

DISCOVER/SHARE

Today's lunch menu in Fellowship Hall

Adults: Italian bruschetta chicken with pasta, beautiful green salad; Kids: Buttered penne pasta, turkey meatballs, carrot sticks w/ ranch, dessert

Wilderness Stories: Lent

The idea of Wilderness isn't just a geographic one, but a psychological and a spiritual one, as well. Join your church family as we encounter God in the desert, the dry places, and in the belly of the whale, and there submit our hearts for cleansing, our spirits for repair, and our lives for formation during the Lenten season in these Wilderness Stories. Fellow South Mainers will aid us on our journey by sharing stories of wilderness experiences at smbc.org/blog.

Missions Fair

Today, in Fellowship Hall following the 11:20 service, we'll kick off our spring Missions Fair with an interview of CBF Executive Coordinator Paul Baxley. Additionally we'll hear from representatives working with our homeless neighbors including those from the Emergency Aid Coalition, S.E.A.R.C.H., and Manna. Come have a delicious meal and see what your church family is up to and where you might fit in.

OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:15 AM** Manna Ministry Worship, Trinity Pines Chapel
- 9:00 AM** Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:10 AM** Sunday School, General Campus
- 11:15 AM** Fellowship Lunch, Fellowship Hall
- 11:20 AM** Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM** Missions Fair, Fellowship Hall
- 12:45 PM** Financial Peace University, Chafin 206
MainKids Musical Rehearsal, Loessner 2nd Floor
Tribe on Mission, Tribe Space
Youth Choir, Music Suite
- 1:30 PM** Tribe Choir, Music Suite
Youth Bells, Loessner 224

MONDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00 AM** Walk with Me, Loessner 2nd Floor
- 9:30 AM** MainStreamers, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM** Deacons' Dinner and Meeting, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- 9:30 AM** SMILE, Loessner/Chafin 2nd Floors
Preschool Play Days, Loessner 1st Floor
- 6:30 PM** G2 Night, Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- 5:00 PM** Midtown Midweek Fellowship Supper and Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM** Family Ministry & Music Programming, General Campus
- 6:30 PM** Dishin' with Dolores, Loessner 220
- 7:30 PM** Sanctuary Choir, Music Suite



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WORSHIP

Wilderness Stories

MARCH 24, 2019

9:00 & 11:20 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

*When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,
while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness.*

1 Kings 19:3-4a

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me (11:20)

(arr. Tucker)

Music Makers 1

Directors Leigh Anne Bryant,

Ali Cooper, and Charis Smith

Call to Worship

Susan Moore,

Minister of Administration for Communications

PRAISE

Hymn 58

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:3–16

Mike and Sharna Shirl

Morning Prayer concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Steve Wells, Pastor

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 482

Here I Am, Lord

Stanzas 1 & 3

(Children, 2nd grade and younger,
are invited to leave for Little Church.)

Good News

Acts 16:6–11

Paul Baxley,

Executive Coordinator of

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

RESPOND

Hymn 648

Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(arr. Martin)

Sanctuary Choir

Family Ministry Celebration (9:00)

Introduction of Elliana Joy Fletcher

Romans 12:9-18

Litany of Family Covenant

Pastor: Larissa, when you joined
this church, we pledged
to be the family of God
for you in this place.

**Congregation: You do not walk the path
of parenthood alone.**

Child: When Ellie learns to talk,
to play, to sing, and to pray,
we will be with you.

Larissa: And I with you.

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

Larissa: And I with you.

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

Larissa: And I with you.

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

Larissa: And I with you.

Minister: Larissa, Emma, and Ellie,
let us etch our stories together
into God's story each day,
each week, each year...

**Congregation: So that, by God's grace,
Ellie shall be both your child
and our sister. Amen.**

Doxology (OLD HUNDREDETH)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

J Hill (9:00)

Nathan Benesh (11:20)

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

(Gigout)

Yuri McCoy, Organist

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory
of John Fletcher by his girls, Larissa, Emma,
and Ellie.

PARTICIPANTS

Paul Baxley is the newly elected Executive
Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.
He is married to Jennifer and they have 4 children.

Nathan Benesh is married to Lauren and they are
the proud parents of Noah (11), Jane (9), Clara (6),
and Abby (4). Nathan serves in the Youth Group as
a Family Group Leader and is our current Missions
Committee Chair.

J Hill is our Missions Coordinator and is a talented
visual artist and a gifted teacher. He is married
to Hillevi and they are proud parents of Isabella.

Mike & Sharna Shirl are members of the Compass
Sunday School Community and the Sanctuary
Choir. They have enjoyed becoming grandparents
recently.