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SOUTH MAIN
BAPTIST CHURCH
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2nd
SUNDAY
FAMILY TALKS

Authentic Faith

One of our major goals of the Family Ministry is to strengthen the Monday through Sunday ties in families' lives - where what happens on Monday influences your family's faith and what happens on Sunday influences your life when you aren't at 4100 Main Street. To that end, we are thrilled to bring an incredible lineup of national speakers for our "2nd Sunday Family Talk" series to South Main. These Family Talks are intended to be authentic, inspiring, and informative. All "talks" begin after lunch and wrap up around 2:00 PM.

Join us on Sunday, March 11, as Dan Scott leads a conversation on Authentic Faith. Dan is the Director of 252 Kids and Preteen at Orange. He enjoys traveling around the world coaching children's ministry leaders and speaking to kids and students. He blogs about children's ministry at danscottblog.com. Dan and his wife Jenna live outside of Atlanta, Georgia, and have four amazing kids: Liam, Ellison, Addison, and Taye.



BLOOD
DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center needs 1000 units of blood a day to support the demands of 170 healthcare institutions in our area.

Sunday, March 11, is your next opportunity to give the gift of life.

No appointment is necessary and refreshments will be served in the Gym from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

PLEASE DONATE!

HOW DO I FIND GOD?

Lenten Journey to Easter

february 14 – march 31

A few years ago, Father James Martin edited a collection of compelling essays. Martin, day by day, one by one, asked a group of writers, cultural leaders, and other interesting people, both famous and not so famous, to prayerfully consider, then answer this quintessential question: "How Can I Find God?"

It's a great question for the Lenten season when the church calendar encourages us all to examine ourselves and our relationship with God.

Over the next forty days, members of our congregation, day by day, one by one, will answer this question on our blog at smbc.org/blog. Their answers will all be personal to them, but will give each of us unique insight into new ways to seek and find God in this season of self-reflection.

We hope that you make it a practice to read these offerings on a daily basis as the Lenten season progresses during the rest of March, leading up to Easter Sunday on April 1.



Space Sleepover Fundraiser For Youth Camp

This year our Youth had the option to fundraise to offset the cost of Mountain Camp 2018 for their families. This easy option replaces the need for a Youth Auction this year, but we hope that you are still willing to help as so many of you have in years past. It is SO easy and not only does it help our Youth get to camp it also has the added benefit of sending our children to Space Center Houston!

The cost is just \$85 and we need to sell SIXTEEN more Space Sleepover packages by April 6.

If you buy one of these Space Sleepover packages, you will:

- 1) help a youth pay \$150 of their camp cost!
- 2) will send a child to Space Center Houston and a sleepover at Mrs. Dolores's house - woohoo!
- 3) be entered in a drawing for a personal NASA tour for up to five US citizens. Drawing will be held on April 5 - SERIOUSLY!

WIN! WIN! WIN!

Find more info and purchase your package at <https://www.smbc.org/ministries/family-ministry>.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Suzann@smbc.org or Dolores@smbc.org.

*Celebrating and navigating
Mondays through Sundays
from week one to week 936
toward authentic and lasting faith in Christ.*

Walk with Me/ MainStreamers

MONDAY, MARCH 12




Pat Hardesty, accompanied by Marvin Gaspard, brings "Irish Songs We Love" to our MainStreamers program on Monday, March 12. Join us as we sing along with them. MainStreamers meet every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Monday for table games at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. "Walk with Me" meets at 9:00 AM on the 2nd floor of the Loessner building. We would love to have you join us.

Family Retreat

APRIL 13 - 15.

Plan to bring your family to our third annual Family Retreat. We'll enjoy a leisurely time sharing meals, playing games, learning, worshipping, and making great memories together as the family of God to each other. Come for the whole weekend or just spend a fun-filled Saturday with us.

Sign up now at <https://www.smbc.org/ministries/family-ministry>. Prices go up by \$10 per person after March 28!

Don't miss this terrific chance to spend some time with old friends and to meet new ones as we enjoy favorite traditions like softball and intergenerational worship. This year we have exciting new things to share with you:

First - new location! We love Trinity Pines but they booked up early last fall for our dates so instead we are going to Carolina Creek Christian Camps. We have twelve, two story houses! All twelve are right by each other and no other guests are nearby. Each floor has bunkbeds and a bathroom area.

Second - new and easier cost plan! No matter how many nights or days you stay, the charge is \$50 per person six years and older and \$25 per child ages 3-5. Children two and younger are free! This charge covers your lodging, your meals, childcare and your activities. All three meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast are included in the price.

Third - in addition to worship and our annual softball game, NEW this year is our first annual **FAMILY TALENT SHOW!** No professionals allowed - only memory makers please on our very own stage!

Holy Week

March 25 - Palm Sunday

As Holy Week begins, we continue our series "Stories in Light" by looking at our stained glass windows which speak into the sanctuary each week giving voice to our worship. This week, we examine the Palm Sunday window and the Scripture that depicts Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Join us as we hear the fickle crowd that shouted "hosanna" one day and "crucify" the next. Palm Sunday invites us to consider our need to worship the true and living God together and calls us to seek God's Kingdom and serve God's will.

March 28 - Special Midtown Midweek Holy Week Bible Study

As Easter approaches and we walk the path of Holy Week, Steve Wells will lead us in an in-depth station by station exploration of what happened the week of Jesus's crucifixion. In order to truly experience the joy of Easter, we must also fully understand the path of suffering which led to the Cross-- the events, the sacrificial love, and a sense of Christ's experience. Please join us for this special and compelling Bible study in which we walk the way of the Cross together.

March 29/30 - Service of Shadows

The meaning and gravity of Holy Week is poignantly conveyed through the stained glass window of the Westmoreland Chapel and the feel of the space in descending light as this service moves from beginning to end. The scriptural narrative, the music, our prayers, and the sharing of communion evoke the darkness of the crucifixion and convey the depth of Jesus' sacrifice as we reflect these evenings within the shadow of the cross. Childcare for nursery, preschool, and school-age children is provided for this service which begins at 7:00 PM.

March 31 - Children's Easter Celebration

This annual family tradition begins in the Sanctuary on Saturday, March 31 at 9:30 AM, as we hear a story from Dave the Donkey about what he thought was going to happen to the King as they rode into Jerusalem before the first Easter. Every child should bring an Easter basket because after the story, families are invited outside to hunt for as many eggs as their basket will hold. Each child (4th grade and younger) will receive a bag filled with goodies.

April 1 - Easter worship

We celebrate Resurrection Sunday, praising from the depths of our souls Christ who died and rose again. Brass and percussion will usher in the Procession of Joy as shouts of Alleluia are heard both near and far. Our 9:00 AM and 11:20 AM worship will be filled with great congregational singing. We will have regular Sunday School at 10:10 AM.



Sodzo Trip

AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 9

God continues to bless the work of Sodzo in Kenya. The first cohort of boys from the farm has been reintegrated to their communities. The next cohort is being identified and preparing to move to the farm. Family strengthening has seen dramatic growth and corresponding improvement in the lives of over 2000 families across the Meru area.

We are planning a mission trip to Kenya for **August 31 to September 9**. To help us plan we wish to gauge the interest and expertise of potential participants. We'll have a series of planning meetings which will help you and us narrow down projects and match them with participants. We are considering projects such as:

- Children's activities - music, sports, art, science
- Social worker training
- Skills training for families - business concepts, parenting skills
- Construction/repair projects

As much as we want everyone to experience the work that God's doing in Kenya, available facilities limit the number of participants. Please consider what your gifts add to the projects above. This is a great trip for anyone with a sense of adventure, flexibility, and openness to God's activity in another part of the world. This is not a great trip for anyone who feels they need to be in control or who struggles to remain physically or emotionally comfortable.

If you are interested in participating in this mission trip please respond to Margie Conway no later than March 31.

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Dedication Concert Series



SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Yuri McCoy, organist,
5:30 PM in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 8
Peter Conte, organist,
4:00 PM in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 12
Houston Chamber Choir
with special guest
Jaime Bernstein,
7:30 PM in the Sanctuary



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To my church family:

God has so blessed me in my healing through your prayers and concerns. Thank you, and may you be blessed in your needs.

– Sherry Foster



Our Weekly Records

Choirs 2/28 & 3/4	258
Mid Town Mid Week 2/28	59
SMILE 2/27	115
Tithes and Offering 3/4	
Budget Receipts	\$ 80,615
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 78,225
YTD Receipts	\$ 522,411
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 704,025
Designated Receipts	\$ 21,540
YTD Missions	\$ 32,548

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 11 2nd Sunday Family Talk; Blood Drive
- 12 Walk with Me/MainStreamers
- 13 No SMILE
- 14 Sanctuary choir only (No Midtown Midweek supper or Bible study)
- 17 Yuri McCoy Dedication Series Organ Concert, 5:30 PM
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 26 March Deacons' Meeting CANCELLED
- 28 Holy Week Bible Study
- 29/30 Service of Shadows, 7:00 PM, Westmoreland Chapel
- 31 Children's Easter Celebration, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 8 2nd Sunday Family Talk; Peter Conte Dedication Series Organ Concert, 4:00 PM
- 13-15 Family Retreat
- 20-28 OSA Spring Mission Trip
- 23-29 Adult III trip to Savannah/Charleston
- 29 MainKids' Musical; Business Meeting

MARCH 2018

Sunday -Relationship with God and others	Monday Pray for church staff	Tuesday -Members, visitors, ministries	Wednesday -The sick, needy, oppressed and Armed Forces	Thursday -Houston, workplaces, school and neighborhood	Friday -The world, social justice, religious freedom and peace	Saturday -Gratitude for people, events and things in our lives
				1 Our workplaces and those looking for work	2 Latin America OSA staff, other volunteers	3 Offer thanks for opportunities in our lives
4 Generosity of spirit toward those around us Food Pantry Pray for the hungry in our community	5 Adult Education Ministry: Greg and Family Team Ministries	6 Visitors to our church: GO Team & Outreach	7 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC Food Pantry	8 The streets of our city; First responder	9 Asia, North Korea, China	10 Offer thanks for God's presence and authority in our lives
11 Openness to God's leading in our lives 2nd Sunday Family Talk Pray for our parents to learn more about leading their children spiritually	12 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders Mainstreamers Pray for our senior adults as they fellowship and learn together	13 Families; the church as a place of growth for parents and children	14 MANNA ministry worship & friendship for the homeless, SEARCH	15 Internationals in Houston; those who need a friend	16 Africa, Europe	17 Offer thanks for God's care and guidance Yuri McCoy Organ Recital Pray for our organist and music ministry as we use our new organ to God's glory
18 Our growing in the knowledge of God and choosing God's way	19 Children's Ministry: Dolores, staff and families	20 New members: A place of connection & acceptance here	21 People with illness,, the elderly and their caregivers, Amazing Place; Sojourn House	22 Our communities; those needing friends South Main at Home	23 People who are in places with armed conflicts; refugees and their families	24 Offer thanks for the challenges that make us trust more
25 Insight for showing God's love and mercy PALM SUNDAY Pray for the kickoff to Holy Week, that we's be ready to walk with Jesus to the cross	26 Worship Ministry: Steve/Carey, pastoral care team & support staff and their families	27 Adult communities' teachers, leaders, and classes	28 People serving in the military & government Holy Week Dinner/Bible Study-Pray for our pastor as he leads us through the events of Holy Week	29 People who are homebound or isolated Service of Shadows Pray for this service to lead people to a deeper experience of Maundy Thursday & Good Friday	30 Europe, Ukraine Service of Shadows Pray for this service to lead people to a deeper experience of Maundy Thursday & Good Friday	31 Offer thanks for God's protection in travel Children's Easter Celeb. Pray for our families to have fun together while teaching children the meaning of Easter