

SOUTH MAINERISMS



You Heard it at South Main!

A

Advent

Worship emphasizes celebrating Christ's birth are observed the four Sundays prior to Christmas. From the Latin adventus, meaning "coming," the church sees in Christ's first coming a reason to anticipate his coming again.

Agape

An audition-only women's singing ensemble that rehearses weekly (6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays)

All Saints Day

Historically, All Saints Day is a day in the life of the church, typically around the first of November, when the church collectively remembers its saints, known and unknown. In the life of South Main, this once-a-year worship celebration is a time when we stop to remember South Mainers who have passed away in the previous year.

B

Baby Recognition

As part of a worship service, parents dedicate themselves and present their child to God and to their church family. In turn, our congregation commits to love and nurture each child.

Bach to Broadway

While this event's history includes some classical music as well as Broadway, it has evolved into producing a full-blown musical each summer with South Mainers as the cast.

Baptism

An event through which new Christians symbolize Christ's death, burial and resurrection by being immersed in water. Those baptized declare their faith and pledge themselves to follow Jesus in all things as the congregation as a whole pledges to help the new believer grow in God's grace.

Baptist

The middle name of South Main Baptist Church. We are part of the tradition of Christians which started in the early 17th century in England, emphasizing a church that is separate from the state, composed of believers in Jesus Christ as members who are immersed upon their profession of faith and who celebrate and practice their freedom in Christ with joy and commitment.

Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT)

An association of Baptist churches in the state for the purpose of doing missions work, education, human welfare and church ministry resourcing. Administrative offices are located in Dallas, Texas.

Main Spring



SOUTH MAINERISMS



Baptist World Alliance (BWA)

The Baptist World Alliance is one of the Baptist agencies with which SMBC partners. The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ, bonded together by God's love to support, encourage and strengthen one another, while proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to a lost world.

Boys on Mission, Girls on Mission, Kids on Mission

Beginning at age 3, our children are taught weekly about missions, both locally at South Main and globally.

Business Meetings/Church Conference

On the Sunday following Deacons' meetings (usually the third Sunday of the first month of each quarter), we meet for our quarterly meeting in which church business is presented, discussed and voted on.



CBF- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

The primary entity through which South Main cooperates with other churches for global missions

Centennial Tower

A landmark along Main Street, the tower serves also as a publicity vehicle from which we hang informational banners.

Chili Bowl

Annual Super Bowl party in the Fellowship Hall. Some members bring chili for a tasting contest while the rest enjoy the feast!

Christmas Candlelight Celebration

Sanctuary Choir Christmas program

Christmas Eve Service

Traditional service of lessons and carols at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve

Church Offices

Located on the third floor of the Loessner Building and where you can find offices for all of the South Main Ministers and Administrative Staff

Colquitt Door

The door just outside the Fellowship Hall and kitchen on the south side of the Sanctuary Building

Come See the Baby

Hands on "service" on Christmas Eve for children and their families at 4:00 p.m. in the Education Building. Live animals, crafts and a storyteller help make Christmas come alive for our children.

Cookies and Carols

A South Main night of caroling to our Main Ties members. Usually held the last Sunday evening before Christmas.

SOUTH MAINERISMS



CRASH

Monthly High School Fellowship

Crystal Staircase

The glass enclosed staircase next to the Fellowship Hall leading up to the sanctuary and the Music Suite

D

Day of Grace

A Saturday in the life of SMBC in which a variety of activities that will feed your soul are offered. Our hope is that we offer you the space to offer yourself the same grace that Christ offers us all.

Diaconate or Deacons

The word “deacon” is derived from the New Testament word meaning “servant.” Deacons make up the Diaconate. SMBC deacons are committed men and women who serve by overseeing the spiritual and material health and ministry of the church. The regularly scheduled meeting of the deacon board is the first Monday following the second Sunday of each month.

DiscipleNow

A “retreat at home” in which junior high and high school students spend a weekend in members' homes. They focus on various aspects of growing as a Christian and how they can work together in doing that.

Discovery Weekend

A Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon in which you are offered the opportunity to discover more about yourself, your spiritual gifts, your personal style, and your God-given passion for serving in the body of Christ.

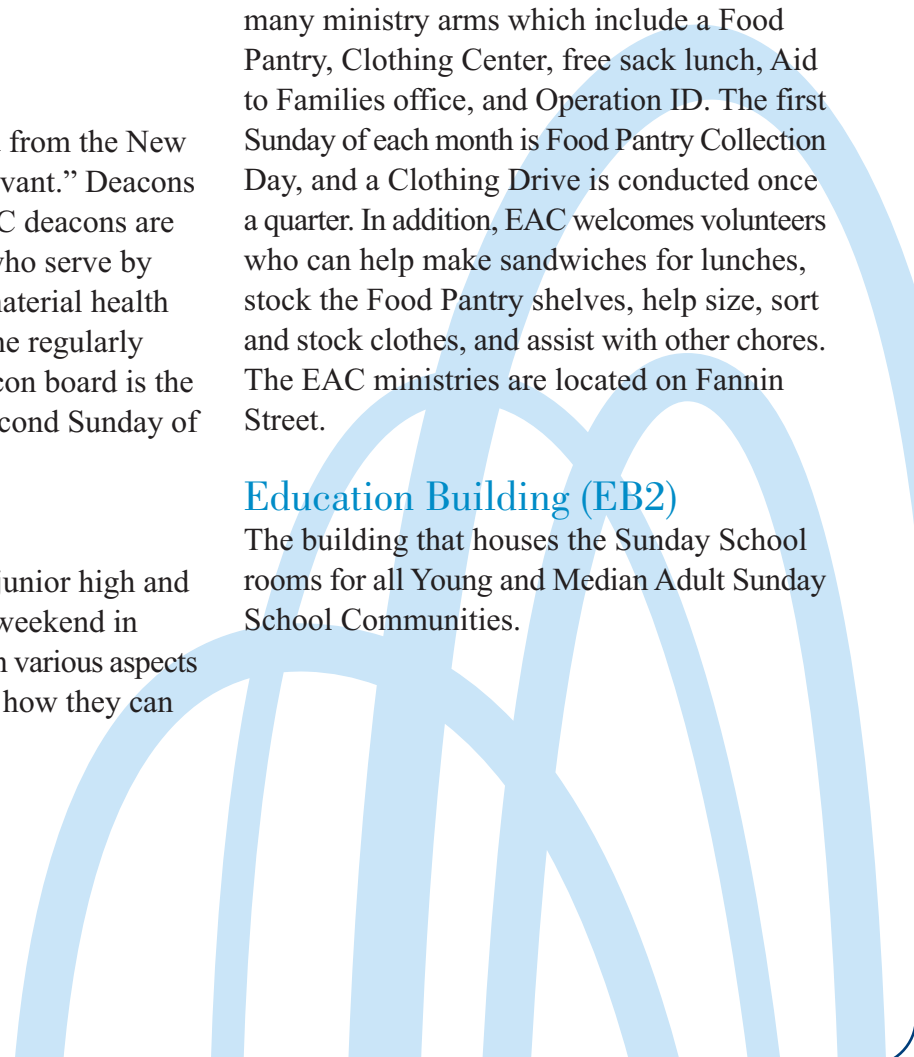
E

EAC-Emergency Aid Coalition

South Main is one of the founding churches that make up the Emergency Aid Coalition. The EAC ministers to families in need and to the homeless, hungry, and helpless through its many ministry arms which include a Food Pantry, Clothing Center, free sack lunch, Aid to Families office, and Operation ID. The first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Collection Day, and a Clothing Drive is conducted once a quarter. In addition, EAC welcomes volunteers who can help make sandwiches for lunches, stock the Food Pantry shelves, help size, sort and stock clothes, and assist with other chores. The EAC ministries are located on Fannin Street.

Education Building (EB2)

The building that houses the Sunday School rooms for all Young and Median Adult Sunday School Communities.



SOUTH MAINERISMS



F

Fellowship Hall

Previously known as the lower auditorium, the large room that is under the sanctuary. We meet and eat together there frequently.

FPU—Financial Peace University

FPU is a 13-week class hosted at South Main and is a life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals.

G

Gallery Rooms

Spacious rooms on the 2nd floor of the Loessner Building (directly above the preschool hall) that house our Senior Adult SS classes as well as many meetings during the week.

H

Hanging of the Green

Traditionally held on the first Sunday of Advent, this service gives our members a chance to help adorn the sanctuary with meaningful Christmas symbols and beautiful greenery.

Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of Lent. It includes the religious holidays of Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) and Good Friday, and lasts from Palm Sunday until but not including Easter Sunday, as Easter Sunday is the first day of the new season. It commemorates the last week of the life of Jesus Christ, culminating in his crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Traditionally, SMBC holds services at noon each day of this week

J

January Bible Study

A Sunday set aside for an in-depth study of a book of the Bible. Expert teachers are brought in to lead us through the book, alternating Old Testament and New Testament each year.

Joyful Sound

Middle School youth choir for 6th, 7th and 8th graders that meets at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoon during the school year.

K

KidQuest

South Main's Vacation Bible school on steroids! A summer, week-long day camp designed to teach children the love of Christ while having loads of fun.

Kids Kingdom

Our name for the Children's Department Sunday school for children birth-5th grade

Main Spring

SOUTH MAINERISMS



KNO—Kids Night Out

A monthly parents night out with childcare provided

L

Loessner Building (LB)

The building you enter from the circle drive that houses the Welcome Center, Preschool and Children's area, Senior Adult classes and the church offices.

Lunch Bunch

Each Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, South Main singles enjoy lunch together at local favorite restaurants.

M

Madhouse

Monthly Middle School Fellowship

Main Point

The building where the youth meet, fellowship, and play. Most youth activities are held here.

Main Spring

New Member Orientation Class

MainKids

The name for the entire Children's Ministry at South Main Baptist Church.

MainKids kickoff

The fall extravaganza that kicks off the year for children's Sunday school, choirs and missions classes.

MainStreamers

The regular schedule for the Senior Adults meetings is the second, fourth and fifth Monday of each month for fellowship, table games (bridge, dominoes, etc.) and lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Special entertainment is often scheduled for these meetings. Games start at 9:30 a.m., lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. and the program starts about 12:15 p.m. No advance registration or notice is needed to attend.

MainTies

Our ministry to homebound South Main members

Maranatha

An audition-only high school ensemble that practices weekly at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Moms in the same stage of parenthood meet together on the first Thursday of each month for Bible study, fellowship and fun.

O

One Accord

South Main's audition-only men's ensemble that practices weekly at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

SOUTH MAINERISMS



OSA

Operación San Andrés (OSA) is a mission society of South Main Baptist Church. OSA exists to provide holistic aid to the indigent and underserved people of Collique, Peru, a shanty town on the outskirts of Lima. In addition to regular medical and dental care campaigns, OSA personnel in Peru provide continuous medical, educational, nutritional, and spiritual help to the poorest residents of Collique with an emphasis on assistance to children and their families. South Main takes several trips a year to partner with OSA in ministry.

P

Parent Dedication

– See *Baby Recognition*

Play Days

Mother's Day Out program that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round for preschoolers.

R

Revelation

High school youth choir that practices at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons

River Ministry

A work team from South Main has traveled to Mexico each year since 1992. Volunteers have built new churches and remodeled existing buildings for Mexican congregations.

Main Spring

Rose Window

This beautiful stained glass window with Jesus at the center is a South Main symbol that adorns our sanctuary.

S

SMILE

SMILE (*South Main International Learning Experience*) is one of the longest-tenured ministries on our campus. The goal of SMILE is to offer internationals a place for friendship and instruction in conversational English and American culture. SMILE volunteers serve as English teachers, instructors in sewing, cooking, arts and crafts, and with clerical work. Through their efforts as friends and guides, the women and men who make up SMILE demonstrate the compassion and life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

SEARCH

(*Service of the Emergency Aid Resource Center for the Homeless*) is a nonprofit organization providing resources to more than 2,000 homeless men, women and children each month and is one of South Main's mission partners. Begun in 1989 by the ecumenical congregations of the Emergency Aid Coalition, SEARCH gives the homeless opportunities to change their lives and enhance their dignity and self-worth through job training programs, health care, a transitional housing program, a mobile outreach unit, and the House of Tiny Treasures, Houston's only day-care center for homeless children. SEARCH also operates a successful catering business, The Company Kitchen, which employs homeless and formerly homeless clients. SEARCH is located a few blocks from the SMBC campus at 2505 Fannin Street.

SOUTH MAINERISMS



Service of Hope and Remembrance

A special service during the Advent season for those grieving the loss of loved ones in the past year.

Service of Shadows

Service held on Thursday of Holy Week depicting the passion of Christ, His journey to the cross and ultimately to the resurrection of Easter.

Shoe Packing Sunday

The Sunday when we pack shoes for a program called *Shoes for Orphan Souls*. Buckner Orphan Care International coordinates the project.

Each August, South Mainers collect new shoes and socks that are distributed to needy children all over the world. The Welcome Center becomes a shoe depot for thousands of shoes and boots. Buckner initiated this program in 1999, and it has grown exponentially each year as hundreds of thousands of children in Russia, Eastern Europe, Mexico and South America have been served.

Soujourn House (Church Apartment Ministry)

People from all over the world travel to Houston to receive medical treatment at the Texas Medical Center. Sojourn House provides apartments to patients and their families who must make long-term stays in our city. Residents are charged a very reasonable daily rate, and

South Main pays the utilities and phone. Our apartments are located at Brompton Court, a short drive from the Medical Center, and Brompton supplies a shuttle service for residents/patients. Volunteers assist with checking in/checking out, collecting rent, and cleaning the units for the next residents.

South Main at Home

Gatherings take place in members' homes. Meetings are held monthly on a day of the groups' choice. The groups are built around neighborhood friends. A typical group would have about twenty members coming from a five-mile radius. Some groups meet at the same place every time; other groups rotate turns being host or hostess. Bible study/Book studies are chosen by the individual groups.

South Main Today (SMT)

Our weekly newsletter. Be sure to pick one up to know how you can get involved. You can have it delivered via US mail or email.

Sunday School Communities

A designation of small groups in which all ages participate on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. While the chief purpose of Sunday school is Bible study, it is also useful as a base for fellowship, meeting needs of class members, missions activities and outreach.

SOUTH MAINERISMS



T

The InChoirer

Adult choir newsletter

The Update

South Main's weekly prayer list

Turkey Bowl

Annual event where youth form teams for a rousing touch football tournament. The highlight each year finds the staff trouncing the winning high school team!

V

VOX

Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study and fellowship

W

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Each Wednesday Night, following a fellowship meal, Dr. Steve Wells leads in an in-depth Bible Study beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday on Tuesday

The entire Wednesday night schedule is moved to Tuesday night during Thanksgiving week to allow families to better celebrate this holiday.

Welcome Center

The entrance to the Loessner Building off the circle drive. This entrance leads to the church offices on the 3rd floor.

Westmoreland Chapel

Beautiful chapel behind the education building where our Hispanic congregation worships on Sunday. Weddings, Holy Week services and other worship services are held here.

WOW

Wonder of Wednesdays — summer Wednesday night programs for children



Main Spring