

DISCOVER • SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today’s Summer Seminar Options

Bible study in the Gallery Rooms

Andrea Hoxie teaching a preview of *God in the Everyday*.

Missions in Turner Fellowship Hall

The Prison Entrepreneurship Program and South Main volunteers are living out the scriptural calling to visit the prisoner. Al Massey and Chris Valka from P.E.P. will walk us through

this amazingly effective program and share ways that we at South Main can be involved.

South Main Book Club

The South Main Book Club, led by Lauren Gordy and Sarah McLellan, will read *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. *Theo of Golden* is a novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.



Business Meeting

Our summer business meeting is today at 12:30 PM in Turner Fellowship Hall. Our agenda includes an update on our shoe drive and other missions projects, a presentation of proposed committee charter changes, and a chance to meet our new Minister to Youth, Bethany Scott.



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 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!



Sanctuary Choir Resumes

The Sanctuary Choir resumes Wednesday night choir rehearsals on August 5 from 7:00–8:30 PM. Whether you have sung in the choir for years, if you used to sing in the choir but took a break, or if you have never sung in this choir or any choir before, you are welcome! No audition necessary. Consider being a part of this loving and musical community.

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.

Menu This Week

Sunday

Regular (\$12)

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and cookie

Kids (\$8)

Same as adults

Stewardship Snapshot

Budget Giving to Date: \$2,024,921.11

Budget Needs to Date: -\$2,882,910.00

Current Deficit: -\$857,988.89



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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

Down to the River to Pray with
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
(arr. Mary McDonald)
Carla Brown, piano

Call to Worship

Steve Wells
Pastor

Ordinance of Baptism

Sophie Ballard

PRAISE

Hymn 625

Standing on the Promises

REFLECT

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25–30
Shannon Dove

Hymn 409

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Good News

Steve Wells

RESPOND

Hymn 474

Softly and Tenderly

Offertory

Bluegrass Medley
South Main Bluegrass Band

I Saw the Light

I saw the light, I saw the light!
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

I’ll Fly Away

Some glad mornin’ when this life is o’er,
I’ll fly away.
To a home on God’s celestial shore,
I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away, oh glory, I’ll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by,
I’ll fly away!

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I’ll fly away.
Like a bird, from these prison walls I’ve flown,
I’ll fly away.

There Is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There’s pow’r in the blood,
Pow’r in the blood;
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood!

There is pow’r, pow’r,
Wonder-working pow’r,
In the blood of the Lamb!
There is pow’r, pow’r,
Wonder-working pow’r,
In the precious blood of the Lamb!

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There’s pow’r in the blood,
Pow’r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide;
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood!

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

Will the circle be unbroken,
By and by, Lord, by and by?
There’s a better home awaitin’
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

Family Ministry Milestone

Family Covenant with the McInnis Family
Curtis Robert McInnis
Ephesians 3:14–19

Litany of Family Covenant

Pastor: Jordan and Matthew, when you joined this church, we pledged ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.
Congregation: You do not walk the path of parenthood alone.
Child: When Curtis learns to talk, to play, to sing, and to pray, we will be with you.
Jordan and Matthew: And we with you.
Youth: When Curtis feels love, feels joy, feels sadness, anger, or doubt, we will be with you.
Jordan and Matthew: And we with you.
Young Adults: When you, as his parents, feel love, feel joy, feel sadness, anger, or doubt, we will be with you.
Jordan and Matthew: And we with you.
Adult: As Curtis grows in wisdom and stature, we covenant to be with you.
Jordan and Matthew: And we with you.
Minister: Jordan, Matthew, and Curtis, let us etch our stories together into God’s story each day, each week, each year ...
Congregation: So that, by God’s grace, Curtis shall be your son and our brother. Amen.

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

Zane Spoede

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.

Personnel Recognition

J Hill’s 10th Anniversary

Benediction

Steve Wells

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount in the
Setting of Tchaikovsky’s Concerto, Op. 23
(arr. Cindy Berry)
Carla Brown

Rose on the Platform

We joyously celebrate the birth of Lily Catherine Vivatanasorn to parents Keith and McKenzie and big brothers Noah, Roman, and Jeremiah. The rose on the platform symbolizes our love for and blessing on Lily and her family and our gratitude to God on the occasion of her birth on July 12, 2026.

South Main Bluegrass Band:

Brook Ballard, harmonica
Christian Bunte, banjo
Brad Jernberg, guitar
Mark Seale, mandolin
Alan Simmons, bass
Gina Thompson, fiddle
Trey Thompson, guitar