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Midtown Midweek

Join us Wednesdays at Midtown Midweek for delicious food, meaningful fellowship, prayer, and thoughtful study. Beginning at 5:00 PM in Turner Fellowship Hall we gather around tables for Fellowship Supper and pray over those on our prayer list. Beginning at 5:50 PM our kids and youth experience sacred music education and fellowship with one another. 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 read *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 THIS Wednesday, September 30.



Food Pantry Collection

Next Sunday, October 4, we will gather items most needed in our community and deliver them to the Emergency Aid Coalition for distribution. Nonperishable goods—such as canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, canned meat, canned soup, and water—are always in high demand. If you prefer, you may visit smbc.org/events to order directly from Amazon and see what items are most needed at this time.



Family Ministry Extracurriculars

During the month of October, MainKids, Tribers, and Youth will gather after Bible Study (12:30–1:50 PM) for a special emphasis. Our 1st – 4th graders will prepare to lead our congregation on MainKids Sunday. Tribers will learn *All About Baptism* in a low pressure time of considering and discerning. Youth will cultivate teamwork, communication, friendship, and connection in a four-week series called *Better Together*. Don’t miss out!

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)

Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert

Kids (\$8)

Spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, and dessert

Wednesday

Regular (\$12)

Sherrie's shrimp & grits (chicken option), sautéed greens, hushpuppies, and dessert

Kids (\$8)

Hot dog, apples, chips, and dessert

Stewardship Snapshot

Budget Giving to Date: \$2,700,901.76

Budget Needs to Date: -\$3,651,686.00

Current Deficit: -\$950,784.24



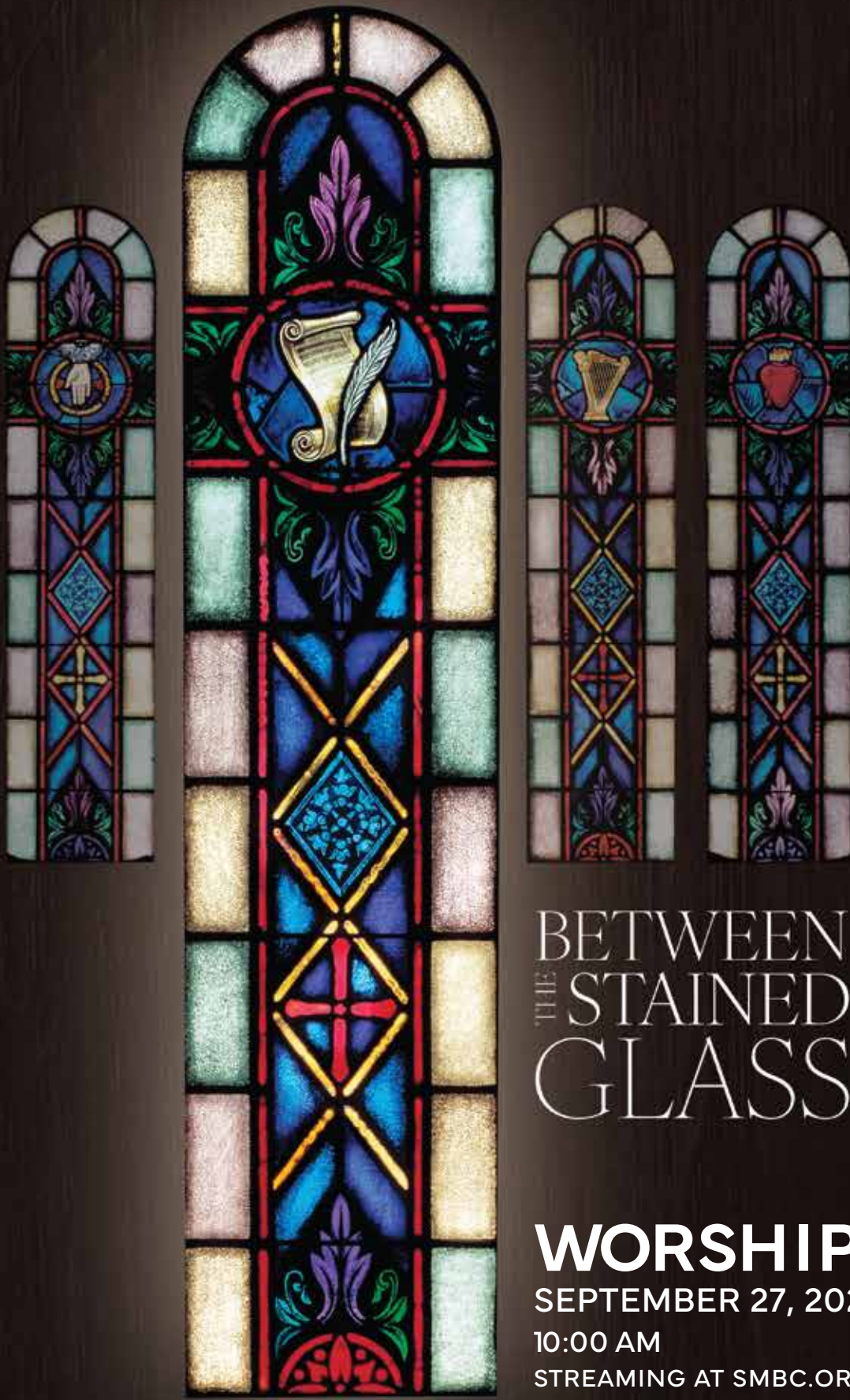
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DR. STEVE WELLS, PASTOR

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

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BETWEEN
THE STAINED
GLASS

WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
10:00 AM
STREAMING AT [SMBC.ORG](https://smbc.org)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Proverbs 1:7

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude
Be Thou My Vision
(arr. Dan Goeller)
South Main Orchestra

Call to Worship
Matt Walton
Minister for Discipleship

PRAISE

Hymn 285
God of Grace and God of Glory
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4, followed by *Final Stanza* below

Final Stanza
Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal.

Morning Prayer with The Lord’s Prayer
Brad Jernberg
Minister for Administration

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

Hymn
The Perfect Wisdom of Our God
(See side panel)

(During the hymn, children in 2nd grade and younger are invited to the organ side to leave for Little Church with Miss Alyssa, Minister to Children.)

Hymn
Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Good News
Steve Wells
Pastor

RESPOND

Hymn 395
Open My Eyes, That I May See
Stanzas 1 and 4

Generosity Moment
Abbie and Stephen Perry

Offertory
Immortal, Invisible God
(Mary McDonald)
Sanctuary Choir and South Main Orchestra

Immortal, invisible, our God only wise,
In light inaccessible that’s hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Immortal, invisible God!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
Immortal, invisible God!

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.
Immortal, invisible God!

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!
Immortal, invisible God!

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
David Cole

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
Fugue in D Major, BWV 532
(J.S. Bach)
Yuri McCoy
Organist

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God Stuart Townend and Keith Getty
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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score is divided into four systems, each with a four-measure line. The lyrics are: The per - fect wis - dom of our God, re - vealed in all the u - ni - The match - less wis - dom of His ways that marks the path of right - eous - O grant me wis - dom from a - bove to pray for peace and cling to verse: all things cre - a - ted by His hand and held to - geth - er at His com - ness; His Word a lamp un - to my feet, His Spir - it teach - ing and guid - ing love, and teach me hum - bly to re - ceive the sun and rain of Your sov - reign - mand. He knows the mys - t'ries of the seas; the se - crets of the stars are His; He me. And oh, the mys - t'ry of the cross, that God should suf - fer for the lost so ty. Each strand of sor - row has a place with - in this tap - es - try of grace; so guides the plan - ets on their way and turns the earth through a - noth - er day. that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glo - ry might go to Christ! through the trials I'll choose to say, "Your per - fect will in Your per - fect way."