

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers honor an amazing group of 2 AM friends who grew up at South Main and have reunited this weekend to celebrate their 70th birthdays. These friends celebrate their years of BELONGing to the family of God and are grateful to South Main for their strong foundation.

DISCOVER/SHARE

Fellowship Lunch

Today's lunch will be available (turkey, avocado, bacon sandwich, chips, fresh fruit for \$10 and turkey sandwiches, apple slices, chips for \$6) from 12:00–1:00 PM in Turner Fellowship Hall.

Sign up for the Next Step Class

At South Main we want to make space for folks to connect and learn more about South Main's history and mission, while also exploring their faith with others.

If you are new to our congregation, please join us for the Next Step Class starting Sunday, October 1. Sign up by Wednesday, September 27, and contact matt@smbc.org with any questions.

Senior Adult Retreat Registration

The theme for our October 3-5 Senior Retreat is one of Reunion! We will leave Houston and reunite at Camp Allen outside of Navasota on Tuesday, October 3, ready to celebrate this annual time of being together, enjoying one another's company, singing, games, good food, recreation, and some wonderful teaching from our staff. Register this week.

Men's Multi-Generational Fellowship

Join us for a multi-generational men's fellowship event on Saturday, September 30 from 5:30–8:30 PM in Turner Fellowship Hall. Tribe/Youth boys and adult men of all ages are invited to enjoy tournament-style games and the opportunity to connect and have fun with other South Main men. If games aren't your thing, then sit back and cheer on the Astros game on the big screen. Tribe and Youth who attend must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost is \$12/person, and tomorrow is the deadline to sign up.



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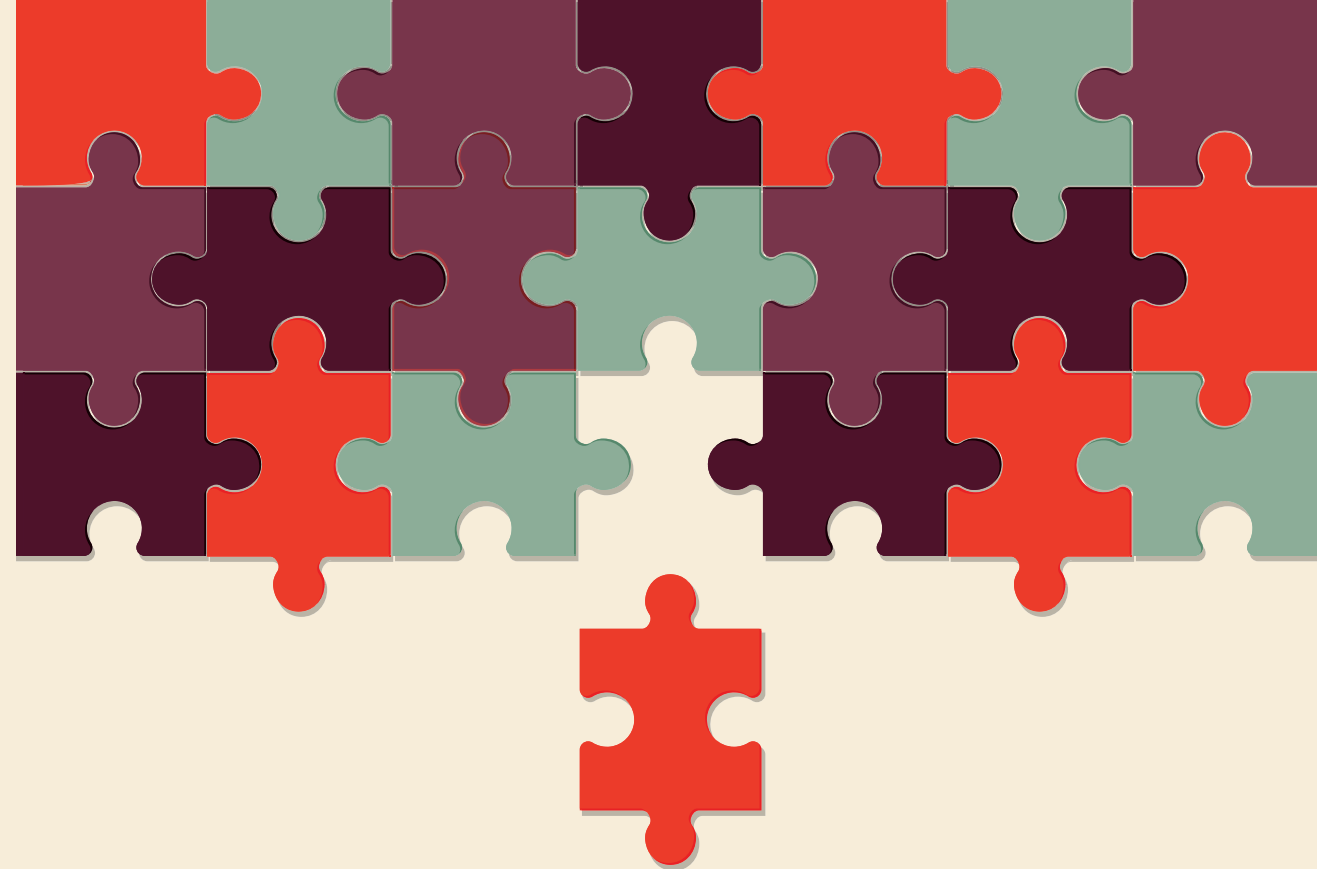
Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please scan this QR code to share your information so we can connect with you this week.



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WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 AM

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*and Jesus said: "Truly I say to you,
unless you turn and become as these little children,
you certainly will not enter the Kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 18:3

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

Celebration

(Robert Hebble)

Yuri McCoy,

Organist

Call to Worship

Andres and Kendra Salas

PRAISE

Hymn 354

Praise Him! Praise Him!

1st Grade Bible Presentation

Alyssa Carter,

Minister to Children

REFLECT

Hymn 69

Children of the Heavenly Father

Good News

Steve Wells,

Pastor

RESPOND

Hymn

Sing a New Church

Summoned by the God who made us

rich in our diversity

Gathered in the name of Jesus,

richer still in unity.

Let us bring the gifts that differ

and, in splendid, varied ways,

sing a new Church into being,

one in faith and love and praise.

Bring the hopes of every nation;

bring the art of every race.

Weave a song of peace and justice;

let it sound through time and space.

Let us bring the gifts that differ

and, in splendid, varied ways,

sing a new Church into being,

one in faith and love and praise.

Draw together at one table,

all the human family;

shape a circle ever wider

and a people ever free

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and, in splendid, varied ways,

sing a new Church into being,

one in faith and love and praise.

Offertory

As a Little Child

(Joseph Martin)

Sanctuary Choir

Katherine Bryant, soloist

Family Ministry Celebration

Nora Gray Jasek

Psalm 25:4–5

Litany of Family Covenant

Pastor: Allison and Jon, 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 Nora learns to talk, to play, to sing, and to pray, we will be with you.

Allison and Jon: And we with you.

Youth: When Nora feels love, feels joy, feels sadness, anger or doubt, we will be with you.

Allison and Jon: And we with you.

Young Adult: When you, as her parents, feel love, feel joy, feel sadness, anger or doubt, we will be with you.

Allison and Jon: And we with you.

Adult: As Nora grows in wisdom and stature, we covenant to be with you.

Allison and Jon: And we with you.

Minister: Allison, Jon, and Nora, let us etch our stories together into God's story each day, each week, each year...

Congregation: So that, by God's grace, Nora shall be your daughter and our sister. 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

Mitch Cutsinger

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

Praise Him! Praise Him!

(arr. Charles Callahan)

Yuri McCoy