGE GROUP

9:30 and 11:00: If you are uncertain of where you should go, there is a team in the Welcome Center on the first floor waiting to guide you to just the place.

PRESCHOOLERS

Worship Kids Style. Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Bible stories, singing and activities for Babies through Kindergarten.

Calling all Kindergarten Students! Come join us for our annual Kindergarten Sunday School celebration on Friday, July 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lake Laurel Clubhouse.

CAMP DISCOVERME! Summer Day Camp for Rising Threes through 5th Grade—see our website for information and registration forms—www.smyrnafirst.org.

CHURCH STREET KIDS — GRADES 1-5

Sundays begin at 9:30 a.m. on the Children's Hall, second floor. The current lesson series is "SUMMER ADVENTURE."

BIG WORD: *I'm calling for heaven and earth to give witness against you this very day. I'm offering you the choice of life or death. You can choose either blessings or curses. But I want you to choose life. Then you and your children will live.* Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIRV)



BIG IDEA: TRUST ME, I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING
BIG POINT: Choosing to trust God is never a mistake.

CONNECTION CARD

Thank you for coming!

For more information, complete the form below and drop this tear-off in the **offering plate**.

- I am committing my life to Jesus as my Lord and Savior.
- I would like more information about:
 - Baptism Membership
 - Serving
- I'd like to receive the weekly email Newsletter.
- Please update my contact information.
- How did you hear about FBC Smyrna?
 - Personal Invite Location
 - Website
 - Other

-
- 9:30 11:00
 - 1st Time Guest Visited before
 - Member Regular Attendee

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Best Contact:

Home _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

My age range:

- Elementary School Middle School
- High School College Adult

Comments/Please pray for:

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