

South Main Today

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Harvey Flood Victim Support Lunch

APRIL 22

It's been just a little over seven months since Harvey hit the Houston area, and we know many, if not most, of those who were affected significantly are still in the midst of their recovery efforts. This season has no doubt been a time of sadness, uncertainty, and frustration with only periodic moments of relief during the process of rebuilding, reconnecting, and returning to a semblance of normal life. With an intention to open up some space for sorrow, for a sense of camaraderie in this middle place, and a place for connection, your church family is planning a lunch on Sunday April 22, at 12:45 PM in the Youth Center for those affected in the floods. We are not planning a special program but would simply like to provide a time to say a prayer, enjoy some fellowship, and share a meal together. There is no charge and children are welcome. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to lonnie@smbc.org with how many in your family would like to attend.



Thank you, Steve!

2018 marks the 15th anniversary of Steve Wells becoming our pastor at South Main Baptist Church.

On May 6, make plans to be in worship and stay for lunch. We will honor Steve and Missy for their ministry among us.

Business Meeting and MainKids Musical

APRIL 29

You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 MainKids' Musical Extravagaaaaanza as our Pre-K through fourth grade MainKids present: "Life of the Party" on Sunday, April 29, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. This year's production will not disappoint. It's the story of Mary and Martha, and Jesus is the very special guest! So don your best party attire and join us for the festivities. It will be THE party of all the centuries!

After the musical, we will call our quarterly business meeting to order. Don't miss updates from the Columbarium Task Force, voting on new Committee Chairs, and more!

Dedication Concert Series

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



MIDTOWN
MUSIC



HOUSTON CHAMBER CHOIR

Meet The Family Ministry Volunteer Team

Cindy Hippel, Lynda McKnight, Bobbye Kolter, Ryan Lane, and Greg Taylor are the Sunday School teachers for the boys and girls of The 527 Tribe. These leaders are intentional about figuring out exactly what our 5th-7th graders need intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually during this time in their lives. In the second installment of our “Meet The Family Ministry Volunteer Team” series, Cindy Hippel shares why she feels so privileged to teach our Tribe girls Sunday School class.



“It is difficult to express what teaching the TRIBE girls (5th, 6th, and 7th grade) means to me because it is such a joy! Imagine teaching a small class (12-14) of inquisitive girls who attend regularly, respect each other, desire to explore their faith, and have quirky senses of humor. That’s a teacher’s dream.

TRIBE girls have definite opinions. At this age they are quite spontaneous and are open to new ideas. Each Sunday is a new adventure. We sing, pray, study age appropriate topics, and read the Bible for our truth. Using a set curriculum we explore our faith in God and what it means to follow Jesus. Though discussions often take unexpected turns, exploring one’s faith and doubts promotes growth.

I thank the church for providing a dedicated space for this age group. Thanks to the creative design of Greta Buerhle, Dolores Rader, and Hannah Rollins, our space is welcoming, attractive, and a designated place for middle school kids to hang out. I also commend the parents for their involvement and support. Thanks also to Lynda McKnight, Bobbye Kolter, and Hannah Rollins for their interest and time with the TRIBE girls.

I invite you to stop by and see what was once the “Gym” but is now transformed into the special TRIBE space. You will want to stay and hang out with the kids, I promise. I feel that God has called me to teach this age group, and I count it a genuine privilege.”

– Cindy Hippel



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

Our Newest Members

APRIL 8



Robert Danels



Carl Miller



Suzanne Mercaldo



Vernon Mercaldo

MainStreamers and the Harbor Light Choir

A few of our MainStreamers joined the Harbor Light Choir from the Salvation Army last month. They brought wonderful testimonies of the goodness of our God and we had a great time of fellowship.

MainStreamers meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Mondays of each month for table games starting at 9:30 AM. Lunch is served at 11:45 for \$7.00 followed by the program. "Walk with Me" meets at 9:00 AM on the second floor of the Loessner Building.



Worship Flowers



A family or individual from our congregation 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 simply to commemorate the anniversary of a birth, a marriage, or a death.

If you would like to give flowers for this purpose on an upcoming Sunday please contact Susan Moore by email at susan@smbc.org.



SUNDAY
APRIL 29th.

**2018
SUSAN'S
RALLY
AGAINST CANCER**

Starting Line
LADCO DESIGN CENTER
7900 Washington Ave., 77007
(Rally starts at Noon)

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Finish Line Party at
BUFFALO SOLDIERS NATIONAL MUSEUM
3816 Caroline, 77004
(Party starts at 3 P.M.)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

A P R I L

- 13-15 Family Retreat
- 18 South Main Summer Musical Auditions
- 20-28 OSA Spring Mission Trip
- 22 Harvey Flood Victims Lunch,
Musical Auditions
- 23-29 Adult III trip to Savannah/Charleston
- 23 Walk with Me/MainStreamers
- 27 Friday Fun Night
- 29 MainKids' Musical; Business Meeting
- 30 Walk with Me/MainStreamers

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- 6 Steve Wells' 15th Anniversary
Celebration



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Our Weekly Records

Sunday School 4/8

English	514
Hispanic	29
Total	543
Visitors	24

Choirs 4/4 & 4/8 214

Mid Town Mid Week 4/4 98

SMILE 4/3 55

Tithes and Offering 4/8

Budget Receipts	\$	58,080
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	78,225
YTD Receipts	\$	867,210
YTD Budget Needs	\$	1,095,150
Designated Receipts	\$	6,712
YTD Missions	\$	35,4611

SMSM
SOUTH MAIN SUMMER MUSICALS

Auditions for Hello Dolly

South Main Summer Musical
presents

"Hello Dolly"

live at the MATCH theater
August 10-12!

If you would like to join the cast,
church-wide auditions
will be held

Wednesday, April 18,
from 4:00 to 9:30 PM

and
Sunday, April 22,
from 12:30 to 2:00 PM.

Contact Brenda Brundrett for more
information at brenda@smbc.org.

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to join our
newly updated website

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smbc.org/register**

APRIL 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 spiritual growth; giving more of ourselves to God Pray for Christians around the world as we celebrate Christ's resurrection EASTER SUNDAY	2 Worship Ministry: Steve/Carey, pastoral care team & support staff and their families	3 Families; the church as a place of growth for parents and children	4 Those in mourning and periods of grief Pray for our weekly fellowship and bible study MIDTOWN MIDWEEK	5 Our workplaces and those looking for work	6 Latin America OSA staff, other volunteers	7 Offer thanks for opportunities in our lives
8 Generosity of spirit toward those around us Pray for our parents of children, tribe, and youth as they learn ways to talk about sexual integrity with their kids 2ND SUN. FAMILY TALK	9 Adult Education Ministry: Greg & support staff	10 Visitors to our church & those seeking answers, meaning in life,	11 The marginalized & poor, those seeking assistance, Grace Wood, EAC	12 The streets of our city; First responders	13 Asia, North Korea, China Pray for the South Mainers who will be away on retreat that it will be a time of relaxation FAMILY RETREAT	14 Offer thanks for God's presence and authority in our lives
15 Openness to God's leading in our lives	16 Youth Ministry: Suzann, J, VOX, and SS leaders	17 Visitors to our church; GO Team & Outreach Pray for our international ministry to those in Houston, that relationships would be formed and strengthened	18 MANNA ministry worship & friendship for the homeless, SEARCH	19 Internationals in Houston; those who need a friend	20 Africa, Europe Pray for those traveling to and ministering in Peru that Christ's love would be shown in Collique OSA SPRING MISSION	21 Offer thanks for God's care and guidance
22 Our growing in the knowledge of God and choosing God's way	23 Church Admin-Brad, Susan and support staff Pray for those traveling to South Carolina and Georgia that bonds of friendship would be strengthened	24 New members: A place of connection & acceptance here	25 People with illness,, the elderly and their caregivers, Amazing Place; Sojourn House	26 Our communities; those needing friends South Main at Home	27 People who are in places with armed conflicts; refugees and their families	28 Offer thanks for the challenges that make us trust more
29 Insight for showing God's love and mercy Pray for our children presenting a Bible musical that they will be confident & we will lovingly support them	30 Children's Ministry: Dolores, staff and families					