

Introduction

These are exciting times for our family, team and army here at Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle. We are a family with one heart, a team with one goal, and an army with one mission. It is our desire to please God, advance His kingdom, help others and grow personally. As you will see when you read through this booklet, there are over eighty ministries happening here at SGT. Your involvement in these ministries will help you grow personally while helping others to do the same. It is our hope that you will use this resource as a way to discover how you and your family can use the personality, gifts and passions the Lord has given you, not only to receive ministry, but to bless others!

If you would like more information about a ministry, or if you would like to get involved, simply call the church office to find out how to be connected with the leader of that ministry--it's that simple!

May the Lord richly bless you as you partner with Him to advance His kingdom, to grow strong in Him and to be of service to others.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary A. Zarlengo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Gary A. Zarlengo
Senior Pastor

For those who are new to SGT

Welcome to the Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle, or as we frequently call it, SGT! We are happy you have chosen to worship with us. There are several “first step” opportunities we would like for you to know about.

The Welcome Center is a great place to start for a friendly welcome, a cup of coffee, and a chance to let us know that you are here! The doors are open to guests after every service.

The New Friend’s Connection is an informational reception for those newest to SGT. It happens on the last Sunday of every month at 12 noon in CR 1, The NFC offers an extended opportunity to ask questions and learn about the church.

Catch the Vision happens four times a year. The 2012 dates are: Jan 27, Apr 27, Jul 28 and Oct 26). CTV is a one-time, three hour event on a Friday night (except for July when it happens on Saturday morning) where you will get the big picture of SGT past, present, and future. It is required for membership, but more importantly, it is the first step in *The Journey* which you can read about in this index on page 11.

Renovation of the Heart is held every Wednesday night during the Christian Life Ministries semester (see page 12). Taught by one of our pastors, this informal class meets at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 and is open to everyone but designed for the newcomer. It is an excellent way to get connected.

The **Good News Class**, taught by one of our Elders every Sunday morning at 10:30, is designed to help you build your life in Christ on a firm foundation and is especially excellent for new believers.

We hope that, when you are ready, you will take one or all of these first steps and give us a chance to get to know you. We can’t wait!

Church Offices

The Church offices are open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Service Times

Sunday Morning & Afternoon Services and Ministries

Services

First	8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Second	10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Third	12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Adult Christian Life Ministries Classes

10:30 - 12 p.m. (During Second Service)

Kidz for Christ and Little Praizers

8:30 - 10 a.m. (During First Service)

12:30 - 2 p.m. (During Third Service)

Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m. –12 p.m. (During Second Service)

Nursery (infant to 24 months)

Provided during all three Sunday morning services.

Tuesday

Healing Moments 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer & Intercession	6 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Christian Life Ministries	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Middlers	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Planet Impact Youth Ministry	7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

Friday

Prayer & Intercession	6:00 a.m.
Missionettes, Royal Rangers & Rainbows	7:30 p.m.

Important Contact Information

Phone Numbers

Church Office	631.265.2485
School Office	631.265.3334
SGT Bookstore	631.724.9712
Prayer Line	631.265.NEED (6333)
Special Event and Cancellation Line	631.265.2485, Ext. 140
Directions	631.265.2485, Ext. 147

Websites

www.smithtowngospeltabernacle.org
www.planetimpact.net
www.sgtkids.org
www.sgtmarriages.org

Pastors

Gary A. Zarlengo	Senior Pastor
Derek Prezzano	Executive Pastor
Ted Bichsel	Associate Pastor, Counselling/Marriage Ministry
David Harff	Associate Pastor, Children's Ministry
Todd J. Marshall	Associate Pastor, Music Ministry
Richard Collingridge	Associate Pastor, Missions and Evangelism
Scott Fowler	Associate Pastor, Assimilation and Discipleship
Michael D. Lawver	Associate Pastor, Youth Ministry
Stephen Zarlengo	Associate Pastor, Young Adults Ministry
Roger Erdvig	Superintendent, Smithtown Christian School

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MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry ▼

Pastor Dave Harff ▶ 631.265.2485, ext. 104

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▶Nursery (infant to 24 months)

The nursery is provided during Sunday morning services and special events for infants and up to 24 months. The Nursery is located in the E building.

▶Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is available every Sunday (except for the months of July & August) for children ages 3 through grade 6. Children experience wonderful lessons from the Bible on their level in a classroom environment.

- ◆ Pre-school (3—5 years)
- ◆ Elementary (1st – 6th grade)

▶Children's Choir (See music ministry listings)

▶Kids in Missions

Kids in Missions is a 13 week Sunday school class for children in grades 5-7. Children are trained in the area of missions and evangelism and given the opportunity to go on outreaches here on Long Island during the summer months. Registration takes place in January and classes occur from February to June.

▶Kidz for Christ

Kidz for Christ is a church service just for kids! The program includes praise and worship, offering, Bible lessons, puppets, object lessons, and surprises. Kidz for Christ is for children ages 5 through grade 5 and is available on the first, third and fourth Sundays during the morning worship services.

▶Kings Kids Club

Kings Kids Club, for children ages 4 through grade 4, is available during the summer months on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:30 pm. The program includes active worship, Bible lessons, object lessons, visits from puppet friends, games, and contests.

▶Little Praizers

Little Praizers was created to provide classes for 2-4 year olds during the morning worship services. Children hear a Bible story, do a craft, or just have fun with others their own age. Classes take place in the E building every Sunday morning.

▶ Missions Camp

Missions Camp is a week - long camp for children who are finishing grades 1 – 6. It takes place every August from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm and is designed give all children a heart for missions, evangelism and every person in the world who needs Jesus.

▶ Middlers

Middlers takes place on Wednesday evenings from September to June and is available for all kids in grades 2, 3 & 4 at 7:30 pm. in the Cafeteria. Children enjoy fellowship with their friends and hear Bible lessons which apply to their everyday lives.

▶ Missionettes

Missionettes meets in the E building on Friday evenings at 7:30 pm from September to June, and is for all girls ages 5 through grade 6. Classes are available for each age group and the girls do crafts, earn badges, and fellowship with friends.

▶ Pre-Teens

The preteens class is available for grades 5 & 6 on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The kids have an opportunity to fellowship with their friends, study God's Word, and enjoy recreation together. This program is available year-round.

▶ Rainbows

Rainbows is an introduction to Royal Rangers and Missionettes for 3-4 olds. Available from September to June on Friday evenings at 7:30 pm in the E building, the children learn Bible lessons, do crafts, and have fun.

▶ Royal Rangers

The motto of Royal Rangers is "To reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ!" This program is available from September to June on Friday evenings at 7:30 pm for all boys ages 5 and up. Registration takes place in the summer. There is a fee to register your child.

▶ Vacation Bible Camp

Vacation Bible Camp takes place the third week of July for children ages 5 through grade 6. From 9 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., the children experience Bible lessons, puppet shows, music, crafts, and recreation with a different theme each summer.

Missions & Evangelism ▼

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MISSIONS

▶ Foreign Missions Committee

A committee whose members serve as area representatives to the Mission Board for our foreign missionaries.

▶ Home Missions Committee

A committee whose members serve as area representatives to the Mission Board for our home missionaries.

▶ In House Committee

People within the congregation who are gifted to serve in the following areas:

◆ Communications

- Art & Drawing
- Audio/Visual
- Computer/Pictures
- Missions Library/Resources

◆ Missions Convention

Serving in the preparation for and during missions convention activities. This involves housing, transportation, prayer, dinners, banquet, and hosting missionaries.

▶ Prayer Partners Committee

Partnering in prayer with our missionaries.

▶ Short-Term Committee

Planning and executing short term trips to help in areas of missionary work both at home and abroad.

- ◆ Building Teams
- ◆ Bridge Classes
- ◆ Short-Term Teams

▶ Unreached People Groups

Ethnic groups in areas where the Gospel of Jesus is not known and a church has not been established. Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle has adopted two UPGs (the Bee People and the See People) in order to pray, give, and send missionaries.

EVANGELISM

▶ Everyday Evangelism

Classes which enable believers to share their faith with others in a non-threatening manner, and to develop greater skills in utilizing Scripture.

▶ Share Your Faith Workshop

An exciting opportunity to learn how to share your faith with others.

▶ Tract Ministry

Tracts are available to SGT attenders as an evangelism tool for distribution to family, friends and neighbors.

▶ Prison & Chaplaincy Ministry

Connected with the ministry of Prison Fellowship, the focus is to seek the transformation of prisoners and their reconciliation to God, family, and community through the power and truth of Jesus Christ.

▶ Angel Tree

This program collects Christmas gifts of toys, clothing, and food, and distributes them at Christmas-time to families with loved ones who have been incarcerated.

SPANISH MINISTRY

This ministry offers a Spanish translation of the 10:30 a.m. service. People may obtain the headphones from the information counter through the members of the ministry. Throughout the year, special events are held to celebrate the Hispanic cultural diversity within our church.

Assimilation & Discipleship Ministries ▼

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▶ Christian Life Ministries

Christian Life Ministries is the touch point for discipleship at SGT. It consists of various discipleship oriented ministries offered through Life Development, Essentials of Discipleship, Women in the Word, The School of Prayer, The School of Missions & Evangelism, The School of Family Ministries & Counselling, Women's Bible Studies, and Men's Ministries! Please refer to the CLM brochure (published Fall, Winter, and Spring) for discipleship opportunities.

▶ Adult Life Development

The Life Development Ministry offers spiritual growth for believers through classes and small groups on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Classes are designed to provide study and application of Biblical principles thru Bible study and growth-oriented topics that deal with finances, children, Christ in the work-

place, knowing what you believe, apologetics, and much more. Classes meet for approximately 13 weeks with fall, winter and spring semesters.

◆ALD Teacher

Adult Life Development teachers here at SGT must fulfill a number of requirements in order to teach. Some of these are membership in SGT, successful completion of several in-home study courses, agreement with our 15 Statements of Faith and co-teaching for at least one semester for all new teachers.

▶Essentials of Discipleship

The mission of the Essentials of Discipleship program is to provide an intentional path to discipleship that is theologically sound, spiritually transforming, culturally relevant, and relationally genuine. It is a year-long program which meets every Sunday in Conference Room 1 beginning at 10:30 a.m., and follows the Christian Life Ministries calendar. To participate, you must sign up when the class starts in the Fall and be able to commit to attending regularly. The program approaches discipleship through the construct of a Biblical Christian Worldview, and explores the essential elements of Scripture, Prayer and Worship, Relationship, Ministry, Service, Outreach, and Stewardship and their myriad sub-categories.

▶ESD Team

The ESD faculty heads up the Essentials of Discipleship Ministry. See Pastor Scott for qualifications.

▶The Journey

The Journey is a comprehensive program designed to inspire participants to connect with the church and one another, to pursue genuine discipleship, and to discover his or her unique ministry giftedness and find a place of service and ministry.

Catch the Vision

Catch the Vision is a one time, three hour event that seeks to share the vision of SGT and to cast vision for personal connection, genuine discipleship, and ministry involvement. *Catch the Vision*, while required for membership, is for anyone who desires to know more about SGT and how to become an active part of the SGT family, team, and army. The 2012 dates are: Jan 27, Apr 27, Jul 28 and Oct 26.

Transformation

Transformation is the second stage of the *Journey* and begins with a meeting designed to define and emphasize the need for discipleship, to help the participant find a tangible path to discipleship at SGT, and, finally, to offer some means of support and accountability in their efforts. *Catch the Vision* is a prerequisite for *Transformation*.

Discovery

The purpose of *Discovery* is to help participants discover their God given spiritual gifts, talents, passions, and unique personal traits in an effort to

equip them for ministry. Individuals will learn about spiritual gifts, values, team working concepts, etc. and will benefit from taking various spiritual gift surveys, values assessments, personality profiles, etc., all in an effort to assist in their ministry placement. *Attendance at Catch the Vision and satisfactory participation in Transformation is required in order to participate in Discovery.*

➤ Bridge Ministry

The Bridge Ministry exists for the purpose of helping newcomers make their way into the family of Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle. You can find them greeting guests at the door, staffing the Welcome Center, and distributing Welcome Packets in the Sanctuary.

➤ Ministries /Information Counter

Receptionists help direct people and answer questions before and after all services.

➤ New Friends Connection

Are you relatively new to the Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle family? If so, then join us in the New Friends Connection where you will have opportunity to get to know our church better, and learn how you can connect with others here at the Tabernacle in a meaningful way. It happens on the last Sunday of every month at 12 noon in CR 1.

➤ Phone Care Ministry

The Phone Care Ministry meets on Monday evenings to make important follow-up phone calls to first time guests and follow-up calls after large events.

➤ Renovation of the Heart

A small group aimed at cultivating spiritual formation that meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in Conference Room 1. Open to everyone but particularly helpful for newcomers wanting to get connected.

➤ Singles Ministries

TAPESTRY (for singles in their 40's)
ONE ACCORD (for singles in their 50's)

The purpose of these ministries is to provide single adults the opportunities to build strong friendships, to grow spiritually and to engage in various mission outreaches. Tapestry and One Accord will have regular fellowship gatherings which will include ministry time and refreshments. These singles will also take part in local ministry and mission outreaches.

Marriage/Family ▼

Pastor Ted Bichsel ▶ 631.265.2485, ext. 117

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▶ Adoption and Orphan Care Ministry

The mission of SGT Adoption & Orphan Care Ministry is to provide Christ-centered support for families that have adopted, are in the process of adopting, or are considering adoption. It provides a forum where adoption issues can be openly discussed, and offers practical resources, information, and workshops to increase awareness and understanding of the adoption process and experience from a Christian perspective.

▶ Ancient Paths

These weekends are designed to bring healing through prayer and teaching. Based on Jeremiah 6:16 this is a weekend that will release you into a new understanding of your identity in Christ. Find more information at www.familyfi.org.

▶ Couples Class

A time to grow in the vision that God has given each one for their relationship. Topics are biblical with practical application. Held in the Fellowship Center every Sunday during Life Development.

▶ Crown Financial Ministry

Crown Financial Ministry is a Christ-centered, Bible-based ministry with a vision to see the followers of Christ in every nation faithfully live by God's financial principles in every area of their lives. It seeks to equip people worldwide to learn, apply, and teach God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him, and help fund the Great Commission. Find more information at www.crown.org.

▶ Decorating

Responsible for decorating the sanctuary, arranging and watering flowers, plants, etc.

▶ Divorce Care

Divorce recovery ministry aimed at healing and reflecting on God's purpose in your life. This biblically-based, 12-week, video/discussion program meets on Wednesday evenings in the fall and spring.

▶ Grief Share

A 12-week video/discussion program designed to help people recover from the deep hurt that comes with the loss of a loved one.

▶ Married for Life Groups

Equipping couples to make their homes powerful lighthouses in their neighborhoods, reaching out to those around them in the storms of life. The ultimate goal is

to have a powerhouse home on every block of every city of every nation throughout the world.

▶ **Married Couples Weekend**

An annual opportunity each November for the married couples of the church to experience a weekend of teaching, healing, and fellowship. Sign up takes place in September.

▶ **N.A.M.E. Ministry**

Provides biblical "couple to couple" counseling for couples both inside and outside the church family. Annual training is held for those interested in becoming Certified Marriage Specialists. Find more information at www.sgtmarriages.org.

▶ **Nursing Home Ministry**

Church services at four Long Island Nursing Homes is held on Tuesday and Friday mornings. These weekly services provide an opportunity to touch one life at a time.

▶ **Pre-Covenant Ministry**

Designed for couples who are contemplating the covenant of marriage. This class, with video/discussion, is required for those desiring to be married at Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle.

▶ **Senior Saints**

Gather three times a year for a great afternoon of fellowship. Annual trips to Lancaster, PA to Sight & Sound.

▶ **Widowed Ministry**

A fellowship of those who have gone through the loss of a spouse. Meets every third Saturday at 10 am for breakfast in the Fellowship Center.

Music, Arts & Drama ▼

Pastor Todd Marshall ▶ 631.265.2485, ext. 105

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▶ **Worship Choir**

The purpose of the SGT Worship Choir is to use the gift of singing to exalt the Lord and exhort others to do the same. The Worship Choir ministers on most Sundays as well as seasonal productions and other outreaches.

▶ **Worship Orchestra**

The SGT Worship Orchestra uses the gift of instruments to exalt the Lord and exhort others to do the same. The Worship Orchestra ministers on most Sundays as well as The Glory of Christmas and other worship events.

▶Children's Choir

The children's choir, called the Joyful Singers, have the privilege of singing at various activities which include The Glory of Christmas, the annual Missions Convention, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. The choir is available to children ages 5-12. Registration takes place in the spring and fall.

▶Computer/Video Ministry

The Computer/Video team facilitates and enhances the worship dynamic by operating the equipment that provides lyrics, graphics, and video for the worship services.

▶Sound/Recording/Lighting Ministry

The purpose of this team is to operate the sound and lighting equipment for all services, productions, and events as well as recording the worship services for distribution to the congregation.

▶Media Ministry

The Media ministry duplicates and makes available the recordings of our worship services. The recordings are also mailed out to people who are confined to their residence as well as those who are incarcerated.

▶Drama Team

This team uses the gift of drama to enhance seasonal productions as well as other outreaches.

▶Costuming

The purpose of this ministry is to design and make costumes for the various productions and outreaches at SGT.

▶Props & Backdrops

The Props & Backdrops team designs, constructs, decorates, sets-up, and tears-down the various props and backdrops used in the seasonal productions.

▶Stagehands

Stagehands work with the backstage manager in assisting with scene changes and special effects during the seasonal productions.

Planet Impact (Youth) ▼

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Youth Ministry Overview

Planet Impact is a community of youth and adult leaders who desire God's will for their lives, their families, their friends, and the world.

Our Purpose

Planet Impact is a community, place, and ministry where every unbelieving and believing teenager can experience the authentic presence of God, a Godly love from adult mentors, pure Godly friendships with their peers, Biblical training through servant leadership and relevant pastoral messages, and the opportunity to be disciplined by others. In addition, Planet Impact will be a resource to families to train, challenge, and encourage parents to "train up their children in the way that they should go and not depart from it."

Our Vision

Planet Impact will be the place where teenagers and families will come for Godly living and will be a platform to help preach the Gospel to the unsaved teens of Long Island and the East Coast and be an invaluable resource to families.

Our Mission

To go into Long Island and make teenage disciples for Jesus Christ teaching them to observe the Word of God.

► Planet Impact Worship Service every Wednesday from 7pm – 9:15pm

Planet Impact Worship Service is a weekly worship service for youth in grades 7th – 12th grade. During this weekly worship service we have allotted time from 7pm – 7:30pm for the youth to fellowship in our youth center, café, and gymnasium. After this time of fellowship, we enter into the youth sanctuary for some pre-service games and fun and then a time of worship, preaching of the Word, and altar ministry. This service is designed to reach the unbelieving young person and develop the believing young person.

► 5G Youth Discipleship Class every Sunday at 10:30am in the Youth Center

5G Youth Discipleship Class is a class designed to go deep in the Word of God for youth grades 7th – 12th grade. *This class is meant to be in addition to the young person attending a Sunday morning worship service with their family (either the 8:30am or 12:30pm Sunday morning service in the sanctuary).* In this class, we will have a variety of discussions (not a lecture) concerning various aspects of the Christian walk as it relates to a young person, and will inspire young people to develop their relationship with the Lord.

▶ Planet Impact Missions

Each year, our youth ministry has at least one local missions opportunity and one foreign or out-of-state missions opportunity. We believe in God's call for us to go into all the world and be who we need to be as disciples of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the training process leading up to our mission trip opportunities is intense and genuine. There are classes that must be attended, finances that will need to be raised, administrative items that must be taken care of, and spiritual preparation that is mandatory. Please contact the youth office for the upcoming mission trip opportunities or visit the youth center information wall for details and updates.

▶ Planet Impact Student Leadership called Ignite 1

In January of 2012, Planet Impact will be launching our student leadership program called Ignite 1. This will be an opportunity for every young person grades 7th – 12th to join a specific ministry team (music, drama, dance, choir, evangelism, hospitality, audio/visual, computer, prayer, photography, art, video, lighting, graphic arts, poetry, newsletter, etc.). Every student leader will be required to do a daily devotional, serve at various events/times, attend practices/meetings for their ministry team, and be accountable to adult leadership with their spiritual life and ministry team responsibilities. We will have applications available at the youth center information wall in January of 2012.

▶ Planet Impact Winter Retreat

At the beginning of every year (January), Planet Impact conducts their own Winter Retreat for young people grades 7th – 12th at Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center that spans from a Friday night thru Sunday afternoon. This retreat is open to other young people from Long Island, the East Coast, and the country. There are approximately 550 young people that attend this youth retreat each year. Under the direction of the youth pastor, Planet Impact selects the speakers, musical guest and other ministry guest to minister to the youth that weekend. This is a great opportunity for the youth to connect with the Lord outside of their normal life routines. This retreat does have an admittance cost which includes transportation, accommodations, and food for the weekend. Please contact the youth office for the upcoming Winter Retreat details or visit the youth center information wall for details and updates.

▶ Planet Impact for Girls (Bagels and Bibles) and Guys (3D)

Each month, there is one Saturday scheduled for the 7th grade – 12th grade girls and guys to meet separately at various locations to have fellowship, have a Bible study/discussion, and learn more about each other and their relationship with God.

▶ Events and Activities

There will be various events and activities offered to the young people grades 7th – 12th throughout the year that minister to their spiritual, physical, and social needs. These events and activities include but are not limited to concerts, day trips, sport nights, Junior High Only nights, Senior High Only nights, coffee houses, serving our church opportunities, serving our community opportunities, holiday parties, camps, attending other youth events with other youth ministries across Long Island and the East Coast. Please contact the youth office for the upcoming events and activities or visit the youth center information wall for details and updates.

Young Adults Ministry ▼

Pastor Stephen Zarlengo ▶ 631.265.2485, ext. 126
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The purpose of this ministry is to provide college age and young adults (ages 19-29) with opportunities to cultivate healthy and meaningful relationships, to intentionally pursue discipleship and grow spiritually through small group Bible studies and Christian Life Ministry classes, to reach out locally in order to meet the felt needs of the community, and to be a part of fulfilling the Great Commission through global, overseas missions outreaches.

Executive Ministries ▼

Pastor Derek Prezzano 631.265.2485, ext. 101
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▶ Medical Team

On call Sunday morning during the services for any medical emergency that may arise.

▶ Parking Lot Ministry

The parking lot ministry is a genuine hospitality ministry. Those who serve in this ministry help to make the best first impression possible, by efficiently helping people find a parking space, extending a warm greeting, and supplying helpful information.

▶ Security Team

Members of this team help to secure the safety of all who attend services at SGT.

▶ Ushers/Usherettes

Men and women who volunteer on a rotating basis to help seat people, receive the offering, hand out bulletins, etc. These exciting ministries offer a great way to meet people in our congregation and to serve in various ways. The ushers serve on alternating teams and are the men in the burgundy jackets. The usherettes can be seen in service every first Sunday of the month and serve in alternating teams every Sunday.

Smithtown Christian School

▶ *Pastor Roger Erdvig* 631.265.3334, ext. 214
▶ www.SmithtownChristianSchool.org

The Smithtown Christian School, with Pre-School and Day Care divisions, is a ministry designed to assist and support families in the education of their children. SCS follows the academic guidelines of the NYS Dept. of Education but with a powerful biblical focus.

Each member of the staff is a dedicated, born again believer with a distinct calling to this ministry.

- Elementary
- Secondary
- Happy Time Pre-School
- Smithtown Christian Day Care

Specialty Ministries ▼

For more information on these ministries call the church office ➤ 631.265.2485

➤ Bookstore

Bibles, books, tapes, music CD's, cards, gifts, and much more are available. The bookstore hours are: Sunday 10 am to 2:30 pm. Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 am to 4 pm, and Wednesday 10 am to 9:30 pm. The Bookstore is closed on Mondays and Saturdays. Phone: 631.724.9712.

➤ Current Christian Concerns

This ministry has the goal of keeping church members informed regarding moral and political issues as well as encouraging understanding of the political process so that Christians may be empowered. Annual events include but are not limited to March For Life in Washington DC every January as well as Prayer For The Nation every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

➤ The Happenings

The Happenings is a bi-monthly publication highlighting the various ministries and events of Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle.

➤ Helping Hands

The Helping Hands Ministry assists the Deacons/Deaconesses by meeting the physical needs within our church body. We provide meals and light housekeeping on a short term basis for those who have recently come home from the hospital or have other health-related problems. We also visit shut-ins and widows.

➤ Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry strives to equip men in their spiritual growth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit many past hurts and strongholds are healed and broken. As men forgive, surrender and cleanse their hearts and minds, they become more effective leaders in their homes, churches and communities. We partner and unite with other churches on Long Island through the God-4-Me and Promise Keepers ministries. The leadership team organizes men's small groups, retreats and breakfasts. Through fellowship and mentoring, the men learn accountability and purpose.

►Prayer Ministry

There are many corporate and strategic prayer expressions at SGT. The vision of Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle prayer ministries is to advance God's kingdom by fully engaging in the purpose, power, and practical expression of prayer.

◆Corporate Prayer Meetings

The corporate prayer meetings are exciting times during which believers at SGT come together to seek the Lord and declare His will to be accomplished on earth as it is in heaven. During these meetings there is an openness to the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit. Incorporated in the meetings are times of worship, thanksgiving, petitions, personal ministry and intercession.

◆Strategic Prayer/Intercessory Meetings

These are prayer meetings that have a specific focus and are implemented during services and special events. Involvement in these meetings is encouraged only after certain prerequisites are fulfilled.

◆Prayer Walking

In this ministry individuals pray while walking in specific geographical areas, asking God to fulfill His purposes for the lives of the people that live in that region and for the community as a whole.

◆Evangelism Explosion Prayer

The purpose of this prayer meeting is to pray for the evangelism teams as they are going out to witness, for the unsaved to come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and for new believers to be encouraged in their faith.

◆Missions Prayer Partners

This ministry is a prayer partnership with our missionaries as they serve the Lord on their specific mission field. Prayer is offered daily on behalf of specific missionary partners, their families, and the people groups to whom they minister. There are also corporate prayer meetings scheduled.

◆Missions Prayer Points

This prayer ministry enables individuals to pray for our missionaries by making the latest communication from them available, either by e-mail or hard copy. These updates are available each Sunday at both missions counters.

◆Prayer for Unreached People Groups

This ministry of prayer consists of praying daily and specifically for one or both of the "unreached people groups" (those who have never heard the gospel) which our church has adopted. Prayer calendars provide awareness of specific needs as well as background information. Prayer meetings focused upon the unreached people groups are scheduled throughout the year.

◆265-Need (265-6333) Prayer Request Phone Line

This is a phone line where individuals can call and leave their prayer request. These requests are picked up daily and shared with a group of intercessors who will pray for the specific request.

◆265- Need (265-6333) Intercessors

This prayer ministry is very flexible for those who would like to pray, but are unable to attend a corporate meeting. Prayer intercessors are able to call daily into this phone line to receive and pray for the prayer requests that have been left on the 265-Need phone line.

◆Moms-In-Touch International Prayer Meetings

This ministry is a wonderful way for mothers to participate within the community in a weekly one hour prayer meeting specifically to pray for their children, teachers, schools, and administrations. There are prayer groups designated for the different schools in various districts. The prayer time consists of a time of praise, private confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.

◆Smithtown Christian School PTF Prayer Meeting

This prayer meeting is a time in which parents, faculty, administration, and School Board members come together to pray. Intercession is made for God's will to be done in the lives of the students, their families, faculty, administration, and School Board. Also specific needs of the school and upcoming events are covered in prayer.

◆Smithtown Christian School Moms-In Touch Prayer Meeting

In this prayer meeting mothers whose children attend SCS meet weekly to pray for their children, the teachers, the school, and the administration. The prayer time consists of praise, private confession, thanksgiving, and intercession. This meeting includes elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Grandmothers are welcomed.

➤Softball Team

For men aged 16 and older. Mid-April through late July. There are teams for each level of competitive play. Join us for some great fellowship with our church family and other churches in the Christian Charismatic League. There is a participation fee.

➤Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries provides opportunities for women to serve, fellowship, and experience solid Biblical teaching through various ongoing ministries as well as special events such as the Fall Seminar and Luncheon, the giving of boxes of food at Thanksgiving, the Christmas Tea, the Christmas dinner for the homeless, the Mid-Winter Conference, the Women's Retreat at Tuscarora, and the Mother's Day Brunch.

◆Food Pantry

SGT Food Pantry serves the needs of the community by providing food for families who are experiencing difficulties. Food items are donated by our church family and through the generosity of Long Island Cares and ShopRite Supermarket. Workers are always needed to help keep the pantry well stocked and available for those in need.

◆ Little Lambs

Child care is provided for the mothers who are enjoying their time of fellowship and sharing in MUMS. New helpers are always needed.

◆ Living In The Word

A weekly Bible study for women meeting January to May on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

◆ MUMS

Mothers Uplifting Mothers Spiritually—meets monthly every other Tuesday during the school year and provides good, solid teaching for stay-at-home mothers with children. Along with a speaker, there is table sharing, crafts, and special features that are all designed to help mothers cope with various challenges in their daily lives.

◆ Women In The Word

Weekly Bible study for women who seek to know more of the Word in order to strengthen their walk with Jesus in a very practical way as He renews their minds and principals, and that He may be seen daily in their lives, relationships, and homes. Meets every Thursday during the school year from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Child care is provided.

◆ Women's Fellowship

An evening Bible Study that meets from September—November on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. A video-driven study with small groups and a workbook, women of all ages have the opportunity to experience the victory of applying the Word of God to their every day situations along with the blessing of fellowship.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God; that they are the revelation of God to man and are the supreme and final authority in both faith and practice. (*II Timothy 3:16,17; II Peter 1:21*)
2. We believe in one God, eternally self-existing in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Deuteronomy 6:4; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:22*)
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, begotten of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; that He is fully God and fully man. (*Romans 1:4; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9*)
4. We believe man was created in the image of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word and deed. (*Genesis 1:27; Romans 5:12-19*)
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins and has become our representative and substitutionary sacrifice; that He was bodily raised from the dead for our justification; that He is ascended into heaven as our High Priest and Advocate; that we are redeemed and born again as sons and daughters of God on the ground of our faith in the atonement provided by His shed blood; that the inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit and the outward evidence is a life of righteousness and true holiness before God and mankind. (*Luke 24: 46-47; Romans 10:9; Romans 8:16; Titus 2:11-14*)
6. We believe that in the ordinance of baptism by immersion for all who repent and believe on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; that we are declaring to the world our identification with Christ's death and our being raised to newness of life in Him. (*Matthew 28:19; Acts 8:36-38; Romans 6:4*)
7. We believe in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper consisting of the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine. It is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ; a memorial of His suffering and death; a prophesy of His second coming; and is enjoined on all believers "til He comes!" (*II Peter 1:1,3,4; I Corinthians 10:16, 17, 21; I Corinthians 11:26*)

8. We believe in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as the normal experience for all in the early church and for the church today; that we are commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ to seek this experience of enduement of power for life and service; that this experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth; that the initial physical evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues. (*Acts 2:4; 38-39*)
9. We believe that the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit is operative in the church today; that these gifts are to be sought after and desired by believers in the Lord Jesus Christ for the edification of His Body. (*I Corinthians 12:4-11*)
10. We believe that divine healing is an integral part of the Gospel; that deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all believers. (*Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:14-16*)
11. We believe sanctification is an act of separation to God and is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives; that it produces the fruit of the Spirit in our lives; that it brings us under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Romans 6:1-14; Romans 12:1-2; II Timothy 2:19-21*)
12. We believe that life after the new birth mandates the pursuit of Christ-like living, extending even to personal sexual purity, and that marriage is a covenant relationship between one man and one woman and God's only provision for sexual fulfillment. (*Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:6-8; John 3:5-8; Romans 1:27; I Cor. 6:9, 10; I Cor. 6:18-20; 7:2; II Corinthians 5:15-21; Colossians 3:5*)
13. We believe that the Church is the Body of Christ and is made up of believers in Christ; that in its local manifestation, it is an autonomous assembly of believers. (*Ephesians 1:22,23; Romans 12:5*)
14. We believe that every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is called to minister; that we are to build up the Body of Christ and to evangelize the world. (*Romans 12:1, 4-8; Mark 16:15*)
15. We believe in the rapture of the Church and the personal and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; that there will be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; that there will be an everlasting blessedness of those who have received Christ as Savior, and everlasting punishment of those who are separated from God and remain in their sins; that there will be a new heaven and earth. (*II Thessalonians 1:7-9; I Thessalonians 4:16,17; Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 15:51,52; II Peter 3:13; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-4, 8.*)

