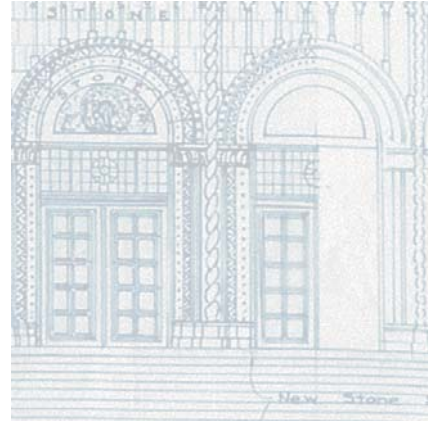




January 7, 2010

Dear South Mainers,

Come stand with me beneath this stately arch. The stones climb in a graceful curve, carved and fitted so that each presses firmly against the neighboring block to form a solid structure. At the crown of the arch is the KEYSTONE, the wedge-shaped piece at the summit that holds the other stones in place. Without the essential KEYSTONE in proper position, all the interrelated building blocks tumble to the ground.



Think of the arch as a visual representation of South Main Baptist Church. Can you see the similarities? The stones are the building blocks of the church – opportunities to Worship, Discover, and Share. Through Sunday worship and Sunday school, music programs, missions and countless other important and meaningful opportunities, we build our lives with Godly materials. New avenues of service are constantly being explored as the church pursues its ultimate goal of growing the Kingdom of God. New stones are cut and carved and the arch grows wider and higher and stronger. Visit our webpage ([www.smbc.org](http://www.smbc.org)) to experience the living stones.

And what is the KEYSTONE that keeps the arch in place and prevents the structure from collapsing? STEWARDSHIP is our KEYSTONE. Our faithful Stewardship of the resources that God has blessed allows the work of the church to continue and ensures its effectiveness. This year we are entering an exciting and challenging time of growth for South Main, and each of us has the opportunity to be included in the ultimate realization of our plans and dreams. In May, we will make a commitment to renovate our campus, but first things must remain first. Our stewardship of the work of the church precedes and supersedes our care for the campus. The good news is that we can surely do both.

Every member is an interlocking and important participant in the work Christ has given us to do.

Stewardship Sunday is January 18. Be a KEEPER of the KEYSTONE! Fill out your commitment card today and pledge your support. Remember that you can also make your pledge commitment online ([www.smbc.org/giving](http://www.smbc.org/giving)). Together we can stand confidently under South Main's own ARCH of TRIUMPH.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Wells".

Dr. Steve Wells, Pastor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan J. Smith".

Alan J. Smith, Stewardship Committee Chair

*Psalms 24:1 - "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*