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Disaster Relief Venezuela

Responding to the many needs from earthquake damage in Venezuela, South Main is working with Baptist partners to direct resources to local Venezuelan churches that, even in the midst of unimaginable circumstances, are already doing Kingdom work for the people of their communities. To contribute, please give online at [smbc.org/giving](https://smbc.org/giving), selecting the option

“Disaster Relief” or send a check to 4100 Main Street Houston, TX, 77002, noting Disaster Relief on the memo line.



Today’s Summer Seminar Options

Bible study in the Gallery rooms

Phil Wedemeyer teaching *The Lost World of the Prophets*

Missions in Turner Fellowship Hall

Our youth will lead a conversation about their mission work and cultural immersion experiences over the last few years.



Welcome Bethany Scott!

We are overjoyed to announce the call of Bethany Scott as South Main’s next Minister to Youth. Bethany, her husband Ryan, and their children Riley and Caleb are looking forward to joining the South Main family. Bethany cares deeply about relationships and helping people deepen their faith through organic and

authentic conversations and study. She also loves to have fun! Bethany’s first day at South Main will be July 20.



2026 Henry Hill Memorial Shoe Drive

We are now accepting donations for the 2026 Henry Hill Memorial Shoe Drive. Your generosity helps provide new shoes and necessary clothing to children and families in our community and around the world who need them most.

Donations may be made online at

[www.smbc.org/giving](https://www.smbc.org/giving) or by writing a check to South Main and noting “Henry Hill Memorial Shoe Drive” in the memo line. Thank you for helping us put shoes on feet and share hope with our neighbors. Every gift makes a difference!

Guest QR Code



Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please scan this QR code to share your information so we can connect with you this week.

Menus This Week

Sunday

No fellowship lunch today.

Stewardship Snapshot

Budget Giving to Date: \$1,752,422.70

Budget Needs to Date: -\$2,498,522.00

Current Deficit: -\$746,099.30



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Learn more about what is coming up at [smbc.org/this-week](https://smbc.org/this-week).

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
Galatians 5:22–23

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

**Prelude**  
*Fantasia for Viola and Organ*  
(York Bowen)  
Trey Thompson, viola  
Yuri McCoy  
Organist

**Call to Worship**  
Alyssa Carter  
Minister to Children

PRAISE

**Hymn 33**  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

REFLECT

**Litany for the Fruit of the Spirit: Patience**  
Adam Cogliano  
Minister for Music and Worship

**Hymn 644**  
*Wait for the Lord*

**Leader:** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
**Congregation:** May such fruit flourish in us, nourished by the Holy Spirit.  
**Leader:** Seed patience in us today, yielding to neither wrath nor strife, nor fits of rage.  
**Congregation:** May patience flourish in us, nourished by the Holy Spirit.  
**Sung:** *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

**Leader:** Let grace and forgiveness blossom, free of envy, rivalry, and discord.  
**Congregation:** May patience flourish in us, nourished by the Holy Spirit.  
**Leader:** Let wisdom and prudence flower, free of impatience and rash misjudgment.  
**Congregation:** May patience flourish in us, nourished by the Holy Spirit.  
**Sung:** *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

**Leader:** Bless us with forbearance, long tempers, and perseverance amid fears and doubts.  
**Congregation:** May patience flourish in us, nourished by the Holy Spirit.  
**Leader:** Hold us fast, O Lord. Watch over us as we keep watch for You.  
**All:** *Hold us fast, O Lord. Grant us patience through all our days. Amen.*  
**Sung:** *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

**Hymn**  
*He Will Hold Me Fast*  
(See opposite panel)

**Good News**  
*Long-Temperedness*  
Greg Funderburk  
Minister for Pastoral Care

RESPOND

**Hymn 640**  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**Offertory**  
*Giga from Violin Sonata, Op. 5 No. 9*  
(Arcangelo Corelli)  
Gina Thompson, viola  
Yuri McCoy

**Doxology** (OLD HUNDREDTH)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**  
Damon Ankenman

SHARE

**Welcoming and Covenant with New Members**  
In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.  
We offer you our love, our care,  
our kinship, and our hopes.  
We hope to learn from you,  
give to you, and receive from you by God’s grace.

**Benediction**  
Greg Funderburk

**Postlude**  
*Festival Piece*  
(Craig Phillips)  
Yuri McCoy

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Bill and Sally Ann Windle as we honor our nation this weekend, acknowledging the multitude of blessings bestowed upon us by God, the liberty on which our country was founded, and the ideals of freedom and justice to which our country continues to nobly aspire.

**He Will Hold Me Fast**  
Words by Ada R. Habershon, Music by Matthew Merker  
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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempt-er would pre -  
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast. Pre-cious in His ho - ly  
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Jus-tice has been sat - is -

vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful  
sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost, His prom - is - es shall  
fied, He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me

path. For my love is of - ten cold, He must hold me fast.  
last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
fast till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast. For my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.