

DISCOVER • SHARE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Midtown Midweek

Join us on Wednesday nights at Midtown Midweek for delicious food, meaningful fellowship, prayer, and thoughtful study. Beginning at 5:00 PM in Turner Fellowship Hall we gather for Fellowship Supper followed by a time of prayer with Greg Funderburk at 6:10 PM. Then, at 6:30 PM, adults choose between three discipleship offerings.

Bible Study

Join Matt Walton in Chafin 110 from 6:30–7:15 PM for a study through the prophet Isaiah this fall. We will follow along with the prophet as we reflect upon his vision and call, the downfall of Israel at the hands of her conquerors, to the soaring promise of new creation.

Book Club

Join Sarah McLellan and Lauren Gordy for South Main Book Club as they begin reading *The Road to Tender Hearts*, by Annie Hartnett. Book Club meets from 6:30–7:15 PM in Chafin 105.

Respite in The Commons

Do you need a few moments to relax, continue conversation with friends, or catch up on work? Find respite in The Commons from 6:30–7:15 PM.



Next Step Class

Are you new to South Main? Would you like to learn more about this church, our history, and ways to connect with other believers? You are invited to the Next Step Class, a four-week introductory small group that begins on Sunday, October 4 and meets in The Commons from 11:00 AM to noon. Led by Matt Walton, Minister for Discipleship, and our Discipleship Committee, this group is designed to introduce you to our community and explore how your faith intersects with South Main. To sign up for the Next Step Class, please register at smbc.org/events by Wednesday, September 30.



Worship Flowers

A family, class, or individual may contribute an extra measure of beauty to our Sanctuary by donating a flower arrangement to honor a family member, a friend, a group, or to commemorate the anniversary of a birth, a marriage, or a death. If you would like to give flowers on an upcoming Sunday, please contact Susan Moore at susan@smbc.org.



MainStreamers: Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern Field Trip

Our MainStreamers are taking a field trip on Thursday, September 24 to the Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, a striking underground historic space open for public tours not far from our church. Full participation requires walking one-quarter mile in 25 minutes. The cost is \$8. Please email Greg Funderburk at greg@smbc.org to reserve a space on the tour and receive information.

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. If you have questions, please meet a Greeter in the Sanctuary foyer at the Guest Information Table.

Menus This Week

Sunday

Regular (\$12)

Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert

Kids (\$8)

Drumstick, green beans, fruit, and dessert

Wednesday

Regular (\$12)

Pesto chicken sandwich, chips, fruit, and dessert

Kids (\$8)

Chick-fil-A nuggets, fruit, and dessert

Stewardship Snapshot

Budget Giving to Date: \$2,669,260.93
Budget Needs to Date: -\$3,555,589.00
Current Deficit: -\$886,328.07



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Learn more about what is coming up at smbc.org/this-week.

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BETWEEN
THE
STAINED
GLASS

WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
10:00 AM
STREAMING AT [SMBC.ORG](https://smbc.org)

Lord, You have assigned my portion and my cup ...

Psalm 16:5

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

This Is the Day
(Dan Forrest)
Sanctuary Choir

This is the day the LORD has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
We will rejoice and be glad,
This is the day the LORD has made!

The LORD is my strength,
The LORD is my song,
He has become my salvation.
The LORD is my strength,
The LORD is my song,
You are my God, I will exalt You.
You are my God, I will exalt You.

– From Psalm 118

Call to Worship

Alyssa Carter
Minister to Children

Family Ministry Celebration Young Disciples Charge

1st Graders, Parents, and Bible Buddies
Luke 2:52

Litany of Discipleship Charge

Minister to Children: Parents, we first pledged to walk the path of parenthood with you years ago when your child was just a babe.

Parents: This child, _____, who once was carried, now walks on his/her own.

Bible Buddies: May your child continue to grow in wisdom and in stature.

Minister to Children: To grow further, our church now gives to your child this Bible—and a charge to keep.

Congregation: Speak of its commandments. Tell its wondrous stories. Impress the Word of the Lord upon your child.

Bibles Presented to 1st Graders

Steve Wells
Pastor

Minister to Children: Children, as you grow further in stature, grow also in wisdom.

Children: We promise we will.

Bible Buddies: We give you this Bible you now hold in your hands.

Minister to Children: Children, we charge you to read its stories, to follow its instruction, and to rely on its wisdom.

Congregation: We give you this charge to keep: Hold your Bible close.

Pastor: Parents, we charge you to help your child to grow as a disciple through regular time in the Word—reading with them, encouraging them to read on their own, and demonstrating your own Bible study before them. Children, we charge you to regularly read your Bible so that you grow into a follower of Jesus.

Parents and Children: We promise we will.

Bible Buddies: May this Bible bless you with reliable navigation throughout your lives.

Congregation: These are the commandments, the stories, and the wisdom God has directed us to teach you to observe.

Read them when you sit at home and when you set out upon the road.

When you lie down and when you get up.

May they always remain written upon your hearts. Amen.

PRAISE

Hymn 303

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

(During the hymn, children in 2nd grade and younger are invited to leave with Miss Alyssa.)

REFLECT

Good News

Steve Wells

Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper

The Bread

Psalm-Prelude on Psalm 37:11,
“But the meek shall inherit the earth...”
(Herbert Howells)
Yuri McCoy
Organist

The Cup

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(arr. Dan Forrest)
Kristy Wade-Carroll, soloist

The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth.
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me.
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

– From Psalm 23

RESPOND

Hymn 280

Speak, O Lord

Offertory

Count Your Blessings
(arr. Dan Miller)
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

Sarah Jane Hudlow

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

Steve Wells

Postlude

Toccata Giocosa
(William Mathias)
Yuri McCoy

BENEVOLENCE

As is our custom on the Sundays during which we share the Lord’s Supper, we take up a benevolence offering. If you would like to offer a gift for benevolences, please place it in the plates the ushers are holding as you leave, or scan the QR code below. These gifts assist us in serving the needs of our community in many ways.

