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Today's Summer Seminar Options

Bible study in the Gallery Rooms

Hart Brupbacher teaching a preview of *Psalms*.

Missions in Turner Fellowship Hall

Alexis Loving from SEARCH, along with South Main volunteers, will present the important work SEARCH Homeless Services is doing in Houston to make homelessness rare and temporary. Learn how you can be involved in this important Kingdom work.

South Main Book Club

The South Main Book Club, led by Lauren Gordy and Sarah McLellan, are reading *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.



MainStreamers

Adam Cogliano will be our guest at MainStreamers on August 11 providing us a great chance to catch up with all the exciting recent activities of our Sanctuary Choir and the Music Ministry. Adam will tell us about the choir's recent tour to Europe (Austria and Hungary) and our upcoming worship services this fall. Don't miss this opportunity to ask Adam your questions concerning all things musical at South Main as we look both into the recent past and just ahead.



ABC Fall Kickoff

All Adult Bible Communities return to their regular spaces on August 16. On this Fall Kickoff Sunday we encourage ABCs to bring potluck snacks to share, reconnect in a time of fellowship, pray for the semester, and consider additional friends they would like to invite to South Main this fall. Teachers will begin teaching Bible study on Sunday, August 23. If you have yet to find a community with which to connect, this is a great opportunity to try a group and discover your people at South Main.



Family Ministry School Year Begins

The Family Ministry begins our 2026–2027 school year on Sunday, August 16. On Sunday mornings we begin our year studying the most important thing we do—worship. On Wednesday nights we will sing, ring, and solidify 2AM friendships. On all days, we'll strive to partner with parents and our church family to lead our children to a lasting and authentic faith of their own.

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)
Cheeseburgers with all the fixins, fries, and dessert

Kids ($8)
Same as adults

Stewardship Snapshot

Budget Giving to Date: $2,124,799.70
Budget Needs to Date: -$2,979,007.00

Current Deficit: -$854,207.30

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Learn more about what is coming up at **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
Christ, Our Lord, Came to the Jordan, BuxWV 180
(Dieterich Buxtehude)
Yuri McCoy
Organist

Call to Worship
Matt Walton
Minister for Discipleship

Ordinance of Baptism
Katie Bryant

PRAISE

Hymn 2
Come, Thou Almighty King

Morning Prayer with The Lord's Prayer
Bethany Scott
Minister to Youth

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECT

Anthem
Open Thou Mine Eyes
(John Rutter)
Sanctuary Choir
Catrice Coker, soloist

Open Thou mine eyes and I shall see;
Incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of Thy commandments.

O Lord God, be Thou to me a God
And beside Thee let there be none else,
No other, naught else with Thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee and serve Thee
According to Thy commandments
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
In blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Good News
Alyssa Carter
Minister to Children

RESPOND

Hymn 71
Be Thou My Vision
Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

Offertory
Compassion Hymn
(Getty and Townend)
Adam and Kelsey Cogliano, duet

There is an everlasting kindness
You lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven
came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd
to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness
and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting
You reached out Your hand,
As the lame ran to meet You
and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow
and shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary,
let the children draw near.

What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary
and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression
and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering
and carried our grief,
As You pardoned the scoffer
and showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry
this Gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need;
To be a voice of hope and healing,
to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless,
with the mercy of Christ.

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
Barbara Kirk

Litany for the Start of a New School Year

Minister to Children: Kindergarteners, as you start school, know you are brave, and you are courageous. God made you this way. Remember this as you walk down big halls, run on the playground, and learn new things.
Kindergarteners: God made me! I am brave.
Minister to Children: God loves you, and we are family for you in this place.
Congregation: **You do not walk this path alone.**

Associate for The 527 Tribe: Sixth Graders, as you enter middle school, remember we are not our own. We do not own ourselves, nor do we belong to ourselves. We belong to God, and we belong to each other as family and as tribe.
Sixth Graders: We care for and lift up each other because Jesus loved us first.
Associate for The 527 Tribe: You are made in God's image, and we remain family for you.
Congregation: **You do not walk this path alone.**

Minister to Youth: Freshmen, be Godbearers. Allow the light of Christ to shine through you in action, word, and attitude. Share your gifts at school, at home, at church, and on the street.
Freshmen: We will live out God's story each day, each week, each year. We will lead; we will serve.
Minister to Youth: Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
Congregation: **You do not walk this path alone.**

Minister to Youth: Seniors, you have grown in wisdom and in stature. When you enter high school for the final time, and feel love, feel joy, feel sadness, anger, or doubt, we shall pray for you—we remain the family of God for you in this place.
Seniors: We reached our last, first day of school.
Minister to Youth: Claim an authentic faith that is all your own.
Congregation: **As you set out on this adventure, you do not walk this path alone.**

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
Alyssa Carter

Postlude
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(arr. Paul Manz)
Yuri McCoy

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given in celebration of Larry Carroll's 65 years of South Main membership.