

# Church Celebration

4:30PM MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>  
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

## MARCH NEWSLETTER



WE MAKE DISCIPLES WHO WORSHIP, GROW & GO

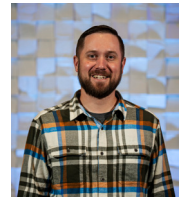
Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett

Up Coming Events as well as News and Family Celebrations

# FROM YOUR **PASTOR**

## Hey Church!

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At our “Family Meeting” that was held on March 2nd right after worship, I had the privilege of sharing with you some very exciting news about what God has been doing in the life of our church. It is a very long story, but for the last two years God has been building a friendship between myself, and Pastor Smokey Williams of Grace First Church (GFC). As God grew our friendship, he began to reveal to Smokey and myself what the next chapter of ministry could look like both for GFC and First Southern. After a year of praying, meetings, and trusting what God was doing we came to the conclusion that for the sake of the Kingdom, the Glory of God, and the gospel being proclaimed in our city, that our two churches would come together. In a lot of ways this is like a transplant in that what is good, Godly, and holy from GFC will be infused into the body that is First Southern. What a crazy, exciting, and God honoring process this has been and will continue to be.

Because of this, our staff is now expanding which will help us to better serve the church and to continue to make disciples who worship, grow, and go... but now to an even greater degree. Smokey Williams and Paul Longwell will come on the team bivocationally and will begin to use the gifts God has given them as part of our staff. We have also had Joseph Salmoiraghi serving with us as our Interim Worship Pastor. The Interim title has now been removed and Joseph is also joining our team in a bivocational role. Because of the sale of their building, Smokey and Paul are fully funded for the next several years, and Joe will simply slide into the existing role that we have established. Now that God has put all of these men on the bus - myself, Brock, Joe, Smokey, and Paul, we will spend the next several months figuring out which seats they will occupy on that bus!

I often pray, “God, do something in this place that can only be explained by you showing up.” This is one example of many of God showing up and doing something that can only be explained by Him working. Nobody can receive credit, glory, or praise other than God through something like this because things like this just don’t happen very often among churches! It is mind boggling and crazy to dream about what God is going to do through all of this.

My heart has always been that once we got to a place where First Southern was healthy again, that we would be a church that is “For the Church” in our city and state. As Smokey and I have had the opportunity to discuss what the future looks like, God has revealed that we share that common burden for churches in our region. We long to see the Church be healthy, and we believe that God has strategically positioned our church to be a resource to meet that need. Over the next several months you will hear more about what that is going to look like, but I believe that God is creating within us, right now, what the DNA of our church will look like for the next 20 years. We will be a church that is making disciples who worship, grow, and go. We will be a church that is For the Springs, and that is For the Church.

I’m sure you may have lots of questions as this is very exciting, but to a large degree uncharted territory. Please feel free to reach out at anytime with those questions! God is doing things in our midst that can only be described as Him showing up. Let’s pray together that we will stay humble, work hard, not be dumb, and trust that God is leading us towards an incredibly exciting and fruitful season of ministry.

It is a pleasure to be your Pastor and I thank the Lord for each of you often.

*Pastor Josh*

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Margaret Lovett ~ Health  
Jackie Heaston ~ Move Back to Missouri  
Mandry Family ~ Daughter-in-law (Sammi) Balance Family Life & New Full Time Teaching Position  
Isabella Maestas ~ Continuing to Battle Seizures  
Sheila Willis ~ Health  
Donny Whitlock ~ Health  
Mike Jaumott ~ Health  
Rosie Miller ~ Health  
Keith Loyd ~ Health  
Jovalene Pemberton ~ Health  
Logan Lee ~ Health

Mike Yearout ~ Health  
Bill Mosley ~ Health  
Burlin Fayne ~ Health & Loss of Harriet  
Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health  
Fortune Family ~ Continuing to Adjust to Life After the Loss of Stephannie  
Kevin Mandry ~ Hip Surgery March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Family  
Teresa Chambers ~ Health  
Anne Wade ~ Moved to Thailand For a New Teaching Job at The Daniel International School  
Continue to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME HOME



**FINK FAMILY  
CHASE, TORI, PARKER  
& LYNEX**



**JESS & ANNA  
REED**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MARY ESKEW  
NIKKI SPENCER  
TOM WILLSON  
SOBRINA ROBERTSON  
BRADEN WALLACE  
MALLORIE RUTHERFORD  
JERRY FORTUNE  
MICAH ASHLEY  
JOAN CORCORAN

3/1  
3/3  
3/12  
3/12  
3/12  
3/15  
3/19  
3/23  
3/26

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

March 12 ~ AWANA FROG Night (Fully Rely on God)

March 16 - 3pm ~ Overseers Meeting

March 16 4:30pm ~ Quarterly Church Celebration (Note Different Time)

March 26 ~ NO MID-WEEK GATHERING (Spring Break Week)

April 12 - 9am-3pm ~ Secret Church (Sign up in Church Office)

Cost \$20 Includes Study Guide & Lunch



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3YO-5th Grade 6th-12th Grade

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THE NEED NEVER CEASES

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END OF JANUARY ACTUAL \$17,409

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CASH OR CHECK USING THE BOXES IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM



**FOR THE Springs**

JOIN AS WE PRAY FOR OUR CITY



WE'RE CONTINUING TO PRAY THROUGH OUR CITY AND ASKING GOD TO MOVE, FOR OUR CHURCH TO HAVE HIS EYES TO SEE THE PEOPLE AND FOR US TO HAVE THE WISDOM AND BOLDNESS TO REACH THEM WITH THE GOSPEL. THIS MONTH WE'RE PRAYING THROUGH THE YELLOW SECTION OF THE MAP THAT IS BORDERED BY: WOODMEN RD. TO THE NORTH, FILLMORE TO THE SOUTH, UNION TO THE EAST AND CENTENNIAL TO THE WEST.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US LIKE THIS:

- 1) THAT GOD WOULD DO A GREAT WORK IN THIS PART OF OUR CITY.
- 2) THAT WE WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE THE PEOPLE IN THIS AREA AS GOD DOES.
- 3) THAT GOD WOULD GIVE US WISDOM ON HOW TO REACH WITH THE GOSPEL AND THE BOLDNESS TO FOLLOW THROUGH. AS YOU PRAY, REMEMBER THAT PRAYER IS MORE THAN JUST PREPARATION FOR THE WORK, PRAYER IS THE WORK.