



CHURCH SECRETARY

CAROL DRURY BURKHAULTER

Carol is a retired teacher. She has a B.S. and Master's degree in elementary education, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Technology and a Reading Specialist degree. Carol taught school for 7 years in Georgia and 31 years in the Lee County School System. Carol has 3 children and 5 grandchildren.



CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

CAROLYN PINKNEY

Carolyn joined Smiths Station Baptist Church in 1997, and began working as the part-time secretary in October 2016, and later as full-time administrator in March 2017. Her spouse is Billy, they have one daughter, Diana Hudson, and twin grandsons—Cody and Dalton.



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

MANDY SLAPPY

Mandy has served in leadership in Children's Ministry for 25 years in our community. She joined the SSBC staff in July 2021 as Director of Little Paws Preschool/Christian Academy and also as our Children's Ministry Director. Mandy and her husband Keith have been married 26 years, have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Support staff also includes Financial Administrator Jeff Drury, Director of Outreach and Prayer Pat Craig and Interim Youth Minister Shannon Poole.



SENIOR PASTOR

DR. DAVID KEES

David has been in full-time ministry since 1998. He graduated from Troy University with a Bachelor of Science. He continued his education at Samford University where he earned his Master of Divinity and his Doctor of Theology. David has served churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Alabama. He is currently the Lead Pastor at Smiths Station Baptist Church where he has served since May of 2012.. David is married to his wife Deedee and they have two children: Addison and Will.



OUR STAFF



PASTORAL ASSISTANT

REV. DONALD EDWARDS

Donald has been in full-time ministry since 1990. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas where he earned his Master of Arts and Education degree in 1989. Donald has served churches in Mississippi and Alabama. Donald is married to Sharon and they have four adult children.



MUSIC MINISTER

REV. BRIAN CROWE

Brian has a passion to lead the church in "God honoring, Christ exalting, Spirit empowered" worship. He is married to Wendy and they have three children, Audrey (who is married to Jarrett), Abby, and Sam. He is a graduate of Belmont University and Southern Seminary. He is a cellist and has worked in the area of church music for thirty three years in Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia.

991

Total Smiths Station Baptist Church membership with 793 resident membership and 181 average Sunday worship service attendance.

\$660,800

Church budget for 2026

11

Teams + Committees: 4 standing teams include Personnel, Finance, Maintenance, and Nominating; + 7 committees including Children, Preschool, Fellowship, Senior Adults, Youth, Careline, Education

12

Active Deacons

By the NUMBERS

YOUR PHOTO HERE ?

Our Youth Minister position is a full-time role. Regular office days are Monday through Thursday with flexibility. Staff get paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. We are seeking a Youth Minister that will be an advocate for the concerns and needs of youth in our church and community and will lead in planning, developing, and implementing all aspects of a youth ministry in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach while mentoring youth leadership skills.

OUR CHURCH

Smiths Station Baptist Church sits in the heart of Smiths Station, Alabama. We are seeking the next great leader of our Youth ministry. We ascribe to conservative Baptist doctrine and theological beliefs, with a core worship style blending the best new contemporary worship songs with the great hymns of the past. Our mission statement is "Striving to bring all people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

Ministry areas include Senior Adults, WMU, Prayer ministry, Music ministry, Military ministry, Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Little Paws Christian Academy, Royal Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Youth ministry, Children's ministry, Bible study opportunities for all ages, and much more.

Regular church services include Wednesday night adult/children/youth services at 6:00 PM Eastern, and Sunday "Sunday School" at 9:45 AM Eastern followed by one worship service at 11:00 AM Eastern. No Sunday evening services. God is on the move in our community.



Smiths Station is a growing, welcoming community in east Alabama. It features strong families and amazing opportunities to invest in the next generation.

Smiths Station was settled in 1826. In 1845 the Central of Georgia Railway was built through the community from Columbus, GA to Opelika, Alabama. The depot was named for Mr. Broadus Smith, an early settler who lived nearby. Smiths Station incorporated in 2001.

Our warm climate, affordable cost of living, and favorable property taxes make the area attractive for families, retirees, and those looking for a place to build a long term future.

OUR COMMUNITY



8,600

Students enrolled in Lee County Schools across 13 campuses including Smiths Station High School.



7,300

Students enrolled in Phenix Schools across 12 campuses including Central High School.



Students enrolled at Glenwood School, a non-denominational Christian school and accredited AISA Blue Ribbon School

740



Statistics from census.gov (July 2025)

By the NUMBERS

5,595

Population of Smiths Station, up 2.7% from 2020 and up 13.6% from 2010

38,344

Population of neighboring Phenix City, AL

202,171

Population of Columbus, GA just across the Chattahoochee River

30.9%

The percentage of the Smiths Station population that is under the age of 18

\$1,216

Median monthly mortgage in Smiths Station



SIX REASONS... You'll Love Serving Here

01

A TRUE HOMETOWN SPIRIT

Experience the pride and energy of a community that rallies around its schools and is the kind of place where people show up, support one another, and celebrate together.

02

THE OUTDOORS ARE CALLING

Chewacla State Park in Auburn offers 696 acres of hiking and camping, or just 96 miles north is Cheaha State Park, Alabama's oldest state park, with 2,799 acres and features Cheaha Mountain, the highest point in Alabama at 2,407 feet.

03

BIG CITY AMENITIES, SMALL TOWN VIBE

Just minutes from Columbus, GA, we enjoy abundant shopping, restaurants, entertainment, outdoor recreation like whitewater rafting, golf, biking, hiking, and more. Columbus has a regional airport or we are just 90 minutes from Atlanta.

04

GULF COAST WITHIN REACH

In approximately 3½ hours, you can trade small town life for the beautiful beaches of Alabama and Florida's Gulf coast, making weekend getaways and family beach trips easy and accessible.

05

MILITARY & VETERAN FRIENDLY

Smiths Station is just 27 miles from Ft. Benning. Alabama offers significant tax advantages for military families, including no state income tax on military retirement pay and property tax exemptions for qualifying disabled veterans.

06

SEC JUST DOWN THE ROAD

Smiths Station is just a short 27 mile drive from Auburn University, offering easy access to college athletics, educational resources, cultural events, and one of the nation's premier college football experiences.

SIX TRAITS...

our students want in their next Youth Minister

01

SUPPORTIVE

RYANN HALL (9)
Home Schooled



02

PASSIONATE

NOAH THOMPSON (11)
Glenwood School



03

UNDERSTANDING

BRISTOL WARD (11)
Smiths Station High School



04

ENCOURAGING

JAIDEN CLARK (12)
Home Schooled



05

NICE

WESTIN LEWIS (9)
Glenwood School



06

FUNNY

CHANNING FRETWELL (8)
Glenwood School



Studio 412 sits directly behind T.C. Britton Stadium where Smiths Station High School and Smiths Station Junior High play football and adjacent to the baseball, softball, and track complex.



Situated on the Smiths Station Baptist Church campus in the heart of Smiths Station is "Studio 412", a stand-alone, dedicated youth ministry space.



4:12

Studio 412 is named after 1 Timothy 4:12, "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

7,200

Square footage of Studio 412. Includes a full kitchen and separate spaces for worship and games

30

Wednesday night youth services average 20-30 students

\$8,000

2026 Youth Budget; plus several fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help offset costs for youth trips.

\$50,700

Salary/Compensation package minimum. No group health insurance plan.

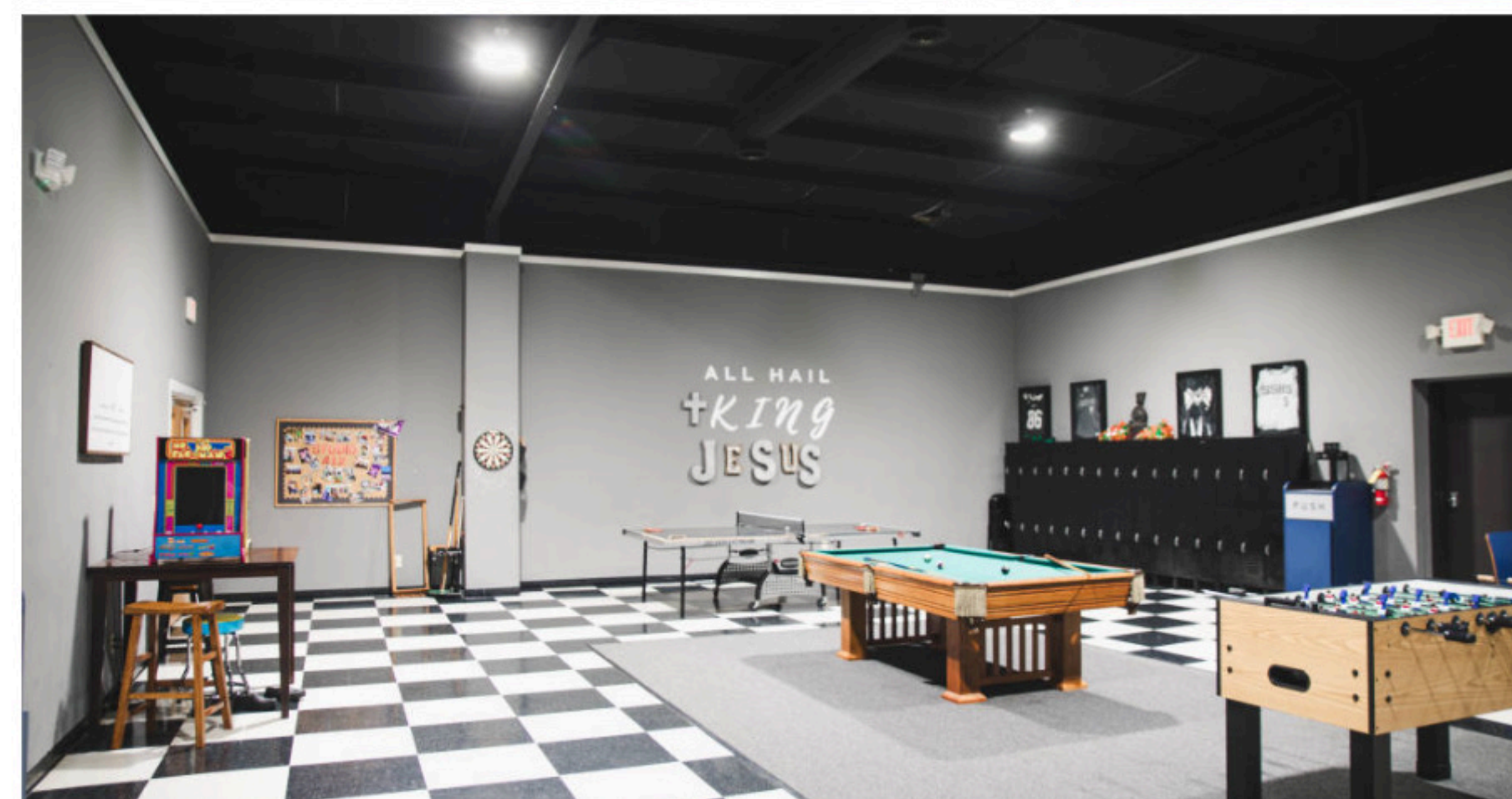


OUR OPPORTUNITY

Studio 412 serves as a foundational ministry within the Smiths Station community, dedicated to bringing youth together to receive and share the Gospel, learn, grow, and worship Jesus. Our church has students from Smiths Station High School, Smiths Station Junior High, Glenwood School, Central High School, Phenix City Intermediate, South Girard School, The Rock Academy and home-schoolers.

Wednesday Night Services include snacks available from Café 412 (full service kitchen in Studio 412), games, student-led worship, prayer requests, and a message from God's Word. Sunday morning has a Bible study/"Sunday School" taught by adult volunteers or the youth minister.

Other activities have included... summer and winter camp/retreats, DNOW weekends, 5th Quarter/Tailgating, Senior Recognition Sunday, Pool Parties, Christmas Party, Small Groups, Six Flags, "412 on the Road" summer off-site game nights, Lock-In, Movie Night, serving Senior Adult luncheon and Valentine's Banquet, Operation Christmas Child Packing, serving in our church Food Pantry, and MORE! A dedicated 5-member adult volunteer "Youth Committee" is in place to help serve, plan events and manage communication.



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NUMBERS