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Pastor: Rev Andrew Bowen Associate Pastor: Rev Wade Owens

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning: 10:00 - Sunday School, 11:00 - Worship Sunday Evening: 5:45 - Youth, 6:00 - Children in Action & Evening Worship Wednesday: 6:30 - Prayer & Bible Study, 7:30 - Working Wednesday

February 2024

This Month's Events

Wed, Feb. 7th-Conference- 6:30 PM
Mon, Feb. 19th.-There's hope for the Hungry-10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
Sat, Feb. 24th- Family Day (Pigeon Forge)
Sun, Feb 25th- Pastor Appreciation-AM Service with Guest Speaker, PM Meal

	02/04	02/11	02/18	02/25	
Kids' Praise	Jill, Olivia, & Graylynn	Regina & Tory	Shelby, Kathryn, & Suzanne	Family Worship	
Prayer Walk	Luke & Judy	Frank & Tim	Hogg Family	Jill & Bree	

This Month's Volunteers

Last Month's Reports

Worship Attendance Average:

Sunday Morning: 75

Hope for the Hungry Numbers:

Due to weather conditions, we postponed Hope for the Hungry in January.

Members will find a Monthly Financial Report on the table in the Vestibule.

This Month's Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Birthdays:</u> <u>Anniversaries:</u>

This Month's Prayer List

<u>ONGOING PRAYERS</u>: Sunday School, Pray & GO, Missionaries, Gideons, Calvary Children's Home, Salvation Army, Hope for the Hungry, Murray Co Next Step, Women's Enrichment Center, Chatsworth Elementary, Soldiers & First Responders, Local/State/National Officials, Pastors & Deacons, Israel. <u>NURSING HOME & HOMEBOUND</u>: Lily Banks, Kathy Land, Linda Lunsford, Mary Paige, Andrea Coulter,

Mary Jane Thomas, Frances Luffman, Joy Ward, Avanell Long

<u>CANCER PATIENTS</u>: Rick Raulston, Jacky Fortner, Braden Pilcher, Melanie Chapman, Tom Martin, James Allen, Kayne Sutton, Sandra ellis, Wesley Noland

<u>OTHER NEEDS</u>: Margaret Deal, Jenny Thompson, Savannah Barnett, Forrest Wilson, Donnie Holcomb, Linda Loyd, Colby Bryan, Mary & Bill Lequire, Linda Cross & Family, Anna Headrick, Danny Harkleroad, Addison Morrow, *Gary & Nina Stone*, Linda Vineyard, Peggy Davis, Julie Orr, Forrest Holcomb, Judy Butler, Winston Smith

Family Day in Pigeon Forge

Saturday, February 24th we will be having a church outing to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. If you would like to go or have any questions please see Wade or Cadance Owens for any details

Pastor Appreciation Day

Since Pastor Andrew's birthday is in February (the 27th), it is Smyrna's custom to celebrate Pastor Appreciation on the Sunday nearest his special day. Of course, now we include Pastor Wade in the day (although he's much younger and his birthday is later in the year). It's also customary to have a "surprise" for these men who mean so much to us.

So, on Sunday, the 25th we will have a surprise guest for the morning service–Sunday School will be as usual, they don't get the WHOLE day off, but neither of them will be preaching. Then, that evening, the church will gather in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. for a traditional Smyrna "dinner". The church will provide the meats, but plan to bring sides, desserts, and drinks. We'll also have a gift for them from the church. Usually, some special guests are with us for the meal too– and there might be some story-telling and even some "roasting".

In 1965 Bill & Gloria Gaither penned some of the best lyrics I've ever heard or sung. As Bill would visit his aging aunt who had done so much for so many, in her last days she said to her songwriting nephew "the



longer I serve Him the sweeter he grows." Truly as I approach another birthday, and experience the love of this church during Pastor Appreciation, I am reminded of the blessing of the local church. We are not all the same, we don't all have the same gifts, but we do share our

gifts with one another through love. It is a love that allows us to see the faults in one another, but serve one another anyway. We are blessed with a great church family, and the longer we serve Him the sweeter the fellowship we share.